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The tax-dodger with a pull is always looking out for the interest of his class. Who's looking out for the interest of the people?

AMERICANS may take some interest in the fact that the husband of a Chicago girl defeated the husband of a Cleveland girl in the late English election. The rival wives were formerly Miss Chamberlain and Miss Lister.

The Pecos Valley Argus unhesitatingly pronounces the New Mexican "the leading paper of New Mexico." This compliment is particularly gratifying coming as it does from one of the handsomest and one of the most ably conducted newspapers in the west.

GRASSHOPPERS seem to be a superfluous insect. They have 400 grasshopper killing machines in Chicago county, Minnesota, which average 100 bushels a day. These 40,000 bushels of grasshoppers are in excess of the quantity Minnesota's hens get away with.

A MAN with a statistical turn of mind finds that \$50,000,000 is spent each year in maintaining churches in the United States. Churches seem a rather expensive institution until light is thrown on the cost of jails, which the same genius figures at \$100,000,000.

The usual controversy is going on in Texas as to whether the proposed champion fight can come off in that state. The governor of Texas has taken the negative. The Florida Athletic club, which has charge of the preliminaries, says that the governor's proclamation was expected. The club did not say whether or not the proclamation was a part of the program.

FARMERS, TAKE NOTICE.

The New Mexican has frequently called attention to the certain profits that might generally be derived by the farmers of New Mexico by the intelligent cultivation of canagria, which is rapidly supplanting oak and hemlock bark as a material for tanning leather. It is indigenous to the soil of New Mexico, growing naturally in every county of the territory, but its value is much increased by cultivation, and of course the product can thereby be almost indefinitely increased. With a view to stimulating the culture of canagria in Texas, the Galveston chamber of commerce has issued an elaborate bulletin explaining the nature of the plant, its methods of growth, how it can most profitably be cultivated and prepared for the market, and what its superior merits are as a tanning material. The bulletin affirms that canagria root, a tuber resembling a common potato, contains from 26 to 34 per cent of tannin as against 8 to 11 per cent in the best tan bark, and concludes with this remark: "The demand is practically unlimited and it is believed that 3,000,000 tons of the root could be sold annually." This is a subject that ought to arrest the attention of every tiller of the soil in New Mexico. There is no reason why the culture of canagria should not annually add thousands of dollars to the wealth of this territory.

EDITOR KELLY'S COMPLAINT.

Editor Allen Kelly, of the Las Cruces Independent-Democrat, is in trouble. No one will be surprised at this, for most people who have attained their majority are firm believers in the old saw, "give a calf rope enough and he'll hang himself," and that's just what's the matter with Kelly. He has been sloshing around in his editorial mud-hole for over a year, butting his cranium against nearly everything and everybody in sight, emitting copious quantities of spleenic nastiness—Kelly has an abnormal spleen—in season and out of season, and prostituting both the editorial and local columns of the newspaper which employs him to unjustly criticize and abuse people whose motives are pure, sincere and honest. Kelly, the self-concocted mentor of the New Mexico press; Editor Kelly, the bear hater from the Pacific; Prof. Allen Kelly, the grammarian, who reveals in journalistic classics and delights in dilating upon the editorial ability of his neighbor whenever he fails to dot an i or cross a t—this is the fellow who now wants the press to set him right in the eyes of the public.

The story of Mr. Kelly's troubles are brief. There's a woman in it, of course. What awful things these women are, to be sure. Why, alongside of the wagging tongue of a woman who makes up her mind to go right after her prey "hell's fury," we are told, has no equal, and in this particular case the wagging that Mr. Kelly has become the victim of seems to

have cut deeper than even his vituperative faber can respond to. Any way, he wants the NEW MEXICAN to help him out, and as the NEW MEXICAN is conducted on humane principles, verging as closely to the golden rule as is consistent with good journalism, even when dealing with its avowed enemies, why, here goes—Mr. Kelly's letter explains itself:

To the Editor of the New Mexican.

