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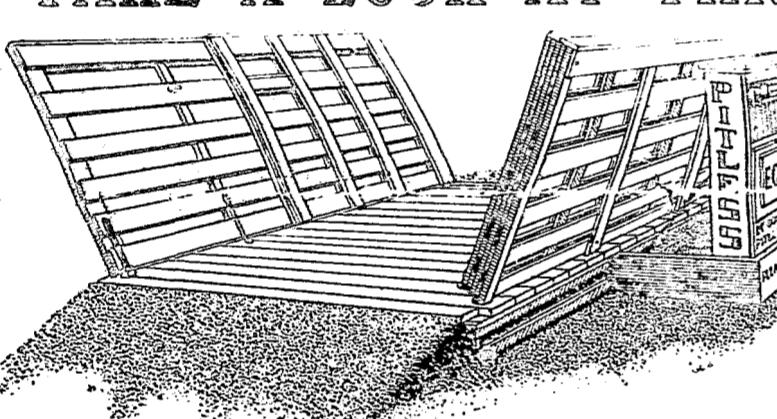
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OIL WELL IS SHOT

Expert Perry Thinks the Well Will Produce Ten Barrels of Oil Per Day

The well of the Roswell Oil Co. was shot Saturday night, the explosive used being nitro-glycerine. The result, while not definitely determined yet, is encouraging. The opinion of the expert the well will yield at least ten barrels of low grade fuel oil per day. The explosive had been mixed near Artesia, by Mr. Perry, assistant to Mr. McNeill, of that place, and placed in a rig and thus hauled to the well. The start was made from Artesia Saturday morning at 6 o'clock, and the outfit arrived at the well at 3 o'clock. Work was at once started on being the charge. The charge, as it was hauled, was in cans of about three gallons. It was necessary to place this in torpedoes, which were then lowered into the well by a wire cable, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter. There were eight of these torpedoes used, one big one, three inches in diameter and thirteen feet long, and seven smaller ones, each two and a half feet long and seven inches in diameter. Although the well is 1,800 feet deep, the best oil sand was found to extend from 1,183 feet to 1,228 feet, and the well had been plugged at this depth, and it was here the charge was placed.

The work of placing the 120 quarts of explosive in the torpedoes was especially dangerous, and had to be done so carefully that it was seven o'clock before the last one had been placed in the required position. A test shot was made of a small portion of the explosive, and the detonating report and flying dirt in the air showed the great power of the nitro-glycerine.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the spectators left before the well was shot, and it was exactly 8:25 when the explosion occurred. A vast explosion by a time fuse lowered down to the charge. When the exploded, setting off the nitro-glycerine, a huge column of water was thrown out of the well, going away above the rigging, and sending the screws in every direction. After this the empty cans, and several quarts of the explosive, which had been left over were shot. This made a deafening report, much louder than the big shot, and was heard for some miles away from the well.

It is the intention of those behind the project drilling, to go on with the exploration work and to finish the well of the Home Oil company and perhaps other wells. The situation across the river is certainly encouraging enough to justify this, and the people of Roswell may yet have gushers of oil at their very doors.

There is some six hundred feet of water in the oil well, at the present time, and an effort will be made to cut this off. Mr. Perry believes this water comes up from deep down in the well, and will plug the well above where he believes this water comes in. The presence of this water may hold back a larger volume of oil and gas than at present is indicated at the top of the well.

UP AND DOWN THE BORDER.

The gentleman from Artesia county was not a member of the legislature, but he attended the sessions with great regularity, and had many experiences during his stay in Santa Fe. He gained much experience, and is wiser than he was last fall. Perhaps his most thrilling experience occurred a few nights before the legislative adjourned, and it was not at the capitol building. He was taking a walk by himself with only the light of the crescent moon to guide his steps. His thoughts were of the Pecos Valley, where the Artesian wells give, and he paid little attention to his surroundings. Suddenly he realized he was looking down the muzzles of a couple of full grown sixshooters, and was being invited to throw up his hands, which he promptly did. The hold-ups relieved him of his watch, his roll, and the stick pin in his tie. On closer examination one of them became enamored of his overcoat, and he was invited to take it off, which he did. The suit of clothes he had looked good to the other, and he was told to get out of them, which he did. It was then observed that he was wearing a fine suit of silk underclothes, and he was relieved of them, in fact, stripped to the buff. The hold-ups warned him not to move or give an alarm for at least five minutes, or he would be killed, and started away. One of them turned his head to see how his victim was standing and noticed that he had not got all. He rushed back and with a grab and a pull detached the porous plaster on his victim's leg. There was something familiar about this last touch that deprived him of his last possession, yet he could not locate it exactly. However, his curiosity was aroused, and he inquired and asked his captives: "Are you fellows members of the council, or the house?" —Lordsburg Liberal.

