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Eddy, New Mexico.
From the Diego (N. X.) Farmer.
It may be of interest to the friends of those in this county that have made purchases, and taken up a residence at Eddy, New Mexico, to learn the fact that a railroad through the Pecos River Valley is assured. Only a few years ago the Eddy Bros. resolved to open up a ranch in connection with the one they were running in Colorado, in a warmer climate, for the purpose of breeding cattle, and driving the males to Colorado to fatten.

J. A. Eddy went down to Southern New Mexico prospecting. He finally purchased a ranch with the stock, on the Pecos, near where the town of Eddy is now situated. It is an arid country, and none more forbidding for agricultural purposes, either in the old or new world, without irrigation, than that. They soon discovered what was necessary to make it one of the most productive and attractive sections of the United States, as it possessed the best soil and the finest climate, and they have succeeded in raising means and completing the immense enterprise of irrigating canals and dams, at an outlay of over \$1,000,000.

A woman from New York, who has recently visited that section, and published an article in one of the journals, says: "The territory of New Mexico is rapidly rising in importance. It is a desolate looking land, without grass or trees; its adobe huts of the same color with the reddish brown soil upon which they seem to have fallen, without a shrub or plant, or a bit of green award to give a home-like feeling. Yet that arid desert soil produces by hand-fuls wherever it is touched by water. Olives six and eight inches, and beats a foot in diameter, with all the tropical fruits, and other crops, may be raised in abundance. English capitalists are putting their money into irrigation, understanding that water is wealth in that land. The altitude from two to seven thousand feet above the sea makes it a natural sanitarium. Tides of immigration must pour upon it their possibilities and their needs." A new county has been formed, bearing their name, and now the town of Eddy, the county seat, but little over one year old, is growing up like magic, with their \$25,000 hotel completed, bank building and three churches in progress of building, business blocks, etc. All this is being accomplished at a distance of nearly one hundred miles from a railroad, from whence all the materials have to be drawn. Some two months ago Mr. C. B. Eddy was in New York, and made a short visit at the old home-stead in Millford.

Mainly through his efforts the Pecos Valley railroad has been brought to a successful issue. The company was organized, the means provided for, the contract let, the work already commenced and the road to be completed to Eddy by November, 1st. Already a large amount of rails and other materials have arrived. The road is to run to Roswell, one hundred miles north of Eddy and thence to connect with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad. Sidney Dillon, of New York, heads the list of directors. The road is independent of any of the great trunk lines. This of course has created an immense boom in the new town, and real estate is advancing rapidly.

The prediction of Jay Gould when in that vicinity recently that the town of Eddy would have a population of 10,000 within three years may be fulfilled. One of the most commendable features connected with this new town, is the fact that it is now and forever must be a strictly prohibition town. Every original conveyance has a clause prohibiting the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors, as a beverage on the premises, and for a violation of same the property reverts back to the original owners. The same rule was adopted at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Contrary to the predictions of many who prophesied that a town could not

be built up under those restrictions, it has the effect to draw the very best class of citizens. Especially parents raising a family of sons, consider it a safe place to rear them. They escape the temptation to the terrible vices and dissipation that exists in nearly all new frontier towns.

Irrigation in the Southwest.
Important operations for reclaiming the arid lands of the southwest are under way. It is not easy for eastern people to comprehend their magnitude, says Bradstreet's Hay, for example, can the statement be grasped that New Mexico has 39,289,722 acres now unoccupied which water can make suitable for agriculture? This is almost one-fourth as much again as the whole area of New York. New Mexico, all told, now has fewer people than any one of a score of our cities, and is popularly supposed to be a vast desert, and yet it is confidently asserted that in less than half a century this one territory will have a farming area of nearly as many acres as the whole of New England.

Extensive tracts in New Mexico already require no irrigation, and they are steadily enlarging because of the increasing annual rainfall and the earlier coming of the rainy season. T. B. Mills, the treasury expert, whose exhaustive treatise on New Mexico appears in the last report on internal commerce, thinks it safe to predict that within a few years the raising of abundant crops by rainfall will be the rule and irrigation the exception. Irrigation, however, insures certainty of crops, and for this reason capitalists are undertaking enterprises of a magnitude that would excite great interest and attention were they in the east. These enterprises are being equaled all through the far-western country, and as an illustration of the sort of engineering going on all along the Rockies and the Sierras some facts about them are worthy of attention.

