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## CASE AGAINST MORA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISMISSED

Suit Brought by District Attorney Armijo to Remove County Commissioners of Mora County Dismissed by Judge Mechem.

Special to the Spanish-American  
In the case of the State vs. Pedro Maes, Harry Irwin and Mariano Gonzales, county commissioners for Mora county brought by a petition sworn to by Zenobio Salazar, ex-State Senator of Mora county, in which petition it was asked that the county commissioners be removed from office for incompetency and gross negligence in the discharge of their duties in permitting warrants to be drawn and approved for the alleged payment of bills against the county which were not verified as required by Section 1220 and 1222 of the compiled laws of the State of 1915.—District Attorney Armijo and O. O. Askren of Las Vegas, appeared for the State and Mr. E. P. Davies of Santa Fe appeared for the county commissioners.

Mr. Davies filed a demurrer to the petition of Senator Salazar, setting up that the Section 1220 and 1222, which were alleged to have been violated were not the sections of the law governing the bills or accounts in question, which bills were for road work incurred under the county road superintendent, and all of which bills were governed by the provision of Chapter 99 of the laws of 1919, and not by Section 1220 and 1222 at all.

This later law, Chapter 99 laws of 1919 clearly providing that such bills shall be incurred under direction of the county road superintendent and approved by him and thus paid.

After hearing argument on this demurrer, Judge Mechem sustained the contention of Mr. Davies and dismissed the case.

A similar action is pending in the District Court, brought at the same time as the suit against the county commissioners, asking for the removal of Hon. Thomas McGrath, Assessor of the county, on the ground of incompetency in office. Mr. Davies filed a demurrer in this case, and it is highly probable that the court will take the same action in this case and sustain the demurrer and dismiss the case against McGrath, when same comes up for hearing.

## FAREWELL PARTY

The Loyal Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church, entertained Mrs. Lela Weatherill and her two daughters at a farewell party at the Caris home Monday evening. A large number of friends were present. The evening was spent in music and games. At a late hour refreshments were served, which consisted of a large cake decorated in the class colors made especially for the occasion by one of the members of the class.

Mrs. Weatherill will leave the later part of the week for Oklahoma, but it is hoped that she will return in the near future to make her home here.

## I. O. O. F. AND REBEKAHS CELEBRATE 103rd ANNIVERSARY

Homestead Lodge No. 46 and Harmony Rebekah Lodge celebrated the One Hundred Third Anniversary of Oddfellowship at their hall Wednesday evening. The joint celebration was well attended and about 125 members and visitors were seated at the fine banquet served during the evening.

A number of visitors were present from the surrounding community and several Lodges had delegates present at the celebration. Clayton was represented by Miles Rumley and wife Tucumcari by Mr. C. Smith, Vaughn by Mr. A. Norris. Visitors were also present from Dawson, Mosquero, Springer and Mills.

A number of addresses were made during the evening, the principal address being made by Rev. Russell formerly of Roy, but now located at Dawson. His address gave a complete outline of the growth of this great order during its 103 years of existence and some of the great work being done by the order. Talks were also made by Mayor Fleischheim, incoming Mayor Gibbs also by a number of other local speakers.

The whole evening was one of pleasure to those present and the goodfellowship growing out of the meeting will have a lasting effect on the two branches of the order.

The two Lodges at Roy have a membership that places them among the strongest of the state, The Odd Fellows having a membership better than a hundred and the Rebekahs a similar number. The memberships include some of the best citizenship of the town and mesa in these two orders and their work the past many years has added much to the prestige of the fraternities of the whole mesa.

## MORE PRAIRIE FIRES

Owing to the very dry weather for the past several months and the consequent large acreage of dead grass, prairie fires on the mesa have been of almost daily occurrence. Great care has been exercised by almost everyone in regards to fires or lights of any nature where there are fields of grass, but even with this there has been an exceptionally large acreage of good pasture destroyed this spring.

One of the largest of these fires occurred last Sunday afternoon and evening on the T. E. Mitchell pasture about twenty-eight miles southeast of Roy was swept by flames.

Fighting this fire, as has been the experience with others, was of little or no avail owing to the brisk wind which spread the flames very rapidly. It is supposed that the fire on the Mitchell ranch was caused by a bolt of lightning as an electrical storm passed over that country Sunday.

Another fire of unknown origin broke out Sunday afternoon in the large pasture adjoining the Roy cemetery near town

## PABLO P. BRANCH PASSES AWAY MONDAY EVENING

Death has again entered our little city and this time has taken from us one of our most prominent citizens, Pablo P. Branch, who passed away at 8 o'clock Monday evening at his home in Roy after a lingering illness of several months from that dreaded disease, sclerosis.

Mr. Branch was one of Roy's most honored citizens, having lived here since 1904 just a year after the town was founded and has always been a booster for the town and worked continually for its betterment.

He was born in February 1870 at Mora, New Mex, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alejandro Branch of that place and at the age of 21 years came to this mesa and the following year was married to Beatriz Rodriguez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Jose Rodriguez of this place. For several years he taught school at Albert and Sabino and other schools in eastern Union County. In 1898 he home steaded out on the old Union County line and proved up on what is known as the old Branch homestead; later in 1904 he moved to Roy then in its infancy and in 1906 erected a hotel near where the Spanish American office now stands and which was destroyed in the fire of 1916.

