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## MEN TO PATRONIZE.

### A. T. & S. F. R. R. Time Table.

The timetable of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R.R. which went into effect Apr. 10th, 1884 is the one now in use. By it the trains leave Engle as follows:

**GOING SOUTH.**  
Arizona Express.....1:50 a. m.  
San Francisco Express.....10:37 a. m.

**GOING NORTH.**  
New York Express.....1:00 a. m.  
Atlantic Express.....3:31 p. m.

The day train goes to and from Mexico and has no connection with D-ming. The night train runs to Beaumont and has no connection to El Paso. The day train carries the mail. Trains from Lake Valley run to Rincon and connect with the Mexico trains. Passengers are not allowed to show their tickets before they can enter the cars at any station.

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## The Comstock.

Superintendent H. Patton, who has the distinction of having mined out more gold and silver than any other man that ever lived, was in Reno a day or two ago and engaged in an interesting conversation. He says a foot of timber has been put into the bonanza for every dollar taken out. They paid \$120,000, 00 and into the hole left was 120,000,000 feet of lumber worth two cents a foot. The timbers were laid in rather loosely and occupied about two-thirds of all the space, the one-third being divided up into thousands of cracks and openings in the cordons as it was called. The top earth pieces caving in and compresses all this work into one solid mass, and finally the face settles. By this process, 12-inch timbers are crushed to seven, or nearly half their usual size. In these dark and distant caverns the wood decays and forms gases which are frequently heard exploding. The wood is set fire year after year it smolders and smokes in a slow but terrible way. There are many places in the mines where the smoke works its way out and can be plainly smelled in the air. The largest body of territory that has been worked out and closed up is the old bonanza mines and extends from the 1,200 to the 1,900 levels and is 1,200 feet long. It was worked out from ten to twenty feet wide and filled with timbers. There are many places in it now on fire, and it will smolder for centuries unless it gets a draft of air somewhere, when it would break out into a terrible blaze. The gas generated in this way is of the deadliest character. It is confined by air-tight bulkheads sixty feet thick of solid timbers. Where the air has a down cast this is more necessary than the up cast shafts, which carry the gas out into the air instead of down where the men are at work. There are three separate currents in the system of ventilation in the bonanza company. One is down the C. & C. shaft to the bottom of the 2,000 level and up the Banner shaft. It carries 16,000 feet of air a minute. The second is down the Ophir shaft and up Con. Virginia. It goes to the 3,100 level, carrying 20,000 feet a minute. The third is down the Union and up the Sierra Nevada shaft. It reaches 2,000 feet and carries 12,000 in a minute. This air goes down fresh and dry. At the bottom it gets heated up to 100 degrees or over, which increases its capacity for absorbing moisture. It comes out steaming at the mouth of the shaft and thus carries out of the mines 16,000 gallons of water per day equal to a stream of one miner's inch of water. Mr. Patton thinks that the heat is caused by chemical action. There is some lime in the rock and it would create heat when dissolved in water. Many think that feldspar makes heat when it decomposes to form kaoline. The mines are no hotter at 3,100 feet than at 1,500 feet, except when a vein of hot water is tapped. That makes it seem hotter than it really is by heating up the air and at the same time increasing its moisture. Moist air at 110 degrees is harder to endure than dry air at 120 degrees. Mr. Patton keeps a record of the water raised and he says it does not increase with depth. They have struck no new water at all, but drain all the levels above. No supply of water from the surface reaches them. They feel neither wet seasons nor dry at such depths. Mr. Patton says there is no reason to be discouraged at the prospect of the Comstock. The ledge is there perfectly defined and of as favorable a formation for ore as it ever was. There are many streaks of good ore through it and any day a bonanza might be struck. He says he can handle rock as cheaply at the 3,100 with the machines now there as he could on the 1,500 with what they had then. If there is a body of \$50 ore twenty to fifty feet thick, and he can find it he will be able to hoist and mill it for \$20 a ton, which will make Virginia City shine again.—The Economist.