Charging that our country is cursed with all the evils and miseries that flow from the hands of the national government at the expense of San Juan county, New Mexico, have begun a movement to get annexed to Colorado. A petition to the Colorado legislature, asking that the territory be annexed to that end, is now being circulated, and it is said will be signed by every citizen in the county. San Juan county comprises 1,450,000 and has a population of 7,500 exclusive of Indians. The county seat is Aztec. According to reports received here the citizens of the Pecos Valley are planning a like movement to annex their country to the state of Texas. —Tucuman News.

Messrs. W. F. Buchanan, W. A. Jackson and Taylor have just closed the deal for the sale of the Cabra Springs ranches to W. H. Stickmier and A. L. Parsons of Freeport, Ill., who will settle German colonists on it immediately. There are 62,901 acres of the ranch and sold for \$2-75 per acre, or 171-977-75. The ranch is in San Miguel and Guadalupe counties about 45 miles from this city. —Tucuman News.

The new firm of Gatewood & Armstrong has flung its shingle to the breeze, that being the name of

the latest legal talent combination in Eddy county. Mr. Gatewood who is now of Roswell is too well known as the leading criminal lawyer of the west, to require especial mention and the suave and politic county judge J. W. Armstrong of Eddy county is also quite generally regarded as a gentleman of brilliant acumen and undoubted integrity. Such a combination as this should be a winner, for Gatewood can always be depended upon to furnish the extreme in legal talent, while we all know that Armstrong's honesty is unquestioned. —Caldwell Sun.

The total amount of taxes which were levied in the county of Roswell for last year was \$40,238.18. Of this amount the different funds or purposes for which the tax was made is as follows:

Territorial purposes	\$14,860.32
General county fund	4,307.26
Court expenses	1,337.26
Interest on county bonds	1,857.54
School purposes	2,122.90
Road fund	796.08
Cattle Sanitary	691.98
Sheep Sanitary	69.39
Wild animal bounty	1,710.50
School districts	5,379.52
Fractional gain	10.50
Total	\$40,238.18

The business office and main storage room of the Portales Grain and Coal company, including all contents and the camp house and coal bins were destroyed by fire last Wednesday evening. The loss of goods exclusive of the buildings is estimated by the company to be over \$5,500. There was \$2,000 insurance on the goods and \$1,000 insurance on the buildings. The loss of building is about \$2,000.

Chertan predicts that No. 10 will soon be connected by telephone with the cities of Lincoln and the towns in the Pecos Valley. The prediction is worth remembering.

Last Wednesday night destroyed the round house, shops, and store houses of the Pecos & Southwestern located at Caldwell, on a long class of between \$25,000 and \$30,000 fully covered by insurance.

Lake Arthur Plaster Cement company has been formed of Lake Arthur business men, who are to erect a cement plant, mill either at Lake Arthur or on their own land that lies 1-1/2 miles from town. If the former the mill will be hauled to town on a tramway. The following gentlemen were the incorporators: B. B. Moots, J. H. Kingston, Joe J. Boyd, E. C. Jackson, M. O. Becker, C. F. Matthews, G. B. Crippen, M. W. Evans and Guy McMeal.

The April term of the district court convened here Monday by Judge Wm. H. Pope. Both the criminal and civil dockets are reported to be very light, there being no criminal cases of very much importance. Deputy Clerk J. A. Early informs us that one reason why the docket is so light is the good work Judge Pope has done by disposing of a good many of the less important cases during vacation. This county is now in good shape relative to court, as it has at least \$5,000 on hand to pay the expense of this term. Still we had a term of court last April and one last October. These facts are pertinent from the fact that in this territory court can not be held unless there is money on hand to pay the expenses and when the funds are exhausted the court stops. There were twenty-seven grand jurors and thirty-four petit jurors subpoenaed for this term of court. —Portales Times.

