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### AS EDITOR FAXON SEES US.

Pueblo, Colo., May 25—R. H. Faxon, secretary of the board of control of the Eighteenth National Irrigation Congress, who last week made a trip through the San Luis valley for the congress, writes the following editorial correspondence to his newspaper, the Garden City, Kansas, Evening Telegram:

I have just completed a 3-days trip through the San Luis valley, in the interest of the Eighteenth National Irrigation congress, organization, and publicity, and I have been properly amazed at some of the things I have seen and at the opportunity of the country.

I can best illustrate my appreciation by repeating a little remark that I made to a fine meeting that crowded the rooms of the Commercial club of Del Norte Saturday afternoon, when I said the highest compliment I could pay the San Luis valley was to say it was the best section of the mighty West I had ever seen, barring only the Valley of Content—our own Arkansas valley. An enthusiastic booster for the San Luis valley said: "Having associated with Mr. Faxon for several hours to-day, and knowing his loyalty to the Arkansas valley, I am certain that, as he says, this is the greatest compliment we could expect for the San Luis valley."

The San Luis valley reminds one of a sugar-bowl. It is a great swoop of territory fenced in by mountain ranges covered with "the eternal snows," and subjected to less of the rigors of Western climate than you would imagine. It possesses hundreds of thousands of fertile acres yet scarcely touched by the hand of the improver and developer, and susceptible of the greatest possible improvement. Not to exceed 20,000 people live in this section where there should be at least a hundred thousand, and it is one of the richest sections of the entire West. There are several fine towns, of the size or nearly so of Garden City, well built up, modern in every particular, and with fine agricultural sections and districts surrounding them. This is fortunately the case with Alamosa and Monte Vista, the principal towns of the valley. Del Norte is also another good town, hustling, fully realizing the possibility of agricultural development, and anxious to enter upon its full career of upbuilding and permanent improvement.

The San Luis valley comprises four counties—Costilla, Conejos, Saguache, and Rio Grande. It is located within the semicircle formed by the Sangre de Christo range, the Continental Divide, and the New Mexico line. It has a sweep more compact than the great Arkansas valley, and yet the acreage is about the same. It is a constant revelation to the man who travels over it, for it is a magnificent domain, a kingdom, in itself, and a part of the mighty West that is now building up under the impetus of irrigation and what I have been pleased to call the Big Business of the West.

The San Luis valley is a good deal like the Arkansas valley. I never saw such a grain center as this rich little valley is, with its wheat and barley and its big mills and elevators in every town, big and small. Also there is the famous pea section, where hundreds of acres of this product are raised that the famous hogs of the San Luis valley may be fattened and prepared for exclusive market. It is said that a hog fed on San Luis peas will produce twice the flesh that a hog fed on a given amount of corn in the Middle-West will produce, and that is one of the things the valley is fond of pointing out.

The Arkansas valley is highly developed under irrigation in the way of beets. The seven fine sugar mills that we have are a constant source of revenue and envy. Yet the San Luis valley is progressing rapidly in the way of getting into this industry. Live alert fellows are now organizing a sugar company at Monte Vista, the second town in population in the valley, and expect to construct a fine 600-ton sugar mill during the coming fall and winter. More than 6500 acres of beets have already been contracted. I believe that the San Luis valley furnishes abundant opportunity in the way of beets and a sugar mill campaign, and that it is but a question of time until this fine section is gridironed with sugar mills like our own Valley of Content.

The Arkansas valley set the pace for the organization of a central commercial body—the Arkansas Valley Commercial association. The San Luis valley will be the second in the West to do. Saturday of this week at Alamosa, representatives of the 20 commercial bodies of the valley will meet and form such a league. The first thing to do will be, as in the case of the Arkansas Valley Commercial association, to go strongly and comprehensively behind the Eighteenth National Irrigation congress. Then there will be other big events, advertising campaigns, railroad cam-

paigns, etc., all calculated to put the San Luis valley on the map even as we are doing in the Valley of Content. It is my pleasure and gratification to have been invited formally to be present at this conference and assist in the formation of this central body. It is in line with the system of organization and concentration of the day.

From Antonito, the old Mexican town within five miles of the New Mexico border, in south Conejos county, and a mile from the county seat of that county, Conejos, the oldest town in Colorado, up through the new and hustling little town of Romeo, the Mormon settlements of Manassa and Sanford, the town of La Jara, a live'y place, to Alamosa, all these having been made by myself and Mr. Hooker, secretary of the national organization of the Irrigation congress in one day, on through the other counties, we had a splendid reception as we went along talking boost and explaining the Irrigation congress. Everywhere we found live commercial organization, that were raising money to be used in the valley, and the greatest possible indorsement of the Eighteenth National Irrigation congress and the exposition to be held with it. I have seldom seen a liver section, one more anxious for every help in the way of development, or one more ready to put up real money to get publicity, than the San Luis valley.

