NEW MEXICO TOWNS

LAS VEGAS.

From the Record.

The county commissioners abated $200 from the tax assessment of Lee Wright on account of his exemption.

It is said that the engagement of two of Las Vegas' prominent young society folks will be announced soon. Now, guess.

Prof. J. Graham McNary and wife have moved from Joshua Raynolds' residence into the Jobe flats, where they formerly resided.

There are several sheep buyers in town just now, but they are unable to do any buying on account of being unable to secure cars to ship in.

Willie, the 7-year-old son of G. H. Closson, on Sunday afternoon, fell out of a back window, a distance of about six feet, striking on his head. At first it was feared that he was seriously injured, but Dr. Bradley soon made him all right.

B. J. Bletham, who is here with the Krause-Taylor company this week, and who played the part of Asa Bice, was formerly special agent for W. A. Givens here when the latter was agent for the Singer Sewing Machine company, some twelve or fifteen years ago.

Mark Moran had a pleasant meeting on Saturday. At Wagon Mound he found his sister and her husband, Thomas Ryan, on their way from Long Island to California, intending to spend the remainder of the winter at Los Angeles. Mr. Ryan is a high up official of the Standard Oil company.

From the Optic.

J. M. Ireland shipped three cars of red front brick to Albuquerque.

Mrs. J. C. Schlott has been housed up with sickness for the past two weeks.

Word comes from El Paso to the effect that Mrs. C. F. Paterson, formerly Miss Willie Mills, was married in that city recently to a Mr. Harner, a member of the prominent undertaking firm there, who is said to be a well-to-do business man.

Dr. F. Knauer, well known here, and still a property owner in this city, and who is approaching his four score years, or thereabouts, writes to friends here that he was married a month ago in San Francisco.

B. F. Forsythe has accompanied his visiting brother, Jesse Forsythe, of Uhrichsville, Ohio, over to Santa Fe to see the sights in the ancient city and visit the legislative halls during the opening sessions of the Thirty-fourth general assembly.

In the election for justice of the peace and constable in precinct No. 51, last week, between Anastacio Lucero and Porfirio Salazar, for constable, there was a tie vote, each receiving 24 votes. It was a contest between the rival villages of Las Dispensas and San Ignacio. A petition has been filed with the board of county commissioners for a new election.

The following named persons were initiated into the Fraternal Brotherhood at the last meeting, Mrs. Emma R. Neidig, supreme vice president of the order, being in charge of the ceremonies: Guy D. Darrow, Charley L. Wilsen, James N. Cook, Mrs. Antonette Jameson, Lydia H. Sullivan, Fred W. Franz, James B. Lowe, Mary Henrietta Nolan, Benjamin E. Eitelgeorge, May W. Selover, W. H. Coleman. Following came an oyster supper, to which ample justice was done by all present.

CARLSBAD.

From the Argus.

A wire from Sheriff Higgins, of Chaves county, announces that he has captured one of the murderers of his brother-in-law, Will Rainbolt, who was shot near Roswell several years ago. He captured Nate Hendricks, the man who did the shooting, at Farmington, S. D.

Attorney W. C. Reid, of Roswell, was in Carlsbad the latter part of last week, representing the railway company in a suit before the justice of the peace. Mr. Reid, who is also assistant United States attorney for New Mexico, has but lately removed from Las Vegas to Roswell. He ranks high as a member of the territorial bar, and his acquisition adds much strength to the legal fraternity of that city.

Cadwell Bros., of Malaga, who recently bought the 160 acres on which that townsite is located, are grubbing and plowing the land preparatory to planting it, next spring, to orchard, grape vines, alfalfa and tomatoes. All the farmers of that neighborhood are planning to plant a good acreage to tomatoes, and Messrs. Cadwell report that they have all arrangements made to start a canning factory near Malaga, this fall, with a daily capacity of 2,000 cans. These gentlemen, by their energy and work, are stirring up the farmers of that section to action that is bound to result beneficially to the entire community.

SAN MARCIAL.

Personal Paragraphs From a Good Southern Town.

Special Correspondence.

San Marcial, Jan. 20.—Mrs. M. E. Bruton returned from El Paso this morning where she has been taking in the carnival for the past few days.

The Santa Fe has made a new office and has added to San Marcial's population one more family, Mr. Beckett, civil engineer.

