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LARGELY LOCAL.

"These summer days, with burning haze,
I rather wish I were a fish, or say a frog
In some wet bog, with naught to do
The whole day through, but sit and soak,
And soak, and soak, and croak."

Miss Prewitt will be assisted in her recital by some of our best musical talent.

The mosquito is a persistent advocate of the "open door" policy.

Don't forget the courthouse benefit Saturday evening, the 8th.

F. T. Amiot, the Blanco merchant, made a business visit here Saturday.

Dr. E. G. Condit returned Tuesday from a visit to his father, Col. E. C. Condit, at Eureka.

The personal effects of the late Mrs. M. H. Knickerbocker were sold Saturday at public auction.

We are all anxious to see our courthouse furnished. Let us have a good house Saturday evening.

Clay Villman was taking names for the new military organization this week. He has secured over forty signatures.

Dr. J. A. Duff, the surgeon dentist of Farmington, passed several days here this week and left for home Thursday.

A baseball game was played at Cedar Hill between the Aztec second nine and the Cedar Hill team. It was a one-sided affair, resulting in 19 to 5 in favor of the Aztec boys.

Rev. J. A. Lewis requests The Index to state that on Monday, August 17, at 4 o'clock, there will be baptismal ceremonies near Riley Williams'.

Fruit Boxing—Our stock complete, prices right, material best.
G. H. CLARK, Durango.

The dispatches give the news of Pope Leo's successor. Cardinal Sarto, the Patriarch of Venice, has been chosen head of the church. He was born in Riese June 2, 1835.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dyre of Durango, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Libby of Nebraska, were in Aztec Saturday. They visited Farmington and returned home via La Plata.

Call at the yards of The Durango Planing Mill and Lumber company, rear of First National bank, Durango, for sash, doors, moldings, shingles and lumber of all kinds. Mill work a specialty.

Jim, Sol and Byron Baker have started molding brick. They will burn about 150,000. At present there is a scarcity of brick on the market, and they propose to relieve the stringency to that extent.

Jim Goodwin presented The Index a box of luscious, highly flavored, juicy peaches, grown on his ranch. One of them measured 9¼ inches in circumference. They were the Early Crawford, and Mr. Goodwin has a number of these trees on his place.

Last Sunday a party of congenial spirits, with well filled lunch baskets, hied themselves "far from the madding crowd" and ate dinner on the shady banks of the Rio de Las Animas, about nine miles above town. Comments unnecessary.

Al Hubbard of Aztec Saturday sold to C. M. Dyre of Durango the thoroughbred stallion "Billie," half brother to Silver Dick. Billie was three years old the 25th of last March, and is one of the best bred horses in the country. The consideration was $500.

For a fragrant smoke try Baker & Lenfestey's Dry Climate, White House, Havana Pickings, American Popular, or New Porto Rico. If you will smoke, smoke something you can enjoy; something that will not injure. They carry nothing but the best, which accounts for the popularity of The Arcade.

The editor of this paper has been appointed by Gov. Otero as a delegate to the fourteenth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi commercial congress, which will meet in Seattle, Wash., on August 18-21. This will be a very important meeting of the congress and it would afford us a great deal of pleasure to attend, but fear business will prevent.

Last night G. W. Lamberson and Mrs. Maida E. Deichsell were married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. C. G. Brewer, Rev. J. R. Cooper officiating. The bride and groom are well known to all our people for their many sterling qualities. They will make their home at the ranch of the groom, where the well wishes of their many friends follow them.

Baker & Lenfestey keep everything in The Arcade the thirsty desire. Green River whiskey that makes you forget your tired feeling and leaves you without a headache. It is the official goods used for United States navy hospitals and carried off the gold medal at the Paris Exposition. It is put up for medicinal purposes. Large invoice just received.

A Friend to San Juan County.

Senator W. H Andrews of Socoro, New Mexico, who was a member of the Council of the 35th legislative assembly of New Mexico, has sent through Judge Pendleton of Aztec, for distributation among the people of San Juan county, a large number of public documents, including year books of agriculture and other public documents which have been distributed lately. Senator Andrews is the close personal friend of Senator M. S. Quay of Pennsylvania and is also one of the leading factors in the Pennsylvania Development company and the Santa Fe Central Railroad company.

