

District Court Notes.

The April term of the District Court for Mora County adjourned Saturday May 2nd, after a week's session.

The District court of Mora county which convened on April 27th, was in session one week, and during that time a considerable number of civil and criminal cases were disposed of. There were but a few jury trials, and the petit jury was excused from further service on Friday, the Grand Jury continuing in session until Saturday morning.

Among the cases disposed of were the following:

Territory vs. D. T. Muse. charged with assault, the defendant having served 100 days in jail, the grand jury returned no true bill, and Muse was discharged from further custody.

Nicanor Cruz, indicted for assault with a deadly weapon, upon his wife Ignatia Cruz and his mother-in-law, plead not guilty and his case was continued until the fall term of court.

Francisco Estralla, who testified that he was a resident of the State of Sonora, Old Mexico, and who assaulted Felix Villeral at Wagon Mound, having served 51 days in the county jail for the offense was discharged from custody.

Alberto Jacobs, a resident of Wagon Mound, and who was indicted for larceny of coal from the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company, plead guilty, and was sentenced to the territorial penitentiary for one year and one day, by the court.

Walter Poe, a young man about 24 years of age, and who stated that his home was in Raton, was indicted for burglarizing the store of A. McArthur & Company at Wagon Mound, in December last. Poe took from the store two suits of clothes, and other property of the value of one hundred dollars, and also \$13.80 in cash which he secured by breaking open the cash register. He was captured in Raton, and after a preliminary hearing was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. He plead guilty to the indictment and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

In the case of the Territory vs. Richard H. Carson, indicted for unlawfully flourishing a pistol in the town of Solano, after hearing the evidence, Judge Mills discharged the defendant. The evidence developing beyond a reasonable doubt that Carson while in the saloon of one Powell in Solano, pulled and flourished a beer bottle, which the citizens of the place in the dim candle light mistook for a six-shooter.

Pedro A. Romero, who lives in Wagon Mound, was indicted for the murder of Fernando Gonzales. This killing is alleged to have taken place in Wagon Mound in August 1903. Jose Gonzales was indicted for the offence and tried and acquitted in Las Vegas in November last. The evidence on the trial developed that Pedro A. Romero was the last man seen with Fernando Gonzales, prior to his death. Pedro A. Romero was the principal witness against Jose Gonzales and on the trial swore that he saw Jose Gonzales fire the shot that killed Fernando Gonzales.

He plead not guilty to the indictment and his bail was fixed at \$5000, and the case continued until the next term of the district court.

Juan B. Vasquez, plead guilty to the assault on his wife, with a pocket knife. He was sentenced to one year and a day in the territorial penitentiary.

The following cases were dismissed by the prosecuting attorney:

Territory vs. Apolonio Aranda, assault.

Territory vs. Sixto Pollock, larceny of cattle.

Territory vs. Thomas Mayhan,

Territory vs. J. Amedo Ortiz, obtaining money under false pretenses.

Territory vs. Leandro Archuleta, assault.

Territory vs. Leandro Archuleta, assault with pistol.

In the case of the territory vs. Wm. B. Brunton, assault with deadly weapon, the venue was changed from Mora to Colfax Co. Mr. Spiess, entered his appearances for the territory in this case.

The following civil cases were stricken from the docket for lack of prosecution.

Jose Gabino Martinez vs. Vicente Abeyto, ejectment.

Juanita Baca y Romero vs. Alfred G. Green, ejectment.

La Cueva Ranch Co. vs. Juan Andres Masacarenas, et al. injunction.

Paul St. Vrain vs. Julius H. Daniels.

Ellen Ludeman vs. Agapito Abeyta Jr. foreclosure.

Bartolo Vigil vs. Agapito Abeyta Sr., injunction.

Edward I. Jones vs. Andres Lambaugh et al.

George Chavez vs. Domingo Baca, ejectment.

L. F. King vs. Nathan Weil, dismissed by plaintiff.

In the case of Paul Butler et al vs. Bernard Higgins, the hearing of this case was set for May 18th at Las Vegas.

Report of Grand Jury.

Territory of New Mexico,
County of Mora,

In the District Court, Fourth Judicial District, April Term 1908.

To the Honorable William J. Mills, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of New Mexico, and Judge of the Fourth Judicial District Court, sitting within and for Mora county.

Sir:
We, the Grand Jury, empaneled at the present April, Term of District Court for Mora County beg leave to submit the following report:

We have been in session six days, and during that time we have examined into 25 cases, and have returned 18 true bills.

Although one year has passed since a term of the District court has been held in our county, we find that during that period of time there has been but few flagrant violations of the law within the limits of Mora county, and we congratulate the citizens of our county upon the peace and good order which prevails in our community. But one murder case was brought to us for consideration and in that case we returned a true bill. Most of the cases presented to our body for investigation were for minor offences, and in all those cases where we considered the evidence warranted it, we have returned indictments against the parties charged.

We visited the county jail and find the same to be in good repair and in a sanitary condition. The jail is clean, and the prisoners therein confined had no complaint to make of their treatment nor of the food given to them.

We did not make any detail examination of the various county officers, owing to the limit of time at our disposal, but the cursory examination that we have made impresses us that the officials of the various county offices are thoroughly competent and the offices are well kept and the duties pertaining thereto carefully looked after.

We examined the county court house and find it to be in very good repair, but we have observed that in the hall ways and on some of the wood-work and walls there are a number of pencil marks and scratches made by careless or mischievous persons. We think these defacements on the walls should be repaired and hereafter that the property should be more carefully looked after by the proper official. The hinges supporting the doors at the main entrance of the court house should be oiled, and this should be attended to at once, as

otherwise the hinges will have to be replaced with new ones.

We would also recommend that the present wire fence in front of the court house be repaired, or if the expense would not be too great we recommend that the wire fence be removed and replaced with a substantial picket fence. A fence of the latter kind would give a much better appearance to the county court house.

We recommend that the sheriff instruct his deputies in the larger towns of the county to incarcerate intoxicated persons who are found on the streets in that condition, as it has come to our knowledge that in some of the towns such scenes are quite frequent of men who are intoxicated stumbling about the streets.

We also recommend that he instruct his deputies to take the utmost pains to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons by unauthorized persons, in their particular localities, as much trouble in the county during the past has originated from the two free carrying of deadly weapons, and we believe that if attention is called to persons carrying arms that they must not do so in the towns and settled communities, that they will avoid much trouble to themselves and others and much expense to the county.

We also recommend that the sheriff call attention of his deputies that violations of the Sunday law should be enforced, we have reference more particularly to violations by saloons that keep open on the Sabbath days. Some complaints have come to us as to violations of this law, but no evidence sufficient to warrant us in returning indictments.

Having concluded our labors, with thanks to your Honor and other officials for courtesies extended to us, during our session we respectfully ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,
Mora N.M.
May 2nd, 1908.

Francisco Gonzales.
Foreman.

Frank Korte.
Secretary.

Human Responsibility.
No human being can come into this world without increasing or diminishing the sum total of human happiness, not only of the present, but of every subsequent age of humanity.—Ellis Burritt.

Alas, Poor Rube!
Bowmansville's literary society decided against the farmer in a discussion whether the agriculturist was a greater benefactor to humanity than the manufacturer. — Philadelphia Press.

Prayer That Availeth.
I always like to begin a journey on Sundays, because I shall have the prayers of the church to preserve all that travel by land or by water.—Jonathan Swift, in "Polite Conversation."