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AN ACT OF HUMANITY.

How Bishop Beckwith Obtained Decent Burial for a Spy.

One of the Noble Deeds of a Clergyman Who Knew Neither Fear Nor Prejudice—How He Tried to Save the Life of a Northern Soldier.

Bishop Beckwith was one of the men who knew no fear, says the Atlanta Constitution, and during all the years he served as chaplain on General Polk's staff he was never known to swerve from the path which he considered duty marked out for him. A striking example of the determination of his character was given toward the close of the war, when, in defiance of the findings of a court-martial and in opposition to the sentiment of the entire army, he used every effort to save the life of a spy.

It was during the last year of the Confederacy that a man was found loitering about General Polk's headquarters. He was unable to answer the questions put to him satisfactorily, and, as his whole bearing proclaimed him a Northerner, immediately it was said: "This man is a spy. Let him be hanged."

A drum-head court-martial listened to the testimony, and as the prisoner could only bring forward his unsupported assertion that he was innocent he was quickly sentenced to be hanged.

It was while the prisoner was waiting to be executed that Bishop Beckwith heard of the case and hurried to offer what consolation he could. Something in the story he was told by the condemned man convinced the chaplain that there was some truth in the story he had listened to, and by the exercise of his wonderful eloquence he procured a new trial.

The accused man's unsupported testimony was, however, not sufficient to convince a court composed of stern soldiers as it had the man of God, and he was again found guilty and sentenced to be hanged the next day.

All the intervening hours the Bishop passed preparing the condemned spy for the dreadful ordeal through which he was to pass, and he even consented to go as far as the gallows with the man he had tried to save, though he could not bring himself to promise that he would stand by and see the execution performed.

In the gray light of the breaking day a dismal procession took its way to the borders of the camp. In the midst of the soldiers marched a man with his arms pinioned behind him and by his side was the friend he had found in the midst of his enemies, striving to comfort the doomed man in that hour of his sore trial.

Not until the rope was around his neck did the clergyman turn away, so as to avoid seeing the death struggle, and as soon as it was over he hurried back to render the last services possible and see that Christian burial was given the lifeless clay.

About the foot of the gallows the soldiers stood looking at the swaying body. There was no pity in their hearts for the life cut off in its prime, and when the chaplain asked them to cut down the body and place it in the rude coffin which had been prepared, they all turned away, saying: "He was a spy; let him hang there till he rots."

When the chaplain found all his entreaties useless he advanced with a knife and quietly but with determination commenced cutting down the body.

Every man there had received some kindness from the clergyman, and they all loved him well. When they saw that he was in earnest reluctantly they lent their aid, and in a few moments the body was lying on the grass.

Under the same force of example the soldiers even consented to place the corpse in the coffin, but dig a grave for a convicted spy was asking too much of them, and they refused absolutely to even make a beginning.

Without a word of upbraiding or complaint Chaplain Beckwith procured a spade and commenced digging. One by one the hearts of the men softened at the sight of their brave pastor performing, for duty's sake, such an unusual task, and soon a big soldier who had been earnest in his assertion that the "spy should be left for the buzzards to feed on," took the spade from his hands and continued the work.

When the coffin was finally lowered Chaplain Beckwith read the Christian burial service, and saw to it that a wooden cross was placed at the head of the mound.

After the war news of the manner by which the spy received the last offices of the church was carried North and finally reached the dead man's family. Their gratitude has never abated, and even now the Bishop of Georgia frequently receives letters from a distant New England home bearing ever-renewed thanks for the kindness shown the enemy of his country while he lived, and the determination he displayed in burying him after he was executed.

A Talking Canary Bird.

A rare curiosity is owned in Phœnix, R. I., by Miss Ida Colvin. It is a Harts mountain canary which talks. It was brought to its present home about the same time a young parrot was purchased. The two birds have been in their respective cages, side by side, always, and while the parrot has caught some of the singing notes of the canary the latter has learned to enunciate plainly from its feathered friend. It has learned thus far only two sentences, which are "Sweet little Dicky bird" and "O, poor Billy!" but they are spoken with startling distinctness and intonation.

RAMBLING IN THE WOODS.

A City Man's Return to the Scenes of His Childhood.

It was a hot, cloudless day in August. A gentle breeze was stirring, and, sitting on the little back porch of the old farm-house and looking across a vista of yellow stubble-fields to the dark line of woods, nearly half a mile away, I could see the tops of the tallest trees swaying gently, and could almost, I fancied, hear the faint rustling of their leaves, of the music of which I have ever, since a child, been over-fond, writes Ed R. Pritchard, in the Arkansaw Traveler.

It had been three years since I had visited the old farm, three long years of toil at the desk, amid the noise and busy strife of a great metropolis, and this was my first day of a short week's vacation at the old home, among the friends of my boyhood days and the scenes of the happiest years of my life.

I had reached the farm about ten o'clock in the morning, and, after a bountous dinner at noon, was sitting on the porch, the coolest place, as I well know, about the house, feasting my eyes on the dear old landscape that I had known so long, and which, during all the years that I had been away from it, was always a charming picture that, though paradoxical it may sound, I had only to shut my eyes to see at will.

I must get to those woods, and that at once. No matter that the afternoon August sun was sending down his fiercest rays, no matter that I must walk half a mile across stubble-fields, which, from where I sat, I could see were almost quivering with heat, I know what sweet, familiar sounds I shall hear, what a refreshing coolness and quiet I shall find when I have reached their green and shady depths. Even while I am thinking of these things, a solitary crow with a loud "caw! caw!" flies swiftly over the stubble-fields, high in air, and lighting on the top of a huge oak sends forth a series of exultant "caws!" to his mates whom he has left in the orchard back of the barn. To me he seems to say to them: "There are no hens' nests in that old straw-stack. Why stay over there in that hot, broiling sun? Come over here into these grand old woods. Hard by is the creek, and I know a dark and shady pool where we can bathe, and below it a shining, singing ripple, where we can wade and play to our hearts' content."

Evidently, they understood the meaning of his cries, for a moment later a bevy of the black and saucy rascals go scurrying across the fields and join him, where they all set up a perfect chorus of "caws!" which I take to be expressions of approval of their companion's suggestion.