The particular attention that he is paying to San Juan county might indicate two things: One that the Santa Fe Central railroad is coming this way, and another, that Senator Andrews had more to do with influencing Senator M. S. Quay to make the big fight for statehood for New Mexico than any other man or set of men. He is still fighting for statehood, and what Pennsylvania lost when Senator Andrews came west, New Mexico gained.

B. Y. P. U. Lawn Social.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season was given by the B. Y. P. U. last Friday evening in Mr. Current's beautiful maple grove, Vocal solos by Misses Stogsdill, Eblen and Mr. McRee, a reading by Miss Gentry Prewitt, interspersed with selections by the orchestra, made a highly entertaining program. The grove was prettily lighted with Chinese lanterns and the air sweet with the odor of flowers. Pretty maidens, in bewitching caps and aprons, presided at tables, where, beneath the soft glow of shaded lights, glittering silver and glass, with the exquisite floral decorations, combined to make a picture wondrously fair. It would have been an odd and perverse palate not to have enjoyed the ice cream and cake, although the cream must have been of the kind offered to Abraham by Isaac, referred to in Genesis, for it had a decidedly cooling effect. The B. Y. P. U. members are certainly to be congratulated, as they not only proved themselves royal entertainers, but cleared over $40 as well.

A Word For Dr. Breen.

In our last week's issue a news item appeared which would convey the idea that the charges made by Polly Pry against Dr. Breen of the Fort Lewis Indian school had been sustained, hence the dismissal of Dr. Breen as superintendent. The item escaped the eye of the editor, otherwise it would not have appeared. Personally we have always had a high regard for Dr. Breen and his conduct of the Indian school, and have never had an idea that the charges of debauching female students and teachers would or could be sustained, and we are pleased to note from the special agent's report that the charges of immorality were not the grounds upon which Dr. Breen was dismissed. Alcoholism has been the cause of many a man's undoing, and Dr. Breen's dismissal was another instance of the dangers lurking in it.

San Juan County Fair.

The stockholders of the San Juan County Fair association met Saturday evening and elected the following board of directors for the ensuing year: W. H. Williams, J. W. Lair, J. T. Green, Price Walters, George Rathjen, L. Current and Si Cameron.

There was another meeting on Wednesday, when it was decided to call a general meeting of all citizens interested in the fair for Monday, August 10, when it is earnestly hoped the ladies will be present and assist in the arrangement of details.

W. F. P. Munsey will deliver a series of lectures extending through next week. His opening lecture will be at Center school house, Monday evening, entitled, "Concentration of Effort and Singleness of Purpose." "Childhood Days in Old Missouri" will occupy the boards at the Thomas chapel, La Plata, on Tuesday, Flora Vista Wednesday, Center Point Thursday, Cedar Hill Friday and Aztec Saturday. Mr. Munsey is a fluent speaker, excellent enunciator and good delineator of character. You will miss a rare treat if you fail to hear him.

Mrs. Mollie Allen, of South Fork, Ky., says she has prevented attacks of cholera morbus by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when she felt an attack coming on. Such attacks are usually caused by indigestion and these Tablets are just what is needed to cleanse the stomach and word off the approaching attacks of the bilious colic may be prevented in the same way. For sale by Bay & Current.

Delinquent Taxes.

Notice is hereby given that all unpaid taxes for the year 1902 and prior years are delinquent and that I am now preparing a list of all such delinquent taxes for publication, as required by law and that the same will be published as soon as the list is ready.

All persons interested are therefore notified that they can save costs by paying up delinquent taxes at once. Dated at Aztec N. M. this July 15 1903.

W. G. Black. Treasurer & Collector.

Not Over-Wise.

There is an old allegorical picture of a girl scared at a grass-hopper, but in the act of heedlessly treading on a snake. This is paralleled by the man who spends a large sum of money building a cyclone cellar, but neglects to provide his family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a safeguard against bowel complaints, whose victims outnumber, those of the cyclone a hundred to one. This remedy is everywhere recognized as the most prompt and reliable medicine in use for these diseases. For sale by Bay & Current.

A Good Citizen Passes to His Reward.

