

INVESTIGATING CHARGES OF REGISTRATION WORKS.

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., July 22nd.—In order to investigate thoroughly charges of "letting" to block registration of Democratic voters in the Bowie precinct, County Attorney French today ordered his assistant Geo. Roark to proceed to the scene from Douglas, while County Recorder Ray B. Krebs, who has charge of appointment of registration officers, and Deputy Sheriff Harry Rafferty will leave tonight for the little city in the northern part of the county.

The first intimation of alleged discrepancies being carried on by the registration officer at Bowie was received here several days ago, when Wm. Coxon, of Bowie sent in a communication to the board of supervisors and a telegram to the county attorney alleging that Eliza Craig Justice of the Peace and registration officer, and his assistant Charles M. Lewis, were using influence to make Democratic voters register as Republicans. A copy of this letter was also mailed to the county attorney, who immediately notified the registration officers that they would be subject to severe fine and jail sentence should not the practice be immediately abolished. Apparently no heed was paid this warning for today another telegram from Wm. Coxon, was received by the county attorney in which Coxon alleged that one party was refused registration privilege as he wished to register Democratic. The situation was deplorable, stated the telegram and an immediate investigation was asked, and also asking for the revocation of the appointment of Craig. The county attorney then ordered his deputy to the scene to investigate and County Recorder Krebs and Deputy Sheriff Rafferty will leave tonight to investigate for their respective offices.

Should the charges prove true County Attorney French announced the registration officers would be arrested under title 12 of Elections, Par. 2873, Revised Statutes 1913, which states: "Any public officer upon whom a duty is imposed by this title, who willfully neglects to perform such duty, or who shall willfully perform it in such a way as to hinder the objects of this title, shall be punished by a fine of two hundred dollars, or two hundred days in the county jail."

Regarding the registration officers in Bowie, Chief Deputy Recorder H. L. Hutchison who has charge of registration for Mr. Krebs stated that the man named Lewis is not an appointee of that office as registration officer and had so far not sent in a single registration, it is thought however, that he is acting as a clerk for Justice Craig of the Bowie precinct but in this he has no authority, according to the statutes. Lewis is said to be a candidate for justice of the peace on the Republican ticket, as Justice Craig will not again seek the office.

Following is a copy of the protest of Coxon, who is a candidate for the from this county written on the letter head of the Cochise County Non-Partisan League sent to the board of supervisors, and his telegrams sent to the county attorney:

"The writer in behalf of several Democratic citizens in this community desires to protest most violently the method of which the voters are being registered in this precinct by the Justice of the Peace Eliza Craig and his assistant Charles M. Lewis."

"Mr. Lewis has formed the habit of making the attempt to influence voters when they appear in his office to register to affiliate themselves with the Republican party and has stepped so far in one case I know of as to seek an explanation of why the person registering should connect themselves with the Democratic party."

"This situation gentlemen, is seriously detrimental of the interests of the Democrats, and is often embarrassing to the person who wishes to register, and I gladly protest this unjust practice in behalf of certain friends of mine."

"Mr. Lewis is personally a Republican and a candidate for the office of justice of the peace, and I do not hesitate to write my opinion that this unfairness should be brought to a very abrupt termination, and I shall thank you gentlemen to investigate this matter and bring about the effect desired."

"The undersigned asks you also to kindly deputize him as a registrar for this community."

A WORLD WIDE PUBLICITY

The National Geographic Magazine for July has an excellent article entitled "Along Our Side of the Mexican Border," by Frederick Simplich, formerly American Consul at Nogales, Mexico and well known to our readers and people of the southwest makes many references to Tombstone and vicinity. After describing the border from Brownsville Texas to Naco, Arizona we find this reference.

West from Naco, conspicuous in the vast grassy stretches of the San Pedro Valley, the straight row of stone monuments marches on, to climb into the wooded Huachuca Range; and a few miles to the north-west lies the shell of ancient, incalculable, profligate Tombstone. The baffling psychology of names is no more strikingly shown than here. From the day in 1878 when Ed Schiefelin, dodging Apaches, slipped into this canyon with his burros and struck the ledge that made him millions, Tombstone achieved fame. Motor parties on the Borderland Trail now pass this old prospector's tomb an odd pyramid of boulders near the spot that made him rich. Here are such names as the "Ground Hog" and the "Lucky Cuss". One from the latter ran nine thousand dollars a lot. Here one barber jester occasionally issued the Arizona Kicker, whose heroes used guns that shot around the corners and up stove pipes. Another sheet is (or was) named the Epitaph; and hereabouts later on, the lively imagination of Alfred Henry Lewis gave us the "Wolfville" stories.

And later on in the article Mr. Simplich says, significant of changing things, scores of well to do travelers now desert the comfortable Pullmans to motor along the Borderland trail, following the old stage route past historic Tombstone and San Xavier.

