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CAMP and COUNTY.

H. J. Miller will soon move into his new house.

The little stamp mill will start up again Monday.

Ned McPherson paid the county seat a visit on Tuesday.

Sam N. Williams made a flying trip to the Nogals this week.

The railroad will be built from Carthage to the San Andres, this season.

J. P. Eakers expects to start to his ranch on the Pecos, on Monday next.

Mr. and Mrs. McClellan, from the "Park" took in the minstrel entertainment.

O. D. Kelsey's rendition of Shamus O'Brien, at the hall Saturday night, was way above the average.

Cochran & Golden are preparing to make adobes in the southeastern part of town, at the Harris well.

It is rumored here that Dick McGinnis, got into trouble in the Black Range and left for parts unknown.

John Forsythe and family, White Oaks springs, witnessed the minstrel performance at the hall Saturday night.

No paper mail Sunday morning. We are under the impression that the San Antonio Postmaster is not as careful as he should be.

Ki Harrison, who has just completed a ranch sale, of which we made notice last week, has shaved so that he looks like an English lord.

Marion Stevens, who has been employed at the Carrizozo ranch for more than a year, has returned to his old home, Cameron, Texas.

Lon Edwards and Mr. Grabendike came in from the White mountains on Saturday, and will return Tuesday. Work will soon commence on the Colmanan.

Geo. T. Beall, left Lincoln, on the 30th ult. for San Antonio to meet his wife and little boys, who left Baltimore, Md., on the 23th. Lincoln will be their "utero home."

W. H. Cranford and T. H. Bond are late arrivals from Fort Smith, Ark. They express themselves as well pleased with the location of White Oaks, and will probably remain with us.

H. Mine and Mr. Charles Bush arrived in town Monday afternoon from Roswell. Mr. Bush resides at New Orleans, and is largely interested in mining and stock raising in this county.

Our pioneer merchant Mr. M. Whiteman, contemplates building a large store room, in the near future. The building will be 4x85, adobe with sheet iron roof. Mr. Whiteman also intends building an adobe residence.

The contract taken by James C.uch, of Prof. Glass, to take out 50 tons of coal from the Professor's coal mine near the stamp mill, was thrown up by Mr. Couch. Mr. Gordon has been employed to run the tunnel 50 feet, and ascertain the amount of the coal.

C. T. Clark paid the Era a pleasant visit on Saturday. He informs us that work on the Buckhorn, in the Gallinas district is progressing finely. That there is now 180 feet of development work completed. He is working two shafts and now intends sinking a shaft 150 feet.

Patrick Barr, the ex-soldier, who had his feet so badly frozen last December at the mal pais, has almost entirely recovered. Mr. J. B. Collier and Dr. J. T. Reid, have very kindly looked after his wants. Barr is now able to go to work, and is said to be a good ranch hand. Any one needing his services, will please call on Dr. Reid for information.

The members of the "Upper Attic" troupe held a meeting Tuesday and elected the following officers: G. T. Cullen, stage manager; A. Ozanne, business manager and W. H. Weed, treasurer. Gross receipts of their last entertainment was \$61.40; expenses \$23.40, leaving a balance of \$38.00, a part of which has been forwarded for scenery, &c. Their next entertainment will be given on the 8th of May.

Charles L. Kusz, editor of the Gringo and Greaser, at Manzano, N. M., was shot in the back and killed, one night last week. No particulars are given, but it is thought the deed was done by some one who he had shown up in the columns of his paper. He was a fearless writer, and as such he no doubt made some enemies. The Governor has offered \$500 reward for the capture and conviction of the party or parties that committed the cowardly deed.

The Santa Fe railroad surveyors, are reported on their way to White Oaks.

Ike H. Smith informs us by letter that he will be in White Oaks, in a few days.

Our readers will find a cut and sketch of Prince Bismarck on third page.

J. O. Nabours and wife, Carrizo ranch, attended the show Saturday night.

J. C. Keplinger has gone to the Gallinas to commence doing his annual assessments.

Mr. C. Schaefer and C. T. Clark arrived in town on Friday last from the Gallinas district.

