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Special Notices.

TRAVELLERS, ATTENTION!

R. S. Mason having leased the place heretofore known as

SLOCUM'S RANCH,

situate 25 miles west of Mesilla on the road to Silver City and the west, informs the public generally that he is prepared to receive and accommodate travellers, and to supply passing trains, or [illegible] animals with water. [illegible] only watering place between the Rio [illegible] Cummings. I always have an [illegible] water on hand, which I will furnish [illegible] supplied with the best the [illegible] have [illegible] for [illegible] with clean beds [illegible] comfortable and secure [illegible] always keep a good supply [illegible] on hand.

Travellers will find at my [illegible] requisite to supply their wants [illegible] fort, my charges will not be found [illegible]

R. S. [illegible]

I have on hand a large stock [illegible] WINES and BRANDY of my own [illegible] which I offer for sale in quantities [illegible] chasers. My GRAPE BRANDY is the best [illegible] whether native or imported, in the Territory.

THOMAS J. B[illegible]
Mesilla.

Masonic.

Regular communications of Aztec Lodge [illegible] 108 A. F. & A. M. held at their hall at Las Cruces, N. M. on the first Saturday evening of each month. Sojourning brethren in good standing are fraternally invited to attend.

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HEADQUARTERS BILLIARD SALOON

By BERNARD Mc CALL, Mesilla, N. M.

New Billiard Tables, and at the Bar the best Liquors and Cigars.

From Our Special Correspondents.

YSLETA, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, August 10th, 1877.

To THE INDEPENDENT;

MESILLA, N. M.

By a late issue of the INDEPENDENT, I see you have a correspondent in Socorro, and believing that you might publish a feeble effort at news from the County Seat of El Paso county, induces me to "take my pen in hand" for that purpose. The T. P. R. R. not having arrived here yet, we must try to be happy, even if we are behind the age in Railroad strikes, &c., as we are in many other modern improvements of our great and glorious county.

War news, we have had none since the powers that hold El Paso, Mexico, organized their forces here to take the famous city of The Pass, which they still hold, subject only to a flank movement, or a scare from half a dozen of Lerdo's men, who are hovering around here now waiting orders, one of the number is the Ex-Jefe Politico of El Paso, seeking on this side of the Rio protection from a people (the gringo's) whom, it is rumored, he threatened to drive out of El Paso, when he would become the great Jefe, in which office he did not remain long enough to drive [illegible] and since his arrival on our shores [illegible] that the rumor might be a false [illegible] residi[illegible] received marked attention from [illegible] to induce him [illegible] Largo, he could not [illegible] they fired [illegible] opinion to the foreign and [illegible] denied having made such than [illegible] it a matter of [illegible] [illegible]

We are flattering ourselves with the hope that the Government will soon re-establish the posts of Quitman and Bliss, as it is now we have no protection for travel from Fort Davis to El Paso, a distance of over three hundred miles, and I am of the opinion that if the matter was properly represented at Washington troops would be sent to Quitman and Bliss at once.

Our town is very quiet to-day, all the people, that is the Christian portion, have gone to Sinecu, to the feast of San Lorenzo. Send me the INDEPENDENT, and I will forward amount of subscription by next mail, even if I have to borrow it from the County Treasury. Mr. Moritz Lowenstein, has just came in, and says; send him a copy also, on same terms.

Yours,
COSECHA.

P. S. Our worthy Sheriff, Charles Kirber, has just dropped in, and he also wants a copy of your paper. C.

EL PASO, MEXICO, August 12, 1877.

DEAR INDEPENDENT:

You have perhaps learned that the paternal care of our State Government at Chihuahua has supplied us with a Prefect, or Gefe Politico as he is called; to govern the Canton Bravo. When taken from the diminutive bandbox, in which he arrived he was found to be in good order and condition, and immediately entered upon the discharge of his duties, the most important of which, it appears, is to keep the people in continual apprehension of another invasion from Machorro or some other sanguinary military chieftain of the Lerdo faction.