Mr. McNally returned from Topeka a few days ago, where he has been on company business.

A. B. Baca is in Santa Fe attending to territorial business, where he will be for a few weeks.

Richard McQuillin is on the sick list with a very bad cold in his head.

San Marcial is to be supplied with a new telephone exchange at once. It will connect all the neighboring towns, Clyde, old town and all the smaller villages. It will make another fine enterprise for San Marcial. In connection with the telephone an electric light plant will be erected. San Marcial has long needed an electric light plant.

Mrs. B. W. Cruickshank is acting postmistress in H. H. Howard's absence.

H. H. Howard is in Santa Fe as representative for Socorro and Sierra counties. He will be there for at least two months.

H. Bonem leaves for the east tomorrow morning, where he will take in some of the large cities for a few weeks.

The work on the new Santa Fe depot is to start at once. Some of the new material is here now.

John Christian, a ranchman, who won second prize in the roping contest at the El Paso carnival, returned home this morning. He will leave for his ranch in the morning.

Richard McQuillin has been promoted from night clerk in the depot to be one of Superintendent McNally's clerks and Allie Howard also goes up a little farther, and is now auditor of the wheel report.

James Hitchcock, who has been attending school at Las Cruces, came up last night. He is to take Richard McQuillin's place as night clerk at the depot.

San Marcial was pretty well represented this year at the El Paso carnival.

San Marcial is to have a neatly constructed opera house soon and the people will not have to patronize the old town hall any longer. It will be built on the old site, where the one that burned down a few years ago was situated.

FROM ALGODONES.

People of This Town Feel Good Over Future Prospects.

Special Correspondence.

Algodones, N. M., Jan. 19.—We are at present having a big time. This is the feast of Algodones, and there are a good many people from various parts of the territory here. There is two big dances going on today and there were two last night.

At the election for justice of the peace in this precinct James H. Madden received the unanimous vote and Vitalio Lobato for constable received the same.

There is a report here that the smelter is an assured fact. Mr. Balcomb is jubilant over the news and we all hope that the report is true.

The weather here has been cold and disagreeable for some time.

There is a wedding coming off here on the 26th of this month. Toribio Miera will be married to Margarita Miera, a second cousin of his.

Everybody seems to be in good humor here over the future outlook and we congratulate the metropolis of New Mexico on the future.

DEMING DOINGS.

Some Interesting Local Paragraphs from Windmill City.

Special Correspondence.

Deming, Jan. 21.—Clark & Co. opened their new saloon and wholesale liquor business Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Greer returned home from Chicago last Sunday morning, and Mr. Greer left again for Hachita almost immediately to attend to some cattle shipments being made from there.

Mr. Jastro arrived in town Tuesday and leaves again today for El Paso.

Irvine & Raibel are rapidly getting their new Palace drug store into shape and expect to have their opening within two or three days now.

G. L. Seward and Howard Joss, of San Francisco, are in town looking over the country for a good site for a goat ranch.

Bishop Kendrick held services morning and evening at the Episcopal church last Sunday. He is an interesting speaker and says much in a few words.

Mr. Burdick has leased his ranch for three years and contemplates improving some of his idle property here for rental purposes.

From the Herald.

Mrs. Frank Tyra suffered another hemorrhage the other evening but rallied and is able to be about again.

W. C. Wallis, this week purchased the residence of Mrs. L. R. Gilbert. Consideration $1,000. Mrs. Gilbert will remain here until April 1, when she will remove to Las Vegas.

W. C. Wallis, the well known business man and county commissioner, was appointed chairman of the new county board at its first meeting Saturday. The honor is well deserved.

Bishop J. M. Kendrick, of the Episcopal mission of New Mexico and Arizona held largely attended and interesting services at the Deming Episcopal church last Sunday morning and evening.

A. H. Thompson, the cattle dealer, this week purchased nearly a thousand head of cattle for J. Wiel of California and C. H. Bayless of Arisona. He bought the stock from Messrs. Tomerlin, Birchfield, Holstein and others.

Jim Chancelor, who was arrested at El Paso Friday on information from Sheriff Foster of Luna county, N. M., was released from custody. It appears that Joe Chancelor, a brother, was the person sought.

