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GRAND JURY REPORT. APRIL TERM 1891.

To the Hon. A. A. Freeman, Presiding
Judge 5th Judicial District; and
Associate Justice of Supreme
Court of New Mexico.

Your Grand Jury for the County
of Lincoln at the April Term A. D.
1891, having completed their work and
submit to you this their final report.

We have carefully investigated all
matters brought before us involving
violations of the Laws of this Terri-
tory, and in all cases where the evi-
dence was sufficient we
have found indictments. We deem
it our duty to call the attention of
the court to the general laxity on the
part of the Justices of the Peace in
binding witnesses over to appear before the grand jury in cases referred
them. The Statute Law of the Ter-
ritory requires Justices of the Peace to
recognize all such witnesses and
their failure to do so often makes it
practically impossible for the grand
jury to investigate violations of the
law occurring in remote precincts of
the county.

At the present term of court we
have found that Justices of the Peace,
as a rule, when they put a witness under
bond to await the action of the
grand jury, utterly neglect to comply
with the requirements of the law in
this respect, and compel the grand
jury at great expense to the Territory,
as well as loss of time, to hunt
the county to find witnesses who
should be present and answer when
called upon.

We have examined, as well as our
limited time will permit, the books
and accounts of the various county
officers as well as their methods of
conducting their respective offices.
The result of our investigation has
been satisfactory and relative credit
on the various officers.

As a full and complete financial
statement of the officers of this coun-
ty was published last January we
deem it unnecessary at this time for
the grand jury to present a full re-
port. It is a matter of congratula-
tion, however, that we are able to
state that the outstanding indebted-
ness of Lincoln county is now re-
duced to the sum of \$16,000.00.
We have examined the County jail
and find it clean and well kept and
the prisoners furnished with plenty
of wholesome food. There is some
complaint on the part of the personnel
in regard to poor ventilation at night.
We recommend that our County Com-
missioners remedy this defect if found
to exist. We also call your atten-
tion to the necessity of immediately
repairing the pump which supplies the
water tank supplying the jail.

We wish to reiterate the recom-
mendation of past Grand Juries in
regard to the condition of our County
court house. The outer building
should be removed, made conven-
iently convenient and supplied with
descent furniture. We earnestly
recommend that our County Com-
missioners take such measures as
shall be necessary to furnish this
county with a court house that our
people will not be ashamed of.

It has been brought to our notice
that certain persons have assumed to
change old and established roads by
fencing them in and compelling
travelers to use new and dangerous
roads on the sides of canons. We
recommend that such obstructions
be removed and such roads be re-
opened by the proper officers.

Thanking the Prosecuting At-
torney and other officers for their
uniform courtesy and timely assistance,
and, now having completed our la-
bors we respectfully ask to be dis-
charged. Lee H. Rutherford,
Foreman
James Kupper, Clerk.

C. H. Brown, of Nogal, is holding
down a case in the Bassett office
this week. The L.A. Grippos having
tackled the boss and Leslie Ellis.

IS THE MEXICANS.

Plea for a Just Deal all Around. The
"Mexican" Not as Bad as
Painted.

Under the above heading the
Springer Stockman prints about two
columns of matter from which we
select the following:

Since there are no more Indians
in this country we would be in tough
luck if we didn't have the Mexican
races to lay all the devilry to. In
all the towns in the territory there is
a correspondent to one or more east-
ern newspapers. They are frequently
young men, now to the country,
unacquainted with the condition of
affairs and totally unfit for the work
they undertake in that line. To
them news is only that of a sensational
character. And when they hear
"news" they are not slow to make
use of the telegraph wires. A report
comes in that a dead body has been
discovered, and without inquiry in
to the facts the "news" is flashed of
a "horrible murder supposed to have
been committed by Mexicans." The
report goes and travels too fast for
truth to overtake it, and our eastern
people are taught by such reports
and the lurid yarns written and told
by the students of "yellow-hued
literature" that the Mexicans as a
race are "holy terror" without a
single redeeming quality.

