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## COUNTY FAIR DATES CHANGED, OCT. 13, 14.

### Fair Will Be Handled Through Chamber of Commerce and Committees Appointed Friday Night.

On account of a desire to exhibit the Curry County Fair products to those from the east who might arrive on the first homeseeker's excursion in October, and also not conflict with the fair dates of the Panhandle and Albuquerque fairs to be held from Oct. 6 to 11 inclusive, it was thought best by officers and members of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce, who will have charge of the fair, to change the dates from Oct. 1, 2, as announced in last week's issue of the News to Oct. 13 and 14.

Through some misunderstanding, the Chamber failed to meet last Friday night and the matter is to be taken up at next meeting and handled through that body instead of by an individual association.

Though the dates will not be definitely fixed until Friday night, the News was able to learn from an expression of many of the officers and members of the organization that the dates above given will be acceptable.

It is also planned to send a representative from Curry county to the Amarillo fair and upon its conclusion to induce as many as possible to visit the Curry county fair.

#### Scheurich Returns.

C. A. Scheurich, who has been up in northern New Mexico in the Spanish speaking counties in the interest of the state fair board, of which he is a member returned Wednesday. Mr. Scheurich says that a keen interest is every where being manifest, in the big state fair to be held in Albuquerque on October 8th to 11th inclusive.

#### Prof. Griffin Resigns.

Prof. V. L. Griffin tendered his resignation as superintendent of the Clovis Public Schools to accept a banking position with his brother-in-law B. F. Piermann, of Brownwood Texas.

Prof. and Mrs. Griffin have lived in Clovis for the past two years, and during their residence here have made numerous friends in Clovis who regret their departure from Clovis, but wish them health and happiness in their new home. They will leave Friday for their new home.

Prof. W. E. Carroon, of Roswell, was elected to fill the place made vacant at a salary of \$1,800, and took charge this week.

Among those who attended the big Barnes circus Saturday were almost everybody from Curry County. It is estimated that over a thousand people witnessed each performance.

#### Barnes Big Circus A Splendid Show.

To say that the people of this city and country were pleased with Al G. Barnes big circus which exhibited in Clovis last Saturday would be putting it mildly as they were more than pleased.

When Mr. Barnes advertised that his circus was something different from the ordinary circus of olden days he told the absolute truth and his promise was faithfully carried out. Not only was the attraction something different, but the demeanor of the employees was something different, as all were as courteous and accommodating as if you were their most intimate friend.

The rough class that ordinarily follows a circus of such magnitude and gigantic proportions as that of Al. G. Barnes were conspicuous by their absence—as Mr. Barnes has made it understood from the start that he would not tolerate anything of the kind, and he has given his employees to understand that they must be courteous to the public.

The animals were well trained by the best trainers in the world and if any one who witnessed the performances complained of not getting their moneys worth, we have failed to hear of it—while on the other hand all who attended it are praising it most highly.

The performance of the center ring was probably the most interesting. It was in this ring which is encircled with a steel cage that Miss Martha Florine appeared in the cage alone with two ferocious looking lions, two leopards and two panthers, and where Louis Roth the world's greatest animal trainer appeared with a group of sixteen lions surrounding him. The performance of Cap. Stonewall with his Sea Lions was none the less interesting. To say the least, it was the most interesting exhibition that the people of Clovis ever witnessed, and should this show ever appear here again—they can rest assured of a record-breaking attendance.

#### Record Calf Crop.

On the 18th day of last February, Mr. S. F. Tipton, of Farwell, Texas, purchased 96 cows and four calves from Alex Shipley. On the 1st day of this month he invoiced from the herd 96 cows and 99 calves. One cow had twin calves and two of the cows that had calves by their sides when the sale was made in February, had calves again. This is considered a record breaking calf crop and is strong evidence that Curry county is some stock country.

**DIED.**—Mrs. L. J. Burnette, age 77, at the home of her son in west Clovis, Sunday night at 10 o'clock. The deceased had been making her home with her son at the time of her death. Funeral service Monday afternoon at the Clovis cemetery. Undertaker Steed had charge of the remains.

Mrs. E. H. Robinson and children returned Tuesday from Portales where she has been visiting relatives.

#### New Station Agent.

The Santa Fe has another station agent at Clovis, Mr. L. R. Conarty formerly of Roswell, has been transferred here to succeed D. C. Knowles who has been transferred to a responsible position with the company in California where he requested a transfer on account of the health of his daughter.

Mr. Conarty, who is now on the job, is an experienced and popular Santa Fe employe, courteous and accommodating.

