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EASTER

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, this year falls on March 8. Easter Sunday falls on April 23, the latest in many, many decades. Such a late observance will not occur again until 1943, when the Easter date will be April 25. It won't fall on April 23 again until the year 2000. Examples of late Easters are few. Records show that in 1728 Easter fell on April 23, and in 1739 on April 29. The most recent year in which Easter fell on the 23d of April was 1905.

ANIMAS LAND ON THE OPEN MARKET

On the 7th of this month (Tuesday) all land in the Animas valley was put on the open market subject to homestead entries. The State of New Mexico had 90 days in which to complete all its selections and "squatters" to use their rights. This time is now up and Townships 24, 25, 26 and 27, in Range 20 west, are subject now to any entry, there being no priority from the 7th of March on.

FEDERAL BUILDING FOR SILVER CITY

U. S. Senator Thomas B. Catron of New Mexico has introduced in the Senate a bill for the purchase of a site and the erection of a federal building in Silver City at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. The bill was introduced February 3 and was referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds. W. D. Murray has had the matter up for some time with New Mexico's representatives in the federal congress and Senator Catron's bill is the result.

Is Made District Manager

John B. Crowell will become the district manager for the American National Life Insurance Company of Galveston, Texas, on the 1st of April, according to advice just received here. Mr. Crowell has been in the employ of the Southern Pacific for some time past and has been putting in part time writing for the American National. His work has been so successful that the company has put him in an official capacity in this territory. Mr. Crowell's many friends wish him the best of luck in his new undertaking.

Bonney Holds Meeting

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Bonney Mining Company was held at the company's offices in this city Monday morning. The following officers were elected: Mr. VanWart, a prominent business man of Beloit, Wis., president; E. F. Laffin of this city, vice-president; J. B. Foster, secretary and treasurer; J. F. Galster, Jackson, Michigan, and Thomas A. Lister of this city, as directors. The routine company business was transacted at the meeting. The new officials, Messrs. VanWart, Galster and Lister are well known men, the two former being from the north and Mr. Lister a prominent mining man of this city.

Going to Las Cruces

H. S. French of the Western Liberal, and wife leave today for Las Cruces, and J. S. Thurman of the Eagle Drug Mercantile Co., and wife will leave on Monday for the same city. They will join Mr. and Mrs. French's daughter Miss Cleo, who is head of the ladies' goods department of the Manasse Brothers store. Mr. French will join the staff of the Rio Grande Republic, while Mr. Thurman will assume management of the clothing department of Manasse Brothers store. Both the Frenchs and Thurmans have many friends here who regret to hear of their departure.

Will Operate Last Chance

Robert F. Fitz, president of the El Centro Mining Company, owners of the Last Chance Mine arrived here Thursday afternoon in a new Ford purchased in El Paso, to make arrangements for a resumption of operations of the Last Chance mine at Leidendoff. Mr. Fitz left Thursday night for Los Angeles but will return in a short time.

J. R. Darcy, formerly of the 85 Mine office, was here Wednesday en route to Clifton where he has accepted a responsible position with the Shannon Copper Company.

COLUMBUS ATTACKED

A message was received here as the Liberal went to press stating that Columbus, N. M., had been attacked by Villistas. Six American soldiers and eleven civilians killed, several houses burned and that the bandits had been driven back into Mexico by the United States soldiers. Communications from Hachita late today re-affirmed this report. Villa and his band were within 15 miles of Columbus on Wednesday morning, looting the Palomas Land and Cattle Company's property. Over seventy Mexicans are reported killed in the attack at Columbus.

Friday morning accounts state Villa and his band are being pursued by both Carranza and U. S. troops. Reports that the band was moving toward Hachita and Arizona line are denied.

McCLURE LEAVES

J. H. McClure, who for many years has been the efficient local agent of the Southern Pacific railway, left the last of the week for Tucson, Ariz., where he has accepted a position as freight agent. T. Brindly of Huachuca, Ariz., is temporarily in charge at the local office. Mr. McClure's family will remain here until after the present term of school.

All Lordsburg and vicinity regrets to hear of Mr. McClure's departure. He has given complete satisfaction in his management of local affairs for the company, and has been foremost in all public enterprises for the betterment of the community. He was a valued member of the local school board for some time and has always stood for progress in Lordsburg. It is with regret the Liberal bids him "adieu" and extends to him the hand of good fellowship and wishes of success of the community.

SCHOOL NOTES

What promises to be the best and most exciting game of the season will be played on the school grounds at half past one Saturday afternoon. The Silver City team will contest for laurels with our team. The county-seaters will arrive here Friday morning, taking the noon train to Clifton, where they will play that evening, returning to Lordsburg Saturday morning. As usual we rely on the support of our townspeople, the spirit of the spectators being a great part of the game.