Hastily divesting myself of coat and vest, for in the country it is no breach of etiquette "to go in your shirt sleeves," I step into the hall and take from the rack a wide-brimmed straw hat, and after a brief stop at the old spring-house at the foot of the hill, I am off, as the crows fly, across fields for the woods.

On reaching them I find I am sweating profusely. What? You say sweating is vulgar, I should say perspiring? Well, no matter; I know I am heated and flushed, but I never felt better. The air is pure and sweet, the birds are singing in the woods on the borders of the little stream, and now as I pause to mop my dripping face I hear a woodpecker beating his lively tattoo on an old beech stub and chirp, chirp comes from a saucy little ground squirrel as he streaks it like a flash of russet light along the rails of the old fence near which I am standing. I shy a rock at him, out of pure wantonness, and am murderous enough to wish I had a gun with which to take a crack at that wily old wood-pecker, who has, on catching sight of me, slyly slipped around to the other side of the old beech stub, where I can still hear him pecking away as busy as a nailer.

I hastily scramble over the fence, and five minutes later I stand under the thick shade of the wide-spreading branches of a grand old beech tree and on the edge of a steep bluff, at whose base runs the turbulent but romantic Little Wild-Cat creek. I throw myself down on the grass, which is here so luxuriant that it is softer than the heaviest carpet, and there I lie for half an hour idly listening to the soft and indescribable music of the waters below. Then, having cooled off, I go down to the water's edge and deliberately disrobe and—"go in swimmin'." Mind, I don't say bathing, for I had no bathing suit. I just did as we boys used to do years ago—"just stripped off and went in swimmin'." You see, there was nobody there to look except the birds and the squirrels and an old black-water snake which I caught sunning himself out on a rock at the water's edge, and which I ruthlessly killed with a club.

How I did enjoy that swim, that frolic all by myself in the water! Tired of that, I continued my stroll until a coolness of the air and rapidly-deepening shadows warned me that it was time to turn my face homeward.

When I reached the house I made a discovery, and that was that while in swimming I had done just as I had often done before when a boy—had sunburned both shoulders into blisters, one on each the size of my hand. Then, too, as in days long agone, a liberal application of sweet cream was given and I went to bed with the chickens, was up with the birds and the next day was able to go squirrel-hunting and had a glorious time. But of all my brief vacation days I shall not soon forget that afternoon's ramble in the woods.

DOMINIE WAS FORGETFUL.

Ludicrous Scene at a Marriage Ceremony Where the Ring Was Lost.

A South Boston pastor narrated the following incident which came under his observation in St. John, N. B., to a reporter of the Boston Herald: Two people in middle life sought out an aged and well-known clergyman to tie the connubial knot. His advanced years had brought him a treacherous memory, and, with this uncertain quantity to deal with, he began the ceremony. There were luckily no witnesses to the amusing scene but the clergyman's daughter-in-law and grandson.

The preliminaries over, the ring was asked for. The groom was exceedingly nervous and could not find it. He searched in all his pockets, shook his sleeve, ran his hand down the side of his right leg in fear of a hole in his pantaloons pocket, he felt of his sock, and repeated the process, increasing in nervousness as he certainly did in blushes and awkwardness. Finally, the old gentleman sat down, while both witnesses assisted the partially married couple to find the missing symbol of their union. Down on their knees they got, and turned up the corner of the rug, and peered under the sofa, and altogether made a most ludicrous sight.

Meantime the clergyman's mnemonic faculty failed him. He forgot where he was, and could not be made to understand the mission of the strange lady and gentleman. It ought to be added that he was also very deaf. Fearing complications, his daughter-in-law sent the grandson for the regular minister of the parish. At last the ring was found in an obscure corner, whither it had rolled, and the parties to the suspended contract tried to look resigned under the aggravating circumstances. The ministerial gentleman waked out of his reverie and said to the lady of the house:

"Who is this couple?"

The answer was almost a shout, after which he subsided a moment and then continued:

"How long have you been married?"

They really didn't know how much they were married, but stammered out a reply that was completely lost on him, for in a minute or so more he capped the conversation by saying:

"How many children have you got?"

That was too much, and would have convulsed the suffering victims had not the regular minister arrived and completed the service.

MOTHER JACKSON'S WIT.

How She Got a Day's Work Out of a Pie-loving Cormorant.

In the long ago there lived in Sunday River valley a woman by the name of Jackson, says the Lewiston (Me.) Journal. She was better known as Mother Jackson by the settlers of the valley.

Jackson's people invited the neighbors to help them husk their corn on a certain night, saying that they should have a good supper and all the pumpkin pie they could eat.

One Dudley Foster told her he would come, but if he did not have all the pumpkin pie he could eat she must pay him for a day's work.

"Well," said Mother Jackson, "Dudley, how many pies can you eat?"

"I can eat five pies, any way."

"Now, Dudley," she said, "you can not eat one pie. If you don't eat one pie for your supper you shall give me a day's work. If you eat all of one pie I will pay you for a day's work."

"Done," said Dudley. "I will take that bargain."

The husking came off at the time appointed, with all the fun of such gatherings. Dudley called for his pie. Mother Jackson had made one for him. She had baked it on a platter as large as she could get into the old stove oven. It was several inches in thickness and about as large as a linen-wheel sign. She brought out the pie and placed it before Dudley, telling him to eat all he could. If he ate it all she would pay him for a day's work; if he failed he must give her a day's work.

Dudley thought he could eat the whole of the pie and went at it. He actually ate three-fourths of the pie, but had to give it up as a bad job, and, as the Norway Advertiser tells the tale, had to do the day's work according to the bargain.

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A Man's Health Restored by a Reduction of His Salary.

"My life was saved by having my salary reduced," said a robust, middle-aged man to a Philadelphia Call reporter.

The remark naturally excited surprise.

"Yes," continued the man, "that was what saved me. I was assistant book-keeper for a wholesale house and was earning $1,200 a year. Something happened, no matter what, and I was thrown out. I was idle for two months and then went to work for $750.