But as a rule the Mexicans are
good people. During a long resi-
dence with them we have found that
they average fairly well on race.
They are in classes like all other
Americans. We have, too, known
Mexicans who for down right mon-
sters could only find their equals
among a similar class of Americans.
The mestizos claim to be Americans, but
there isn't a Mexican here enough to
make me afraid to associate the name
with him.

Now, people or classes of people
are not to be judged by individuals.
The leading spirits of the different
factions that have recently been
in the mountains are not for repre-
sentatives of the race, and the law
now exists only with one exception
of those by the thoughtless
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The whole United States from
the north to south and east to west has
been built at a very low cost by
white people, but they do not have
a right to say that their race is
inferior to that of the Mexicans.
We are all Americans. There
exists of the so-called Mexican race
no greater difference than exists
between the white and black races.
While the former were all good
and true, the latter are bad and
treacherous. The former are
white, the latter are black.

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Local News.

The Stanton House having closed, board can be procured at the jail.

County Assessor Curry has started again on his official duties.

Court having adjourned last Tuesday, Lincoln has again resumed an air of usual quietness.

The suite for the Lincoln "Red Socks" arrived in town this week. They are now anxious to cross clubs with the Roswell nine.

Many items of interest, general town during the last few days of course are necessarily omitted because of our illness, and many personals also.

For the reason that no chances have been taken in the raffle of the White Elephant saloon as heretofore contemplated, said raffle is declared off, and none will be received.

We have been having beautiful weather for several days past and the way the alfalfa is growing is really surprising.

Sheriff D. W. Roberts will soon leave for Santa Fe where he goes to take some prisoners that was convicted of various crimes.

The grippio wave struck this town last Saturday and Sunday, and when the grand jury adjourned Tuesday over half of the members had the grippio, and it would have been impossible to have obtained a petit jury Tuesday evening, so many were sick. Chas. Britz, a postman, fell over in a dead faint while getting his team at the livery stable to go home.

A dispatch from Liberty, Mo., says "Miss Rigley was daughter of William Rigley, a well-to-do farmer living near her. She went west last August for her health. She had the consumption and had frequently remarked that before she would suffer like a sister who died with the disease, she would kill herself." Her letter started for New Mexico last week."

Seriously, the grippio is not a good thing to have around the house. It has its demoralizing effect on your constitution, and makes you want to go out and kill something your mother in law, for instance. Then you don't know whether you are in the body or out of the body sometimes. You long to go off in one corner of the room and gaze at your writhing, twisting body, or shed your flesh and sit in your bones.

If we ever have it again we're going to hire Langston, as a substitute, as he is big enough to have it for both of us.

Owing to an attack of the grippio, the calculations for this work were upset. We expected to present the full proceedings of the district court, and proceedings of county commissioners, but we were unable to do so for the reason that we could not get any one to procure the copy for us. Gen. Rosenthal, postmaster, has been tied up with the grippio and could not supply us with copies of committee proceedings. To make matters worse Leslie Ellis, most gethered with the grippio too, to be in session, and left the office with Ed. Cox, as Editor, printer and "dear old." Fortunately we were able to procure the services of C. H. Brown, and Lang standing, and to him we are indebted for being able to get out a paper at all this week. In addition to a concern as if grippio we have also had an outbreak of catarrh, and have been confined to our room and bed all the week.

In Grippio.

The editor of the *Banner* has the grippio, or the grippio has got him—the exact status we have not yet been able to determine. He came into the last Friday with a modest, Greek Roman style, and Sunday night he got down to a catch-as-catch-can hold, but for several days we've been having it rough and tumble.

Hooray for the Pos.

The following convictions were had at the late term of court: Mollo Hackett, alias "Daisy" unlawfully killing cattle was sentenced to twelve months in the penitentiary and a fine of \$500. Duddy Smith, colored, unlawfully killing cattle, was sentenced to three years in the "Pen."

