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NEW MEXICO'S GROWTH

In the Very Important Matters of Population, Assessment Values, and Agriculture.

SINCE JANUARY FIRST 1906

The Taxable Property Is Now Valued at Nearly \$50,000,000—Population over 350,000.

Lawson D. Lowe, secretary of the Territorial Statehood League, has compiled some very interesting figures on irrigation, on agriculture, on the assessment value of taxable property and on the increase in population of New Mexico since the first of January, 1906, which he has furnished the Santa Fe New Mexican. These figures show conclusively that the growth of the territory during these twenty-two months has been remarkably satisfactory and steady. The information contained therein will come in especially serviceable in the fight which will be made shortly in the Sixtieth Congress for the passage of a bill for an enabling act for New Mexico.

From figures recently furnished to Lawson D. Lowe, secretary of the Territorial Statehood League by Territorial Engineer Vernon L. Sullivan, it appears that at present there are something over a million acres of land under cultivation and irrigation in this territory and over two million, five hundred thousand acres of land susceptible to irrigation. Of this latter amount, there are applications on file in this office for permits to construct water works and irrigation systems to irrigate 654,500 acres, leaving at the lowest estimate one and one-half millions of arable lands susceptible of irrigation and cultivation as yet untouched. Of the above mentioned applications covering the 654,500 acres, the United States reclamation service has filed applications for 230,000 acres under the following projects: The Hondo Project, near Roswell, New Mexico, 10,000 acres; the Carlsbad Project, near Carlsbad, New Mexico, 23,000 acres; the Elephant Butte Project, near Engle, New Mexico, 180,000 acres; the Las Vegas Project, near Las Vegas, New Mexico, 15,000 acres; and the Urton Lake Project, near Fort Sumner, New Mexico, 10,000 acres. In referring to these various government undertakings the territorial engineer says:

FIVE BIG IRRIGATION PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

"The government has five different projects, all of which have been approved in the territory of New Mexico, the Carlsbad and Hondo projects being practically completed. The Elephant Butte project is one of the largest projects the reclamation service is building, the same having been commenced nearly a year ago and which is intended to irrigate one hundred and eighty thousand acres of land including the furnishing of sixty thousand acre feet of water to Mexico. This proposition is for storing the flood waters of the Rio Grande, the project having one of the largest reservoirs ever built, which has a storage capacity of two million acre feet, which capacity can be better appreciated by the following illustration: If a standpipe ten feet in diameter were made high enough to hold the same capacity as this reservoir would hold, it would be tall enough so that its height would go around the world eight different times."

The remainder, or 319,580 acres of land will be irrigated by private enterprise and private capital and all of the applications have now been approved by the territorial engineer.

From official figures secured in the office of the traveling auditor of the territory, there are about 3,500 miles of railroad now constructed and operative in the territory while at least 2,000 miles or more are contemplated being constructed in the different sections in the near future. Much of this mileage has been constructed within the last seven

or eight years and every foot of it has been a paying investment from the start.

In relation to the mines in the territory, the New Mexican has been unable to secure any official information as yet. The matter has been taken up and as soon as something on this important subject has been secured it will then be furnished. Mining has always been an important industry in the territory and more progress may be shown along this line than any other. The mountains of New Mexico abound in minerals in almost every section of the territory from the coal mines of the north and east to the copper, silver, lead and gold mines of the west and south.

LARGE INCREASE IN TAXABLE PROPERTY AND POPULATION.

As an index to the financial growth of the territory, figures have been compiled from the official tax returns for the last two fiscal years and show that in 1906 the amount subject to taxation less all exemptions was \$43,242,746.31, while in 1907 under the same conditions it was \$48,509,098.26, showing a net increase in property of a taxable value of \$5,266,350.95. These figures are based as stated above, on the net amount returned for taxation, which will be understood, is in this Territory much as elsewhere perhaps only thirty per cent of the value of the properties.