"At that time I was thin and weak, and couldn't walk a mile to save a dollar. At any rate, I thought I couldn't. But when my income was so fearfully reduced I found it absolutely necessary to economise, and I did so by walking home from my work, a distance of about five miles.

"It pretty nearly killed me at first. Then I began to enjoy it. Within three months I was walking both ways, and I've kept it up ever since. Ten miles a day, summer and winter, unless during a hard storm, and look at me! One hundred and eighty pounds, the appetite of an ostrich, and not a day's sickness in ten years.

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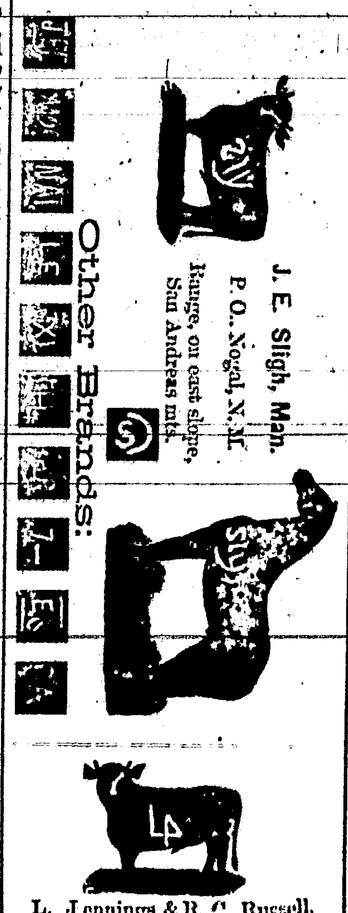

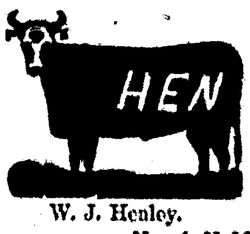

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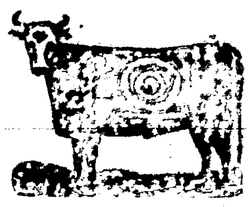

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Jas. M. Moore was shot and instantly killed by Dave Cantwell in Socorro County. The jury decided the shooting justifiable.

The *autumn product* of the Santa Fe Las Cruces combination is likely to get beautifully frosted o'er about the date of the November election,

The statue of Thos. A Hendericks was unveiled at Indianapolis, July 1. Govs. Hill, of New York, and Campbell of Ohio, were present. Senator Turpin delivered the oration.

At Du[illegible], Pa., thirty men are entombed in the Hill Farm Mine. The mine is full of smoke and black damp, and it is almost certain that the men are dead. The question now is can the bodies be rescued?

We are not invited by the Optic, but we'll give our preference for republican delegate. It is J. Francisco Chaves. It would be so refreshing to the country at large to have him stand up in congress and refer to some adversary as a "Branded thief and liar" would give eastern people a great idea of our importance, as, also, of our culture way out here in New Mexico.

The New Mexican referring to the danger which its editor imagines is likely to result from the election of democrats as legislators, says: "With a majority of one in either house, they will, in a week make a majority of two thirds; and, with two cammissioners, they can rule and, in some instances, rob the counties". The New Mexican editor is evidently one of those persons who regard all political opponents as thieves and robbers; or, at least, so pretends to regard them. As no possible good can come from indulgance in such gloomy predictions and silly warnings, we should be glad to see that feature of journalism abolished. Surely there is not an honest democrat who believes that all republicans are thieves, nor is there an honest republican who believes that all democrats are thieves. The fact is that the masses, the sum and substance of all the parties, are honest, and if they would only get together and cease to be voted by those who seek office merely for gain, and vote, instead, for men who would faithfully perform official duties with reference to the best interests of all, then would the people learn how utterly useless are those persons who are continually trying to array them against each other by exciting their prejudices.

The Sant Fe Sun has been showing up the family relationship existing between employes and the penitentiary managers, also that a similar state of affairs is found to exist in various other offices filled by republicans. The New Mexican comes back at the Sun and says "You're another" and charges Ex Gov. Ross and other democratic officials, under Cleveland's administration, with doing the same thing. This is one of the glaring faults of govenment that should be corrected, and without longer delay. The fact that persons are appointed to important positions simply because of relationship, when there are applicants better qulified and more worthy of recognition, is unjust to honest applicants and detrimental to the public service. So long as the people allow a clean sweep after every changeof presidents, all offices being doled out for party services, we may expect incompetence and corruption in all the departments of the government. This is a matter for the labor organizations. They should support no man for congress who is not pledged to civil service reform, and require candidates for the state legislatures to pledge themselves to labor for similar legislation in the states. Let's have appointments by reason of fitness, and not by reason of relationship or other personal or political consideration.

At the recent commencement exercises at Visitation Academy, Las Cruces, a silver medal was awarded Miss Mary Stephenson for proficiency in Christian doctrine. This means, of course, that she was taught the doctrines of Christianity as held by the Catholic Church. However, there is nothing new in this, yet it serves to show whence springs the great opposition in New Mexico to an American system of free public schools. In the public schools no Christian doctrines are taught, hence, those who believe the doctrines of the Catholic Church, prefer the parochial schools because of the fact that those doctrines are taught therein. We are perfectly willing for people to enjoy absolute freedom in religious matters, but we object to these persons who prefer schools wherein the doctrines of Christianity are taught to which they adhere, saying that other people who are not of their way of thinking, shall not enjoy free school privileges simply because they must pay taxes to maintain the schools. The object of our American system of free public schools is to place within the reach of all the rudiments of an education, and the inculcation of Christian doctrines must remain an independent consideration. With the proposed constitution we should have a public scool system inferior to the one we now have, and, of course, a lack of public school facilities would cause an increased number to attend the parochial schools, a thing, no doubt, much desired by many who are urging people to vote for this constitution.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Colorado and New Mexico.

The total value of the gold and silver domestic production of Colorado and New Mexico deposited in the U. S. mint at Denver for the year ending June 30 are as follows: Colorado $697,023; New Mexico, $88,117; total $1,085,740.

Earnest Anthony, sentenced to the New Mexico penitentiary for six years for horse stealing, escaped last week. $50 reward is offered for his arrest.