A young son of Marcelino Delgado, who is the Mexican fiddler, while playing with a lad named Louis Gonzales and a 22 caliber pistol, last Sunday morning, was shot through the flesh part of the right thigh. Dr. Cassels was speedily summoned and dressed the wound and young Delgado will be all right again in a few days. The shooting is said to have been entirely accidental.

SANTA FE.

From the New Mexican.

Letters addressed to Mrs. J. R. Dudley, Golden, Colo., and Miss Anita Davis, are held at the postoffice for better address and postage.

Henry Wurtz died Sunday of stomach trouble. He was 46 years of age, a native of Taos, and leaves a widow. The funeral took place this morning. Mass was said at the cathedral and the remains were interred in Rosario cemetery.

The funeral of Epitacio Gallegos, the county jailer, who was murdered on Sunday evening last, took place this morning. Mass was said at the cathedral and the remains were taken to Rosario cemetery for burial. The funeral was attended by many friends and relatives who mourn his death.

Gwendolyn Morgan, the 5-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Morgan, was burned to death at their home in Joplin, Mo. The little girl is presumed to have attempted to fix the fire and her clothing caught fire. Mr. Morgan was formerly employed in the New Mexican office and sisters of his wife are Mrs. John Hamdel and Miss Nellie Griffin.

Miss Genara Borrego and Elias T. Lucero will be married at the parish church at San Rafael, Valencia county. They are members of well known families of that section and the wedding will be attended by several hundred guests and many relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrill Gaines will leave for the City of Mexico the end of this week. Mr. Gaines has been commissioned by the National Bank of Commerce, of St. Louis, to conduct a special investigation into the conditions of business in Mexico. This will take about six months. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines will visit Paris on their way east.

SILVER CITY.

From the Independent.

Theodore Carter left for Mexico to look after matters concerned with his mining interests there.

Miss Clara Click, a well known Silver City young lady, was married last Wednesday to Joseph M. Walker of Alamogordo.

Miss Mary Ott, who went to El Paso to the carnival, has gone on to Clifton to make a short visit there before returning home.

Probate Clerk Walton took the proof in the entry made by the town of Silver City for the cemetery tract east of the city.

Mrs. L. A. Kirkpatrick, who will take charge of the Ladies' hospital in a little less than a month, left last week for Lake Valley for a short visit there.

Thomas Lyons, who was reported quite ill last week at his home on the Gila farm, is recovering rapidly, his condition not having been as serious as was at first stated.

While returning from the carnival Mrs. A. S. Goodell was unfortunate enough to get a cinder in her eye, from which she has been suffering ever since. The cinder was removed, but the effects are hard to cure.

Robert Golding returned last week from San Antonio, where he had been for some weeks with Mrs. Golding for the benefit of the latter's health. Mrs. Golding is improving slowly and will remain in San Antonio for some time yet.

The new gymnasium has received a donation from Eben Burnside, consisting of a horizontal bar and punching bag. Another meeting was held Friday evening and thirty-six members were present. The apparatus for the gymnasium has been ordered and is expected soon.

The Silver City Beer & Ice comapny has presented the fire department with a check for $25.00. The company made the gift out of gratitude for the service rendered by the fire boys last Tuesday and they stimulate that the money shall be used only for entertaining purposes for the men. The fire boys feel well repaid for the effort they made and wish to thank the company for their generosity and kindness.

FINANCIER ARRESTED.

J. T. Hinds, of the Prescott Realty Company, En Route from Boston in Custody.

J. T. Hinds, former manager of the Prescott Realty company, was arrested in Boston last Saturday, and Sheriff Roberts left Boston with him for Prescott, says the Prescott Journal-Miner.

Hinds is charged with embezzling $731.80 of the funds belonging to the Prescott Realty company, the complainant being D. F. Mitchell, secretary of the company. It is alleged that there is a total shortage on the part of Hinds amounting to $2,400 and other charges will probably be preferred against him. The Realty company acted as agents for one E. D. Sniffen, of New York, who agreed to furnish money for the development of mining claims by a guaranteed bond issue, Sniffens agreeing to undertake the sale of the bonds. The bonds were to run for fifty years and the cost of underwriting the bonds amounted to $179.10 per $1,000. Brokerage commissions and other expenses ran the expense up to about $240.00 on the thousand so that if the scheme proved successful and the bonds were sold the company bonding them would receive a little less than $76,000 on an issue of $100,000. Several companies took advantage of the offer with the assurance from Mr. Hinds that no difficulty would be experienced in the sale of the bonds and the fees collected by the Realty company amounted to about $12,000. Of course only a small portion of this amount belonged to that company, but belonged to the New York end, the Realty company depending upon the sale of the bonds for the bulk of its commission.