The report referred to gives the names of seven irrigation companies now at work in New Mexico. When their ditches are complete they will irrigate 720,000 acres of land, or more than 1,100 square miles. This is almost 100,000 acres more than all the land at present under ditch and subject to cultivation in the territory. Heretofore the irrigation ditches have been confined to the narrow alluvial valleys immediately adjacent to the streams. The projected ditches, or properly speaking, canals, are carried entirely out of the beds of the stream upon the high rolling prairie that intervenes between the water courses. When the report was written, the Taca Valley Irrigation company had completed 11 miles of canal 25 feet wide, and 14 miles of lateral ditches, with 130 miles more projected, to irrigate in all 925,000 acres. A correspondent from Roswell, writing on the 1st inst., says that the Pecos Irrigation & Investment company has taken out of the Pecos a canal that extends 45 miles south. It is 20 feet wide at the bottom, carries six feet of water and will reclaim more than 75,000 acres. Another lower down is 45 feet wide at the bottom, and will reclaim more than 75,000 acres. Another lower down is 45 feet at the bottom, and will reclaim over 125,000.

Maud S's time has been beaten by Salvador, who recently made a mile in 2:00 4/5. Eddy Argus. Will the Argus man inform a misguided public when Salvador became a trotter? The horse recently won the suburban running race at New York, and then in a special match for \$10,000 a side beat Tenny. Maud S is a trotter, the "Queen of the Turf," and her time stands unparalleled. The scrub horses of New Mexico can run a mile better than 2:00 4/5. Albuquerque Citizen. An explanation, we see, is necessary. The above item appeared while our horse editor was out of town, and the religious editor had charge of his department.

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Alfalfa is a wonderful crop for New Mexico farmers, and it ought to command respect from everyone who owns a patch of land. The harvest is now for the second, and, in some cases, the third time this season. The yield is enormous, the average being about two tons to the acre. This could be made a rich country if only two crops were grown—fruit and alfalfa. There is big money in both.—New Mexican.

People east and west and south are dying by the score from the effects of the heat. People in the middle states are being killed by tornadoes, storms and whirlwinds. No heat, no sun-strokes, no tornadoes, no storms, no whirlwinds in New Mexico. These heat and great climate in the United States is found in New Mexico.—New Mexican.

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Judge Peitz was in town Wednesday for the first time in five weeks.

A camp meeting will commence at Bonita on Friday, July 15th.

Campbell, the water hauler, has sold out to Henry Robb, his competitor.

We are informed that they now have a rain on Black river almost every day.

J. B. Thaxton is the latest Seven Rivers man to subscribe for the Argus.

Chas. H. Slaughter this week formally announces himself as a candidate for sheriff.

Both of Eddy's lawyers—W. A. Hawkins and J. O. Cameron—are native Tennesseans.

Take your butter, eggs, chickens, and all kinds of vegetables to the Hotel Hagerman.

We have been told that A. Green, of Seven Rivers, will be a candidate for county treasurer.

Eighty-five miles from a railroad and ice cream at only twenty cents a saucer! Isn't it wonderful?

An arbor campmeeting begins on Black river Thursday, the 24th, near Harry Hart's ranch.

El Paso Herald: "From the Hon. C. E. Eddy, of the town of Eddy, and the general manager of the famous canal of the Pecos Valley, the Herald learns that the Pecos Valley railroad has about 30 miles of the road graded, and five miles of steel laid. The material is arriving as rapidly as it can be used, and the contractors, W. C. Bradbury & Co., will build at the rate of one mile per day and complete the road to Eddy by the first of November next. When 25 miles have been laid a station will be established, from which freight and passengers will be forwarded to Eddy. Mr. Eddy points with pardonable pride to the rapid growth of Eddy and the surrounding country."

Stages for Eddy and Seven Rivers leave Pecos City in the morning and go through in twenty-four hours. Fare to Eddy, \$10. Express, per pound, four cents. Leave orders at Garrett & Brennan's livery stable.

We understand that the fish law in New Mexico is very stringent. For instance, fishing is allowed only during the season, and then one is not allowed to carry fish away. He must eat the fish where he catches them, and catch no more than he can eat. The law was intended to prevent the great destruction of trout and other game fish that has been going on for so long. But it applies with equal force to cat and other plug fish. The consequence is that while the Pecos is full of cat, but few and stunted, the people of Eddy do not get as much fresh fish as they want.

The new Methodist church will be heated by a furnace.

The spire of the Methodist church will be seventy feet high.

Rock Little has got back to barbering, and is working for Harold.

