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# EDITORIAL

## THE NEWS-PRESS SPOUTS.

The Cimarron News-Press is figuratively gnashing its teeth and tearing its hair in a most nerve-racking manner, and all because it wants to save the friends of the Citizen distasteful annoyance. The Citizen published a story some time ago stating that Baron von Zuylen had fallen heir to an immense fortune, and it is this article that the avowedly truth loving News-Press has taken exception to. The Citizen took no notice of the first outbreak of the News-Press, but lest the fits become chronic, it will say that it published nothing in the story that did not emanate directly from Baron von Zuylen himself. It did make the mistake in thinking that Baron von Zuylen was on his way to Holland at once. He has returned to Cimarron but says that his trip is not given over, and that he still intends to go to Holland in the near future. While in Cimarron last week, a representative of the Citizen saw Baron von Zuylen, and asked him about the purported denial of the Citizen story which came out in the News-Press. The Baron has said to several Cimarron citizens that he has not denied that a large sum of money is coming to him, and he stated to the Citizen that an immense sum was coming to him very shortly. And this second statement was made after the two attacks on the Citizen were published in the News-Press.

If the News-Press, a paper printed in Raton and circulated throughout PART of Cimarron, has any further fault to find, the Citizen trusts that it will not be backward in making its desires known.

## A PERFECT TOWN.

The Tucumcari Sun prints Mr. William J. Bryan's idea of what goes to make up a perfect town, and so pat is the idea, that the Citizen wishes that every one in Cimarron would live up to it. It would be at least, a great help to individuals as well as to the community at large. Mr. Bryan says:

"A perfect town is that in which you see the farmer patronizing the home merchants, the laborers spending the money they earn with their own tradesmen, and all animated by a spirit that will not purchase articles abroad if they can be bought at home. The spirit of reciprocity between business man and the mechanic, tradesman and laborer, farmer and manufacturer, results every time in making a perfect one to do business in. Perfection should always be desired, where its attainment is barely possible, we presume; but a perfect town must be dominated a great rarity until we reach a more advanced stage toward the millennium."

## THE HERD LAW.

Since the posting of notices around Cimarron that all stock of every description must be kept up, the Citizen has heard numerous complaints by those who have been accustomed to allow their cattle and burros to run at large, regardless of the rights of others.

The Legislature, in passing the laws relative to stock and fences, recognized that there would be instances where it would be unjust to make the stockman or owner of stock to keep his stock up and feed it, because in many cases, there would be nothing to feed the animals unless they were allowed to run at large. But, on the other hand, it also recognized that others than the owners of stock also had rights that must be protected. In order to be as just with both classes as possible, it made the stock owners keep their stock in hand during the months of March to October inclusive, and the owners of cultivated lands were, by the laws passed, required to fence their lands. It further provided that pastures of sown grasses were to be considered as cultivated fields. Without the proper fence as required by law, the land owners could not get damages for the destruction done by stock during the months it was allowed to run at large. During the months in which stock is to be kept

up, land owners can get damages for all harm done any land, whether it be fenced or not, and in addition, the owner of the stock is liable to a fine of \$5.00 for each offence.

It seems to the Citizen, that stock as well as land owners are both protected, and justly protected by these laws. Then why should there be hard feelings and back-biting because the owners of the land wish to have their innings?

A large number of Cimarron property owners have signified their intention to plant out a large number of trees this spring, but they can not do so when burros and cattle are allowed to run through our streets without hindrance. There is only one method of protecting the trees. That is to keep up the stock.

The stock owners say, "Yes, but let the land owners fence their lots and then the cattle can't get at the trees." It is true that, until we have incorporated, this will have to be done because after October the stock can be again turned loose. But that is not again turned loose. But that is not the point. Why should a property owner be forced to expend money, and in some cases the expense is great, in order that the stock owners can keep stock and derive benefits therefrom, without expense to himself. There are two ways of looking at this matter. Then there is this reason in favor of the enforcing of the law to the letter. A large number of property owners wish to improve the parking between their lot lines and the curb line of the streets, by sowing grass and planting trees. This they can not do without going to a great expense of fencing, not only their lots, but the parking around their lots as well. They can not join their lot fence and their parking fence and make one fence of them, because they would then be fencing in the public highway, and so they are in effect forced to pay for the keep of some one else's stock, for which they derive no benefit.