In population, the territory has made the greatest strides. From a carefully compiled report of the homestead entries for the last twenty months it will be shown that within the boundaries of New Mexico there have been filed over 20,000 original homestead applications. These 20,000 homesteads figured at a conservative estimate of 5 persons the family, would mean an influx of over 100,000 people in that space of time. These figures are absolutely reliable as they are taken from the official records of the United States land offices in the territory and cover the period from January 1st, 1906, to October 31st, 1907. In the period from January 1st, 1900, to January 1, 1906, the territory had at least this number more, making the addition to population from this source alone since the census of 1900 at least two hundred thousand people. Another point is that these immigrants are all settlers from the oldest states and territories and of course native born American, English-speaking people, making the population of English speaking people today, exclusive of those included in the previous enumeration above referred to, more than the total population at that time.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by all Druggists. Price, 75c. per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Musicals and Social.

Mrs. J. E. Smith and Mrs. R. P. Noble will give a musicale and social at their homes Friday, November 22, at 7:45 p. m. for the benefit of the Presbyterian church building fund. An admission fee of fifteen cents is asked. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Conductor P. J. Savage and his train crew are having a busy time of it these days. For some time past they have been making two trips a day to Magdalena and even then have not been able to keep up with the demands of business on the branch line.

THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION

In accordance with established custom the President of the United States has designated Thursday the 28th day of November, A. D. 1907, as "Thanksgiving Day," and in his proclamation recounts the numerous and great blessings, moral as well as material, that the American people as a nation have received during the past year, and invites them to devote this day to thanksgiving and prayer.

New Mexico likewise, as an individual commonwealth, has abundant cause to set aside and observe a day in thanksgiving to Almighty God for a year that has brought not only marvelous material advancement, and thousands of industrious and desirable homeseekers to our public domain, but has also brought a marked advancement in public sentiment. Laws have recently been enacted for the suppression of disgraceful gambling privileges and for the regulation of the liquor traffic, which, in the past, have menaced the moral standing of our most enlightened communities.

For the purpose, therefore, of appointing a day which may be observed by the people of New Mexico in offering tributes of thanksgiving and worship to the Almighty for all his gifts, material and spiritual.

I, Nathan Jaffa, Acting Governor of the Territory of New Mexico, following a time honored custom, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the 28th day of November, A. D. 1907, as Thanksgiving Day and a legal holiday in New Mexico, and recommend that New Mexicans observe the day reverently as far as practicable and cease from their daily work, that they assemble in their respective places of worship and there devoutly participate in the services of the Day.

Done at the Executive office this 13th day of November, A. D. 1907. Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of New Mexico.

(SEAL.)
NATHAN JAFFA,
By the Acting Governor:
NATHAN JAFFA,
Secretary of New Mexico.

NAVAJOS SLAUGHTER DEER

Dosen Braves Brought to Socorro Yesterday and Lodged in County Jail.

Eleven bucks and one squaw from the Navajo reservation near Alamillo were brought to Socorro yesterday and lodged in the county jail for violation of the game law. They had about eighty deer skins, a quantity of venison, and other evidences of their slaughter of game packed on sixteen ponies and half as many burros. They killed the game over at the north end of the Black Range and were arrested near old Fort Caliente, about sixty miles southwest of Magdalena, by Forest Ranger Thos. Verner of the north Gila forest, assisted by D. B. Sorrels, A. D. McDonald, and B. T. Cox. When the cavalcade reached Magdalena, Lieutenant R. W. Lewis of the mounted police was sent for. Lieutenant Bob responded at once and escorted the party to Socorro, where he delivered the prisoners at the county jail. They have a hearing in Judge Green's court today.

Capt. M. Cooney returned home Monday morning from a business trip to Mogollon. The captain tells of a rather strenuous automobile ride from Silver City to his destination and return. In the first place, the buzz wagon was too light to carry its load up the worst hills, so it was necessary to get out and push. Then there was a breakdown which caused a delay of three hours on the road. And, finally, there was an explosion of naphtha that burned the chauffeur's hands badly and ruined the upholstery and some other inflammable parts of the car. It might be added that when Captain Cooney reached San Marcial on his way home a deputy sheriff asked him to take charge of a prisoner accused of misappropriating a horse and deliver him at the county jail. All that was certainly entertainment enough for one trip, and the captain really has the air of a man who is glad to get home.