In 1889 the United States imported over three and a half million dollars worth of iron and steel goods; edge tools, sewing machines, printing presses and steam engines.

Kansas this year has 10,000 acres planted in sorghum, against 6,300 last year.

Mr. Bob Littell, of White Oaks, was killed at Roswell on Sunday, June 29, 1890. He and others were bathing in Spring River, when he made a plunge under water, and, as is supposed, struck his head against some object, breaking his neck. It was some time before the body was recovered. He was a highly respected young man, and his death is much regretted by all who knew him.

John J. Cockroll, formerly of Lincoln is reported worse and is ordered to St. Louis for treatment. His trouble seems to be paralysis and softening of the brain.

John H. Riley, of Las Cruces, has the contract to furnish the Mescalero Apache Indians with beef during the coming fiscal year.

George Fitzpatrick and Miss Forsyth were married at White Oaks last week. Miss Foresyth has recently arrived from Ireland.

The three horned dilemma editor is sweating great drops of blood in frantic efforts to pull through the "hand me down" constitution with a state ticket tail. "Republican harmony must be brought about, and that soon. It is make or break this time." On the morning of the 5th of Nov. the constitution will look like the prairie schooner returning from Pike's Peak with its legend, "busted by thunder."—Santa Fe Sun.

A $10,00 Methodist church will be erected at Santa Fe.

A poker game with $500 in the pot was an exciting event at Eddy.

Isaiah Robinson says the drouth has not affected his crops on the Upper Sabinas, Mora county.—Optic.

Rumor says an effort will be made in the legislature to create several new counties.

A railroad accident at Ute Pass, Colo., June 30. Three persons killed and two others injured.

Ten Chinaman captured June 30, trying to steal into the U. S. from Mexico.

The famous Pilot Knob iron mines in Missouri have been worked out completely. They have been worked since 1840.

Mervine Thompson offers to bet $500 that he can hold two strongest horses in Louisville, Ky., they pulling in opposite directions with him between. He is 5 feet 11½ inches high and weighs 235 pounds, and is called the "Cleveland Thunderbolt." His strength is prodigious.

A heavy blinding sand storm at Albuquerque, July 2, which lasted ten minutes followed by a good rain.

The annual encampment of the G. A. R. will meet at Boston, August 12.

A cowboy, named Morris, was bitten, a few weeks ago near Prescott Arizona by a skunk, and died of hydrophobia.

Henry Ruffner was kidnapped at Albuquerque. He is 4 and a half years old. His father is at Gutherie I. T. and hired a man to do the deed, but the business failed, as the kidnapper was arrested at Arkansas City.

The following corporation filed articles with the Territorial Secretary. The Agua Chiquite Reservoir and irrigation company—Incorporators J. E. Prather, V. H. Lusk, T. J. Watts, S. W. Prather, and J. C. Cady. Capital stock $100,000. Principal place of business, Weed, N. M.

[White Oaks Interpreter.]

Wm. Lane lost one of his best horses at San Antonio.

Mr. Dave Wells left for Washington, the first of the week, where he will make his residence in the future.

Ah Nue, the popular Restaurateuer, of White Oaks, will discontinue business July 5th. He goes to the Carrizozo for a while.

M. M. Murphy and family departed for the railroad the first of the week. Mrs. Murphy and the children will proceed to Missouri on a visit to her old home.

The new mail contractor took hold of the route July 1. Competition in local fare has already commenced—one party was taken to Ft. Stanton for $1,75. The former rate was $6.

The new road adopted by the new mail people to Garthage, is reported much better than the old line; the distance is shorter and the bad crossing of the Mal Pais avoided.

Lee Kelley was commited to the county jail by Justice T. B. McCourt, June 28, to await the action of the grand jury at next term of court. He is charged with the larceny of a mule, the property of Sam Wells, sr.

[Roswell Register.]

Wm. Rosenthal, the Lincoln merchant, was initiated in the first degree of masonry Friday night.

We regret to announce the dangerous illness of Col. H. Milne. His kidneys are diseased and there is but slight hopes of his recovery. Dr. Skipwith and Dr. Sutherland are attending him.

A fine rain fell last Sunday evening doing an immense good. This section has been needing rain badly, and we rejoice with the farmers that it has come.

A dentist has at last put in an appearance. Dr. Bearup came in last week and, has opened an office two doors south of the Texas House.

D. C. Nowlin, Geo. Curry and J. K. Byrns, of Lincoln, were in Roswell last week, and assisted at the instituting of a K. of P. lodge at this place.

[Lincoln Independent.]

Col. H. Milne, of Roswell, figures in the list of patriots who are being paid by the United States for saving the union. He has just been granted an increase of pension. He is manager and part owner of one of the largest cattle companies in New Mexico.

The Jinglebob outfit of Lincoln County, last week started a herd of mixed stock to Liberal, Kansas to be run in pastures, that state and fed, if not sold. The Lea, El Capitan and Milne Bush Co's. are trying to gather steers, but the poor condition of the range is delaying the work.

[White Oaks Leader.]

The South Homestake Mill has been running constantly for several days, and the clen-up now in progress bids fair to be satisfactory.

The North Homestake is following the even tenor of its way sinking the shaft and driving the drift to connect the north and south drifts, distance 500 feet.

John E. Wilson, the pioneer miner of this place, is pushing work on his claim in Baxter Mountain near town. He is getting out some good ore carrying free gold. He expects soon to make a mill-run to ascertain its practical value. It is rumored that $100,000 has been refused for the property.

Messrs. Patterson and Warner have leased the celebrated Parsons Mine, of Parsons City, called the Hopeful, and took possession the first instant.

These are representative young men of our community and have the best wishes of all in their new enterprise. The mine is a vast body of low grade ore, easily mined and free milling. The ore body or deposit, more properly, contains many thousands of tons.

New Advertisements.

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W. A. Jenkins. & Co.

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Roswell, N. M.

Estrayed.

Estrayed from my ranch on Ruidoso, July 8, one brown mare three years old, star in forehead, branded large H on right hip. Any information as to her "whereabouts" will be thankfully received. J. N. Coe,
Lincoln, N. M.