Joe Nunes, laundryman from a dwelling house, was sent to the pen for one year.

Nute Jackson, colored, assault to Maim, was sentenced to one year in the "Pen."

These prisoners will be taken to Santa Fe by Sheriff D. W. Roberts.

List of Petit Juries for April Term. George Kimball, Henry Stutz, Wilmer Headham, Marcus Beck, Calisto Valdez, Charles Fritz, Patricino Chaves, George Hydo, Juan Trujillo, C. B. Ayres, Oscar Hydo, Cleto Chaves, Juan Pedro Radillo, Ed. Terrell, George L. Ulrich, William Rexford, G. R. Young, Charles D. Moyer, W. P. Clark, Augustus Schmitz, T. W. Hoeman, John M. Keib, Samuel Wells Jr., J. D. Grumblie, Tailorman, W. C. McDonald and Abino Romero.

Personals.

Judge Friedrich left for Roswell Tuesday.

Frank Cox, of the Ruidoso, was in town Monday.

Lawyer Richardson, of Roswell, favored us with a call Saturday.

Mrs. John Thorlton like many others, is on the sick list this week.

R. E. Lund, of White Oaks, was a pleasant caller of this office Monday evening.

Wm. Rosenthal, of the firm of Rosenthal & Co., is now taking his meals at the jail.

John W. Keith and Samuel Wolts, of White Oaks, came down last week to attend court.

W. L. Breece, Territorial Secretary of the Alliance was in town Saturday, returning home Sunday.

C. E. Littleton, of upper Bonito, attended a meeting of the Presidents of sub-alliances here last Saturday.

Major Caffery, of the White Oaks Leader, came down Sunday. "Old Mage" seems to be renewing his youth.

Jas. Kibbee, of Roswell has been in Lincoln this week. Mr. Kibbee and family will move to Roswell in the near future.

J. A. Bailey, government blacksmith, and H. Iroquois, government telegraph operator, at Ft. Stanton, favored us with a call Sunday.

Prof. Green was pressed into service by Judge Frooman to accompany him to Roswell to act as interpreter during the term of court there.

Mrs. A. M. Cox, of Upper Penasco, accompanied by her father, John Marshall, arrived in town Sunday evening, and have been the guests of the Banquet豪華。

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Mrs. D. W. Roberts, of the city, and Mrs. P. G. Peters, of Roswell under escort of Mr. P. G. Peters, visited the Diamond Ranches over evening last week. They inspected the various departments, and obtained several pointers upon kitchen talences.

Mr. J. C. Lamb and his daughter Miss Stella Lamb, of Parsons City, were in town on Saturday. They returned to Fort Stanton where they have been staying for a few days previously. Miss Stella is a very attractive young lady and is greatly liked by all who have met her.

They are to be married at the church of W. H. Thomas.

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THE LETTERS THEY WROTE.

Careful and minute Directions of Mrs. Doyle and Miss Rigley to Their Friends Before Committing Suicide.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Lydia Ellis, and B. F. Brown, of Nogal, we are able to publish this week the last letters written by the lady suicides a few weeks ago near Three Rivers. Poor unhappy girls! Their lives were evidently burdens to them.

They went about the awful act of self destruction with a calmness and careful preparation that shows they were entirely rational. May they have found sweet rest will be the wish of all who read their pathetic lines.

MISS RIGLEY'S LETTER.
March 24, 1891.

MRS. LYDIA GOODIN ELLIS—My FRIEND.—By the time this is found, you will desire to know what disposal I wish you to make of the things left on your hands.

I desire you to bury me as inexpensively as possible, and if anything remains of the \$73 or \$74 which I have, send it to my brother, Charles M. Rigley, at Los Animas, Colo., at the same time informing him that my things here await his orders.

Pack everything in the trunk, excepting the things which you have given me these I wish you to keep, and when you have heard from Chas. send the trunk to him.