E. L. Blood, James Lobdell and Sam McPherson, have gone to the San Andres mountains.

Quite a number of our citizens will attend the stock meeting and convention at Lincoln on the 7th.

In the absence of Sydney Parker Mr. L. W. Stewart is attending to the duties of the express and stage office.

Arthur J. Bond has been the busiest man in town, for the past few days, making preparations to go to house-keeping.

Cy Davidson will soon take charge of the old VanSickle ranch near town and will furnish our citizens with milk and butter.

The clean up, from a run on ore taken from the American, owned by Billy Gill, in the Nogal district, was highly satisfactory.

L. D. & J. P. Black have opened a saloon opposite the post office. They are well known in White Oaks, and we bespeak for them a liberal share of the patronage.

John Forsythe comes out in a new ad. this week informing our citizens, that for cash, he will furnish twelve milk tickets for one dollar. John is prompt and full of business.

W. A. Fairfield, assayer, Albuquerque who advertises in the Era, is reported to us as a reliable man and one who thoroughly understands his business. Give him a trial, boys.

Mr. Arthur J. Bond and Miss Bertie Keeley are to be married to-night, (Wednesday) at the residence of Wm. Watson. They are well known in White Oaks society, and have the best wishes of the entire community.

Dr. J. T. Reid is still improving his lot on White Oaks avenue. He is building an addition to his adobe building, for an assay office, and on the same lot is having a well dug. The Doctor came to White Oaks to stay.

The minstrel entertainment at the hall on the night of the 29th ult. was well patronized by the citizens of White Oaks and surrounding country. Although amateurs, they displayed considerable talent, and were greeted with rounds of applause. Our space forbids separate mention—they all did well, and White Oaks is proud of her boys.

Some of the visitors to White Oaks, since our last issue: Pat F. Garrett, Arcadio Sais, Wm. Ellis, N. Moore, Sid Moore, Joshua Wayne, Billy Gill, Mr. Fletcher, John Allen, W. H. Hudgens, J. O. Nabours, Mr. McClellan Capt. Stephens, Dr. Buckner, Thos. Hawkins, Frank Conger, Marion Stevens, H. Mine, Chas Bush, J. W. Phillips and Amos K. Eakers.

We received a copy of the GOLDEN ERA, of White Oaks, New Mexico. It was welcome, as we have the southern fever and many of our neighbors are affected the same way. Our long and extremely cold winter has brought this about, but "Old Sol" is nearing us daily and his genial rays are occasionally felt and we are in hopes that in a week or two we will be thawed and entirely resuscitated.—Philadelphia (Mo.) Quiver.

Messrs. McFie and Sherfy, Register and Receiver of the land office at this place, request us to say, for the benefit of parties making final proof, that the law requires the witnesses testifying to be entirely disinterested, and for that reason parties are requested to avoid using as such witnesses the following persons: Attorneys in the causes in which they are employed, parties who do not reside near the land, and relatives in the degree of father, son or brother. Attention to this will avoid delay and expense.—R. G. Republican.

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Ki. Harrison and family and S. N. Williams intend starting to Las Vegas to-day (Thursday).

Mr. Will Littell, a practical brick maker, and a son of our popular townman, W. J. Littell, will burn a kiln of brick here this spring.

B. F. Wilson, who has been working on the Billy Gill mine, arrived in town Tuesday night. Mr. Wilson has a number of prospects in the Nogal district, and assures us that he is satisfied with the outlook for the future. He is now on his way to Vegas to confer with parties interested with him.

Prospecting on Baxter mountain is livelier than ever this spring. Several blind leads have been discovered that show exceedingly well. While the first discoveries were enough to warrant a town, every year they are increased in number, and the original discoveries grow richer as depth is gained.

The new law passed by the Territorial legislature taxing cattle brought in to the territory, is not liked by the cattlemen. One dollar per head is charged for blooded stock, twenty cents per head for common stock, in lots not exceeding 1,000 and ten cents per head for larger numbers besides mileage to the inspector. In our opinion a premium should be given to men that bring a fine grade of cattle into the territory, instead of taxing them for it.