On Friday evening a benefit performance will be held at the Star theater, the receipts going to pay the expenses of the athletics at the high school. The tickets will only be twenty-five cents, and with each goes a coupon which pays admittance to the game Saturday afternoon. Get a bargain when you have a chance. Be a booster.

Jumping standards have been supplied at the school, also a good race course. The boys dragged, swept and measured for several days in order to have a good track. Before and after school and during recess, they may be seen preparing to be future Olympians.

A new room has been added to the school at the 85 Mine, to accommodate the pupils of the higher grades. Mrs. Nat Gammon has been teaching until the arrival of the new teacher.

MAKING THE INCORPORATION CENSUS

Constable Oscar Allen and Earle Kerr are taking a census of the proposed incorporated town of Lordsburg following the completion of the survey by County Engineer F. L. Cox. The census, together with the survey notes, will be filed with the board of county commissioners at their meeting the first Monday in April for final action.

TOWN IS JUDGED BY NEWSPAPER

"Show me some copies of the paper published in your town and I will tell you some facts about it and your people."

The man who said that was an active business man, who was considering an expensive proposition, and the information he wanted was all in the columns of a weekly newspaper.

He wanted to know about the stocks of goods carried by the merchants, to judge their business capacity by the style and amount of advertising they employed—the paper would show him.

He wanted to know something of the social activities of the town, which the paper would show him.

He wanted to know something of the pursuits of the people of the town and the condition of the surrounding country. The paper would show him.

He would scan those papers very carefully, and then he would be able to give the information as he had stated.

PROPOSED STRIKE MEANS TIE UP

A nation-wide movement for higher wages has been instituted by the four large organizations of railway employees. The railways called upon for this advance include all those in this country and some in Canada, operating altogether 280,000 miles of line. Three hundred thousand men are involved in the movement, and the increase amounts to about 25 per cent in present wages and about 37 1-2 per cent in overtime pay over that fixed by arbitration and would add one hundred million dollars a year to railway operating expenses.

"It is a matter of common knowledge that the railroads are passing through one of the hardest financial periods in their history," says Vice President Scott, of the S. P. Company. "Something like forty-two thousand miles of line, or approximately one-fifth of the mileage of all the railroads in the country, are even now being operated under receivership. Officers of the brotherhoods have been quoted as saying that unless the present demands are granted, a strike rather than arbitration will be resorted to. What effect this would have on the commerce of the country it is not difficult to imagine. The United States is now entering upon what has been predicted to be an unprecedented condition of prosperity, partly due to the upturn conditions in Europe. Paralysis of the railroads would be paralysis of the country's commerce at a most critical stage."

THIS COUNTRY SOON MUST FINANCE ITSELF

People Should Realize Thrift at Home Is Necessary.

One hundred years ago the first savings bank in the United States was established. The advent of this institution came with the era of commercial and industrial expansion. It came when the population of the United States was only 9,500,000, and there were but 240 banks in the country. By 1820 ten of these savings banks had been established with 8,035 depositors and aggregate deposits of \$1,138,576.

Prosperity came, the people saved and the deposits in these great reservoirs of capital, which now number 2,100, by leaps and bounds increased to enormous proportions. To-day, with our national wealth approximating \$187,000,000,000 and almost one hundred millions of people in the country, we have about \$4,700,000,000 in the savings banks belonging to ten and a half million depositors. This may seem an amazing sum of capital and number of depositors, but when a comparison is made with other countries and a balance is struck it is found the United States is near the end of the list in the percentage of savers to population.

The possibilities for the greater promotion of habits of thrift and saving among people are indeed extraordinary. With remarkable opportunities in the United States for increasing foreign trade; with bumper crops in every section of the country; with gold pouring into the coffers of the banks; with every appearance of unprecedented future prosperity, the fact is apt to be disregarded that the other great commercial nations of the world are involved in a war of frightful destruction and economic waste; that after the war these nations will need funds for reconstruction and the United States will be called upon to supply them; that for some time to come this country will not be able to secure capital, as in the past, from France and Great Britain, for the purpose of carrying on new enterprises. The United States must finance itself.

No fear need be had for the immediate future, but it is inevitable that the time is coming when this country must meet the test of financing practically the entire world. Preparations are being made for defense in the event of war; preparations should also be made for peace. Adequate credit machinery can be developed and perfected, but it will assuredly require a sufficient amount of capital to maintain property and keep in good running condition this credit machinery.

How is this capital going to be secured? Through education; by calling the attention of the people to the lack of thrift in the country, and the beneficial results of practicing thrift; through a systematic nation-wide campaign to promote thrift and saving. It surely is to the interest of all citizens, whether banker or business man, editor or professional man, employer or employee, to be a party to such a movement.

This is the object of the nation-wide campaign instituted the first of the year by the American Bankers' Association.