In the little book in which I have kept my accounts, you will find two letters, one to my father, the other to Chas. please mail these as soon as possible.

Changes in the Constitution.
Harvard Student Journal.
The senate is filled almost by millionaires, and the people are becoming jealous of their rights and being usurped by a class separated from them by the influence of money. This would acquire a change in the constitution, and when the subject comes up there is another change that is likely to be made, which is a change of the day of meeting of congress from the 4th of March next after the election till the 1st of January after the election. The will of the people should be voiced by their representatives in congress as early a day as possible. Had such been the law the present (Fifty-first) congress would not have existed to vex the public ear after it was dead, and it virtually has been the present session.

The president ought also to take his seat on the 1st of January, and the new administration start in with the new congress, and each congress to have two whole years without the awkward arrangement of a short and long session. Such a change all round would be a great improvement over the awkward arrangement which was made, doubtless, to suit the mode of travel in those days.

Of the act which I am about to commit, I must say but little; I am only sorry that it happens here.

I feel that you and others will think it an awful crime, but I can say truthfully that I am not conscious of its being a crime, I do it with a feeling of innocence, and I do not fear punishment. I feel that I shall shorten my life but little, and that I am only turning from a lingering and painful death. You will perhaps doubt my sanity. I do not know how far you will be wrong, but I am sure that I am not more insane

Proposed Constitution

AND

BY-LAWS

OF THE

Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union of New Mexico.

As arranged and submitted, by the following committee appointed by the Lincoln County Alliance, and ordered that the same be published in the *Lincoln Banner*, and thereby submitted to the sub-Alliances throughout the Territory of New Mexico for adoption or rejection, the adoption of said constitution and by-laws being dependent on the favorable consideration of a two-thirds majority of the sub-Alliances of the Territory.

J. M. Cox,
W. L. Bassett,
J. E. Wharton,
Committee.

FIRST DECLARATION OF PURPOSES, ORGANIZATIONS, INTENTIONS.

Professedly impressed that we, the Farmers & Laborers' Union, united by the strong and faithful tie of financial and home interests, should set forth our federal intentions. We assure

1. To labor for the education of the agricultural classes of economical government, in a strictly non-partisan spirit.

2. To endorse the motto, "In things essential,

unity, and in all things charity.

3. To develop a better state, mentally, morally,

socially and financially.

4. To create a better understanding for explaining civil rights in maintaining law and order.

5. To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will among all mankind and brotherhood among ourselves.

6. To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudice, all unhealthful rivalry and selfish ambition.

7. The brightest jewels which it gathers are the tears of widows and orphans, and its imperative command is to visit the homes where incarcerated hearts are bleeding, to assuage the sufferings of a brother or sister, bury the dead, care for the widows and educate the orphans, to exercise charity towards offenders, to construct works and deeds in their most favorable light, granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others, and to protect the principles of the Alliance unto death. Its laws are reason and equity. Its cardinal doctrine, purity of thought and life. Its intention is, "Peace on earth and good will towards men."

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

ARTICLE I. Sec 1. This body shall be known as the New Mexico Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, and shall have power to make its own Constitution and By-Laws, and rules of order.

Sec 2. The Farmers' and Laborers' Union of New Mexico shall be composed of the following persons: A President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Lecturer, a Chaplain, a Door Keeper, an Assistant Door Keeper, a Sergeant at Arms and a Detective Agent, its standing and special Committees, and one delegate from each New Mexico Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union.

Sec 3. There shall be a County Alliance organized in each county, containing three Farmers' and Laborers' Unions, and said Farmers' and Laborers' County Union shall be composed of the following persons: One delegate from each Farmers' Alliance in said county in good standing for every ten male members, together with its officers and its standing and special committees.

Sec 4. No Farmers' Alliance shall be organized with less than five members, and not nearer than four miles by nearest traveled route of another, except by consent of the nearest Farmers' Alliance, provided that if there shall be a county line intervening, then in that case there may be a Farmers' Alliance organized near the line of the two counties without such consent.