#### Stanfield & Gryder

is the name of the new firm which recently succeeded S. H. Holland of the Clovis Grocery Feed and Wagon Yard. The new firm composed of Mr. C. L. Stanfield and J. N. Gryder are well and favorably known to the people of Curry county, having been in business in Grady for a long time—where for square dealing and fair treatment they have a host of friends and patrons who will continue to give them their trade in their new location at Clovis. This new and popular firm will be quite an acquisition to Clovis, drawing much of the farmer trade from Grady to Clovis, which heretofore went to Tucumcari and San Jon. In connection with their big Wagon Yard and Farmer's Corral they will handle all kinds of Groceries, Flour, Feed and Farmer's supplies—at prices as low as the lowest and as good as the best. See their "ad" in this issue and give them a share of your trade. Don't forget the place—Holland's old stand, opposite Hart's lumber yard, cor. Monroe and Mitchell streets.

The new rates for mailing packages up to twenty pounds by parcel post will be a big thing for the local merchants who take advantage of the low rate offered. And at the same time it will not injure the local merchants by granting competitive rates to the mail order houses. Packages of twenty pounds can now be mailed to anyone within the first zone for 15 cents and into the second zone for 24 cents. This gives the advantage of cheap rates to the local merchants, which is not to be enjoyed by the long distance mail order house. The live merchants will "get busy" and make use of this advantage to the fullest extent.

The use of ample advertising space in connection with the parcels post will build up the merchants mail order business.

Stanfield and Gryder, of Grady, have recently purchased the Holland wagon yard and grocery, known as the Clovis Feed Store on Mitchell street.

## TARIFF BILL HAS PASSED THE SENATE

### Amended Bill Carries 28 per cent Reduction From Existing Law.

#### New Abstract Firm.

William F. Fleming, one of our leading insurance agents, and who holds the responsible position as Secretary of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce, has purchased a half interest in the Baker Abstract Company from C. C. Baker, City Clerk. The Baker and Fleming Abstract Company have arranged offices in the Clovis National Bank and have employed Miss Mae Litchfield as stenographer and abstract clerk.

The Clovis News in its efforts to defend the masses of the small tax-payer has been severely criticised by the big corporations of late. Nevertheless, the Clovis News has always been a "People's Paper" and has never shirked its duty to the public for city, county or land office contracts—and will continue to fight it out on that line. We said sometime ago that the tax situation in New Mexico is badly muddled through the recent law and that no remedy is in sight except to have new legislation. It is within the power of the law-makers to enact a statute that will be really beneficial in solving the much vexed problem, and which will relieve the tense situation whereby the small property holder is paying more than his just share of the taxes.

On this point Attorney-General Clancy made the following pertinent remarks which will be appreciated by every tax-payer and every tax-dodger in New Mexico:

"The result is, however, that the owners of small amounts of property, which cannot be readily concealed or overlooked, are compelled to pay more than their fair share of taxes, while the man or corporation owning extensive or varied properties is able to escape anything approaching his fair share."

The representatives of such large property-holding interests do not want any improvement in methods of assessment, and for that reason, and for no other, we have not been able to get any such improvement. But unfortunately the newspaper editors who should be on the lookout to protect the masses of the small-taxpayers seem to be occupied more particularly in helping the county commissioners to cement an impenetrable graft ring.

The Magic City Furniture Company have leased the Jackson building between their store and the Moran Drug Company and are having the interior arranged for an undertaking establishment. They have constructed three separate apartments for the handling of the trade.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The Democratic tariff revision bill passed the senate at 5:43 p. m. amid a burst of applause that swept down from the crowded galleries and found its echo on the crowded floor of the senate. Its passage was attended with surprises in the final moments of the voting when Senator La Follette, Republican, cast his vote with the Democrats and was joined a few moments later by Senator Poindexter, Progressive.

The vote was 44 to 37.

President Wilson expressed great gratification over end of long struggle in senate. The bill now goes back to House to adjust differences.

#### Taiban Goes Dry.

Deputy Sheriff Clayton and James A. Hall went down to Roswell Wednesday to attend the habeas corpus hearing in the case of the state vs. B. S. Eyerman. Mr. Eyerman is from Taiban, and is under charge of having sold a bottle of whiskey in violation of the prohibitory law which is in effect there since the recent prohibition election. He admits that he sold the whiskey, in fact, that he sold it purposely, stating that his reason for so doing was merely for the purpose of testing the law by means of a writ of habeas corpus, since there is no way under our law of contesting the election, and he was advised by his attorney, Judge H. D. Terrell, of Clovis, that this was the only means of testing the law.

Judge Terrell contends that the law under which the election was held is in violation of the state constitution, in that the legislature attempts to delegate to the county commissioners a legislative authority, by directing that upon the filing of minority petition—twenty-five per cent of the qualified voters of any given territory—in which the proposed district is bounded and described, the commissioners shall declare that territory a district for the purpose of the law and shall thereupon issue an election proclamation. This, it is contended is a power that can only be exercised by the legislature and one which cannot be delegated.—Portales Herald.

Will H. Pattison is putting in an underground silo on the farm which he recently purchased from Mr. Loring, three miles east of Clovis.

G. W. Singleton, who is employed with the Santa Fe construction department on the new road from Galveston to Clovis was in the city Saturday.