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Miss Edith Qui will spend a part of the vacation with friends at Roswell.

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Nat'l cards, with "Yes, it is hot enough for me" printed thereon, for sale at this office.

When the Methodist parsonage is built it will be in the rear of the church and will front on Stevens street.

What this town needs is a plasterer. R. H. Pierce cannot occupy his new house because he can find no one to plaster it.

Dr. Van Norman is having a very easy time just now, notwithstanding it is dog days when sickness is supposed to be prevalent.

J. A. Erwin, of the Roswell Register, gloated so much over the victory of the Roswell boys that he got sick and couldn't work last week.

Water was turned into the town ditches Thursday just in time to save a lot of scalding trees. We understand that the water will run continually from this time on.

Also D. Merriam, of St. Louis, writes us as follows: "By mail to-day I send a silver baseball to be put up as a prize for the winners of the next match game between the Eddy nine and Roswell or Pecos City or any other game you see fit to offer it. I leave it to your judgment. Of course I want the Eddy boys to win the ball, but whichever side does win they can forward it to me and I will have it suitably engraved." What do the boys say? Suppose they get down to practice and challenge Pecos City, the game to come off when the railroad is finished?

We see it coming. It is only a question of a short time when the Argus will be compelled to employ a society reporter. Already the young ladies of the town are beginning to complain because the paper has little to say about them. "Whenever one of the boys gets his hand hurt," said one of them recently, "the paper is sure to mention it. But all the girls in town might die and the editor would not hear of it." We are negotiating for the services of a young man who knows and is admired by all the young ladies in town. If he can write he will be employed.

Pecos City News: "Altogether they have laid about five miles of track on the Pecos Valley railroad. The work is being pushed as fast as the material arrives. The grading is progressing finely. There is no doubt now that the road will be completed to Eddy by the first of November."

Los Cruces Republican: "E. G. Shields was here from Eddy this week. He reports that country on a boom. Three miles of track is laid on the new road. Fred Plonkowsky has refused \$1,200 for two town lots which he bought for \$50 each five months ago."

Two immense wagons are required to bring ice from Pecos City. While one wagon is going down the other is coming up. The town is not liable to be without ice again this summer. Next summer we will have an ice factory of our own. Mark that.

When the railroad is extended to the great reservoir, Eddy will be almost depopulated on Sundays. Everyone will go up there to boat, or bath, or fish, or sit, or sit in the shade and meditate. It will be the popular Sunday and holiday resort.

Judge Tomlinson's first case was for assault and battery. Two men at the dam thrashed a man who was raising a disturbance. He filed a complaint. They plead guilty and were fined five dollars and costs.

Messrs. Blodgett, Luckey and Blackmore look wistfully at the new company building every day and offer up a silent prayer that it will be finished not later than the middle of next month.

The very latest is that the grading camp of the Pecos Valley railroad is 30 miles from Pecos City, that there are 11 miles of track laid and about seven more ready for the steel and cross-ties.

The postoffice hours are now from 7:30 a. m. to 6 p. m. By the way if you want your letters for the south to go out promptly you had better have them in the office by 8:30 a. m.

The Argus has more announcements than any paper in Lincoln or Chavez counties. The candidates in those counties seem to be afraid to let the people know they are on the track.

About the first of September, or after the heated term, people will roll in so fast that we will not know what to do with them unless we have more houses.

The Hotel Hagerman may perhaps be opened next Monday. All the furniture is between here and Pecos City.

Tom Lucas, wife and babe are in town. Tom is negotiating for the Meek & English feed store and wagon yard.

Brown's ice cream parlor was thrown open to the public Thursday night and was liberally patronized.

The local doctor should not fail to record that Dr. Tomlinson was the first citizen to have a cellar dug.

Mr. C. H. Eddy, who, with his brother Arthur, left for El Paso last week, will return to-day.

One hundred and two in the shade was as high as the mercury was able to climb any day this week.

The cornice is being put on the new bank.

Jim Breat is visiting Capt. Garrett, at Roswell.

Herbert Potter's latest contribution to art is a stuffed badger.

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There is ice in town. What's the reason some of the church societies do not get up a festival?

Jim Kibbee is the father of another bouncing boy. The luck of that man is simply phenomenal.

Time table five months hence: To Pecos City, four hours; from Pecos City to El Paso, nine hours.

An accurate count has not been made, but it is safe to say that there are millions of fish in the great reservoir.

Right of way deeds for irrigating canals are now being secured by the Pecos Irrigation and improvement company.