Somebody stole 1,000 sheep from the Blue Spring ranch south of Carlsbad on Feb. 27, and a reward of \$500 each are offered for the men and the thieves.

The Avalon dam, near Carlsbad, recently taken over by the reclamation service, has been completed and water was turned into the canal Monday. This water will save large tracts of farm lands and orchards from impending ruin.

The Farwell syndicate announces that it proposes to expend \$100,000 in the improvement of the town of Farwell, recently located near Texico.

Base Ball at the New Park.

Two games of base ball will be played at the new park tomorrow and Saturday afternoons, between the Roswell and Institute teams. Tomorrow's game will be called at 2 o'clock and Saturday's at 3 o'clock.

Hester will be in the box for the cadets and Caldwell and Chinn for Roswell.

A business men's club was organized at Kenna Saturday night, with twenty-two members. J. P. McCormick was elected president, and J. M. Hughes secretary. The town is growing rapidly.

Eddy County Made Artesian District 2.

Executive office, Santa Fe, N. M. Whereas, Under the provisions of Section 6, Chapter 17, of the laws of 1905, the acting governor of the Territory of New Mexico did on April 12, 1905, create an artesian well district to consist of the counties of Chaves, Eddy and Roosevelt, and did appoint an artesian well supervisor for the district so created, and

Whereas, Under Section 6 of the said Act it is provided that the Governor of the Territory of New Mexico may from time to time as he sees fit, or shall upon the request of five per cent of the qualified voters of any county or counties, create artesian districts consisting in each case of not less than one or more than four adjacent counties; and

Whereas, By a petition dated October, 1906, five per cent of the qualified voters of the county of Eddy, Territory of New Mexico, have filed a petition to create an artesian district consisting of the county of Eddy alone, known as Artesian District No. 2.

Now, therefore, I, H. J. Hagerman, Governor of the Territory of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby in response to said petition, abolish the artesian district now known as Artesian District No. 1 consisting of the counties of Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt, and do create two artesian districts as follows:

Artesian Well District No. 1, to consist of the counties of Chaves and Roosevelt.

Artesian Well District No. 2, to consist of the county of Eddy.

And I do hereby appoint W. A. Wilson, of Chaves county, N. M., Artesian Well Supervisor of said Artesian Well District No. 2. This order shall become effective on the first day of April, 1907, and the terms of said Supervisor shall expire the 1st day of April, 1909.

Done at the Executive Office this 1st day of April, A. D. 1907. Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of New Mexico. Signed: H. J. HAGERMAN, Governor.

Albuquerque Needs It.

We want that automobile line from this place to Roswell. Albuquerque needs it in her business. The eight thousand dollars is required to get it would bring us results worth many times that sum. The gentleman who is at the head of the enterprise is perfectly reliable. His name is a sufficient guarantee that he will do all that he agrees to do. But above and beyond that is the fact that he does not ask us to pay him a cent till the road is put in condition, and the cars are making regular trips twice a day between Albuquerque and Roswell. History is full of the accounts of individuals and communities that have been left to mourn the loss of neglected opportunities, and Albuquerque will not be herself in that class if she fails to take advantage of the pending proposition, and improve the present opportunity.

It is well known that the eastern portion of this territory, including the Pecos valley, is growing more rapidly than any other section of the southwest, and in a very few years the trade of that section will be worth a great deal more than that of any other like area within commercial reach of Albuquerque. But so far as business is concerned all that right and valuable section is a sealed book to this town, and is likely to remain so until a proper effort is put forth on our part. We ought to have a railroad to Roswell, but that is a bigger thing than we can handle, and the next best thing is a good, reliable auto line, capable of carrying passengers, mail and express matter from the one place to the other in a few hours. And that is well within our reach. We can get it by putting forth an effort so slight that it is hardly worth considering. The gentlemen of the Boosters' Club can raise all the money required in half a day, and not work hard at that. But if we sleep on our opportunity we are likely to lose it. All the business men in the Pecos Valley section of the territory now lead toward El Paso, and if we do not do something to turn the attention of the people in this direction, those trails will soon become well worn highways, and then it will be too late for us to change them. But at present our chance is going. With first-class auto coaches leaving each town every morning and coming in every evening, carrying passengers, mail and express matter from the one place to the other in a few hours, the people of the two towns would soon get acquainted, and be drawn together, and their business relations would improve every day. There should be no more delay about this matter. The line should be secured at once. —Albuquerque Journal.