## Why He Wanted To Help Him.

Mr. Garrison was on the piazza one morning, mending his fishing rod, when his neighbor's little boy Neddy came up the steps and asked him if he could not help him with his work. "No," said that gentleman, "there is really nothing you can do, Neddy." "But I'd so like to do something," urged the child. "Can't you think of something for me to do that'll help you, Mr. Garrison?" "Well, I suppose you might pick up that twine," Neddy picked up the cord from the floor, and a moment later he asked: "Now, Mr. Garrison isn't there something else I can do?" "Well, no,

## Restoration of Faded Photographs.

It is only to immerse the yellow print in a dilute solution of mercury until all the yellowness disappears. It is then well washed in water to remove the mercurial salt. If the print be a mounted one, it is by no means necessary to unmount it previously to treatment. All that is required in this case is to keep it in intimate contact for a time with blotting paper charge with the bichloride; indeed, this is the plan originally suggested by Mrs. Barnes. By the bichloride treatment no loss is detail is actually restored, as some imagine. It is simply that the sickly yellow color which, as it were, buried the delicate half-tints, or what remains of them, is removed, and thus renders the picture bright and clear. Pictures which have been treated with the mercury always possess a much warmer tone than they did originally, as the purple or black tones give away to a reddish brown or reddish purple—more or less bright according, probably, as gold or sulphur has been the principal toning agent. Here a question very naturally arises with regard to the future permanence of pictures which have been thus restored, seeing that negatives intensified with mercury or transparentized with it are so prone to change. In answer to this we may mention that they appear to be permanent—at least, that is our experience with those that have been done for many years. There appears to be no further loss of detail, and the whites retain their purity. Indeed, since undergoing the treatment with mercury, no alteration is yet perceptible.—Br. Jour. of Photo.

## Didn't Want Any Mistake Made.

At noon, a girl about nineteen years old, and wearing a somewhat faded costume, came up to the delivery window of the postoffice, threw down a letter and said to the clerk: "Is that air stamp all square gee?" "Yes, it seems to be all right." "An' is the address writ so thar kin can be no show of its gettin' off the trail an' monkeyin' all 'round the country afore it gets whar it's addressed?" "Oh, I guess so. The mail boys can manage to—"

## The Knwping Dog of Port Jervis.

Mr. S. O. Dimmick, of Port Jervis, is the owner of a large St. Bernard dog. He is young and playful as a kitten—so much so that he is sometimes troublesome in his antics. Early in the winter he made himself troublesome when the servant was hanging the clothes on Monday (wash-day) by pulling at them and annoying her by his playful pranks. Finally, to save herself from further annoyance, every Monday morning the girl would tie the dog up, releasing him after all the work was done. He repented being tied up very much, but

## His Step-father.

McQuarter and his friend Addison were strolling through a cemetery. Stopping at a grave, McQuarter remarked: "This is the resting place of my step-father." "Your step-father?" said Addison in surprise. "Yes, my step-father." "Why, man, your father is still alive." "My father; oh yes, he's alive." "Then how is it the man who is buried here was your step-father?" "Well, you see, he was my mother's husband. He died and my father married his widow." "That does not make him your step-father."

## The Lead Bath.

Users of the lead bath for heating for hardening make frequent mistakes in allowing something besides lead to perform a portion of the bath, and also allowing the bath to be kept below its proper temperature. Only pure lead should be used to obtain the full heat for hardening good tool steel. A mixture of lead and tin—a melted mass composed of pewter, type metal, and soft solder—is not a lead bath. The melting and heat holding qualities of metals are not alike. With clean, pure lead, either pig or bar, good cast steel can be hardened to its proper intensity to obtain a good hardening, and then be drawn to color in sand or blazed in oil. But the lead must be kept at a liquid fluid heat, hot enough to make its covering of charcoal powder glow else the steel will not receive sufficient heat to harden.—Scientific American.

## A Snake Story.

Judge M— says that many years ago when starting out to seek a fortune for himself, he went to the southwestern part of Texas. Riding one hot August afternoon along a cart road cut for many miles through the chaparral, his horse stopped with such suddenness that he was nearly thrown forward over the animal's head. Said he in further description: "I got off and looked to see what the trouble was, and soon found about a rod ahead a huge rattlesnake asleep across the roadway, his head down the slope on one side, and his tail in the gutter on the other. I tried to make the pony jump the snake but he wouldn't budge. There wasn't stone or stick big enough to handle in sight, and I had no fire-arms. I was in a pickle, but I couldn't go back, and I didn't like to stay where I was. However, while considering the situation, I saw way ahead on the further side of the rattler a sapling—such as is used to bind hay upon a rick. Hitting the pony to the brush, I stepped back so as to get a good start, took a running jump, leaped over the snake, ran to the sapling, grabbed it with both hands, ran, swinging it over my head, back to the slumbering snake-ship, and whacked him right across the neck, breaking it at once—when, hang me, if I didn't discover that my sapling was the snake's mate, and the same blow killed it also!"