The article covers some twenty pages including a profusion of delightful illustrations. As every one knows this great magazine has a world wide circulation and while this article was not written to boost highways yet it does that thing for the Borderland route and especially does it contain interesting data on the country traversed by the Old Spanish Trails route from the neighborhood of San Antonio to San Diego and of course that means as well the Borderland route from El Paso to San Diego, as both routes together with the Bankhead Military Highway are the same from El Paso.

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CAUGHT IN WHEEL DROWNS AS CAR DIVES INTO CANAL

PHOENIX, July 20.—Pinned beneath the wheel when the car in which she and her four companions were riding, was driven off the roadway into the canal, Mrs. Martina Ramirez, prominent Mexican woman of Mesa, was drowned about 9 o'clock Thursday night in the Consolidated canal on North Center street, a mile north of the city limits of Mesa. Though entirely submerged when the car went into the four feet of water in the canal, the other members of the party succeeded in extricating themselves and fortunately escaped injury from the accident.

PHOENIX, July 21.—T. W. Selk, station agent at Osborn and for many years station agent at Fort Huachuca took his own life yesterday at his home at Osborn by cutting his throat with a razor. Selk had been very ill from heart trouble, had not been able to work for about three months and was not expected to live.

The deceased was about 55 years old. He is survived by his widow and two grown sons, both working on the railroad. Funeral arrangements are held in abeyance pending the arrival of relatives.

OBREGON LEAVES TO WIND UP CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE

NOGALES, July 21.—Gen. Alvaro Obregon, candidate for the presidency of Mexico, has left for Mexico City to take up his itinerary of the southern states and wind up the presidential campaign which closes September 5.

NO BID RECEIVED FOR NORTH STATE HIGHWAY

PHOENIX, July 21.—That it may be necessary for the state highway department to construct sections A and B of the Flagstaff-Williams highway became known yesterday when it was learned that not one bid was received by the state highway commission of Coconino county when the bids were called for on Saturday.

The commission has asked Thomas Maddock, state engineer, if state equipment and forces can be used on the work. While the state has an enormous amount of work outlined and would not care to undertake more, Mr. Maddock has advised the commission that if it is impossible to secure bids, the state will undertake the construction of the highway.

The commission will issue a call on Monday for bids to be received within 10 days, and if bids are not received and, if received, are not satisfactory, it is believed the state will take over the work.

400 QTS. OF BOOZE TREASURE TROVE

MIAMI, July 21.—How would you like to find 400 quarts of good old booze? Well, that was the good luck or misfortune, whichever you prefer to call it, of a party motoring from Eden to Globe.

Out of the desert they broke their car. Two of the party started out for a little hunt and ran into something buried. A little excavating proved that they had discovered a cache of 400 quarts of booze, it is reported. The whiskey had been there so long that the labels were rotted off the bottles.

It is said that the booze was destroyed. No they didn't say how. The foregoing was taken from the Gila Valley Farmer of Safford. We have a strong suspicion that the editor of the paper, unknowingly, perhaps, tells only part of the story.

About four years ago when the big cars were running the Graham county blockade from Lordsburg, in desperate attempts to irrigate the Miami Globe district, a big car temporarily eluded the Graham county officers, crossing the Gila river at Pima with the idea of again crossing the Gila at the ford near the town of Eden, and then on to Globe.

Somewhere in the vicinity of where the treasure was unearthed the blockade runner, suffering from a severe attack of cold feet, ditched his cargo in various places. He proceeded on his way, after unloading. Some Pima chaps, not officers, being familiar with modas operandi of blockade runners trailed the car and unearthed a quantity of the booze. It was known that somewhere in that vicinity the bulk of the cargo remained cached, awaiting the treasure hunter.

It would seem that the finding of the booze was not wholly accidental. Treasure hunters have been known to favor that particular section of the country with diligence second only to long standing search for the silver and gold bullion alleged to have been cached by the early Spanish padres on Graham mountain, not far from this booze find.

PHOENIX, July 20.—That the purchaser as well as the seller of intoxicants may be prosecuted on charges of entering into a conspiracy to violate the provisions of the prohibition act was the declaration yesterday of W. G. Webb, state prohibition director, following the arrest and arraignment of W. N. Miller, who had been taken into custody during the day by Fred Weago, deputy United States marshal. Miller was charged with conspiracy to violate the liquor law, and after this arraignment before John H. Henke, United States commissioner, he was released, after having pleaded not guilty, under a cash bond of \$300. He waived a preliminary hearing and will be tried before the federal court.

according to the officials Miller has purchased corn whiskey at various times in lots ranging from one to three gallons. The purchases are said to have been made from owners of stills which have been raided since the sales. He is liable, therefore, to the same penalties as the vendor, according to the prohibition director, in that he has conspired with the latter to break the law.

DERANGED GIRL TAKEN IN CUSTODY AFTER HARD FIGHT

TUCSON, July 20.—Screaming, kicking and biting, Rafaela Reyna, believed to be a half-witted, Mexican girl who has been running wild about the city for several weeks, was dragged out of her refuge in North Ninth avenue yesterday morning by Detective Potter and several patrolmen and turned over to the immigration authorities for investigation.