White L. Hale and J. A. Helphingstine were in the Jicarilla mountains prospecting, Mr. Helphingstine quite unexpectedly came upon a mountain lion. It was seemingly sleeping, and as Mr. Helphingstine had no arms, he felt like he had "not long to tarry" in that neighborhood. He hallooed to Mr. Hale and made many signs of distress, and at last made that gentleman understand that he was wanted. When Mr. Hale came in speaking distance, he inquired whether or not he had found water or struck a rich lead, which led Mr. Helphingstine to remark that he had struck a big lead, and that if he had a six-shooter he would scatter lead enough to lead prospectors to believe that they had struck a lead mill. Mr. Hale asked him if the lion was sleeping or denised. Helphingstine replied "that he was afraid of it if it was alive, and afraid of it if it was dead." After an examination it was found that the lion was as dead as our last year's boom.

NOTICE.

Business is Business.

Hereafter coal will only be delivered to those who pay the cash for it. White Oaks, March 31st, 1884.

172 A. EDWARDS.

Roswell Ratings.

MARCH 29th, 1884.

Golden Era:

The special agent of the Interior Department, H. H. Eddy, has been among us; has had his say about land frauds in this portion of the territory, and, doubtless, we will soon have an official report, showing how extensive this land steal has been.

Cattle men all busy preparing for the spring round up, now so near at hand.

Farmers cleaning their ditches, trimming their young trees, breaking their land and will commence corn planting in about a week.

Grass green in low lands, and everything putting on spring attire.

Many miles of new fencing have been put up in this valley the past winter, and soon the best portions of the country hereabouts will be under fence. Barbed wire is used entirely, and seems to answer all practical purposes. Stock soon learn to keep away from it.

Some sickness in the neighborhood, but of a very mild type and handled successfully by our local physicians.

We are beginning to feel a little anxious about the doings of the present Legislature. We can hear of nothing that that body has done so far that would reflect credit on a congress of apes! Our people at first indulged the hope that some healthy and much needed laws would be passed—such as an amendment to the jury law, road law, &c., but we reckoned badly, for it is evident, now, that the members of the present Legislature care little for the people, and are interested mainly in their individual aggrandizement and political preferment. We now indulge another hope—that the Congress of the United States will refuse to pay the senseless idiots a dollar, and refuse to recognize anything they have done as legal.

ECONOMY IS WEALTH.

Just received a large lot of STAPLE GROCERIES. Low prices win every time.

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Republican Convention.

Meeting called to order Mr. Blanchard presiding, A. J. Ozanne appointed secretary pro tem.

Moved and seconded, that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to nominate eight delegates to attend the convention at Lincoln. Motion carried. Chair appointed Messrs. Stimuel, Ozanne and E. S. McPherson.

The committee then proceeded to appoint delegates and reported the following named persons as delegates: Wm. Watson, Samuel McPherson, Peter Reid, Stanley Taliaferro, F. O. Blood, Geo. L. Ulrich, D. J. M. A. Jewett and U. Ozanne. Report received and adopted.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to constitute a Republican Executive Committee for this precinct. Chair appointed D. J. M. A. Jewett, James A. Tomlinson and Geo. L. Ulrich.

Motion made and carried, that each delegate individually shall have the power to appoint a substitute in case he is unable to attend.

No further business on hand meeting adjourned.

A. J. OZANNE, Secretary.

Old Mexico.

Chihuahua, March 25th. 1884. Golden Era:

Tired and foot sore rambling around this Ancient City, I concluded to retire to my room, and while resting up drop you a few lines as I leave here tomorrow for the lower country. Will probably go to the state of Durango, three hundred miles south. It is impossible to do anything within one hundred miles of this place in the way of buying cattle, as there has been a great many buyers here, and the price of cattle is out of all reason, ranging from \$17 to \$20 per head for mixed lots. Owners will not set a price on selected stock. I promised several of the boys to keep them posted as to prices, but find everything so different from what I expected, and concluded that the Era would be the best medium to inform them and the quickest way for me.