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MAY BE ANNEXED TO COLORADO.

That Colorado within the next two years is to be enriched by the addition of a territory containing 1,500,000 acres of valuable farming land is a probability. The people of San Juan county, N. M., have memorialized the Colorado legislature asking that, with the consent of congress, this county be detached from the territory and be added to Colorado. The memorial has been adopted by both houses of the general assembly.


A. M. Edwards, an attorney of Farmington, N. M., has been attending the session of the legislature armed with a petition signed by 1,000 of the 1,200 voters of the county, and his efforts have been crowned with success. It now only devolves upon congress to authorize the transfer, and the people of San Juan county, N. M., between daybreak and twilight will find themselves lying in Orchard county, Colorado, for this is to be the name of the new domain. Colorado already possessing a San Juan county. —Denver News.

Governor Hagerman has appointed W. G. Hamilton a regent of the New Mexico Military Institute in place of W. M. Reed, whose term has expired. Mr. Reed's duties call him away from Roswell the greater part of the year and he was not an applicant for reappointment. Mr. Hamilton's selection meets with general approval.

Mrs. Parker Earle has returned from an extended visit on the Pacific coast.

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authorizing the Board of Regents of the New Mexico College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts to lease certain land to the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association.

House Joint Resolution No. 7, appropriating the sum of \$4,198 for salaries of interpreters, translators and contingent expenses of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly, and the sum of \$3,064 for salaries of interpreters, translators and contingent expenses of the Council of the said Legislative Assembly.

Council Bill No. 51, "An act to provide for the filling of vacancies in county offices in the Territory of New Mexico," and providing that hereafter when any vacancy occurs in any county office in the Territory, other than a vacancy in the office of county commissioner, it shall be the duty of the Register, City Commissioners to fill such vacancies.

Council Bill No. 127, "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend certain provisions of Chapter 45 of the Session Laws of 1905,' relative to the practice of dentistry."

Council Bill No. 104, "An act relative to civil procedure."

Council Bill No. 80, "An act entitled an act defining the duties of the treasurer of New Mexico with reference to the issuing, sale and delivery of certain bonds authorized to be issued and sold, by Chapters 6, 7, and 9 of the acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico," and for other purposes.

Council Bill No. 120, "An act providing for the reimbursement of W. E. Martin, clerk of the Third Judicial District of the Territory of New Mexico for expenditures made on account of deputy district clerks in said district."

Council Bill No. 76, "An act to amend Section 3448 of the compiled laws of 1897, in English and Spanish."

Council Joint Resolution No. 2, to supply members of the Council House of Representatives with Laws of 1899, 1901 and 1903, and a copy of the Journal of 1905 and of the respective Houses.

Council Joint Memorial No. 1, addressed by the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior requesting him to restore certain agricultural lands in San Juan County to entry.

Council Bill No. 1, "An act to amend Chapter 116 of the Laws of the Thirty-sixth Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico," relative to the drawing of jurors.

House Joint Resolution No. 5, providing for the payment of employees and the contingent expenses of the Legislature.

Council Bill No. 27, "An act for the relief of the County of Torrance."

House Bill No. 13, "An act to amend Section 255 of the Compiled Laws of 1897, relative to Territorial depositories."

House Substitute for Council Bill No. 21, "An act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 2 of the Session Laws of 1903, relative to admission to the Institute for the Blind."

House Bill No. 102, "An act repealing Section 1241, 3439, 3440 and 3447 of the Compiled Laws of New Mexico of 1897 and for other purposes," relative to costs of witnesses in civil cases.

Council Bill No. 50, "An act in reference to the qualifications of voters."

House Substitute for House Bill No. 74, "An act for the improvement of the Rio Grande."

Amended House Bill No. 53, "An act to amend Section 2402, Sub-Section 18, of the Compiled Laws of 1897," relative to laying of railroad tracks in corporate limits.

House Bill No. 126, "An act amending Section 2 of Chapter 7 of the Laws of 1905, relative to exemptions from Jury Service."

Amended House Bill No. 142, "An act providing appellate procedure in civil and criminal cases."

House Bill No. 155, "An act for the relief of the County of Otero and other counties."

House Bill No. 173, "An act creating three Armory Boards of Control and providing for the construction of armories in the cities of Santa Fe, Silver City and Las Cruces."