The Citizen recognizes that in some cases, a hardship has been worked by the enforcement of the law, and it is sorry that such should be the case, but it sees no way out of the difficulty. The writer was told that the public should provide a place to pasture the stock of such owners as are unable to buy the high priced feed. But with a little consideration even the person who suggested such an idea would discard it as being too much on the public charity plan. If a man has reached the stage where he has to apply to the public for charity, he should do so through the proper channels, because we already have law and ways and means for just such a contingency.

However, the Citizen would suggest that if some land owner near Cimarron were to set aside a small portion for the purpose of pasturing cows, etc., he might make a neat little sum for himself and at the same time his act would be beneficial to the people of Cimarron.

## BOOSTER'S CLUB.

Some time ago a number of Cimarron men got together and attempted to form a "Booster's Club." The idea was all right, and all were enthusiastic. A meeting was held, and committees were chosen to get out by-laws and make up a constitution. But these committees have never made a report, nor has anything further been done to further perfect the organization, which Cimarron needs now more than ever. The writer was on one of these committees, and will take his share of the blame without a murmur, but he wishes to make it known that he is ready and willing to reform.

The Citizen would suggest that the committees get the "Cimarron Boosters Club" or the "Cimarron Commercial Club" or whatever it may be called, in working order at once. Now is the time that we must get busy if we are to make Cimarron start real live active growth this year. A club of this sort will be of great benefit to Cimarron, and the Citizen will heartily second any plan or help in any work that the club, when formed, sees fit to take up.

## WAKE UP.

The Citizen has made an offer stating that it will furnish, free of charge, to all persons promising to send out papers throughout the country, all the extra copies of its current issue they may want, as long as the supply holds out. The Citizen expected to be broken up in the business because of this proposition, but so far the calls for extras have been few. WAKE UP. DO SOMETHING. HELP ADVERTISE CIMARRON. THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE HERE FOR.

# FARMERS INSTITUTE

## Cimarron to Have Farmers Institute April 13--Experts Are to Speak

Mr. George H. Webster, the chairman of the Colfax County Committee on Arrangements for exhibits at the Albuquerque Irrigation Congress, has arranged for a big Farmers' Institute to be held at Cimarron on the 13th of April at 7:00 o'clock p. m. Mr. Webster states that through the courtesy of the management of the Territorial Agricultural College at Mesilla Park, three Farmer's Institutes will be held in Colfax county during April. One at Springer on April 10th, one at Johnson Mesa on April 11th, and one at Cimarron on April 13th. At the meeting to be held at Cimarron, plain practical talks on all things pertaining to agriculture will be given by specialists, professors from the college, each speaking on that subject which he has made an especial study of. Among those who will attend, Prof. Luther Foster, the President of the college, will probably be the main attraction. Prof. Lindsley, one of the foremost experts on soil, will talk on soil and its preparation.

Prof. Vernon will speak on animal husbandry and crop culture.

Prof. Freeman will lecture on irrigation, and this lecture will be full of practical suggestions.

Prof. Garcia will deliver an address in Spanish for the benefit of those not understanding the English language.

This meeting is intended to help the new and the older farmers and stockmen, by imparting up-to-date information, and it should be attended by every one, since there is no one who can not learn something of practical benefit from the experts. Cimarron is to be congratulated in securing such a list of noted speakers, and since these gentlemen come at their own expense and freely give Colfax county a week of their valuable time, Cimarron should show its appreciation by a large and enthusiastic meeting. It is owing to the efforts of such progressive men as Mr. Webster that Cimarron is as well known as it is. So let us show him our appreciation of what he has made possible.

## MAKES RULING FOR TREES.

Mr. Frederic Whitney, of the Cimarron Townsite Co., has informed the Citizen that hereafter all trees planted outside of the property lines must be planted thirteen and one-half feet from the property line. This ruling is made because the streets are not all the same width, and trees planted any other way would look very peculiar and irregular. With the observance of this distance, it will all be uniform, and Cimarron streets will present a fine appearance.

Mr. Whitney further stated that no one would be allowed to build a fence in the streets, so as to interfere with the passage of pedestrians along where the sidewalks should be placed. Those planting trees can, however, fence up enough of the parking to protect them from stock.

Mr. W. L. Farrell, of Raton, the acting superintendent of the Rocky Mountain road, was in Cimarron last Sunday evening and Monday morning. Mr. Farrell was accompanied by his wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. Frease.

George England is now engaged in the occupation of dispensing refreshments at the Legal Tender.

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