Estrayed from me at Nogal, N. M., June 29, one iron gray, horse, medium size, branded mule shoe with bar under it on left thigh; also one bay horse about 15 hands high, heavy built, 10 years old branded half circle jews harp on left shou'der. Will pay $10 for their delivery to me at Nogal, or will pay for information.
A. J. Collins, Nogal, N. M.

Alliance men do you want to post yourselves as to Alliance history, and history of the labor reformation? If so send for copy of Mcneal's history. We will give a copy for a club of of fifteen subscriptions. The publisher's price is $2.00.

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Local News.

Announcements.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Assessor of Lincoln County. Subject to the nomination of the Democratic Convention.

Thos. W. Henley.

Take your eggs to A. Ridgeway, White Oaks.

M. E. W. Parker and Mr. Wilcox passed down to Lincoln Sunday.

New Goods including ginghams calicos cottons and a nice line of notions at P. G. Peters.

Messrs Hewitt, Langston and McDonald, of the Oaks, passed up from Lincoln Tuesday.

John Deere plow points, all sizes C. L. Pearman, White Oaks.

Mr. Ray of the American Mine, is preparing to leave. We understand he goes to Kansas City.

Corn, peas, tomatoes, lima beans, and string peas, 3 cans for 50 cts. Stewart of White Oaks.

Jap Coe reports a good time on the 4th. in his neighborhood with a dance at night which was highly enjoyable.

Summer is a noble queen but you can't live under her rain without one of Young & Titlaferro's umbrellas.

Bring your hides, pelts and eggs to A. Henley & Son, and be sure you will get top prices.

Mr. P. J. Hyde and family, Mrs. Lloyd, and Len Brenham were here from Three Rivers country and took in the 4th.

A full line of spring and summer goods just received. Styles and prices to suit everybody, Goodman Zeigler & Co. White Oaks.

Mrs. Goodin and family were at the Placer this week. Mrs. Goodin was a visitor to Lincoln, on business with our county commissioners.

Do not forget my line of boots and shoes A good boot for $2.50. Stewart of White Oaks.

Plenty of rain everywhere heard from and grass coming rapidly. Farmers and stock men are happy, or, at least, they should be.

When this you see, remember Jones Tallaferro. P. S. Don't forget that he sells goods at the lowest possible prices. Young & Tallaferro.

R. T. Russell was here from Parsons. He says Patterson & Warner have started the Parsons mill and mine and appear in earnest.

Corn oats and chop feed, Stewart of White Oaks.

Goods at lowest cash prices in exchange for fresh eggs at 20 cts. per dozen. Stewart of White Oaks.

Mr. A. W. Connor was at Nogal the 4th., and was a pleasant caller at the Banner office on the morning of the 5th.

You can get a fine quality of tea at P. G. Peters.

A new lot of dress ginghams at P. G. Peters.

Messrs. Crum, Collins, W. M. Wharton, Mrs. McMain and daughters, May and Ella, and Misses. Ida Bragg and Lura Lesley were here from the Park on the 4th.

All persons who desire to take stock in the Liberty Banner Publishing Co., should send the money which they desire to invest in shares to W. L. Breece Nogal N. M.

For fresh groceries go to A. Henley & Son.

We are informed that Mrs. John Holder, of Ruidoso, had her hand and fingers badly damaged by a dynamite cap, which exploded while she was holding it, she having caused the explosion by picking into it with a needle.

TAKEN UP.

By Andraw Mays, Nogal, N. M., one chestnut sorrel horse, brand T71 on left hip.

By A. J. Ballard, Roswell, N. M., one light brown, mare mule, about 13 years old, branded D A on right shoulder and O J (O above J) on left shoulder.

Mrs. P. G. Peters visited Mrs. Capt. Roberts, at Lincoln during the week. She left Imogene to attend school. Mrs. Roberts, it is expected will continue teaching at Lincoln, but will give a vacation during August.

For adjustable double shovel plows, call on C. L. Pearman, White Oaks.

A complete stock of boots and shoes just arrived at A. Henley & Son's.

The Oaks was not very well represented at Nogal on the 4th., though we are pleased to note the presence on that occasion, of Mr. Jake Zeigler, Mrs. L. W. Stewart, Mr S. M. Parker and wife, and Rev. S. W. Thomas.

Black blasting and hercules powder, any quantity, at C. L. Pearman's.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

Persons who desire a first-class magazine or farm paper should at the earliest date possible take advantage of our clubbing arrangements with the Cosmopolitan Magazine, or the Colorado Farmer. They are both first-class in every particular. Sample copies can be seen at our office.

Boots and shoes, a complete assortment at goodman Zeigler & Co's.

The celebration at Nogal was a success. Not so many people as expected, on account of expected rain, but there were plenty to make the occasion all that could be desired. There was an abundance of provisions, and enough left to feed as many more. Dancing under the arbor was kept up most of the day, only to adjourn to the old Nugget office in the evening where it was continued until day-light the morning of the 5th. There was never a murmur from any one, and all agreed they had enjoyed themselves.

Messrs. Amos Eakers and J. O. Hightower barbecued the meat and did it so well that they received many compliments—such expressions as "It is the nicest I ever saw" were common.

The tournament proved to be quite an interesting feature, and was participated in by the following: Messrs. Chas. Henley, Chas. Zellener, John Glenn, Will Henley, O. C. Davis, Jas. Henley and Harry Henley. The young gentlemen agreed that there should be but two prizes, the best to get two thirds, and second best, remainder. Chas. Zellener got first prize and Will Henley second. The riding would have been more interesting if the horses had been better trained. There was no practice before hand, and some of the horses were not suitable for the business.

Our people did well and can be depended upon to do likewise on future occasions.

Fort Stanton, N. M., July 8, 1890.