House Bill No. 191, "An act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 7 of the Laws of 1905," relative to stone arch in the Plaza of Santa Fe."

House Bill Number 199, "An act to amend Chapter 124 of the Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico and for other purposes."

House Bill No. 222, "An act amending an act entitled 'An act for the relief of the County of Torrance,' approved February 28, 1907."

House Bill No. 225, "An act entitled, 'An act appropriating additional funds for the improvement of the Rio Grande in Rio Arriba County.'"

Council Bill No. 48, "An act to prohibit gambling in the Territory of New Mexico."

House Bill No. 125, "An act amending Chapter 101 of the acts of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, 1905, relating to the National Guard of New Mexico."

Council Bill No. 123, "An act providing a limitation for actions on municipal bonds and coupons."

Council Bill No. 105, "An act to construct an addition to the present Capitol Building."

Council Bill No. 125, "An act to provide for paying salaries and expenses of the Board of Water Commissioners, and for other purposes."

Council Bill No. 108, "An act amending an act entitled 'An act to amend Section 255 of the compiled laws of 1897, relative to the Territorial depositories,' approved March 15, 1905."

Council Bill No. 111, "An act for the relief of the different counties of the territory, with relation to delinquent taxes."

Council Bill No. 125, "An act to amend the act of the other day of the Defacto Municipality of Gallup, and for other purposes."

Council Bill No. 98, "An act repealing Section 8, Chapter 48, of the Session Laws of 1903, for protection of fish in irrigation ditches."

Council Bill No. 53, "An act extending all of the provisions of sections 2304, 2305, Compiled Laws of 1897, of sections 6 and 7, Chapter 39, relative to the duties of a justice and auditor."

Council Bill No. 54, "An act amending sections 6, 7, 8 and 9, Chapter 34, Session Laws of 1903, relative to the duties of traveling auditor."

Council Bill No. 56, "An act placing the County of Sandoval in the First District as established by district attorney purposes by Chapter 33, Session Laws 1905, and fixing the time for holding court in Sandoval county."

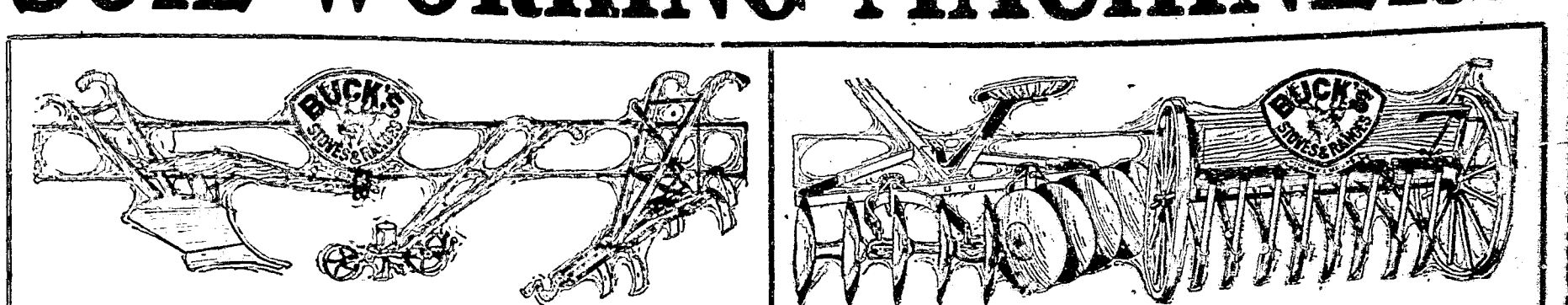
Council Bill No. 59, "An act to amend Section 10 of Article 4, of an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the town of Silver City in Grant County.'"

Council Bill No. 64, "An act relating to the qualification of witnesses."

Council Bill No. 105, "An act to provide for the payment of expenses in new counties."

Council Joint Resolution No. 6, "Providing and endorsing the ob-

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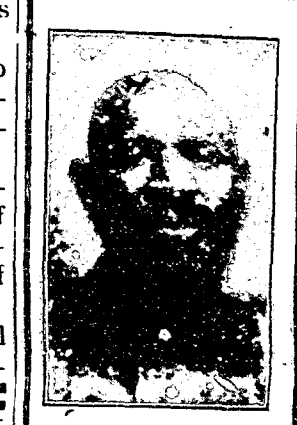
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