Las Cruces, N. M., Aug. 2.—Dear Sir: The statements said to have been made to the Optic by the person calling herself Miss Londonderry, alleging that I invited her to drive, that I was intoxicated, etc., are absolutely false and without any semblance of foundation. As you have seen fit to publish an editorial paragraph based upon Miss Londonderry's malicious falsehood and containing an insinuation against me, you will oblige me by printing a proper correction. I also suggest that you might be a little more careful in your personal allusions to me, and thereby show better appreciation of the ordinary rules of professional courtesy. Yours respectfully, ALLEN KELLY.

We cheerfully give Mr. Kelly the benefit of the New Mexican's columns to make this correction, returning good for evil. However, the suggestion he makes as to being "a little more careful," he will doubtless in future take to himself, while dealing with his brethren of the press or with an unprotected female bicycle agent.

The paragraph in the New Mexican which Mr. Kelly complains of reads thus: "According to the Las Vegas Optic's interview with the female hiker, Miss Londonderry, Editor Allen Kelly's grievance against the woman was one that would properly come under the caption, 'purely personal.'"

PRESS COMMENT.

A Matter of Regret.

The Albuquerque Democrat is certainly greatly improved, and is rapidly coming to the front as a newspaper. Its telegraphic columns are now carefully edited, making it the most desirable newspaper in New Mexico. From a political standpoint, it is a matter of regret that the controlling interest should pass into the hands of Republican politicians.—Socorro Advertiser.

Law and Equity.

The Optic is of opinion that the following of Hevris thus far is persecution rather than prosecution, and the writ of habeas corpus should at once be granted. There is neither justice nor reason in keeping the man in jail, even if his prosecution is persevered in. Messrs. Catron & Spiess ought to be able to get him out of prison, for they have equity on their side. As to law, it is on any side which has the strongest lawyers.—Las Vegas Optic.

The Democrat indorses all that portion of the foregoing which refers to Hevris, and with respect to the general remark in the last two lines, it unfortunately contains too much truth—so much, indeed, that the fact it states has almost entirely obliterated that respect which the people ought to entertain for the courts.—Albuquerque Democrat.

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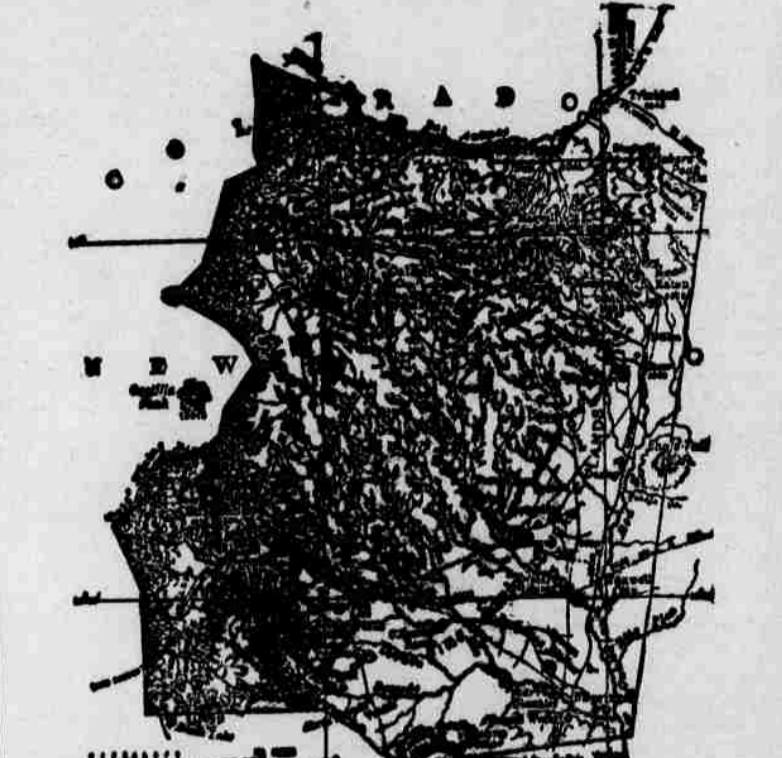
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