It is alleged that Mr. Hinds failed to remit to the New York office the full amount of the fees due it hence this charge.

While many looked upon the proposition with suspicion, the scheme is by no means a new one for financing properties, as it has been practically the custom in vogue in England for some time and is substantially the manner in which big industrial corporations finance their properties. The only trouble in this instance, it is said, is that the guaranteeing trust company did not have the financial standing to commend the bonds to purchasers.

Other developments are likely to follow as there are several companies which have been mulcted for fees.

A special from Boston tells how Hinds had been chased all over the country from city to city and how he had eluded detectives, from which it would be inferred that he was a desperate man.

The fact is that his whereabouts have been known here all the time, as he had been in correspondence with persons in Prescott and when a warrant for his arrest was sworn to, Sheriff Roberts quietly departed for Boston and nabbed him.

It Taught Her a Lesson.

A prominent worker tells a story of a mother who won a silver cup at a euchre party. On displaying the same to the family the next morning, her son, a lad in his teens, confidently told her that he had done better than that by winning $10 at the pool table the night before. She could not condemn the lad, but it taught her a lesson not soon forgotten.

LETTER LIST.

Following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the week ending January 24, 1903:

Ladies' List.

Armijo, Sra Lorenzo A	Hickman, Mrs Edna
Adams, Miss Elizabeth	Huff, Lucy
Baca, Miss Demetria	Lucero, Dona Placida Lucero y
Baker, Mrs	Lucero, Miss Rachel
Cunningham, Mrs Alma	Martin, Miss Elsie
Coleman, Mrs Mary B	Romero, Dona Marilla
Douglas, Mrs Dora	Samora, Miss Maria Celsa
Gutierres, Mrs Rafelita	Thorn, Mrs Albert
Gilman, Mrs Geo	Vankirk, Mrs H C

Men's List.

Allen, Mr	Jones, Capt G M
Abeyta, Louis	Jones, G L
Allen Thos D	Ledoux, Julian
Baca, Jesusita Baca de	Luna, Santos
Barnes, A C	Luna, Luciano
Beaver, Bert S	Lund, Chas O
Bowen, J B	Mez, Aniceto
Barela, Justice Anacio	McCoy, Mark
Baker, F D	Maldonado, J J
Brown, Thos	Nippe, G
Benney, H V	Olivas, Vicente
Bell, E J	Pulti, Carlos
Brucklacher, Gus	Ross, Dr
Brown, B	Robinson, A
Chambers, W E	Rogers, Elias R
Chaves, Mercedes	Sabedra, Nicolas
Chaves, Rufina	Stevens, Chas
Chaves, Francisco V	Sabedra, Dionici
Chaves, Candido	Stoner, Royal
Crawford, L M	Salles, Mias
Dingus, H A	Sutton, Bert
Griffith, S H	Tartaglia, C
Gemmell, William	Varela, Tanislado
Gregson, Martin	Winchell, Albert
Garcia, Desigorio	West, Arthur
Jamarci, Philip	Warden, Bert
Johncock, A L	Wood, Frank W
	Walker, John.
	Great Western Security Co

Persons calling for the above named letters will please say "Advertised," and give the date of publication.

R. W. HOPKINS, Postmaster.

National Guard Affairs.

The resignation of James G. McNary as first lieutenant of the first squadron of cavalry of Las Vegas, has been accepted and second lieutenant E. J. McWenie has been promoted to fill the vacancy. First serveant Ludwig Ilfeld has been promoted to fill the second lieutenancy. The resignation of First Lieutenant Charles Whitney and Second LieutenantRalph L. Goodwin of the first regiment of infantry have been accepted.

H. Blum, of Blum Bros., merchants, at Fairview, Socorro county, is in the city buying supplies.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Brakeman Kelly fell from a car at Fox station, up the road, and fractured a rib.