The residents of Aztec were shocked Thursday morning at the news of the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. John H. Austin, an old time resident and one of Aztec's most highly respected citizens. Mr. Austin had been to Durango, and was taken sick at Cedar Hill Tuesday, arriving home Wednesday forenoon, when a physician was called and found him suffering with inflammation of the bowels. Deceased was born in Henry county, Missouri, August 28, 1841, and died August 6, 1903, at 8.35 a. m., making him 61 years 11 months and 9 days old. He spent the earlier years of his life in his native state, Missouri, removing to Fremont, Colo., 24 years ago and coming to Aztec 15 years ago this fall. December 9, 1876 he was married to Miss Emma C. Sisson, who with their five children, Mrs. Harry E. Dunning, Mrs. Orin B. Randall, John, Allie and Harry Austin, survive him. Mr. Austin joined the church in early life and at the time of his death was a consistant member of the Presbyterian church of Aztec. In his dealings with his fellowmen he was honest and upright, a good citizen and exemplary in his every walk of life. The world is better for John H. Austin having lived in it, and the whole community joins the bereaved family in mourning his loss. The funeral will occur from the family residence today at 2-o'clock p.m.

The Railroad Again.

In Arizona this week was incorporated the Arizona, New Mexico & Colorado Railroad company, with a capital of $5,000,000, to build from Durango, Colo., through San Juan and McKinley counties, to Cochise county, Arizona, there to connect with the Southern Pacific, of which system it will probably be a branch. The recent coal entries in western Soccoro and Valencia counties were made by the same parties who have incorporated this railroad, and indications point to the early development of the western part of New Mexico, which, until recently, has been much neglected despite its great mineral wealth and natural resources. It is planned to extend the railroad later to Guaymas, a harbor on the Pacific coast in Mexico, and when this is done it will open to New Mexico another avenue of trade.—New Mexican.

F. T. Shay of La Plata will arrive here next week and make this his home. He will open a blacksmith shop in the old Williams building.

Recital Saturday evening.

W. B. Auxier, president of the State bank at Bessie, Ok., is spending a few days in Aztec. He came here to look over Aztec, the condition of ranches, stock interests and the county's future prospects, with the idea of starting a bank, but on finding one in full operation here, concluded it could handle all the business. Mr. Auxier is pleased with the country and its lovely climate.

Where We Live.

This office is the recipient of a beautiful pamphlet giving a description of San Juan county, its resources and varied industries. The work is the especial effort of Judge Granville Pendleton, vice-president, and Max Frost, secretary of the bureau of immigration. As the title page indicates, it deals with a section of the sunshine territory that is gaining world wide fame for its fine fruit, an ideal county with plenty of water for irrigation, perfect climate, good markets and a vast area for homesteaders; a large part of the county is underlaid with immense coal seams, prosperous settlements and many fertile farms and orchards. The work is profusely illustrated with halftone cuts. For a copy send to Max Frost, Santa Fe, N. M., or Judge Granville Pendleton, Aztec, N. M.

The ladies are requested to attend the fair meeting Monday evening.

For Sale.

Rev. J. R. Cooper, of Aztec, offers for sale kitchen utensils, dishes, fruit jars, beds, cots bedding, good furniture, including dresser, washstand, lady's writing desk, easel and picture frame. Also garden tools, and many useful articles. One buggy, good as new; double set of harness, complete, with collars; two ponies seven years old, good under saddle. Call and inspect goods. Sales reasonable. All purchases of $5 and above, three months' time, on approved security. See advertisment next week.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that the board of county commissioners of San Juan county, New Mexico, will receive bids for finishing the county court house in Aztec, and for making needed repairs in said court house, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the clerk of said board. Said bids to be delivered to the clerk of the board at the court house in Aztec on or before Saturday, August 28, 1903. The contract will be let to the lowest responsible bidder, the board reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Done by order of the Board of County Commissioners.

[Seal.] JOE PREWITT, Clerk.

Notice of Sale of School Bonds.

Notice is hereby given that I have for sale two bonds, bearing date the sixth day of August, 1903, for $500 each, said bonds bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of January and July of each year. Said bonds are issued by School District No. 14, San Juan county, New Mexico, for the purpose of building a school house. Said bonds being payable at the option of the school district ten years after date, and absolutely due and payable July 1, 1923. That said bonds will be sold to the highest bidder or bidders for cash. No bid of less than 90 cents on the dollar will be considered. Bids on above named bonds will close at 2 o'clock p.m., Monday, August 31, 1903.

Witness my hand, at Aztec, N. M., this 6th day of August, 1903. W. G. BLACK,
Treasurer of San Juan County, N. M.