Ed. Banner:

Not seeing any Ft. Stanton items in last weeks paper, I will try and send you a few this week. Among the news items, first comes, Mr. Ravenscraft our gentlemanly telegraph operator. He came smiling into the office this afternoon, with a grin 18 inches across, cause, the largest and prettiest girl in the Territory; so at least, the proud father affirms. Mrs. A. O'Neal, the proprietress of the new and commodius "Stanton House" at Roswell, spent Monday in the Post visiting, and buying supplies for her new Hotel. Tommie Eubank spent several days visiting his numerous friends here, this week. Mr. DeLany and ladies spent the 4th. at the Agency, having gone down to witness the marriages of the Indian school children, returning home on Saturday, and reporting a good time. Some good rains in our country now so that the Post gardens are beginning to improve. Col. E. W. Parker of White Oaks, passed through the Post on his way to Lincoln Sunday afternoon, on business connected with the new stage line. He reports that the contractors will soon equip the road in first class shape. Andy Richardson, Tommie Eubank and Mrs. O'Neal left Monday for Roswell. Lieut. Scott, who had the misfortune to have a mule fall on him and injure his leg quite badly, is getting around again as lively as ever. The Paymaster is expected about the 20th. when money will be quite free again.

Yours &c.

Not a Soldier.

Eagle Creek, N. M., June 30 1890

Ed. Banner:

We have had a good rain, the ground is wet, and it is still raining. The people are all smiles. This country can do longer without rain than any in the United States. We'll have fat cattle and horses now and also plenty of work to do. James Cropper, of Tularosa, has bought Col Saunders ranch on head of Eagle and is moving his cattle on the same. Will Corner, of Tularosa, is spending a few days on Eagle. Our "school mam" has given a vacation for three weeks. Rumor says there is going to be a wedding in this neighborhood soon. Mr Phillips has a fine lot of barley about ready to cut. The dogs have quit dying here. Mr. Phillips is the only man with a family in the country that has no dog; he takes the premium. When we get the Banner every one in the family wants to read it first.

Tom Friday.

An Atlanta Lady's Sad Condition.

"About two years ago a sore came on my nose. I called in a physician who could arrest it only for a few days, when it would appear as bad as ever. Finally it become permanent, and despite the constant attention of several physicians it continued to grow worse, the discharge from the ulcer being exceedingly offensive. This was my condition when I commenced to take Swifts Specific (S. S. S.) about one month ago, but I am now happy to say that after taking four large bottles of your wonderful medicine my nose is entirely well, and my general health better than it has been in ten years."

Mrs. Lucinda Rush,
Atlanta, Ga.

Swifts Specific (S. S. S.) cured me of a blood taint that had troubled me for years. I consider it without an equal.

James Sherwood,
Nashville, Ill.

Treaties on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free, Swifts Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

NOTICE TO ALLIANCES.

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In writing for any of the above works please do so under seal of your alliance.

W. L. Breece,
Secretary N. M. S. F. A.
Nogal, N. M.

Notice For Publication.

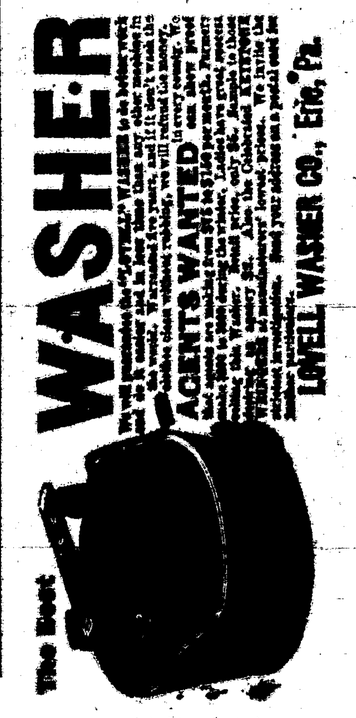
Land Office at Roswell, N. M.,
May 27, 1890.

otice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Geo. Curry Probate Clerk of Lincoln Co., at Lincoln N. M., on Saturday July 12, 1890, viz: Jose T. Y. Chaves, Hd. application No. 977 for the N.E.¼, S.W.¼; W.½, S.E. ¼, Sec. 32, TP. 8 S. of R. 18, E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Henry Stouts, O. C. Davis, Thomas Chaves, Jose Herera, of Nogal, N. M.

W. S. COBEAN. Register



NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Mining Application No. 5.

U. S. Land Office Roswell, N. M.,
May 28, 1890.

Notice is hereby given that Erastus W. Parker, attorney in fact for Rolla Wells, whose Post Office address is White Oaks Lincoln Co., New Mexico has this day filed his application for a patent for fourteen hundred and seventy four (1474) linear feet of the Copper Stain Mine or Vein bearing Gold and Silver with surface ground six hundred (600) feet in width situated in Nogal Mining District, County of Lincoln, and Territory of New Mexico, and designated by the field notes and official plat on file in this office as Lot Number 747 in Township No. 9, S. R. 8, 11 & 12, east of New Mexico, Principal Meridian. Said Lot No. 747 being described as follows, to-wit;

Bdginning at Cor. No. 1, Location corner a Granite stone 22x10x12 in. in diameter Set ½ in. in ground, chiseled 1-747; whence, the Cor. to Sec's. Nos. 12 and 13, Tp. 9, S. R. 11 E. and Sec. Nos. 11 and 14 Tp. 9, S. R. 12 E. bears N. 11 ds. 26 min. E. 660, 8 feet; thence N. 1 ds. 08 min. E. 808 feet to corner No. 2, location corner a Granite Stone 20x10x5 in. set ½ in. in ground, chiseled 2-747; thence N. 26 ds. 56 min. E. 666 feet to corner No. 3, a Granite Stone 20x4x6 in. set ½ in. in ground, chiseled 3-747; whence location corner bears N. 8 ds. W., 12 feet, summit of Church Mountain bears N. 48 ds. 30 min. W.; thence S. 56 ds. 45 min. E. 600 feet to corner No. 4, location corner a Granite Stone 20x8x12 in. set ½ in. in ground, chiseled 4-747; thence S. 26 ds. 56 min. W. 435,56 feet intersect the 4-3 line of survey 572 A, Helen Rae Load, Rolla Wells claimant, at 215,5 feet N. 84 ds. 08 min. E. from corner No. 4. 666 feet to corner No. 5, location corner a Granite Stone 24x5x9 in. set 2-3 in. in ground chiseled 5-747; thence S. 1 ds. 08 min. W. 808 feet to corner No. 6, location corner a Granite Stone 20x8x8 in set 2-3 in. in ground, chiseled 6-747. Corner No. 4, survey No. 575 A, bears S. 85 ds. 53 min. W. 46 feet; thence N. 56 ds. 45 min. W. 600 feet to corner No. 1, place of beginning.