## Steam Launches For the Atlantic Regions.

Two launches for the Greeley expedition are whale boat shaped and built very strongly of oak frames double cedar planking and copper sheathed throughout, with a Herreshoff condensing engine and improved safety boiler. They are thirty-eight feet in length, seven feet eight inches beam, and have a draught of 3½ feet. The shaft is fitted with a knuckle joint so that the wheel can be hoisted out of water in case of ice or when sailing used. They are also fitted with three keels, which will act as sled runners when being hauled over the ice.—Scientific American.

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## False Arrest.

Before a rural justice of the peace: "Judge, I have been arrested for being drunk. I acknowledge that I was drunk. A friend of mine sent me a jug of very fine whiskey, and—" "Where is the jug?" "Here it is." "The officers will please leave the court-room. 'Ah,' taking up the jug, 'here's at you. We'll sue the state for false arrest.'"

## A Drunken Herd of Swine.

Mattieu Williams says that he once witnessed a display of drunkenness among 300 pigs, which had been given a barrel of spoiled elderberry wine all at once with their swill. Their behavior was intensely human, exhibiting all the manifestations of jolly goodfellowship, including that advanced stage where a group were rolling over each other and grunting affectionately in tones that were distinctly expressive of sweating good fellowship all around. Their real and staggering, and the expression of their features all indicated that alcohol had the same effect on pigs as on men, that under its influence both stood on the same zoological level.

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The Santa Fe convention set its seal of condemnation upon the practice of nullifying the popular will of a county in a territorial convention...

There were no complimentary words spoken for Max Frost by others than his few associates at Santa Fe last Saturday...

Road Across The Range.

The Silver Monument road now being completed, should be made a link in the road across the range...

The Territorial Convention.

The republican convention which assembled at Santa Fe last Saturday to elect delegates to the national convention...

consequently her oldest inhabitants opened their eyes in wonder at the delegations as they appeared. A party of one hundred and twenty-five extrajurisdictionals from Philadelphia had secured the choice apartments at the hotels...

It was understood that the fight was to be made and decided in the temporary organization and the ringmasters attempted to follow their custom and select the temporary chairman...

Proceedings of The County Commissioners of Sierra County, April 23, 25.

The Governor of the Territory of New Mexico having on the 21st of April, 1884, issued commission Geo. M. Fuller, William S. Hope and Edward West county commissioners for the new county of Sierra...

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LOCAL NEWS.

Charley Ekstein is in Bisbee, Arizona.

W. H. Trumbor is surveying the Silver Monument for patent.

Johnny Flemmons sold his mule team and wagon to Douglass Robertson for \$25.

E. M. Hand, the concentrator assayer, has moved into his new place of abode at Mr. Castle's residence.

Sullivan's team came in from Engle Friday and Moreland's on Monday, all loaded with merchandise.

The enlargement of the concentrator fly-wheel is a splendid piece of mechanical work. It was done by M. H. Koch.

George Bees came in from the Cucillo's Monday evening, after an absence of several days on surveying business.

John Stone, Charley Bishop and Hugh Love went over the range to the west side, on a hunting and prospecting trip last Wednesday.

A. J. Maxfield has bought another \$125 horse to replace the one he was so unfortunate in losing by hanging itself with the picket rope.

The Hillsboro Hydraulic company and the placers are working steadily with a strong force of men and with satisfactory results.

Billy Dunn brought down fifty pounds of ore from the White Shield and had it tested for an average with a result of a nice figure.

N. Grayson & Co., of Las Palomas, contemplate, with all the probabilities in favor of the change, the removal of their store and headquarters to Hillsboro.

That trail, back of the drug store, built by Western and Myers to the top of the mesa, was made for the accommodation of "Old Bill," Western's horse.

Larry McDonald came in town last Monday. Says he has planted about two tons of potatoes on his ranch, but the season is so backward they are not doing as he had hoped.

M. H. Chamberlin and family are going over to B. M.'s run to camp out. He says that the road to the Midnight must be built if himself and Fred Stevens have to do the work.

