

PROMINENT SALISBURY MO. LADY BECOMES BRIDE OF J. C. HESTER OF ROY

Just as we went to press last week the news was received in Roy that J. C. Hester the obliging Cashier of the Bank of Roy and Miss Nan Virginia Bentley of Salisbury, Mo. had been joined in Holy Wedlock at Clifton Hill, Mo. by the Baptist Minister of that place, and we will tell you of the happy event just as we clipped it from the Press Spectator of Salisbury, Mo.

Bentley-Hester Wedding

"In the personal items of last week's Spectator appeared the following item: J. C. Hester of Roy, New Mexico is visiting at the T.M. Bentley home this week.

At the time of this writing, had it been known that Mr. Hester's mission to this city had been to claim one of its most popular girls for his bride, they would have not succeeded in surprising their friends in the manner in which they did.

On Saturday morning Mr. Hester and Miss Nan Virginia Bentley accompanied by Mr. Forrest Cox and Miss Lillian Ritzenthaler left the Bentley home for a pleasure drive and the drive took them to Keytesville the county seat where they secured the necessary papers and then drove to Clifton Hill and were married by the Baptist Minister of that place, returning to Salisbury immediately after the ceremony and keeping their marriage a secret until evening when it was announced at a party given by Miss Ritzenthaler in honor of the bride and groom.

After the party the young people had a procession of cars with which they paraded thru the principal streets of the town in true old charvari style and proclaiming them bride and groom.

Mrs. Hester the bride is the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. M. Bentley, and with her congeniality and sunny disposition claims a large circle of friends among the younger set and is a most highly esteemed and accomplished young lady.

Mr. Hester the groom is associated with Robert H. Bentley in the Bank of Roy, Roy, N. M. and it was while visiting her brother last fall that Miss Bentley met her future husband. Mr. Hester comes well recommended as being a man of splendid character and business ability.

Mr and Mrs Hester will spend a week or ten days visiting relatives and friends in Missouri after which they will leave for Roy, to make their future home.

The best wishes and congratulations of a legion of friends will follow them to their new home in New Mexico.

(Press Spectator)

The above tells of the ending of a happy romance which started in Roy last winter when Miss Bentley was visiting at the Bentley's here. Those who knew them best, knew that a romance had been started, but few thought it would end so happily and quickly. Mr. Hester left Roy several weeks ago, presumably for a few weeks visit with relatives at Santa Rosa and Blum, Texas and most every one here thought he was enjoying life down in the heat of Texas when lo and behold the news came to town that he had fled to Missouri and taken unto himself a bride in the "Show me State."

Well Clint, you fooled a bunch of them, but there is sure a mob here awaiting your return and the procession you were in at Salisbury will be meek by the one you will be in here in Roy. Anyway here's congratulations and may your future lives be filled with all the joys that go to make life a great blessing.

A new democrat arrived at the home of D. M. Martinez on August 15th and is calling Mr. and Mrs Martinez "Daddy" and "Mamma". We understand that D. M. has already decided to make him a democrat and here's hoping that some day he may be governor of the great state. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Martinez.

AND THEN IT RAINED

The man who could not be surprised, really was very much surprised last Wednesday afternoon. This man was no other than our good old friend and neighbor, Frank A. Bruce of east of town. Thursday, the seventeenth, was the fifty-third anniversary of Mr. Bruce, and to make him remember this date, his wife and daughters successfully planned and "put over" a genuine surprise in his honor. Quite a number of relatives and friends came out to the Bruce home in the evening in spite of the fact that a heavy rain had fallen in that community, and they certainly gave Mr. Bruce a good surprise and proceeded to spend a pleasant evening at his home.

Ice cream and cake made up the refreshments for the evening and it is said that every one who was present ate to their capacity. Games were played by the younger folks and were enjoyed by the older ones too. Conversation and many other forms of entertainment were indulged in until late at night when all departed for their various homes, wishing Mr. Bruce many more such happy birthdays.

A brother, H. E. Bruce, and his family, of Kansas were present and helped Mr. Bruce enjoy the evening with his friends.

MASS MEETING

The Citizens of Harding County are requested to meet at the Community Hall at Roy Monday evening August 28th, for the purpose of considering what action shall be taken regarding the matter of a special election requested by the citizens of Mosquero for the purpose of voting bonds for a county Court House and Jail at Mosquero.

This is a question of importance to all citizens of the county, and every precinct should make an effort to have one or more representatives at the meeting.