Garden City has talked of taking its fine band to the big Irrigation congress at Pueblo next fall, but in the San Luis valley I found the first band that had taken real steps toward representation. This is in Conejos county, where R. B. Potter, deputy county clerk, at Conejos, has organized a band of 25 pieces and secured an appropriation to help defray expenses from the county and also from the town. It will be a Conejos county if not a San Luis valley institution. It sets the mark for other towns and counties and sections to follow in connection with local demonstration, at the big Irrigation congress at Pueblo next fall.

Alamosa is the capital of this fine San Luis valley, and is about the size of Garden City. It is among other things, a railroad town. It is a Rio Grande division point, and has all the trains of the valley entering and leaving it. Alamosa is a splendidly-built-up town, with uniform business center and handsome residences. Its commercial club, under the leadership of R. S. Shahan, is running the town as all good commercial bodies should do in any town. Alamosa is preparing now for the conference of San Luis boosters next Saturday, when this valley central organization will be formed.

There are older and probably finer districts, under irrigation, in Colorado and the West, than the San Luis valley, but in my judgment, there is none that has the promise that this one has. Within five years time, I look to see the San Luis valley running the Arkansas valley a great chase, because of the opportunity and possibilities therein. I am watching it closely, in connection with work for the Irrigation congress, and predicting a great deal of progress and development. The live wires scattered throughout this domain mean, above everything else, to catch Old Mr. Opportunity who is loping around through the valley, rope him, and keep him there.

The Monte Vista high school track team, went to Boulder to participate in the state meet. Several of the Monte Vista athletes including Medina who made the highest individual score at the San Luis Valley Track Meet, were unable to attend. But notwithstanding this heavy handicap, the boys captured four points and tied with East Denver for fifth place in the meet. Charles Webster took third place in the pole vault, going over the bar at 10 feet 6 inches, which is high enough to win most college meets, but the high schools of the state excel the colleges in this event. Mack Davis took second in the high jump at 5 feet 6 inches. The winner of this event broke the state record. Ralph Cary succeeded in getting into the final of the 120 yard hurdles but did not get a place.—Monte Vista Graphic.

The contract for the building of a new court house at Saguache was awarded, on Thursday, to J. Y. Parker, of Sterling, Colorado, at \$36,110. The building will be 58 x 72 feet, two stories high with a basement. The work is to be completed by the 20th of next December.—Saguache Crescent.

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The Indian Runner duck is the greatest egg producer among fowls, they will lay from 225 to 275 eggs in a year, and if given a shelter where they can keep their feet warm will lay right through cold weather. Such a shelter can be easily and cheaply made on the farm by making a frame of suitable size and stacking straw over it.

The eggs of the Indian Runner are of good size and most'y pure white, with a small per cent of greenish tinted eggs. The eggs are better eating and much better for culinary use than hen eggs, and there is no table delicacy better than a nice fat Indian Runner duck; they have a peculiar gamey flavor not found in any other domestic fowl.

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The Indian Runner will begin laying at from four to five months of age. The same ducks can be kept several years. They will not scratch up seed or dig holes in the garden and flower beds, but will eat all the bugs and insects they can get, and they are hustlers, actually running after their game, from which habit they obtain their name.—Ranch and Range.

### A LEAP INTO THE DARK.

A young man of Chicago has sued his wife for divorce because they quarreled over the kind of meat she served him.

He wanted chicken dinners every day. He said he was willing to put up with cereals and coffee for breakfast and take his luncheon down town but contended for chicken dinners in the evening.

During the wife's testimony the fact was brought out that the husband had allowed his wife \$3.50 a week to keep the house and furnish the meals.

Unreasonable? Certainly. But this sort of thing strange as it may seem, has been the cause of many a modern divorce.

The average young man knows scarcely anything concerning the cost of keeping a house. He falls in love with a pretty face or a pair of eyes and proposes marriage because he wants the girl.

It is also true in many cases that the young woman knows little concerning household economy and perhaps has had no experience in buying or in preparing food.

And so when this sort of twain wake up after marriage to find that love in a cottage is not what romance has pictured it to be, there is trouble.

Marriage calls for readjustment. And readjustment is irksome. It calls for self sacrifice.

When the young husband finds that the \$3.50 per week he paid for board is not sufficient to buy chicken dinners for two his love grows cold.

And when the young wife discovers that her husband's income will not support her as she has been accustomed to live she repents her marriage.

What is the cure? The application of common sense to matters of matrimony. The candidate for marriage should take his bride to be into his confidence as to his income and discuss with her their plans for making ends meet financially.

In a 100 many instances in this country, marriage is nothing more than a leap in the dark.

Therefore the statistics show that out of every twelve marriages there is one application for divorce.

One should not expect chicken dinners on a bacon and liver income.

"Bread and cheese and kisses" is a good menu, but it should be understood that the husband must needs hustle for the bread and cheese.

As usual at this time of the year, the Gunbarrel road for eight miles south of town is in bad condition and it would seem that a road traveled as much as this one, ought to be made passable.—Monte Vista Journal.

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