Engineer Steadway has announced himself as ready for duty once more on the right side of the cab, after several days off talking politics.

Fireman Packard is a new name on the board. He will handle the scoop and manipulate the injector on the mighty moguls between Las Vegas and Albuquerque.

WANT HIGHER WAGES.

Painters, Trainmen and Telegrahers Hot After Railroad Officials.

From Topeka State Journal, Jan. 20.

At a conference held yesterday in the office of the Santa Fe master car builder between the representatives of the painters in the Santa Fe paint shop and a party of officials composed of John Purcell, superintendent of shops, M. Manson, master car builder, and John Hartley, foreman of the paint shop, the painters were given an 8 per cent raise of the wages of about eighty of the men and some concessions concerning the piece work schedules which are to go into effect today.

The first conference that was ever held between the officials and representatives of the painters concerning the matter of a raise in wages was held about three months ago, but nothing definite occurred at that time with the exception that the painters stated their case and their demands, the fulfillment of which was refused by the officials. Ever since that time there has been more or less parleying between them.

The painters' version of the affair is that they asked for a scale of wages that would give every painter in the shop 27½ cents an hour, but they did not get all they asked.

The former scale ranged from 20 cents per hour to 27½. The men who received 20 cents an hour are now receiving 22½. The 22½ men now get 24. The men who were formerly getting 24 will now get 25. Those getting 25 or over were not raised. The men who were getting the least wages are the only ones who will profit by the change. The raises now make the scale of wages range from 22½ cents per hour to 27½.

Settle Trainmen's Demands.

It is reported that a settlement of the demand of the O. R. C. and the B. R. T. for a 20 per cent increase in wages is expected within a week.

Compromise on 12½ per cent increase is now said to be under consideration. The employes are holding out for more. It is stated that the railway officials are willing to pay the 12½ per cent.

That some speedy termination of the pending negotiations is expected is indicated by the fact that the brotherhood committees are still in session in Topeka, and announce their intention of staying here until their demands are complied with. At Los Angeles, the committee has camped down in very much the same way, and is giving it out that it proposes to stay in session until the Santa Fe coast line officials agree to the proposed increase.

Meantime the scene of the negotiations in in Chicago. There is some mystery about the Chicago situation, as it is not known exactly how the negotiations are progressing, or whether the employes are treating with the General Managers' association, or with the operating officials of the various railways, or with select committees representing the general managers.

General Manager H. U. Mudge went west Sunday, so it is evident that nothing is expected from him by the committee in session here. Third Vice President J. W. Kendrick is said to be representing the Santa Fe in the Chicago negotiations.

The employes are represented at Chicago by Grand Chief Conductor Clark of the O. R. C. and Grand Master Morrisey of the B. R. T.. A committee is also there selected from the chairmen of the various local organizations. The general belief is that these representative employes are negotiating with the various railway officials as individuals and it is not impossible that there will be a difference in the per cent of increase granted to different roads.

Telegrapher Denies Statement.

In spite of the emphatic denials of the officials of the Santa Fe telegraph department, there are some things which indicate that the operators are dissatisfied with the wages that are being paid, and are trying to find some way out of the dilemma, which the Santa Fe's refusal to treat with the O. R. C. has caused.

A Santa Fe telegraph operator, who refuses to allow his name to be published, said today:

"The statement made in regard to the wages paid to the Santa Fe telegraphers is incorrect. Either the superintendent does not want to admit the facts, or else he is trying to fool the newspapers. The Union Pacific now, and has for several years, paid their operators better than the Santa Fe, their minimum now being $55 on their new schedule. On their old schedule it was $50, while the Santa Fe minimum is now and has been for years $45. There may be a few men in the Santa Fe general offices or in larger offices who receive better salaries than those on the Union Pacific, but as a whole the Santa Fe telegraphers are not in it."

If there is a general sentiment that the Santa Fe telegraphers are not getting money enough it will not take long for them to follow the fashion of the day and ask for more pay.

William C. Brown, under whose personal direction the great frieght blockade on the Lake Shore road was recently broken, is the general manager of the road and has few equals as an executive railroad man, a fact which his recent remarkable performance amply attests. Mr. Brown had to solve a blockade which reached from Chicago to Buffalo. In twenty-four hours, under his generalship, the army of trainmen and yardmen handled no less than 14,000 cars, thus clearing the tracks. It was a performance unique in railroad history.

