

# What's New in New Mexico

COUNTIES HAVE  
MORE MONEY THAN  
IN ALL HISTORY

Enforced Thrift and Public  
Economy Have Resulted in  
Overflowing Treasuries All  
Over State.

**SPECIAL DISPATCH TO MORNING JOURNAL**  
Santa Fe, June 17.—Never before in the history of New Mexico have county treasuries been as plentious. They are filled and running over because of the administration of thrift and public economy enforced since the inauguration of statehood and because the office of the traveling auditor has stopped the juggling of funds. The traveling auditor yesterday received the last of the county reports, that of Bernalillo, which leaves all other counties in the balance it reports on the last day of May, \$29,155.

**Largest on Record.**

At present, the county treasuries had \$2,027,672.93 to their credit on June 1, the largest balance ever reported. This means that county rates can be materially reduced next year if the assessing authorities do their duty. The counties are meeting post obligations promptly and their credit is good. At the same time, more money than ever is spent for the public schools, for good roads, for permanent improvements, all as signs of progressiveness and real economy. As to the balances on hand, seven counties had more than \$100,000, as follows:

Bernalillo, \$299,897.58; Colfax, \$150,671.15; Grant, \$125,563.44; Valencia, \$123,503.86; Dona Ana, \$126,522.41; Socorro, \$125,173.74; Chaves, \$116,409.47.

These seven counties have one-half of the total, the other nineteen the other half. There are twelve counties that report balances between \$10,000 and \$100,000, as follows:

Lincoln, \$99,274.57; Mora, \$72,256.60; Guadalupe, \$63,342.81; San Miguel, \$61,117.84; Torrance, \$62,239.40; McKinley, \$58,971.61; Rio Arriba, \$58,415.87; Santa Fe, \$58,024.09; Union, \$45,347.85; Eddy, \$44,436.37; Sandoval, \$33,150.29.

**The Tail Enders.**

Four counties have less than \$50,000 surplus in their treasuries, none less than \$25,000. These seven tail enders as far as wealth is concerned are:

Curry, \$47,474.89; San Juan, \$41,571.45; Sierra, \$38,833.31; Otero, \$28,677.82; Taos, \$28,142.20; Lincoln, \$28,297.95; San Juan, \$26,610.08.

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**CLANCY TAKES ISSUE  
WITH RECENT OPINION  
OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

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Santa Fe, June 17.—Attorney General Frank W. Clancy takes issue with the opinion of District Attorney Kenneth K. Scott of Roswell, which apparently authorizes the promulgation of county funds, and writes:

District Attorney George E. Bentz of Marfa, in his following letter to emphasize his opinion:

"I have received your letter of April 12th instant in which you say that you have what purports to be an opinion of District Attorney, 20th, stating that the county commissioners are in case of a surplus in any fund other than the interest and sinking funds, may transfer such surplus to any other fund, at the same time retaining an opinion to me given by H. E. Esteban, chairman of the board of exposition managers of May 14, 1913, which he says is to the same effect as is yours."

Mr. Scott's opinion was called to my attention some time since by the traveling auditor, who brought a copy of it to me with some deposit on his countenance, and asked me whether I had given an opinion that transfer could be made from one county fund to another. Upon referring to the letter which I addressed to Mr. Esteban, while it is not as clearly expressed as it should have been, having been prepared in some haste, yet it does not bear the construction which Mr. Scott puts upon it, as you will see by reference to the copy of it.

In effect, as that I really will write that as to money in the county treasury, concerning which there was no specific statute, under the broad general power given to the county commissioners by the fifth subdivision of Section 64 of C. L. 1897, "To represent the county and have the care of county property and the management of the interests of the county in all cases where no other provision is made by law," the county commissioners must have a discretionary power to make use of such money for the best interests of the county. If they were not so, money in the county treasury, not devoted to any particular purpose by statute, would have to remain there indefinitely."

**Deafness Cannot Be Cured**

by local application, as they cannot reach the deepest portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by an operation. Deafness is caused by an accumulation of wax in the ear canal, or by the ossicles being affected.

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**BERNALILLO IS  
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TAXES COLLECTED**

**OFFICIALS LET  
CONTRACTS FOR  
PRISON SUPPLIES**

**RULING MADE BY  
LAND DEPARTMENT  
IS AGAINST STATE**

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Santa Fe, June 17.—Bernalillo county was the last to report to the traveling auditor its tax receipts for May, but the amount collected is far the largest of any county, being \$128,239 as of 1913 taxes, \$45,94 of 1912 taxes and \$146 of 1911 taxes. Of this amount, \$26,841.79 was turned over to the state treasurer, O. N. Marmon, who still has two other counties to hear from before making his monthly distribution to various funds, which will occur the latter part of this month.

**Enormous Sum Collected.**

Up to June 1, the twenty-six county treasurers had collected \$2,882,122.25 of 1913 taxes, the total tax receipts for the year being \$4,286,845.96, or \$1,403,612.68 less than which \$1,429,512.61 were collected. In other words, the 1913 tax collections with six months to go yet, are within \$20,000 of the total 1912 collections.

**Honor Counties.**

Lincoln county has 92.46 per cent of its 1913 taxes collected and thus leads the honor roll, although the enormous rent which the railroads contribute to the taxes of that county, may account for this high percentage. There are five other counties that have collected more than 90 per cent, and these are: Quay, 86.88; Grant, 80.74; Bernalillo, 81.83; Valencia, 80.73; McKinley, 80.64.

Three counties have collected between 50 and 59 per cent: Torrance, 55.56; Mora, 53.95; Socorro, 53.82; Taos, 52.82.

Eight counties have collected between 30 and 39 per cent: Union, 38.19; Lincoln, 36.74; Chaves, 35.24; Five counties have collected between 20 and 29 per cent: Dona Ana, 27.75; Mora, 27.95; Socorro, 26.82; Taos, 26.82; Sierra, 26.22.

Eight counties have collected between 10 and 19 per cent: Union, 15.19; Lincoln, 15.74; Chaves, 15.61; Dona Ana, 15.56; Mora, 15.41; Socorro, 15.25; Taos, 15.19.

The seven counties have collected less than 10 per cent: Torrance, 7.55; Guadalupe, 7.24; Grant, 7.14; Mora, 7.05; Socorro, 6.95; Taos, 6.82; Union, 6.75.

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**The shot Ones.**

Four counties have collected less than 50 per cent: Otero, 48.22; Santa Fe, 44.67; Sandoval, 43.36; Eddy, 31.32. It is these four that will pull the percentage down to 63.85 as against 66.22 at the same time last year. However the total collected last year up to this time was only \$2,882,122.25, or almost half a million dollars less than has been collected thus far of the 1913 tax duplicate.

In dollars and cents: Bernalillo county, of course leads the ten counties that have collected in excess of \$100,000 of the 1913 taxes, the total to its credit being \$129,512.61. Then comes Colfax, \$125,563.44; Chaves, \$123,503.86; Dona Ana, \$126,522.41; Socorro, \$125,173.74; Chaves, \$116,409.47.

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