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## Gallegos and Mechem Honored by the People

**Under the Auspices of the Commercial Club a Meeting was Held at the Court House Monday Night.**

**CROWDED HOUSE LISTENED TO SPEECH**

According to announcement, the Commercial Club held a public reception at the court house Monday evening to honor the home-coming of Hon. N. V. Gallegos and Hon. District Attorney M. C. Mechem. Col. T. W. Heman, the president of the Club, called the meeting to order and spoke as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have come here tonight under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of doing honor to two of our worthy citizens who are responsible for having passed House Bill No. 61 in the late Territorial Assembly. Of course you all know that Mr. Gallegos is a member of our legislature and was requested by our people to endeavor to have a portion of Union County added to Quay County and the work has been phenomenal. Namely, has added to our county 350,000 acres of land, including two very promising towns, Logan and Nara Visa, also about 34 miles of railroad. You will admit this is a very important matter, because this railway has been exempted for six years from taxation. This 34 miles of railway in Union County is next year taxable and is this year turned over to us, and therefore Quay County's taxable property.

This is a very important matter to the citizens, because it will reduce the taxation of the property in Quay County, and I wish to state that in this connection Mr. Mechem, our District attorney, has untiringly given his time and assistance whenever possible. House Bill No. 61 was the only bill that passed the legislature in any way affecting counties or county lines. And it is customary where a public servant has done well for his people that he should be thanked and all honor paid him.

We would be wanting in courtesy if we failed to extend our thanks to him for the very excellent work he



HON. N. V. GALLEGOS, REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 37TH ASSEMBLY.

has done for us and the citizens of Quay County.

I want to say to you people, as President of the Commercial Club, and as a citizen of Quay County, and in behalf of the people of Quay County, we thank these two gentlemen from the bottom of our hearts and say: "well done thou good and faithful servants etc."

We will now call upon Mr. Gallegos.

### GALLEGOS' SPEECH.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I wish to extend to you and the Chamber of Commerce of this town my most hearty thanks for the honor you have conferred upon Mr. Mechem and myself, by assembling

here tonight to hear what we have to say to you in regard to what was accomplished at the Legislative Assembly for the benefit of Quay county and its good people. I wish to extend to every one of you the hand of welcome, as I am more than happy to be again among you.

I will not attempt to make a speech, "for you all know that I am not a speech maker," as my

## A FAMILY FEUD RESULTS IN DEATH

**Elmer Hern Shoots His Father-in-law, W. W. Horton, and Resists Arrest.**

**ESCAPES AFTER BATTLE WITH OFFICIAL POSSE**

A sad conclusion of a family feud which grew out of an unsatisfactory marriage of the daughter of W. W. Horton to Elmer Hern, son of a prominent Texas stockman. J. W. Hern, who is a new settler in Quay county, residing eighteen miles south of Tucumcari, occurred Tuesday afternoon.

According to the story told the editor, or picked up here and there from people coming in from that locality, there has been bad blood existing among the members of the family of Horton and Hern since the marriage of their son and daughter; threats have been made and weapons borne in anticipation of trouble at sight. We are informed that Horton sought to place his son-in-law, Hern, under peace-bond, and that the papers were served by Deputy Sheriff Briscoe, on both Horton and Hern Tuesday afternoon.

Briscoe rode out to Horton's ranch late in the afternoon, served notice on him of appearance in Tucumcari the following morning, and later rode to Hern's ranch two miles distant to notify him of the service. The Hern's were away from the ranch and he rode another mile to where they were supposed to be assisting in the erection of a dwelling for a neighbor. Here he found J. W. Hern, father of Elmer Hern, and told him his business.

Mr. Hern in answer to question replied: "Allright, we will go to the house and get supper and then ride to town with my son."

At this point Elmer Hern rode up armed with a winchester on his saddle, greetings were exchanged, when he turned his horse on heel and rode away towards the ranch. Briscoe thought nothing of the matter, further than he was returning home, and that he was coming to town with his father after supper.

Only a few minutes was passed, when a carpenter at work on the roof of the building, shouted: "Look yonder!" Turning in the

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