M. D. Gibbs,

Mayor of Roy.

Ivan (Riley) Johnson who has been visiting Raton relatives for the past week returned home Monday.

W. P. Mealey and Ernest Anderson were up from the county seat last Tuesday afternoon on business.

J. R. McKee, one of the Democratic nominees for county Treasurer was shaking hands with his friends in Roy Tuesday afternoon.

ROY THIRTEEN MOSQUERO TWO

The above heading tells the tale of what at first appeared to be one of the best base ball games ever played on the local diamond, but which took on a different looking aspect after the fifth inning.

Mosquero came up with a good team Sunday afternoon and the way that the game started off, the many fans thought they were going to witness a real contest. During the first three innings neither side was able to get a man across the home base, however, in the fourth, Leatherman scored on a bunt by Mc Minimy and made the first one piled up by Roy. Mosquero failed to score again in the fourth, but in the fifth, Hephner their pitcher, weakened and the good support that he had been given the first four innings, wavered and Roy began marking up the scores. During the next four innings Roy added several more scores to her side of the tally sheet which made the final count read 13 to 2. Mosquero scored one in the seventh and a home run by Herbert Hughes in the eighth were the only two times that the visitors were able to register.

Hephner has not had a great deal of practice this year and did not measure up to his usual standard of pitching, however the numerous errors made by both the infield and outfield players, accounted in a good measure for the many scores made by the Roy boys.

The whole game after the fifth inning was rather loosely played by both sides. Roy did not do as good as her average after the fifth as four errors were chalked up against them after this stage of the game.

Williams was on the mound for Roy and pitched good ball, allowing the visitors a total of only 6 hits during the game while 14 or 15 were secured off Hephner. The numerous home runs, two by Roy in one inning, were the features of the game.

Mosquero has a good team and has some fine players but they are lacking practice that is so necessary to do good team work. If they had a good battery, with a little diligent practice, they would make Roy get up and play real ball to beat them. The game was played in a little over an hour and there was little or no wrangling. We hope to see the teams cross bats again in the near future and we may witness a close contest.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION HELD AT MOSQUERO

The County Democratic Convention was held at Mosquero Tuesday and was attended by a large number of delegates from all parts of the county.

The convention was composed of 72 delegates and practically every delegate elected by the various precincts was present. The purpose of the convention was to elect 8 delegates to the State Convention which will be held on the 31st at Albuquerque. The following were elected: J. Floersheim, Roy; R. E. Helms, Logan; Mr and Mrs Carl Faubian, Rosbud; A. A. Wynne, Mosquero; A. F. Chavez, Bueyeros; D. M. Martinez, Sabino and Mrs. W. Charles Cason of Gallegos. All of the delegates elected will attend the convention.

Absolute harmony prevailed throughout the convention and a number of talks were made by prominent democrats of the county; all delegates present were very enthusiastic and claimed this is a Democratic year for Harding county, which they expect to prove in November.

No date was set for the next county convention, which will name the democratic county candidates, and this was left with the county central committee. They will later set the date and name the place for holding this convention and it is thought it will be held sometime during the latter part of September.

Mr and Mrs McDaniel and children of Texas, are visiting friends and relatives in Roy this week. Mr. McDaniel is a brother of Mrs Charles Farley of northeast of town.

A number of brave hunters went out to the Pleasant View neighborhood last Tuesday morning to capture the wild animals roaming around in that community, but were unable to locate them.

Mr. T. Burns and Miss Nellie Gay, made a trip to Mosquero, Monday where they called on the County Clerk and came out with some very important papers in their hands. They drove to Roy and Judge Foster pronounced them man and wife.

Mr Burns hails from Dodge City, Kansas and Miss Gay from Kephart, N.M. They were accompanied on their trip by Roy Gay and Mr and Mrs Harry Lammon. The happy couple will make their home in Kansas where the good wishes of the community goes with them.

ENTERTAINS RELATIVES

Mr and Mrs R. W. Buffington received a visit from their Texas friends and relatives. This was a pleasant surprise to the Buffingtons. The party consisted of Mr Buffington's brother Reed, his sisters Miss Beth and Mrs E. V. McLaughlin, the latter husband and a friend, Miss Jack Sampson.

They were well entertained during the week stay. Several days were spent at the river where they enjoyed beautiful scenery climbing over the hills, and the delightful exercises of swimming.