SAY IT IS UNSAFE.

Santa Fe Trainmen Object to Steep Cajon Hill.

Among the grievances which will be presented by the Santa Fe committeemen now in Los Angeles, when they are permitted an audience, will be one asking that all freight trains be limited to thirty cars, says a dispatch from San Bernardino.

This is a blow dealt at sensational occurrences which have taken place on the Cajon grade just north of here, and which have never appeared in print.

The Cajon is noted for its heavy grade and curves, and as a most dangerous mountain in case of runaways. Despite all of this, it is claimed that the Santa Fe has, for the past several months been running trains over twice the length demanded by safety. As many as thirty-eight cars are said to have been sent down the hill with but six brakes to brake twenty cars. As a result, time after time freights which have received orders to stop at a little station at the foot of the grade, known as Verdemant, have been unable to brake the cars and, as a result, have run half a mile past the siding. As yet, no accidents have occurred, but the great danger of a terrible collision may readily be realized.

The danger which is most vital to the trainmen, is the possibility of the train running away on the grade, owing to the insufficient brake power. Though not until now published, an entire train crew was let out five weeks ago because they refused to come down the hill on what they considered to be an unsafe train. Five of these men are still out and their case will be included in the grievance.

Rather an amusing side of the incident came up in the Los Angeles office of General Manager Wells, when these men were called upon the carpet.

"I'd like to say," said one of the brakemen, "that the boys are all going to kick if those frieght aren't fitted out with parachutes."

"Why do they want them?" asked the general manager.

"Oh, so we can jump off the side of the hill when the brakes begin to slip."

The balloons have not arrived, and now the Los Angeles committeemen will request that the dangerous trains be cut in two.

Again the boys of the fire department of the local shops are rewarded for the heroic work they did at the Baldridge fire, which occurred a few weeks ago. This time Mr. Baldridge presents them with a check for a neat sum, and also buys a few tickets to the firemen's ball, which is to occur on February 17 at Colombo hall.

PARK SUCCEEDS HILLYER.

He Is New Chief Clerk to Mechanical Superintendent Joughins.

Andrew Park, chief clerk to Division Master Mechanic Harlow of the Valley division of the Santa Fe, has been appointed to the chief clerkship in the office of Mechanical Superintendent Joughins, of the Coast lines, made vacant by the resignation of Harry Hillyer, says the San Bernardino Sun.

He will arrive from the north tomorrow and enter upon his new duties Monday. Owing to the fact that Mr. Joughins will have moved to Los Angeles by the first of next week it is not likely that Mr. Parks will locate here, even for a day. He will spend one day visiting here with his brother, Engineer Parks, of the Santa Fe, and with old time friends, for Mr. Parks is no stranger to San Bernardino. A number of years ago, when Mr. Hillyer was chief clerk in the office of the division master mechanic in this city, Mr. Parks was his assistant. From here he was promoted to the chief clerkship, with the division office in Needles, and from there to a similar position in Point Richmond with Division Master Mechanic Harlow. This last office he has filled up to the present time. He is one of the most capable men in the employ of the Santa Fe, either on this or the eastern end of the system, and will be thoroughly acquainted with the duties which he is about to assume. During his residence in San Bernardino he was as he is now, a prominent lodge man and as a result claimed many friends. He is a past master of Phoenix lodge No. 178, A. F. and A. M. He has been appointed to the clerkship because of his seniority in service and unquestioned ability as a railroad man. Since leaving here he married and has one child.

Mr. Hillyer will remain with the company for some days, or until after the "moving" is over with, and matters get to running smoothly in the new quarters in Los Angeles.

He was at Las Vegas.

M. C. Stewart, sheriff of Eddy county, who was in the city yesterday on official business, left last night for his home by the way of Albuquerque and El Paso. Mr. Stewart has made quite a reputation as a terror to evil doers. It was he who three years ago at the Parker well, in Dona Ana county, arrested four horse thieves, one of whom proved to be a member of the Dalton gang, and for capturing whom Mr. Stewart received $600 from the state of Texas. It was he, also, who identified Tom Ketchum, the train robber, who was subsequently hung for his crimes. Yet Mr. Stewart is a mild and pleasant gentleman, with nothing of the "bad man" about him.—Record.