Would like very much to give you a detailed description of this place, but do not feel competent to do the subject justice. There are a number of grand buildings, the most noticeable being the church, which covers almost an acre of ground. The main building is 80 feet high, with four towers, each 75 feet high. The building material is a soft marble, like stone. The building is beautifully carved, inside and out. This structure was commenced 200 years ago and they are still working on it.

There is also in course of erection a state house, which will be, when completed, a grand building; also the mint and Governor's residence and hundreds more, all built of cut stone and elegantly carved. The state of Chihuahua has 3,000 soldiers here and a splendid brass band that plays three nights in the week in the plaza. The plaza is a beautiful square, covered with trees and tastefully arranged walks, with a fountain in the center. This park at night is illuminated and the pretty señoritas in their pretty silk gowns show up immensely.

Yours truly, WM. STONE.

Attention, Lincoln County Stock Association.

The annual meetings of the Lincoln County Stock Association having been changed from the first Monday in May to the first Monday in April of each year, the members thereof are hereby notified that a meeting of the association will be held at Lincoln, Lincoln county, on Monday, the 7th day of April next, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of regulating the spring "round up" and other important business which will, and may be brought before it. This being an annual meeting a full attendance of the members is earnestly required.

Attest, By order of M. OZANNE, W. E. ANDERSON, Secretary, President.

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Read our Santa Fe, Old Mexico and Roswell letters.

The quarantine in the diseased cattle district of Kansas, has been withdrawn.

There will be more than 300,000 head of cattle driven from Texas north during the present season.

The Territorial Legislature adjourns to-day (Thursday), the forty days having expired. Let us pray.

Florencio Gonzalez, Lincoln county's representative, to his credit he is said, voted against the capitol trial.

We have talked with a number of cattle men the past week, from different sections of the county, and they all report stock in prime order.

The Santa Fe smelter, which cost about \$40,000, was totally destroyed by fire on the 25th ultimo. Insurance \$6,000. The Review says it will be rebuilt.

Sr. Archuleta, member of the lower house, died at Santa Fe on the 29th ult. He was seventy years old, and had been in the Legislature for a number of years.

Every good bill before the present legislature was defeated or tabled, and every bad one passed. Cheering news to those expecting to make New Mexico their future home.

The Lincoln County Stock Association hold their annual meeting at Lincoln, on Monday, the 7th inst. A full attendance is desired, as business of importance will be transacted.

If the Demijohn back in the alley doesn't mind its own business, we will fasten our syringe on to its miserable carcass, and there will be a third-class distillery afloat in the land.

The New Mexico Stock Grower, is sued at Las Vegas, N. M., in the interest of the stockmen of the territory. It is a typographical beauty, and we hope the proprietors, Messrs. Pierce & Hardy, will meet with success.

Corporal Calamity whose nose is red to everyone, and whose paper is read by very few, seems somewhat indignant at our article last week. He says he had catarrh of the stomach. We think spirits faucenti of the stomach would be a more appropriate name.

The treaty between the United States and Mexico has passed the United States Senate by a vote of forty one to twenty. We can now export machinery, steam engine, wagons, pumps, water pipes, bricks, tiles, clocks and agricultural implements free of duty.

The Legislature passed an act prohibiting the entry of stock into New Mexico that has been exposed to, or is afflicted with, contagious diseases. Inspectors have been appointed at the following places: Springer, Las Vegas, San Agustin and Seven Rivers. There is a \$5,000 penalty attached.

The Republican meeting, at the town hall, Saturday last, was well attended. Besides selecting delegates to go to Lincoln, Monday, April 7th, for the purpose of selecting four delegates to go to the Santa Fe Territorial Republican Convention, May 3rd, very little business was transacted. Everything was harmonious.

Our Santa Fe Letter. MARCH 29th, 1884.

Golden Era: My continued silence has been occasioned by the fact that there was nothing new to write. It is true that there are new steals almost every day, but the modus operandi in each case is the same, i. e.: bull-dozing the members by Catron and his gang.

The capitol bill passed, as was expected, the ring paying no attention to the protests of the people, which came in from all parts of the territory. The \$200,000 appropriated will merely be a "drop in the bucket" compared to the amounts which will be appropriated to finish the structure.