Total area claimed 18,53 acres less area in conflict with survey No. 570 A, 2,42 acres, and less area in conflict with survey No. 575 A. .064 acres. This survey is located in Sec's. 13 and 18 Tp. 9, S. R. 11, E. and Sec's 11 and 14 Tp. 9, S. R. 12, E. (unsurveyed.)

Magnetic variation 11 ds. 10 min. to 12 ds. 35 min E. containing 18,53 acres.

The location of this Mine is recorded in the Recorders office of Lincoln County New Mexico in Book M. page 175, of mining locations.

The adjoining claimants are Rolla Wells.

Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said Copper Stain Mine or surface ground are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Roswell in the Territory of New Mexico, during the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be bared by virtue of the provisions of the Statute.

W. S. COBEAN,
Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Mining Application No. 4.

U. S. Land Office Roswell N.M.
May 28, 1890.

Notice is hereby given that Rolla Wells, by his atty. in fact Erastus W. Parker, whose Post Office address is White Oaks, Lindoln Co., New Mexico, has this day filed his application for a patent for fifteen hundred (1,500) linear feet of the Grover Cleveland Mine or vein bearing Gold and Silver, with surface ground six hundred (600) feet in width, situated in Nogal Mining District, County of Lincoln, and Territory of New Mexico, and designated by the field notes and official plat on file in this office as Lot Number seven hundred and twenty-three (723) in Township No. nine (9) south (unsurveyed) of Range No. twelve (12) east of New Mexico Principal Meridian. Said Lot No. 723 being described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at Corner No. 1, Location corner a porphyry stone 20x5x6 in., chiseled 1-723, whence, the ¼ Cor. between Sec. No. 14, Tp, 9, S. R. 12 E., and Sec. No. 13, Tp. 9, S. R. 11 east, bears N. 54 ds. 48 min. W. 1,179 ft.; thence S. 10 ds, 30 min. W. Va, 11 ds. 10 min. E. 1,500 ft. to Cor. No. 2, Location corner a porphyry stone 24x6x8 in., chiseled 2-723; thence N. 64 ds. 09 min. W, Va. 13 ds. 00 min. E. 800 ft. to Cor. No. 3, (no location corner found) a Granite stone 20x8x10 in., chiseled 3-723; thence N. 10 ds. 30 min. E. Va. 12 ds. 20 min. E. 1,500 ft. to Cor. No. 4. Location corner a Granite stone 22x4x6 in. chiseled 4-723; thence S. 64 ds. 09 min. E. Va. 12 ds. 04 min. E. 800 ft. to corner No. 1, place of beginning.

This survey is located in fractional township No. 9 S. R. No. 12 E. (unsurveyed), area of this claim 19,91-100 acres; area in conflict with survey number 568 209-1000 acres; area in conflict with survey number 639 1, 16-100 acre.

Improvements a Dise, open cut 3x5, 25 ft. long, with shaft in same 5x5, 15 ft. deep; an open cut 4x4, 20 ft. long; an open cut 6x7, 12 ft. long; a shaft 4x6, 48 ft. deep; an open cut 5x7, 30 ft. long.

Improvements by other parties, none. Adjoining claims survey's number 568 and 639 and the John Rae Lode on West, Nat. Moore claimant. No others known. Address of applicant, St. Louis Mo.

Magnetic Variation 11ds. 10 min. to 13 E. containing 19,91-100 acres.

The location of this Mine is recorded in the Recorders office of Lincoln Co., New Mexico in book O, page 233 & 234 Mining Deed Records.

The adjoining claimants are surveys Nos. 568 and 639 and John Rae Lode.

Any and all persons claiming adversely any Portion of said Grover Cleveland Mine or surface ground are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Roswell in the Territory of New Mexico during the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the Statute.

W. S. COBEAN.
Register.

FOR SALE.

If you wish to purchase a nice home near Nogal, write to, or call on L. Jameson, Nogal, N. M.

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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

A California syndicate recently undertook to establish a lottery at Tia Juana, Lower Cal., eighteen miles south of San Diego. They got the Mexican Congress to enact a bill granting a license but Pres. Diaz vetoed the bill and killed the enterprise.

A drunken man was put to sleep in a room in a Carbon, Wyoming hotel, and a $100,000 resulted, the fire originated in his room, caused by his carelessness.

The House bill to admit Wyoming to statehood passed the Senate by a vote of 29 to 18.

The permanent officers of the World's Fair, at Chicago, are Palmer of Michigan, president, and Dickenson, of Texas, Secretary.

The second world's and the seventh biennial international Sunday-School convention will be held in St. Louis in 1893.

President Harrison has signed the two bills creating the states of Wyoming and Idaho.

Colorado is to have a new state house. The corner stone was laid at Denver July 4.

The people of Grant county are raising a fund to procure a geological survey. The cost is estimated at $15,000.

The census returns show that Tucson the capitol of Arizona, has a population of 5,500.

Only 30 years since the tomato came into general use, and yearly 72,000,000 cans are put up in the United States.

The widow of Senator Riddleberger of Virginia, has taken editorial charge of the Shenandoah Herald.

A census man, in Georgia, found a boy nine years old that had not been given a name.

Enrique Cordova was drowned in the Rio Grande at Espanola and two weeks later his body was found thirty miles further down the river.

It is reported that Judge Thornton of Santa Fe, has sold the Ortiz grant to a eastern syndicate. Most of the Cerrillos coal mines are on this grant.

New Mexicos United States Marshall, Romero, has four sons on the pay roll as deputies. The Santa Fe Sun says: "Doubtful he is awaiting the official census returns to see if he has overlooked any sons."

Two Nebraska villages were destroyed by cyclones last week.

St. Louis bids fair to equal or excel Chicago as a divorce mart. A dozen a day is the present rate at which unhappy couples are being put asunder by the courts.