The girl was reported as without any visible means of support. When the officers went to the place she refused to answer questions or to accompany them. In the tussle to get her out of the place, she dropped to the floor and tried to sink her teeth in the leg of one of the officers. She was finally dragged out of the place and fought all the way to the police station.

IRATE TOURIST WAS ROUTED IN LORDSBURG.

A tourist from Pecos, Texas, drove into the Day & Night Garage in this city this morning and amid outbursts of anger and advanced profanity told of a tale of woe that was heart rending, to say at least.

This was his first trip into this part of the country, he said, and would be the last. At Lordsburg he drove his car into Scott's garage, purchased supplies and inquired about the road to Bisbee. He was told to go to Willcox, then through Cochise and Pearce to Tombstone, and on to Bisbee.

He did but vowed in no small manner that upon his return to Lordsburg in the fall there will be work for the hospital.

"The road in New Mexico from Lordsburg to San Simon was the worst alleged highway I ever saw in my life, and this is no exaggeration although I've traveled over quite a few cow trails in west Texas. It was next to impassable. I came upon one car with two broken springs and a Ford Sedan completely out of the running. You can imagine what those people think of your roads. I helped tow another car a big Sedan fifteen miles into San Simon.

"In El Paso I was told to take the Lordsburg-Rodeo road to Douglas, but at Scott's garage, I was advised in Lordsburg that the Lordsburg-Rodeo road could only be negotiated with a flying machine."

Utterly disgusted he left for Bisbee where he will meet his brother and double back on his way to California, where he will spend a few months touring the Pacific coast.

Cases of this kind are absolutely uncalculated for, but this practice has been carried on in Lordsburg for over a year and Lordsburg, through its chamber of commerce, should put a stop to it, out of fairness to the innocent motorist, if for no other reason.

The road races from El Paso to Phoenix were run from Lordsburg to Rodeo over the Borderland route; the Bankhead highway is routed this way and a big military convoy is now on its way and will travel that route. It is official routing of the Old Spanish Trails, in the state highway of New Mexico, and in the best route, yet there are some people in Lordsburg who deliberately direct tourists over the inferior route for petty business reasons.

PHOENIX, July 21.—Completing the preliminary estimate of the acreage of crops this year in Arizona, the local office of the bureau of crop estimates today announced that Arizona farmers expect to harvest about 37,000 acres of corn, 12,000 acres of beans and 40,000 acres of grain sorghum.

Compared with last years acreage this would be a decrease of approximately 2,000 acres of corn, 4,000 acres of beans, and 18,000 acres of grain sorghum. Other acreage estimates for this year and last year respectively are as follows: Potatoes 5,000 acres the same as last year; American Egyptian cotton, 210,000 acres, the same as last year; barley 24,000 acres and 25,000 acres; alfalfa for hay, 90,000 acres and 140,000 acres; cantaloupes, 2,500 acres and 4,500 acres; oats, 13,000 acres, the same as last year.

HIGHWAY WEATHER BULLETIN

River Crossings

Sacaton—There is no water in the river. Crossing is good except a little sand.

Graham County

All main roads good; balance fair.

Coconino County

All roads dry. Flagstaff-Williams good; Williams-Ash Fork, fair, rough in places. Williams-Grand Canyon, good; Flagstaff-Grand Canyon, good; Flagstaff-Canyon Padre, excellent, good traveling thence to Winslow, rough in places; Flagstaff south, dry but rough.

Graham County

County roads in good condition.

Greenlee County

All roads in county in first class condition, all streams bridged. All roads have gravel surface well packed.

CROP REPORTS FOR MONTH ARE ISSUED

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The condition of the corn crop on July 1 was 94 per cent of normal, compared with 94 last season at this time. Other conditions estimates as of July 1 were as follows: (Conditions figures for July 1, 1919 in parenthesis) beans, 85 (97); grain sorghum, 95 (94); white potatoes, 90 (91); cotton, 80 (93); alfalfa, 94 (93); wheat 92 (96); pasture, 95 (90); apples 60 (91) peaches, 30 (95); and pears, 50 (95).

TOTALS 835 CARS

MESA, July 20.—Cantaloupe shipments from the Salt River Valley July 16 were 57 carloads, according to the bureau of markets report issued at the chamber of commerce yesterday. For the first time since the opening of the season on July 1 the daily report states that hauling to shipping points is decreasing. Condition and quality of the fruit is reported as good. Season shipments to July 16 were 835 carloads.

MINE CAR MAN KILLED BY FALL OF TON OF ROCK

PHOENIX, July 21.—Andrian Rodriguez, a mine car man was killed in a slope of the 1650-foot level of the United Verde mine at Jerome today by the fall of less than a ton of rock according to word received at the state mine inspector's office. A deputy was detailed to investigate.

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