G. W. Patterson, the Western Union operator at Las Vegas, who was operated on last week, is reported as getting along nicely with a very good chance of recovery.

WHO'S BUYING SANTA FE?

496,100 Shares Have Suddenly Changed Hands.

In nine days 496,100 shares of Santa Fe common stock have been sold in New York and the price has advanced from 84⅞ to 88¾. One day last week 114,100 shares were sold at 88½. The next day 76,600 shares were disposed of for 88⅝. The next day 89,000 shares changed hands.

Santa Fe officials hardly know what to say on the subject, except that there are rumors that the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific people are trying to buy the control of the Santa Fe. The Rock Island, like the Santa Fe, is not tied up in any combine such as control the Gould, Hill and Harriman lines. Both are strong and aggressive corporations. Each has lines between Chicago and Denver and El Paso. The Santa Fe, by reason of its Chicago and San Francisco and Los Angeles lines, has the stronger position of the two.

It is announced from Cornish, I. T., that the contract for grading the Rock Island branch from Waurika, Oklahoma, to Ardmore, I. T., has been let at Waurika to Ware Bros., who graded the new extension from Lawton to Waurika. Work has begun.

ONION CULTURE.

Bulletin on Subject Issued by College of Agriculture.

The "new method" of onion culture, which is the growing of onions from plants started in a seed bed and transplanted to the field, is becoming more popular and is more extensively practiced in other sections of the country. The operation of transplanting onions is slow, and usually considered an expensive one, and the inexperienced onion grower is liable to think it is too laborious and not a paying proposition. But as a matter of fact it is no more expensive than the thinning out and transplanting of the vacant spots of onions started in the field. It is slow work to thin out the small onions and leave in place, at the proper distance in the row, the plants that are to be left without disturbing them. If the onions are quite thick, or have come up in bunches, and if the soil is at all hard or sticky, the thinning is still slower and more expensive. The onions, which are transplanted in the vacant spots in the rows make the fields look uneven. This is due to the transplanted onions not recovering for some time from the operation while the plants left intact in the rows continue to grow and consequently their growth is larger. This unevenness of growth, while not a serious drawback, does not occur in a field where all the onions have been transplanted.

As stated in press bulletin No. 69, the results of last year's work with onions at the station show that it was cheaper to transplant from the seed bed than to thin the onions grown in the field and transplanted in the vacant spots. A plat of one-tenth of an acre was transplanted with onions grown in a cold frame. The rows were 300 feet long by 15 inches wide, with the onions four inches apart in the row, making 900 onions to the row, or 9,000 to the plat. The onions were irrigated immediately after transplanting. The cost of transplanting this plat of 9,000 onions onions amounted to $2.95. This included the cost of the first irrigation, bringing the onions fro mcold frame to the field, and the dropping of them about the proper distance in the row. It was observed that better time could be made by having a man drop the onions a little in advance of the man setting them. At this rate it would cost $29.50 to transplant an acre, or 90,000 onions. The thinning and transplanting in the vacant spots of a similar plat cost $4.10. The estimated cost of thinning an acre would be $41, practically one-fourth more than in the former case.

The distance to plant onions varies, but the most common one (when hand culture is practiced) seems to be from 12 to 15 inches between the rows and from 4 to 4½ in the row. any of the authorities on onion-growing give 100,000 to 140,000 onions to the acre.

Onions are very expensive to grow, but, as a rule, they are one of the best paying crops. The following is the cost of growing one-tenth of an acre of onions at the station last year:

Plowing and leveling land....	$ 30
Marking and bordering land..	20
Transplanting	$ 2 95
Cultivating and irrigating.....	2 90
Harvesting, topping and hauling	2 95
Seed	35
Growing seedings, or sets, about	1 65
Total cost of plat.....	$ 10 70
Estimated cost of one acre..	$107 00

This plat produced 1,185 pounds, which was quite low. The low yield was largely due to the crop being set out so late in the season and partially to the hard adobe soil in which the onions grew. It is believed that by starting the crop earlier the yield can be materially increased, and the cost of production can also be reduced. The onions were sold in the local market at 2 1-3 cents per pound. The crop sold for $27.65, which, after deducting the cost of production, gave $16.95 profit. At this price the estimated cost per acre would be $169.50.

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