A cable dispatch from Madrid, Spain of the 26th inst., says the total number of cases of cholera at Valencia to date are 194, of which 113 were fatal.

Bismark is restless and uneasy. He spends his time playing solitaire and in writing letters which he reads and destroys. He is probably preparing to look upon life as a failure.

Of the forty three senators who voted for free coinage in the senate twenty-eight were democrats and fifteen republicans. Not an eastern senator of either political party voted for it.

A bubbling pool of natural seltzer water has been found near Santa Fe.

In 1846 the adobe palace at Santa Fe was said to be the only building in New Mexico having window glass.

The sealskin buffalo made by crossing polled Aberdeen cattle on the wild stock have a fine, glossy fur, as beautiful as that of the seal, and much thicker. The hump of the buffalo almost entirely disappears on this cross, and with it the shaggy mane for which buffaloes have always been noted. There are now twelve of these seal buffalo and the cross promises to become a successful breed.

The president has signed the dependent pension bill. Its annual cost is variously estimated at from $80,000,000 to $75,000,000 a year. Nothing but actual experience will decide it, but if its history is that of all other pensions here, the amount will be very large. It will furnish a great harvest for pension agents and attorneys who, under the law, will get ten dollars for each application.

A Boston man, on a visit to Colorado, writes home as follows: "This is, indeed, a great country; every hamlet is a town, every town a city, every farm a ranch, every barn yard a corral, every mound a mountain and every man a liar."

A lazy editor wails fourth the following: The lark come up to meet the sun and carol forth its lay; the farmer's son took down his gun and at him blazed away. The busy bee arose at 5 and hummed the meadows o'er; the farmer's wife went for his hive and robbed him of his store. The little ant rose early, too, his labors to begin; the greedy sparrow that way flew and took his antship in. O, birds and ants and bees, be wise, in providence take no stock; like me, refuse from bed to rise till half past eight o'clock.

The Texas Cities.

The census counts of the leading cities in Texas gives close to the following figures approximately: Dallas 39,300, San Antonio 38,000, Galveston 35,000, Fort Worth 31,000, Huston 35,000, Waco 20,000, Austin 16,200. The city census of San Antonio, taken as a check to the federal census, gives a population of 55,000, an increase of 3,500 since 1880.

250,000 land patents lying in the land office at Washington. Owners can have same by applying for them. No fees should be paid to attorneys to get them, as the owners can procure them without extra cost.

The committee of the senate on public land has decided to reduce the amount appropriated for a survey of the arid region from $720,000 to $220,000. Only reservoir and canal sites are to be withdrawn from entry under the act of 1888.

Joseph D. Brown, a telegraph operator was murdered by G. Colwell, an engineer at the Gem saloon in El Paso. Colwell got mad and shot Brown because he asked him what he had lost at faro, and then shot him twice in the back after he was down.

Turned Into a Negro and Died.

Cleveland, July 1.—A post mortem on the body of william Hatcher, a merchant who died of the rare affliction known as Addison's disease, was made. Hatcher caught a severe cold while bathing four years ago, and since then his skin turned black, until at the time of his death, his face, neck and shoulders were as black as a negro's and the remainder of his body was only a little less so. Hatcher worked until three weeks before his death and refused many offers of larger salaries from dime musium managers. The examination revealed a degeneration of the superrenal capsule of the kidney.

Bob Ford, the slayer of Jesse James, who formerly conducted a saloon in Las Vegas and a resturant at Santa Fe, but is now running a saloon at Grand Junction, Colorado, was the other day called to his home at Richmond, Mo., in responce to a notice announcing the death of his father. The Kansas City Star reporter saw him pacing up and down the Union depot platform, and states "that the ravages of consumption are beginning to tell on Bob, and his grief and disease combine to bring a death pallor to his face. He twisted a scant mustache occasionly, and talked little about himself or any one else. He said he felt a stranger here now, and could recognize no familiar face about the depot except Depot Master Creamer."

"He's the only one here that I knew in my palmy days," said Ford, "and every other face seems new to me. The old gang of ours is scattered now. Dick Liddill, who was one of us in those days, and is remembered by many of the older residents of Jackson county, left Colorado three years ago and went to New York with some race horses. That's the last I saw or heard of Dick."

As he finally boarded the train, says the Star, the handle of a big Colt's revolver was exposed from the hip pocket for an instant, conclusive proof that Bob still stands by his old friend, that gun.

New Mexico has 78,000,000 acres of land 14,000,000 acres of which are covered by grants. The Denver News commenting on this fact says: "It is a disgrace to the American government that all questions arizing out of the territory ceded to the United States by the Mexican government forty years ago were not settled in ten years after the country was annexed by and become a part this country. In the case of California that was done, and it was accomplished through the appointment of a commissioner or court for that purpose. Grave charges have been made against the corruption of that body. Admitting them to be true, the question of title was settled, and as a result California has become a prosperous and popular commonwealth. New Mexico is inferior to California in no respect, except that the latter has the advantage of being bordered by the Pacific ocean. But the lands of New Mexico are as productive as those of California, and her welth in minerals, yet undeveloped, is not inferior to the golden state. Had the land grant titles in New Mexico been settled when those in California were settled, and had the territory been admitted to the union at the same time, in no respect would Calitornia to-day be enabled to prove its superiority."

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 Bradstreets. How, for example, can the statement be grasped that New Mexico has 39,280,722 acres now unoccupied which water can make suitable for agriculture? This is almost one-fourth as much again as the whole 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 treaties 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 several irrigating companies now at work in New Mexico. When their ditches are completed 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 generally confined to the narrow valleys immediately adjacent to the streams. The projected ditches, or, properly speaking, canals, are carried entirely out of the beds of the streams upon the high rolling prairies that intervene between the water courses. When the report was written the Taos Valley Irrigation Company had completed 11 miles of canal 55 feet wide, and 14 miles of lateral ditches, with 190 miles more projected, to irrigate in all 225,000 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 90 feet wide at the bottom, carries 6 feet of water, and will reclaim more than 75,000 acres. An other lower down is 45 feet wide at the bottom, and will reclaim over 130,000 acres.—Citizen.

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Respty., Thos. W. Hanna,
1:15 Chairman.