The night following the passage of the capitol bill will long be remembered here. All kinds of intoxicants were as free as water, the streets were crowded with drunken men and the uproar of debauch was kept up until the dawn of day.

It did not become known until the 29th, that the capitol bill had passed. It was voted on the 28th, and the news will be the ac-

tion of the present legislature have to the territory? Will it induce capitalists to invest with us? Will it have a tendency to turn the tide of immigration this way? We say no, and we think it the duty of the citizens of New Mexico to petition Congress to annul all the acts, and show the ring that the wishes of the people of New Mexico must be respected. J. W. D.

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The said defendant, the Baxter Mountain Gold Mining Company, of White Oaks, New Mexico, is hereby notified that a suit in assumpsit, by attachment, has been commenced against it in the District Court, for the county of Lincoln, territory of New Mexico, by said plaintiff, Samuel McPherson, damages claimed twelve hundred and seventy-two and seventy-six one-hundredths dollars: that unless you enter your appearance in said suit on or before the first day of the next May term of said court, commencing on the 12th day of May, 1884, judgment by default therein will be rendered against you. GEO. R. BOWMAN, Clerk. By SAMUEL R. CORREY, Deputy.

W. A. Fairfield's ASSAY OFFICE, ALBUQUERQUE, - N. M. Prices for Laboratory Work.

Table with columns for Gold and Silver Bullion, Silver Bullion, Silver Chlorination, and Assay of Ores.

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Our Washington Letter. Regular Correspondent of the Era. Washington, D. C., March 22, '84

While no formal call has yet been issued it seems to be understood among the democratic leaders that the tariff caucuses will be held next Tuesday.

The plan of the Randall men is, it seems, to offer a compromise based upon the Ohio Democratic platform.

The Morrison element insists that some positive action upon the Tariff is necessary to save the party in the west.

They declare that the overwhelming sentiment of the west demands something tangible in the way of tariff legislation.

The protectionists submit the patent fact that the democrats are powerless now to enact any such legislation; that an opposition Senate and republican President will certainly defeat any act the House may pass looking to tariff reduction.

But to this the Morrison men reply that the Democratic House must evince its sincerity of purpose and leave the responsibility of defeating reform legislation with the Republicans.

The Ohio platform declares substantially for a tariff laid for revenue with incidental protection; for the fostering of domestic industries and against monopolies.

The Randall men are entirely willing to stand upon this position, and the suggestion of compromise embraces the idea of a positive declaration of the Democratic House that the party pledges itself to tariff reform according to the Ohio platform.

This pledge, it is agreed, will be just as binding and effective as a passage of a bill that cannot become a law. It will give the country assurance of a tariff reform if the Democrats come into power, and will heal all present internal differences and permit the party to enter the coming campaign united and harmonious.

Palmistry has again become quite a craze and young ladies are studying up the subject and testing their knowledge by frequent examinations of their neighbors palms.

The wife of a prominent eastern Senator had a fortune-telling party at her house the other night, and the tracing of the life-lines, heart-lines and head-lines went on briskly for several hours.

The hostess, it is said, is well up in fortune telling love, and as she has a good deal both of the siren and of the sibyl in her nature she contrived to impart not a little of her guests. To have their whole future laid bare before their eyes is the ardent desire of the old. As palmistry deals principally with future and reveals nothing of the damaging past, it is likely to become as popular it is already very interesting.

At a meeting here Tuesday of Representatives of the colored newspaper press of the country an elaborately drawn resolution in favor of General Logan for the Presidency was brought forward and urged with much persistence. After an exciting and animated discussion the resolution was tabled, as it was the sense of a large majority that it was not expedient at this time to undertake to commit the colored people to any particular candidate.

The resolution in favor of Gen. Logan is thought to have been of white paternity, and was evidently worded with the idea that it would be carried through with a rush. But it was shown in the discussion that the colored journalists were learning politics very fast and did not propose to be tied to the tail of anyone's kite.

Many well-known people have left the city during the past fortnight for the fashionable spring recuperative resorts of Fortness Monroe, Lakewood and Atlantic city and it is said that dancing and other amusements somewhat frowned upon in the city during

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