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We have been talking to several of the business men in town in regard to incorporating Clayton, and the majority of them spoke favorable of the plan. We want to be fairly understood, we believe it would be to the best interest of the town. Not have any wild-cat officers, but have good sound business men; men who would have the burden of the tax-payers at heart, and men who are progressive in a business way. There at present railroads building and other interests that may effect Clayton more than we think, that if we had some way to reach them in season in authority to communicate the natural inducement that Clayton and the surrounding country offers, and in fact a head through which business could be transacted; as it is we have no way by which to act on any proposition whatever that we are aware of. We know of a number of small towns that no officers are paid a salary, except a marshal, and we believe that there are good men in Clayton who would act as aldermen without charge; let the mayor and the city attorney get the fees derived from their offices. There are places in town that the sanitary condition might be improved and this be done at no expense to the city, but to the individual who causes the condition. We are not finding fault or trying to do date. Clayton is the best town in the world, we are only calling attention to the matter. We predict that inside of two years Clayton will be double the present size, and why not have some system by which to manage affairs, while we are on the verge of growing into a large city? A town needs a man at the head of business just the same as your business needs a man at the head of it. The columns of this paper are not closed to discussion on either side of this question, we would like to hear from someone else in regard to the matter. If you desire to give your views let us hear from you, your name will be withheld from publication if you so desire.

The fact that the cessation of marked or partisan discussion, of the Statehood bill proposition in New Mexico to a great extent quieted down, is not necessarily any indication, that it does not still remain a matter of vital importance, to our people. It devolves upon the clear headed and unbiased citizens of our Territory to use their individual efforts, both through the medium of the press and by explaining, and fostering the sentiments of all true New Mexicans, to those who have not had the opportunities for investigation and reflection upon the ruinous effect that joint statehood will have upon the interests, personality and unity of our public institutions, our Territorial integrity, and our individual success, well being, and happiness. Is it a logical conclusion to come to, that the fact that a difference of two or four men in the U. S. Senate is of more importance to us, than the fostering and retaining of the feeling that here in New Mexico was the birth place of civilization in the continent of North America, of which fact, there is a preponderance of evidence which to us is satisfactory.

Can we for purely political reasons forget the fact that the direct ancestors of many of us, have been great and material factors, in meeting with the stern conditions of the civilization of our Territory for four hundred years. Can we be satisfied to merge our individuality, to forego our inherent rights, to lose our established and vested privileges as a separate geographical and Territorial unity? There is no precedent but this, that forty-five states of our Union have been admitted as states without the degrading humiliations that certain political powers and conditions at the present time advocate. Many arguments pro and con may be advanced, but the fundamental one of a local feeling of pure patriotism should be of dominant importance to the free born citizens of our Territory.

Jalisco Mexico, July, 3rd, 1905.

Mr. A. C. Thompson,

Dear sir:

The drawing began May 23, the committee examined land titles, etc, and the drawing which took about ten days. Tomorrow we send out notices to all with instruction as to deeds etc.

We are having some maps printed and will send you one later. We will soon have a newspaper. The machinery is being bought for a brick plant and ice plant. People in general are well pleased as they might well be. Can tell you later about excursion. Will be glad to answer all questions.

Yours,
 John W. Blackwell.

DISSOLUTION.
 I, J. W. Reynolds, Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby Certify that there was filed for record in this office at nine o'clock a. m., on the thirteenth day of July, A. D., 1905, The Consent In Writing, Signed By All Of The Stockholders, To A Dissolution of the Lawrence Mercantile Company, as provided by law.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, the Capital, this the Thirteenth day of July, A. D. 1905.

J. W. REYNOLDS,
 Secretary of New Mexico.

Dissolution of Copartnership
 The heretofore existing Copartnership between Geo. Murphy and S. Vandewart known as the firm of Murphy & Vandewart dealers in Hides Wool and pelts in the town of Clayton, Union county and in the town of Tucumcari, Quay county New Mexico has been dissolved by mutual consent. Clayton, N. M. July 6, 1905

Signed Geo. Murphy
 S. Vandewart

The firm of S. Vandewart & Co, successors to Murphy & Vandewart will carry on the business as heretofore and will carry in addition a stock of Hay, grain and country produce.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING
REGNIER, COLO., JULY 14.

Jose Aragon, foreman on the Schroeder sheep ranch near here was killed by lightning last evening, as was also the team of horses he was driving.

The circumstances indicate that death came to all three (the man and the horses) at the same instant. Aragon had evidently unhitched the horses from the wagon, probably anticipating a bad storm, and was holding them by the tie ropes when the fatal stroke came.

Owing to the hot weather and the time that had elapsed it became necessary to bury the body here temporarily, with the view of removal afterwards to Mora, New Mexico.

BRIDAL PRESENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sanford whose wedding the Enterprise gave an account of last week, were the recipients of the following bridal presents

Set tea spoons, Harry Loveless
 Celery dish, Murry Howell
 Silver soup ladle, Mrs. May T. a set, John Spring and wife
 Nickle coffee pot, R. W. Isaacs and wife
 Glass honey bowl, Josie Loveless
 Spoon tray, Phil Mann and wife
 Set silver knives and forks, Charlton & Earnest.
 Parlor lamp, W. S. Luckey
 Picture (medallion) Miss Ethe Thompson, Mrs. A.C. Thompson
 Cut glass water bottle, H. J. Hammond and wife
 Dinner set, R. W. Luckey and wife
 Picture, Carl Eklund and wife
 Tea set, Pix Va verbe and wife
 Carving Set, Earl Messenger, John Tinsley and Dayton Messenger
 Set silver tea spoons G. L. Marsh and wife

Picture, H. J. Hilgers and wife
 Doz. linen towels, Mrs. Alice Slack and Daughters
 Card receiver, Charles and Alice Schleiter
 Cake plate, F. P. Carnes and family
 Clock, Cecil Thompson and wife
 Salad Bowl, Mrs. T. A. Gray
 Two fancy china cups and saucers, Miss Ida Melton
 Linen Table cloth F. M. Harrison and wife
 Dinner Set, Fawcett & Dean
 Picture, Geo. Gould and wife
 Tea set, S. Vandewart and wife
 Fancy cracker jar, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jost and daughter
 Card tray, Bedford Ricketts and wife

Cake plate, Mrs. A. Wamsley
 Sugar bowl, A. C. Gonzales and wife
 Two linen towels, Mrs. Mary Messenger
 Bon-Bon dish, Miss Vallie Detamore
 Center table, Chas. W. Sanford
 Pair lace window curtains and water set, A. C. Loveless and family
 Silver butter knife, F. H. Clark and wife
 Silver butter knife, Miss Annie Winsor, Trinidad, Colo.
 Silver berry spoon, S. E. Warner Roston, Texas
 Sugar spoon and Berry spoon, Miss Florinda Estell, Cartersville, Mo.
 Salad Bowl, C. R. Warren and wife, Amarillo, Texas

Ladies!

We take pleasure in announcing that Mrs. I. D. Loomis and Mrs. Nellie Nichols have opened a Dressmaking and Millinery Department on the 2nd, floor of our store and we invite the public to call and get acquainted. Nuff sed Floersheim Blackwell Co.

Bud Shanford was here Monday after a coffin for Miss Myres, a young lady who died at Texline on that day she was the daughter of the pumper on the Fort Worth & Denver and just recently moved to Texline. Tuesday another coffin went to Texline for a little two year old babe of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Stone. Yesterday morning a special came from Texline after Dr. Slack calling him to see Mrs. Stone who we understand is quite ill. The Enterprise extends sympathy to the bereaved people.

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