John Andrews took his departure this week for El Paso, Texas, where he has gone to work at his trade. If he should meet with success he will probably send for his family to join him.

Chris Olson has just completed the setting of a wind mill and the building of a water tank on Lyman's upper ranch, and with Joe Peere has started over the range to their Mogollon ranches.

The late enactment reducing the fees allowed to the probate judge for signing deeds in cases of townsites entries does not date back far enough to benefit Fairview, so with Mr. Wenger the price remains the same.

A sand bar is formed at the ferry of the Rio Grande on the Black Range and Engle road and the boat cannot run. The water in the river is just high enough to run over the box of the stage when crossing at the ford.

Dr. Merrill is an arrival in Chloride by Tuesday's stage. The Dr. is originally from New York. He has been sojourning the past two years in New Mexico, having come here direct from Los Cruces.

Frank Le Craft has planted about 240 pounds of potatoes on his Mineral creek ranch and set out a good lot of cabbage. He says the ground is in splendid condition and he has fine promise of good crops.

A. Rush Bowe is at present at the Lick House in San Francisco. He has found that the Coeur d'Alene gold excitement is a farce and so has not concluded to go there but does not know just where his next removal may take him.

County Commissioner Hopewell drives from Hillsboro to his home in Las Palomas distance twenty-eight miles in two hours and thirty-five minutes. Common iron is of no value when used to hold together his backboard, except the pulverizer. Rawhide and baling wire only are servicable.

Louis Schleiser, after selling out his interest in the Josephine went to Leadville intending to go to Coeur d'Alene. He met so many of his old friends who had returned from that country pronouncing it a humbug that he returned to this country having arrived in the range the other evening.

The commissioners of Sierra county have decided to take no steps regarding the construction of public buildings at Hillsboro until all doubt on the subject of the continuity of the acts of the legislature which created the county shall have been settled by congress. The intervening time cannot be long.

I. H. Gray accompanied by Charley Winters journeyed to the Rio Grande to Las Palomas and vicinity, this week, in search of saddle horses to purchase.

Not only did Mr. Gray fail to find his object but he discovered that every gun down that way was as anxious to buy horses as he was.

The concentrator is running nicely now doing good work and giving perfect satisfaction. The St. Cloud ore was washed this week, and proved to be very easy of separation. The mill has need of a finer-meshed screen and has one en-route hither. When it comes the tailings which are not as clean now could be desired, will be put through the mill again.

Lanstrom and McTavish had some thoughts of going to Clifton, Arizona. They packed traps and started down Florida, when they were met by John McBride who stopped them and gave them a job on the Silver Monument road. The men of this camp will travel a good ways before they will find a better one.

B. P. Herndon after several months wandering through Arizona, has returned to the range and says it is good enough for him. He is owner in the Antelope claim on the Palomas, where he is now stopping. He had some of his ore tested by assay at the concentrator sampling works and got 100 ounces silver per ton.

W. J. Beery returned to the range on Tuesday's coach. Mrs. Beery did not come with him, and consequently he cannot be expected to remain long. He will begin doing assessment work upon his claims at once beginning with the Dreadnaught. The amount of work to be done in addition to assessments will depend upon circumstances.

The St. Cloud tunnel is now within forty feet of the shaft and the workmen have struck the same ore that is found in the shaft. This will settle the character of the St. Cloud, as the shaft ore is the best ore of the lead, and finding it in the tunnel shows that the chute is at least forty feet long on the ledge. Good enough. Development is all this camp wants, as the RANGE has always claimed.

Hopewell and Brooks will add three thousand head of stock cattle to their herd about next month. Their range occupies some twenty miles of Rio Grande river front and comprises a million acres of pasture land. The bunch now expected will swell the herd on the range to seven thousand head of cows and bulls and one hundred and seventy-five horses.

The Hillsboro stamp mill is running night and day on the Oro Tino and O. Kelly gold ore. Two hundred dollars rent is paid for the use of the mill which is distant from the mines six or seven miles and the loss on the mineral in the rock though a failure to work it closely is considerable, yet the owners of the properties are making money and are happy.

A responsible gentleman at Hillsboro this week offered to contract to build a good wagon road from Hillsboro to Chloride, said road not to exceed forty or forty-five miles in length for the small sum of seven hundred dollars. The proposed road will strike Cuchillo Negro creek a short distance below the Stone ranch. If this road is built the reaching of the new county seat will be an easy job for its inhabitants in the northwest corner.