How such a small body can contain so much military knowledge is a matter of astonishment to whoever looks upon the four feet six of humanity that we have for a civil and military ruler. A few days ago he announced that Machorro had a party of 80 men at the Hueco Tanks, and contemplated making an assault upon this town. He made the air resound with threats of the dire consequences that would result to Machorro if [illegible] dared attempt an invasion of the Canton [illegible]. These threats so alarmed the blood[illegible] Machorro that he must have immediately [illegible] escaped, as I learn that he is now heard [illegible] Matamoros twelve hundred miles [illegible] in fact is that Machorro is [illegible] our valiant Gefe Politico [illegible] to become badly [illegible] [illegible] that strikes conster[illegible] [illegible] the legion of office [illegible] whose hopes of prefer[illegible] espouse the Dias cause. [illegible] flopped! Actually [illegible] government; has re[illegible] fused to accept the [illegible] officer at this place! [illegible] known the weeping, [illegible] of teeth was heart[illegible] [illegible] outsider, [illegible] hopes I cherished?" [illegible] the ingratitude of [illegible] [illegible] Escobar has done [illegible] tion—and the office; [illegible] best officer, and he [illegible] quality that has [illegible] of our public [illegible] [illegible] here from [illegible] of your [illegible] that district [illegible] and run off [illegible] ing to Miller.

The people here are restive, and while there *appears* to be a *general* acquiesence in obeying the "powers that be," yet I have means of knowing that a wide spread dissatisfaction exists; principally arising from the people being deprived of the right to choose their local rulers. It grinds the people of this District to be compelled to submit to be governed by a Prefect sent from abroad, they say, and justly too, that it is their right to select their Gefe Politaco and that the general government in taking this right from them has acted despotically, arbitrarily and in violation of their constitutional rights.

This feeling is growing, and I should not be surprised if I am called upon to chronicle an overthrow of the present *regime* before many days.

Sea por Dios.

SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, August 7th, 1877.

EDITORS INDEPENDENT;

While I'm doing nothing I will write you of what is going on in this vicinity, they say it is characteristic of all Irishmen [illegible] be doing something while th[illegible] I am no exception to the ru[illegible] little of moment transpir[illegible] abouts, except that our m[illegible] Ellis has bought out J. W[illegible] mill and intends to run it [illegible] a good miller and mech[illegible] have him leave her[illegible] be [illegible] in good hands.

Rt. Rev. J. B. [illegible] Arizona, has been [illegible] his Episcopal tour. He manife[illegible] deal of interest in our people and [illegible] the people are very well pleased w[illegible] during his stay in this region he confi[illegible]d five hundred and sixty-three persons. Now this was doing well, remarkably well; it not only indicates that the church is prospering here, but proves that our people have not that disregard for religion that has sometimes been imputed to them, indeed, a more honest, orderly, quiet, peaceable community I never saw. Considerable sickness prevails here amongst children, owing to over indulgence in fruits and melons.

Yours,
JUAN.

TULAROSA, N. M., Aug. 13, '77.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT:

A company of Americans—some ten or fifteen in number—have been camped in the Sacramento mountains about twenty miles from this town for the last two weeks. Some of them are men who are known to be bad characters and they are not there for any good purpose. The Indians are afraid of them and state that some of the party have told them that they (the Americans) were at war with the other Americans and would help the Indians to rob and kill the citizens. I do not vouch for the truth of this as the Indians told it to Mexicans who informed me, I know that the Americans are there of my own knowledge. You can make what use you wish of this.

Another idiot has broken loose from his keepers and rushed into print over the signature of "Y." If there lingered a doubt as to his being an egregious Ass, he has succeeded is completely removing it.

Now is the time for you to get the best and neatest and cheapest job work done. Come and satisfy yourselves at the INDEPENDENT office.