Improvement Association Dance

The City Improvement association will give a dance in the opera house on Friday evening, December 6. There will be good music, good refreshments, and a good time. The net proceeds will go into a fund for the building of a road to the School of Mines.

H. A. Brachvogel of Quemado was a Socorro visitor Tuesday. Mr. Brachvogel had just had an unpleasant experience in waiting three or four weeks at Magdalena for cars in which to ship a large number of sheep that were ready for the market.

BECAUSE HE STOLE A HORSE

Ben Roberts Is Now in the County Jail Awaiting the Court's Action.

Because he misappropriated a horse belonging to Herman Contreras at La Culebra ranch a few miles west of Socorro some time ago, Ben Roberts now has free accommodation in the Socorro county jail awaiting the action of the district court. Roberts was indicted by the last grand jury, but it was only a few days ago that Sheriff Aniceto C. Abeytia received notice of his whereabouts. Roberts was just completing a jail sentence in Solomenville, Arizona, passed upon him because of his fondness for other people's horses. Deputy Henry Dreyfus was sent over to welcome him to light and liberty and bring him to Socorro. Jailer Silvestre Abeytia gave him a hearty welcome and will see that he is properly cared for until his case can be brought to the attention of the district court.

PUMPKIN PIE PARTY

Was a Great Success, the Net Receipts Amounting to \$40.

The pumpkin pie party given at the home of Mrs. C. G. Duncan yesterday afternoon and evening by the ladies of the Episcopal guild was a very gratifying success in a social and in a financial way. Mrs. Duncan's home was beautifully decorated. The color scheme was yellow and in the decorations, the quaint pumpkin faces that looked from nooks and corners, the festoons of wild gourds on the walls, and the flowers worn by the ladies. The pies were fully up to the standard of those that mother used to make, the net receipts amounted to forty dollars, and the occasion was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Berry, Jr., gave their Socorro relatives and friends a pleasant surprise by arriving among them this morning entirely unannounced. Mr. Berry, who has recently held a very desirable smelter position in the city of Mexico, and another at Guanajuato, has now accepted a still more desirable one at Fundicion, Sonora, Mexico. He will leave tomorrow morning to enter upon the duties of this new position, but Mrs. Berry will remain in Socorro the guest of relatives for a few weeks.

At a regular communication of Socorro Lodge No. 9, A. F. and A. M., Tuesday evening, Thomas Edward Stevenson was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

NO FINANCIAL FLURRY HERE

At Least It Does Not Appear to Have Disturbed Socorro County Stockmen.

J. W. Cox, one of Socorro county's well known stock raisers, drove 146 head of fine cattle overland this week from his Datil ranch to Albuquerque. All were Herefords between two and three years old. "I've got 2,000 more of them on my ranch," said Mr. Cox to a press representative. The trip overland was a successful one, and the cattle are all in good shape. In fact stock conditions were never better. The range is good and the cattle exceptionally healthy and fat.

The financial flurry that is so much talked about as having caused such a hubbub on Wall street has evidently not touched Socorro county stockmen. They may have read or heard that there has just been a financial disturbance somewhere, but that is their only evidence. Their only trouble is to get cars to carry their stock to market. And when the railroads can't get cars enough to handle their business, that doesn't look much like a panic either. In fact, any talk to a Socorro county stock raiser about a financial panic would probably affect him no more than to cause him to smile.

STOCKHOLDERS IN TROUBLE

Mogollon Gold and Copper Company Wants a Receiver Appointed.

Another one of the many lawsuits and counter suits that have been brought in connection with the affairs of the Mogollon Gold and Copper company was filed in the district court yesterday, says the Albuquerque Journal. The action is entitled Walter Buchanan, May B. Dun and George H. Masten against the Mogollon Gold and Copper company, with Klock & Owen as attorneys for the plaintiff. The complaint is a long and detailed one, the gist of it being that the company wants a receiver appointed on the ground that the company is being mismanaged and is insolvent. Thomas J. Curran, the well known and successful promoter, who has brought the rich Mogollon district prominently before the public, is head of the company, and extensive development of the properties has been done under his management. The present suit is one of several resulting from friction between various stockholders of the company.