It is believed that the Mexican population of Eddy county will always be very small. Very few Mexicans have taken up land.

Referring to the Pecos Valley railroad the Fort Worth Gazette says: "This road will be one of the quickest built in the state."

Boston Witt is cutting his oats. He says they are very fine this year. He says his eye is also splendid and his corn magnificent.

The stage gets in nearly every night at about twelve o'clock, and tarries only long enough for Charley Greene to change the mail.

City Conway on Tuesday received a telegram announcing the death of a brother, Jas. L. Conway, at Kansas City, a few days ago.

The reporter John Kelley started on a business trip to Colorado Springs last Tuesday. We are sorry to say that he may be absent two months.

We say it without fear of successful contradiction that if W. A. Hawkins would practice for ten or twelve years he would be able to play ball a little.

Kemp & Gray, of Wolftown, have added genuine old Dublin stout and London half-and-half to their stock of medicines. Remember them when you get sick.

Eddy county will want three commissioners, but it appears that there are no candidates. At least no candidate has announced himself through the Argus.

"Somewhat with," sadly observed a contemplative the other day as he gazed at Blankenship's splendid span of mules, "that I were as good a man as either of them."

Several people who, two months ago, were speculating in lots, are now figuring how much they can make by putting up houses and getting ten dollars per room.

Several Black river boys came up on the fourth, and, as they were anxious to play ball, a game was gotten up for their benefit. The score stood 15 to 15 against them.

On Monday Miller & Co. commenced moving the large frame building from the rear of B. P. Lindsey's store, and Tuesday evening they had it on their lot on Main street. It was the first house moving in Eddy. Miller & Co. now have a paint palace indeed. All joking aside this time.

For the finest watches, clocks, jewelry and precious stones go to Hloko & Hlxson's, Shelton Block, El Paso.

Things that Eddy will "sure" have by this time next summer: (1) A railroad; (2) water works; (3) an ice factory; (4) constantly running water on each side of every street in town; (5) a score or more of Bermuda grass lawns; (6) sprinkled streets; (7) a public hall; (8) three churches. Cut this out and put it in a safe place. It will be mighty interesting to refer to next Fourth of July while you are enjoying the national holiday.

A Lookout correspondent says: "Lookout is improving. The people are yet hopeful that the railroad will come through their town. A survey is now being made from Deleware to Eddy, via Lookout, to investigate the advisability of the new route. Town lots are in demand. Judge Peitz sold fifteen last Friday and Saturday to various parties at fair prices. The late rains started the grass around Lookout and on Black river generally, and cattle are looking well."

The Witt brothers are also splendid patrons of a newspaper. When the Argus started they subscribed for ten copies for friends in the north, and paid six months in advance. When the subscriptions expired the brothers were asked if they desired the same continued. "Certainly," they cried, "send the paper until the people we send it to get tired of it." It is such men as the Witt boys that make the path of the newspaper man pleasant.

When the eastern man comes here in summer he expects to melt. But after he has been in town a few days he exclaims in astonishment: "Why, damme, it is cooler here than at home. Doncherknow, I cawn't understand it." And then he has to be told that in a high and dry southern climate evaporation is quick, thus making one feel cool while the mercury is hugging 110 in the shade.

On the 8th of July a drummer from Illinois left Pecos with a driver in a buggy for Eddy. Thirty miles this side of Pecos, while preparing to rest for dinner, he got out of the buggy and reached for his shotgun, with the intention of setting it down against the buggy. While doing so one barrel went off and sent the contents into his side, killing him instantly.

Conservator Nymeyer has finished his work. He is not at liberty to give the population of Eddy or the county, but we gather from a word dropped here and there that the population of the town will not fall much short of 600, while that of the county will exceed 3,000. However, the report of the territorial supervisor will tell the tale. Let us wait for that.

Pecos City News: "The graders on the Pecos Valley railroad are about five miles in advance of the track layers, but S. P. Selden says after the 10th inst. the graders will have to hump it if they don't overtake them."

O. H. Slaughter, candidate for sheriff of Eddy county, is a brother of Sheriff Slaughter, of Tombstone, Arizona, who downed the lawless element in that tough section.

Eggs are now worth fifty cents a dozen and milk eighty cents a gallon. But the best and choicest cuts of beef can be purchased for twelve cents, and mutton chops can be had almost for nothing.

John H. Stribling, Jr., of Rockdale, Texas, is in town. He comes for his health, and will probably locate permanently. His father, who is a preacher, had the honor to baptize Brother J. Midd Hill.

