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Motto: "What shall it profit a nation if it gains untold wealth and its people lose their liberty."

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FOR NEW COUNTY

El Paso County Seeks to be Divided—She is Too Large for Practicable Uses—No Opposition.

Van Horn, Texas, Jan. 3.—The legislature will be petitioned to divide El Paso county, the dividing line to run north and south and to cross the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railway at Lasca, a point eighty-three miles east of El Paso, the present county seat. The new county is to be named Culberson county and it to be seventy miles wide east and west.

El Paso county is too large and many people are too remote from the county seat—for instance it is 170 miles from the eastern boundary of the county to the county seat. This is very expensive for witnesses and others having to attend court. The eastern portion of the county is settling up very fast and the people feel they are entitled to a closer county seat. It is said El Paso will offer no opposition and it is believed that

the legislature will readily see the need of dividing the county. Van Horn owing to its central location and advantages over other towns in the eastern part of the county has a decided advantage for the county seat of the proposed new county.

Big Land Deal.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 2.—A record breaking land sale was put through today in which 1,632,000 acres in Sonora, Mexico changed hands. J. H. Decker completed the deal. The American Central will traverse the section for the Harriman interests. The tract of land is nearly as large as Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

At Marfa

Mr. Putman, who has lately acquired ranch interests here, was domiciled at the Marfa House last week.

Carl Gordon is changing his residence to Lubbock, having bought the Dilard place there. Carl is a good fellow and we regret his departure.

A. R. Dillard of the Panhandle, who bought the Carl Gordon ranch was a pleasant caller at our sanctum last week and increased our subscription list.—Marfa New Era.

THE TEXICO CUT OFF

Line Greatly Needed to Furnish Direct Route For California Tourists and Freight Consignment.

"Fort Worth needs to secure an extension of the Santa Fe railroad from here to Texico in order to cinch beyond a doubt the magnificent traffic to Northwest Texas," declared J. B. McDaniel last night. Continuing, he said: "And I believe we could secure it by the proper effect, for the Santa Fe is now extending its line southeast from Texico or Clovis, and the survey calls for Lubbock county. This line is intended to open up a route from that section to the gulf and by way of Fort Worth would be a very natural route.

"Such a line would give a direct route from here to California for the heavy tourist travel which now goes by San Antonio and El Paso, as well as bring the livestock and other freight from the Lubbock and Plainview regions directly to Fort Worth. The

opening of the Orient into Texas from Chillicothe to Sweetwater gives all that section a direct road to the Kansas City markets and unless Fort Worth is alive to the situation Kansas City will soon be getting the enormous trade of that fertile section. The Santa Fe is going to extend southwest to meet either the San Angelo branch from temple or it will come to Fort Worth. It would open up a much better territory by coming this way and I think we should investigate the situation and get busy.

"Some fifteen or eighteen years ago the Santa Fe undertook a road from Fort Worth to Albuquerque, N. M. and built forty or fifty miles of roadbed out towards Springtown. This old plan could be carried out now by building from here to Texico, for there connection could be had with the main line to Belen, and thence to Albuquerque. The advantages of such a road are great and apparent."—Fort Worth Record.

EXTENSION OF AUTO LINE

Midland-Seminole Auto Company to Make Connection With the Pecos Valley at Carlsbad N. M.

What is, perhaps, the best opportunity that Seminole has had for several months is now before it in the shape of the proposition to establish an auto line between here and Carlsbad, giving daily service.

The Midland-Seminole Auto Co. and Carlsbad have already agreed to a contract by which an auto line is to be put in between Carlsbad and Knowles, and for an advancement of \$700, for which the auto company will issue receipts entitling the holders to as many rides at any time as the amount they advance would pay for at regular rates, the auto company will fill in the gap between Seminole and Knowles.

This would give Seminole connection with Carlsbad by daily auto service which, together with the line to Midland, would place it at the center of the most important auto line in the United States.—Seminole Sentinel.

Mr. H. A. Spencer, mention of whose arrival in our city will be found in another item in this paper will engage in the real estate business here as soon as he can arrange for an office. He and wife are now stopping with their old friend Mr. Webb in east Lubbock. Mr. Spencer has been engaged in the real estate business in Sour Lake a number of years. He is a very progressive man, full of energy and will make Lubbock a good citizen.

Miss Amy McLarry, who has been spending Christmas and new years with her parents, returned this week to Tahoka, where she will resume her work as teacher in the Tahoka Public school.

R. F. Jones of Scurry, Texas, becomes a regular reader of the Avalanche this week, through the courtesy of Mrs. B. F. Montgomery.

WANTED—Position as book-keeper or would like to clerk in drygoods or groceries. Address Mack Smith, Abilene, Texas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Etkins, a fine baby boy, Wednesday of last week.—Barstow Journal.

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LID ON AT AMARILLO

Sheriff Hughes Declares There are few Violations But There Must be None—Will Enforce the Law.

The Amarillo Sheriff has the following to say to the Daily Panhandle reporter about law breaking in that city:

When shown a press dispatch out of Austin yesterday, which stated that Rangers were "going to Amarillo to enforce the local option law," alleged to be openly violated, sheriff J. E. Hughes stated that he had no knowledge of such arrangement, and had not been consulted regarding such a matter. Continuing Sheriff Hughes said:

"I have reason to believe that the lid is more nearly closed here at present than at any time since the law became operative in Amarillo. I have now declined to issue any more licenses for the dispensing of intoxicants under the drug act, and in future I will only issue such permits at the end of mandamus proceedings. I am not sure if I will not readily do it then. I will have to be thoroughly convinced that I have to do it.

"Under the open saloon condition in Amarillo before prohibition we had fourteen saloons. There are now four places operating under the provisions of the "drug act." These latter are supposed to sell only upon the prescription of a regularly practicing physician. It is intimated to me that the law is being violated by some of these parties holding license or permits under the act mentioned. They will receive attention at the hands of the officers.

"I am somewhat puzzled as to the manner in which this work is to be done, but it must be done. I have assurances from the court that I will be protected in the work to bring to grief those who offend the laws. It may be that I will be unable to do this work myself or with my men at present engaged with the department. But I will see to it that someone takes the work in hand who will be capable of landing with results.

"Governor Campbell is insisting upon the lid, and I believe that it can be put on in Amarillo. At least I will not decline to believe it until it has been fully demonstrated to the contrary."

J. C. McCrummen Dies.

Paris, Texas, Jan. 3.—J. C. McCrummen a prominent citizen of Paris, died last night at 10 o'clock of pneumonia after a brief illness. Deceased was 59 years old and was a native of Alabama, but came to Texas in infancy with his parents, who settled in Cherokee county. He moved to Paris twenty-eight years ago and had been engaged in business as a farmer and stockraiser. His father, who lives in Lubbock county, is still in robust health at the age of 90. Deceased is survived by a widow, nine children and a number of brothers and sisters.

The entertainment given by Miss Campbell at the Band Hall last Saturday night was in every sense a success. Several excellent selections were rendered by the orchestra after which the "Tom Thumb Wedding" was ushered in by Master Dot Dupree. Each little tot performed well his part and the miniature bride and groom were duly joined in the "holy bonds of padlock." The Milk Maids' Drill and Convention by twenty-four young ladies was well rendered, and enjoyed by all present.

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