Mr. Branch was the father of 12 children, 8 sons and 4 daughters; six of which have preceded him to the Great Beyond. He leaves to mourn his death a sorrowing wife, three sons, Carlos, Alberto and David. Three daughters, Anna, Tillie and Beatriz besides a number of sisters and brothers, relatives and friends. One of the sons, Bennie, passed away just 13 day prior to the father's death and this probably hastened his death.

Mr. Branch was a kind and affectionate husband and father and had raised a family that he was proud of. In 1917 he erected a beautiful home in Roy where he has since resided and which is one of the beautiful homes of the town.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the St. Georges Church; Mass was said in the morning and following this a splendid talk was made by Rev. Father Vachon who spoke of this man and comforted the sorrowing family. A large procession followed the remains to the Roy Cemetery Wednesday noon where he was laid to rest by the side of his son Bennie who passed away a few days ago. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Dodici and all business houses were closed in Roy from 10 to 12 A. M. in honor of Mr. Branch.

The Spanish American of which Mr. Branch has been a reader since it was first edited extends the deepest of sympathy to the bereaved family in these dark hours of sorrow.

## CARD OF THANKS

Thru the columns of the Spanish American we want to thank our many relatives and friends for the kindness and help given us during the sickness, death and burial of our beloved husband and father. May God bless each and every one of you is our prayer.

Mrs. Pablo P. Branch and children.

While in Tucumcari last Wednesday Editor Johnson called on the Goodmans and spent a few moments with this good family. Young Joe was somewhat peeved over the statement in the paper of last week in which we stated that we heard he was married; Joe says he wouldn't care if it had been so, but as there is nothing to it that it was not much fun to receive congratulations when they are not due. He has promised to give us a weeks notice when it really happens and we in turn will give him a column write-up and we get a box of cigars for his Roy friends in the deal. Joe said he never dreamed so many Tucumcari people read the S. A. until he begun receiving congratulations last week Well Joe it is our treat now, and yours later.

## WILLIAM BARRETT FATHER OF ROLEN BARRETT DEAD

The news has been received in Roy that Wm. Barrett, father of Rolen Barrett, passed away at Barrett, Kansas at 4 o'clock last Monday evening. Mr. Barrett visited in Roy a few weeks ago and helped care for his son Rolen during his recent operation for appendicitis at the Plumlee Hospital, returning home with his son only a few weeks ago and was taken down with pneumonia which resulted in his death. We clip the following from the Frankfort Kansas Daily Index of April 25th:

William Barrett, who had been ill at his home in Barrett for several weeks, passed away at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The deceased was born in Ohio seventy-five years ago, and came to Kansas with his parents, the A. G. Barrett and wife, when only eight years of age, and had spent nearly all his life in the village of Barrett, where the family located on arriving in Marshall county. He was a splendid man and numbered his friends by the number of his acquaintances, and will be greatly missed in the community, as well as by his family and many other relatives.

Besides his wife, one son Rolen, and two daughters, Mrs. J. E. Conklin and Mrs. Roy Posey, both of Hubbell, Neb., and two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Holtham of Frankfort, and Mrs. George Van Vliet of Barrett, survive him, and have the sympathy of all in their great loss.

The funeral services will be held at the Barrett church at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with burial in the Barrett cemetery.

Wm. Bowman was in town Tuesday transacting business. He reports no rain at his place.

## GRAY - ABERNATHY

One of the prominent young couples of Roy stole a march on their many friends last Saturday and slipped away to Raton where they were quietly married. Rev. Rufus C. Baker, pastor of the M. E. church of that place pronounced the words that made Mr. Ellis Abernathy and Miss Laska Gray man and wife. Neils Benson and Ira Bernstorf of Roy accompanied the happy young couple to the Pass City and were the only witnesses to the ceremony.

Neither of these young folks need any introduction to the people of Roy as both have been residents for the past several years. Mrs. Abernathy is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gray, formerly of this place but now of Fayetteville, Ark., and who has been employed as assistant to the agent at the depot. Mr. Abernathy is the only son of G. R. Abernathy of Roy and is recognized as one of the exemplary young citizens of the community.

The happy young couple announce that they will reside, and will be at home to their many friends, on their ranch home ten miles north of Roy.

The Spanish-American extends congratulations and wishes for a long and happy married life.

## H. KENNARD & SONS PURCHASE COPE'S DAIRY

Announcement is made that H. Kennard & Sons of southeast of Roy have purchased the equipment of the up-to-date dairy that has been operated for the past several years by the Copes. The Kennards transferred all of the belongings to their home ranch and will supply their customers from that point. It is their intention to maintain the high standard of service in the future that has been rendered by their predecessors.



REV. POPE

Rev. Pope, who is holding a revival at Mosquero, will preach at Mosquero Church next Monday night, May 1st.

He is from Tulsa, Okla. and he is known as the boy preacher in Oklahoma, come out and hear him, he is one of the best preachers we have ever heard, and if you miss it you will always regret not coming, so come. His subject will be "Morphine tablets of Hell." Every body is invited to come.

Roy Post No. 33 of the American Legion has received a large silk American flag and also a fine Legion banner, both of which are on display at the Bank of Roy. It is the intention of the members of this post to begin the construction of their fine new home in the near future and after same is completed both of their new flags will grace the main lodge room.

Sam Halterman has returned from Ocate and will make his future home on the mesa.

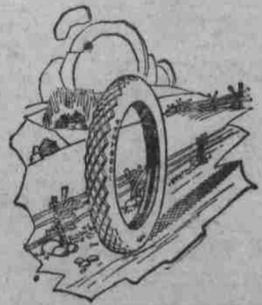


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