When the Argus started in it had a circulation of four quires. To-day it has twenty-one. There are twenty-four sheets in a quire. If you are not good at mental arithmetic, get out your tablet and figure.

The first wedding in Eddy will occur one week from next Wednesday. It ought and probably will be a public affair. Every Eddy citizen ought to have the felicity of witnessing the first marriage ceremony. (P. S.—Since writing the above we learn that the wedding will take place at an earlier date.)

Every one in Eddy hopes that Lookout will get the railroad, because it is made up of mighty deserving people. The Argus has a great liking for Lookout, for its citizens almost to a man are patrons of the paper.

As we have said before, the most generous people in the country live in Eddy. There is scarcely a clerk in town who does not take one or two copies of the Argus. Dan Gilchrist, at Pierce's, takes three.

Dr. Jas. A. Tomlinson got back from Lincoln last week, where he went to qualify as justice of the peace. He is now a duly qualified quire, and if you don't behave yourself you may be compelled to appear before him.

The prayer meeting Wednesday night was very ably attended. What is the matter with you? Why don't you go to prayer meeting? Do you think you will ever go to heaven if you neglect your religious duties? If you do, you are mistaken.

Last Sunday about twenty-five Eddy people went up to the dam, and for their amusement Capt. Mann shut down the outgate and gave them a chance to scotch fish in the pool below the dam. About one hundred pounds were caught and brought to town.

Some time ago Jaffa, Prager & Co., the enterprising Roswell merchants, offered \$100 worth of prizes to children between the ages of eight and twelve for the best written letters. Nellie Howe, daughter of C. M. Howe, won the prize for the best letter by a ten-year-old girl. The prize is a very pretty writing case. Jaffa, Prager & Co. are great advertisers, and they deserve the fame they enjoy in the Pecos Valley.

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Dr. Van Norman is having a very easy time just now, notwithstanding it is dog days when sickness is supposed to be prevalent.

J. A. Erwin, of the Roswell Register, gloated so much over the victory of the Roswell boys that he got sick and couldn't work last week.

Water was turned into the town ditches Thursday just in time to save a lot of scalding trees. We understand that the water will run continually from this time on.

O. H. Slaughter, candidate for sheriff of Eddy county, is a brother of Sheriff Slaughter, of Tombstone, Arizona, who downed the lawless element in that tough section.

Eggs are now worth fifty cents a dozen and milk eighty cents a gallon. But the best and choicest cuts of beef can be purchased for twelve cents, and mutton chops can be had almost for nothing.

John H. Stribling, Jr., of Rockdale, Texas, is in town. He comes for his health, and will probably locate permanently. His father, who is a preacher, had the honor to baptize Brother J. Midd Hill.

When the Argus started in it had a circulation of four quires. To-day it has twenty-one. There are twenty-four sheets in a quire. If you are not good at mental arithmetic, get out your tablet and figure.

The first wedding in Eddy will occur one week from next Wednesday. It ought and probably will be a public affair. Every Eddy citizen ought to have the felicity of witnessing the first marriage ceremony. (P. S.—Since writing the above we learn that the wedding will take place at an earlier date.)

Every one in Eddy hopes that Lookout will get the railroad, because it is made up of mighty deserving people. The Argus has a great liking for Lookout, for its citizens almost to a man are patrons of the paper.

As we have said before, the most generous people in the country live in Eddy. There is scarcely a clerk in town who does not take one or two copies of the Argus. Dan Gilchrist, at Pierce's, takes three.

Dr. Jas. A. Tomlinson got back from Lincoln last week, where he went to qualify as justice of the peace. He is now a duly qualified quire, and if you don't behave yourself you may be compelled to appear before him.

The prayer meeting Wednesday night was very ably attended. What is the matter with you? Why don't you go to prayer meeting? Do you think you will ever go to heaven if you neglect your religious duties? If you do, you are mistaken.

Last Sunday about twenty-five Eddy people went up to the dam, and for their amusement Capt. Mann shut down the outgate and gave them a chance to scotch fish in the pool below the dam. About one hundred pounds were caught and brought to town.

Some time ago Jaffa, Prager & Co., the enterprising Roswell merchants, offered \$100 worth of prizes to children between the ages of eight and twelve for the best written letters. Nellie Howe, daughter of C. M. Howe, won the prize for the best letter by a ten-year-old girl. The prize is a very pretty writing case. Jaffa, Prager & Co. are great advertisers, and they deserve the fame they enjoy in the Pecos Valley.

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