Sec 5. Each Farmers' and County Alliance shall elect one President, one Vice-President, one Secretary, one Treasurer, one Lecturer, one Assistant Lecturer, one Chaplain, one Door Keeper, one Sergeant at Arms, and one Detective Agent.

ARTICLE II. Sec 1. The President's duties are to open the Alliance according to H. L. C. in case of a called meeting, to state its object, to preside over the body, to decide questions of order, appoint committees. In case of a tie, to cast the decisive vote, to temporary fill vacancies by appointment, to conduct initiations, to expand the secret work and see that it is protected from exposure and close the Alliance according to H. L. C.

Sec 2. The President shall have power and may call a meeting of the Alliance at any time when, in his judgment, it is for the good of the order, and when petitioned by one-fourth of the County Alliances, he shall call a meeting of the State Alliance, a detective Agent, and the President and transmit such business as may be necessary.

Sec 3. In the absence of any presiding officer at any regular meeting of the Alliance, any member in good standing may call the house to order, and the house may proceed to elect a President pro tem, either by ballot or acclamation, whose acts shall be binding. At the time appointed for any regular meeting of any Alliance, if a quorum is not present, the President or any other officer present authorized to open the Alliance, may call a meeting of the Farmers' Alliance, to lay a quorum to be present, to conduct initiations, to expand the secret work and see that it is protected from exposure and close the Alliance according to H. L. C.

Sec 4. The Vice-President's duties shall be to assist the President, and in his absence perform his duties.

Sec 5. The Secretary's duties shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the Alliance, conduct the correspondence, to keep a roll of its members, to receive all moneys of the Alliance and pay it over to the Treasurer, take his receipt for the same, read all communications, reports and publications in aid of the Alliance when necessary, to affix the seal of the Alliance to all documents requiring the same, to prepare for publication a copy of the proceedings of each annual, State or called session immediately after adjournment, to distribute the same annually post paid to the Secretary of each County Alliance, who shall distribute it to the President of each Farmers' Alliance who shall give it to the members of his Alliance, and the post paid shall be given in no other manner. He shall have charge of the seals, books and papers of the State Alliance. His books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the President, Executive Committee or any other committee appointed by the President to inspect the same, to keep a correct account between the State and County Alliances. He shall furnish the Secretaries of the County Alliances with a blank book properly ruled, with suitable column heads for classifying and recording the contents of the reports from the Alliances; also suitable blanks for writing reports to his office and to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and a supply of books for the Secretary of the Farmers' Alliance to report to the County Alliances. He shall also make a list of all the offices, standing and special committees of the

State Alliance with name and postoffice address, which list shall be a part of the printed program of the State Alliance.

Sec 6. All officers of the State, County and Sub-Alliances shall deliver to their successors in office within twenty days after election and installation of new papers, monies, dues or other monies, money or other matters which may be in their hands belonging to the Alliance.

Sec 7. The Secretary of each Farmers' Alliance shall by the first day of January, April, July and October of each year furnish the Secretary of their County Alliance with a list of the number of all male members over twenty-one years of age, those under twenty years, the number of females, and all other statistics required of him by the County Secretary, and shall accompany the same with the fees and due the County Alliance.

Sec 8. The Secretary of each Farmers' County Alliance shall record and record the reports from the various County Alliances in his county, and shall make a report of the same quarterly in triplicate on the first day of each quarter; one copy to be sent to the Secretary of the Farmers' State Alliance, one copy to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and one copy to be retained in his office.

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Sec 14. The Secretary of the local Alliance shall send 15 cents for each male member along with his report to the County Secretary at the end of each quarter. The Secretary of the County Alliance shall send 10 cents for each male member within the county along with his quarterly report, to the Secretary. The Secretary shall send 5 cents per person for each male member within the Territory, along with his annual report.

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