Mr Frank Smith accompanied the campers and helped show them the sights. Mr and Mrs C. F. Wright and daughter Alice and Leona joined the party and remained until Monday morning when they broke camp and returned to civilization. It was a happy looking bunch that pulled in to Mr J. L. Smith's at the noon hour, but Mrs Smith as always, had a splendid dinner prepared for them. A pleasant afternoon was spent with the Smith's, after which the party dispersed and went to their respective homes to prepare for the evening when they were to meet again at Mr Harry Stafford's and enjoy dancing and ice cream.

The visitors departed for Texas Wednesday of this week. They expressed themselves as having had a wonderful time and promised other visits.

ROY SCHOOL

The Roy School will open on Tuesday, September 5th. All the teachers will be in their respective rooms to receive the pupils and to give whatever information inquiring patrons may desire regarding books, etc. In the next issue of this paper will be given the assignments of the various grades to their rooms so that each child may know which building he is to go to be enrolled.

Books are on sale at the Floersheim Merc Co store. If you will see me, I will help you to classify and tell you what books you will need.

Call at my home or stop me on the street.

I am at your service,
Cameron Bazzill,
Sup't.

J. S. Candelario, the Curio man from Santa Fe, is spending the week with the Laumbach's south of town. He has promised to send us some of his jumping beans, for exhibition, a write up of which occurred in the Santa Fe New Mexican.

TAX AND ASSESSMENT NEWS

Grazing Land Cut to \$1.75 per Acre

Now that the State Tax Commission has lowered the assessment on grazing lands to \$1.75 per acre, it is up to the dry farmers and cow men with small ranches to see that their lands, which are not cultivated are placed on the tax rolls of Harding county as grazing lands and are assessed at the low rate that is given the cowman and exclusive stock raiser. And, why should it not be placed on the rolls at this value? Is not grazing land, whether it be just a few acres, or a ranch of thousands of acres and used as pasture land worth practically the same for grazing purposes all over Harding county? We do not know the intent of the county Commissioners in this matter but we do know that at the May meeting of the county board of Commissioners the valuation of the different classes of lands was placed as follows: Dry farming land not cultivated, \$3.50 per acre; while lands used solely for grazing purposes were assessed at \$2.65 per acre, and this has since been cut to \$1.75 per acre by the State Tax Commission. Now, as we understand the matter, the homesteader or dry farmer who has reserved a portion of his land for grazing purposes will be assessed at the value of \$3.50 per acre, while the same can be plowed, when it is a fact that thousands of acres of the land owned by the large ranches can be plowed and should thus be assessed at the rate that is placed on the small farmers plow land or else the farmer should be afforded the grazing land rate on the land he uses for that purpose, the same as the stockman. This is a matter of great importance to the farmers of the county and we are of the opinion that they should take immediate action to see that a like rate of assessment is placed on all grazing lands in the county. In a talk on this subject with some of the voters of the county they say that the assessment will be cut down so materially by doing this that we will go to a fourth or fifth class county. Our answer to this is that it is far better to reduce the class of the county than make unequal and unjust assessment. If grass land in the eastern or the southern or the central part of the county is worth \$1.75 per acre for the assessed value, then it is worth a like amount in the western or northern part, and no more. Last year the dry farmer paid on an average rate of \$5.00 on his grazing land, providing same could be plowed, while many of the ranches of the county were assessed at the rate of \$2.65 per acre for the same class of land. Was this fair? Some say, Oh well, one is really farming land, while the other is just pasture land. However, the fact remains that both are used for the same purpose. We may just as well say that because John Doe has improved his place, placed a well on it and fine buildings, that it should be assessed more per acre than his neighbor across the road who has let his farm grow up in weeds. Should this be the case, then we would encourage farmers to let their places grow up in weeds especially from a tax stand point. The Spanish American has given this a great deal of consideration and we have waited patiently for some one to take this matter into their own hands and get it threshed out, but it seems that the taxpayers are negligent on the subject and after talking it over with numerous taxpayers, this paper has decided to go into it and get to the bottom of it. We want to hear from the different tax payers on the subject and this paper is open to publish letters and views from any one in the county concerning the assessment proposition. We are not doing this to antagonize the County Commissioners or Assessor, as they are all friends of

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Is not large enough to enumerate all of our bargains among which are

30 x 3 auto casings at \$7.95

Other sizes in proportion

Fancy Colorado potatoes \$2.00 cwt.

Diamond M flour \$3.50 cwt.

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