KANSAS CITY IS FIGHTING

Metropolis on the Kaw Is Trying to Secure Next Republican National Convention.

A dispatch to the Chicago Tribune from Washington says: "It seems likely that the next Republican national convention fight has settled down to a struggle between Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis. Chicago is the first choice of the national committee, aside from all political and personal influences. Kansas City, however, is making the best fight for the convention and the people of that city seem to be more eager to have it than appears to be the case in the other two cities."

Mrs. W. D. Newcomb entertained the ladies' high five club very delightfully Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. E. Martin. After five games of five hundred had been played, and dainty refreshments served by the hostess, assisted by little Misses Alma Savage and Alice Martin, the prize, a pretty souvenir spoon, was awarded to Mrs. John E. Griffith, that lady having distinguished herself as the champion by winning every game. The ladies entertained were Mesdames Simon Bitterman of Clayton, Dougherty, Brown, Duncan, Price, Griffith, Hill, Hall, G. E. Cook, Twining, Chambon, Mayer, and Miss Lena Price.

For delicious ice cream soda and cool drinks, go to Winkler's.

Advertise in the Chieftain.

SCHOOL FUND DIVIDED

Among the Counties of the Territory Give Socorro a Good Big Slice.

OVER \$21,000 APPORTIONED

To the Public Schools of the Territory by Superintendent James E. Clark

Socorro county gets \$1,091.50 out of a school fund of \$21,223.50 apportioned among the various counties Monday by Territorial School Superintendent James E. Clark. The apportionment is made on the basis of 25 cents to each person of school age, as shown by the census of 1907. This census shows that there are 84,984 persons of school age in New Mexico, and 4,366 in Socorro county. The county therefore gets a little over a thousand dollars.

Following is a list of the numbers of school children in each of the counties of the territory and the amount apportioned to each county:

Bernalillo county, 7,066, \$1,766.50; Chavez county, 3,508, \$877.00; Colfax county, 3,856, \$964.00; Dona Ana county, 3,930, \$982.50; Eddy county, 2,910, \$727.50; Grant county, 4,392, \$1,098; Guadalupe county, 2,306, \$576.50; Lincoln county, 1,981, \$495.25; Luna county, 1,127, \$281.75; McKinley county, 667, \$166.75; Mora county, 3,861, \$965.25; Otero county, 2,300, \$575.00; Quay county, 4,039, \$1,009.75; Rio Arriba county, 4,861, \$1,212.75; Roosevelt county, 4,829, \$1,207.25; Sandoval county, 2,411, \$602.75; San Juan county, 1,666, \$416.50; San Miguel county, 7,634, \$1,908.50; Santa Fe county, 5,071, \$1,267.75; Sierra county, 1,195, \$298.75; Socorro county, 4,366, \$1,091.50; Taos county, 3,460, \$865.00; Torrance county, 1,816, \$454; Union county, 2,618, \$654.50; Valencia county, 3,0034, \$758.50.

OKLAHOMA IS NOW A STATE

President Signed Proclamation Admitting New State at 10 O'clock This Morning.

This morning at 10 o'clock Washington time President Roosevelt signed the proclamation admitting Oklahoma and Indian Territory to statehood, bringing the new state into existence with a few strokes of his pen. This was at 8 o'clock in New Mexico. Oklahoma is the forty-sixth state and another star will now be added to the country's flag.

Judge Frank W. Parker, Clerk of the court W. E. Martin and Miss Minnie McGlinchey, court stenographer, arrived here Monday evening. The grand jury was called Tuesday morning, but owing to the non-arrival of the court records the grand jury was not made complete until Wednesday forenoon. The term of court being virtually a session of the grand jury, no petit jury being summoned.—Sierra County Advocate.

The City Improvement association will give a ball in the opera house Friday evening, December 6. There will be good music and refreshments. As usual the proceeds will go into a fund for the improvement of the city's streets.

Socorro had its first touch of winter the first of the week. Tuesday was cloudy and cold. Wednesday morning the temperature was down to eighteen degrees above zero, but the day was as clear and bright as is possible even in New Mexico.

An assortment of fancy stationery at the Chieftain office.

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