MINES AND MINING

85 MINE SECOND LARGEST PRODUCER

That the 85 mine of this district is the second largest copper producing mine in the state of New Mexico, was shown in the gross returns as given by the State Tax commission under the Springer-Hawkins law, whereby the net value of the output of each producing mine is taxed as other property.

The 85 Mining Company is assessed with \$762,921.78 as their returns and \$183,689.00 as demined by the Commission. The Grant county levy amounts to 6 mills and the state levy to 3.95 mills, a total of 9.95.

The total gross output of the New Mexico metal and coal mines combined in 1915 was approximately \$22,000,000. The metal output alone was \$15,000,000.

NATIONAL MAKES STRIKE

Steins, N. M.—According to advice just received here from Chicago, Ill., the National Gold and Silver Mining Company has gotten into a foot wide vein of \$250 ore, assaying 466.94 oz. silver and .84 oz. gold.

THREE COPPER CONCERNS

EARN \$11,000,000 NET Net earnings of more than \$11,000,000 for the last three months are shown by the quarterly reports of the Utah Copper Company, the Chino Copper Company and the Ray Consolidated Copper Company. The Utah Copper Company earned a net total of \$6,919,203, and paid dividends amounting to \$2,436,725; the Chino Copper Company, net revenue, \$2,461,716; dividends, \$869,980; Ray Consolidated Copper Company, net earnings, \$1,778,567; dividends, \$777,482.

THE PASSING OF MRS. MARIA LUNDGREN

Mrs. Maria Lundgren died of old age in Deming Friday, having reached the advanced age of 85 years. Before coming here Mrs. Lundgren resided for many years at Steins Pass, N. M., and San Simon, Ariz. Funeral services were held in the Rawson Undertaking Parlors on Silver avenue Saturday afternoon, and were conducted by Rev. Theodore Platt, pastor of the Deming Baptist church. Messrs. Joseph Stump, Prof. J. F. Doderer, A. M. Kelly and R. L. Miller acted as pallbearers. Interment was made in Mountainview cemetery. The deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William Hilt of this city, with whom she made her home.

A REAL ARTIST

There is a talented musician in work for the past many years has been the real foundation of this the Schubert Company, whose noted organization's success. Quietly, unassuming, artistically, she has served her art earnestly from a great love of it. Other aspirants for fame, with but a small portion of her great ability, have made desperate efforts to advertise themselves into renown by the circus methods so obnoxious to all true artists, the while that Lavinia Zentz has been serving the divine muse modestly, loyally and royally. While she is an accomplished instrumentalist, it is the rare depth and rich quality of her phenomenal contralto voice that has endeared her to a multitude of American and Canadian music lovers.

ANIMAS ITEMS

J. N. Isaack's left Friday evening for the county seat to serve on the grand jury.

Mr. Thompson and sons have gone to Silver City to investigate a goat proposition.

Judge O. G. King made a flying trip to the Upper Valley in his Ford last week.

The Woodmen held their regular meeting at the school house on the 26th of last month.

Rufus Wamel, after an absence of two weeks at Hachita and Deming, returned to his ranch in the Valley on the fifth inst.

Bill Burchman was transacting business at the station last Saturday. He was accompanied by Mr. Netherland of the Upper Valley.

Mr. R. S. Burns and son Lafayette, made a trip to Lordsburg Monday, and expect to secure a band of goats.

P. M. Erving and family of China Pond were in town last Wednesday on a shopping trip. Mr. Erving reports the crop prospects in his locality as very favorable.

Mr. Dupuy of Playas Valley was here last week, having purchased a small number of goats from Mr. B. H. Pague. The goats have been taken to the Playas Valley.

Mr. H. E. Dupuy, on returning from his mountain goat ranch to his valley homestead, discovered that a bunch of old resident goats had turned up missing, leaving no trace of their whereabouts. Mr. Dupuy is anxiously hunting the lost flock.

Mr. J. F. Burns returned from a business trip to Silver City on Feb. 20. While there Mr. Burns contracted for a thousand head of goats, and left for them on the 5th inst. He was accompanied by his daughters Carrie and Nettie, and by Mr. Bush Wade.

Since the grass began to show, cattle have left the more nourishing winter growth for the tender shoots, and as a result are not as fat as they were a month ago. However, under normal conditions, all except the old decrepit cows will come through in good shape.

Owing to the heavy snowstorm of last winter and the consequent soaking of the ground, farmers report conditions excellent for a good crop this season, as the recent warm spell has caused many of the fruit trees to bloom, fears are felt that the late frosts may ruin the fruit crop. In the event there being no heavy freezes there will doubtless be a bumper crop of fruit.

New Machine Shop

A new machine shop and blacksmith shop at the west end of the Jones & Burns corral, north of the Espee tracks, is nearing completion. John Paulus is having the building erected, and when finished it will embody a very complete machine welding shop and blacksmith shop, with all the latest equipment.

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