Jim Mennifee, Tom Hall and John Flemmons came up from Hermosa Tuesday evening. Mennifee has been the faithful foreman of the Flag, which he says is looking well. He proposes to take a week or two of rest, and will then return to do assessment work on some claims of his own. Tom Hall is still with the Flag, and has let out his assessment work by contract. Flemmons runs the Hermosa City store, and is still looking for the boom at that place.

J. J. Snyder the gentleman who owns two miles of Cuchillo Negro below, as well as six miles of the valley above the town of the same name, is having extensive buildings and corrals built in anticipation of his occupation of the ranch with a couple of thousand head of cattle during the month of July or August. Ed Fest is in charge of putting up the buildings which will be located on the stream not more than a mile above the point where the stage road coming to the range leaves the valley. Mr. Snyder is now down in Texas gathering up his cattle.

Otto F. Gentz of Hillsboro, has plans and specifications for a twelve thousand dollar hotel all ready to operate upon when the status of the new county is settled by congress. Mr. Gentz has been landlord at Hillsboro for a number of years and he proposes to keep up with the times. Just so soon as the county commissioners make a move toward building the court house Mr. Gentz will act in the matter of the erection of his new hostelry. A twelve thousand hotel will be an ornament as well as a convenience to the county seat of Sierra county.

Ed Fest of Cuchillo town is building a small boat with which to cross passengers over the Rio Grande when the June rise comes. He expects that stream to come down like an avalanche when the thaw begins in the mountains, and the longer the rise is retarded the higher it is likely to be. It is an axiom with the Mexicans that the river floods the country every tenth year. It was high in 1864, Mr. Fest saw it sweep the country in 1874, and he can thus form his estimates for 1884. He

expects every bridge on the Rio Grande from its mouth to its source to go with the flood a month or so hence.

An act of the recent legislature reduced the fee allowed the probate judge for signing deeds in townsite cases to one dollar irrespective of the number of acres of land embraced in the townsite entry. When Robertson's pettifogger learned this he straightway concluded to pose as a public benefactor by agreeing to do the attorney work in the Chloride townsite entry for two dollars a lot less than had been contracted for heretofore. However his strikers neglected to mention to the signers of the petition how the reduction came about.

Ed Magner came down from the Black Knight Monday. He has been asserting the ore dump. He is only awaiting the action of his partner, Mr. Vance, to know what he will do on the property. Ed says he will take a development lease on the property and take his chances on the ore to pay his way. Such an arrangement would be good for his partner and good for Ed too, if he is not mistaken in the property. But Ed has good faith in the Black Knight and some of the ore he has taken out warrants his belief. The RANGE would like to see Ed strike it big, for he is a man that deserves first-class luck.

While at Hillsboro the editor of the RANGE saw a letter written by Robertson's pettifogger to the probate judge of Sierra county stating that the people of Chloride were tired of the inefficient manner in which the business of getting title to the townsite of Chloride was being conducted and that he (the pettifogger) would call a meeting of the citizens and get the business transferred to his own hands, provided that the probate judge would sign the deeds for \$150 per lot. The pettifogger desired that his letter be kept confidential. Mr. Donalge the probate judge, who is a gentleman, said that he did not do public business in a confidential manner, but that the late enactment had reduced the judge's fee in such matters to one dollar per lot. Did his strikers tell you this?

Work on the Silver Monument is progressing quite satisfactory to the superintendent, Mr. T. L. Drake. He is the right sort of a man to have in charge of a property. This is the second ditch he has had on the Silver Monument. He put up money for Von Wendt in the first deal, and as he got swamped in that transaction it will be very gratifying to our people here to know that he will come out ahead in this deal, being in the right sort of company. Mr. Drake is making a camp of friends here. He is a straightforward, active pushing man, and will do our camp good. He is putting the mine in shape for extensive work and will soon have it down to business where it will make a record for itself. He is having survey made for patent. McBride is building the road, and everything assumes a business air in connection with the Monument. Mr. Drake says the more he sees of the Monument the more he is convinced of the wisdom of the purchase of the property.

The Townsite Question. Chloride is somewhat agitated over the matter of securing title to the townsite and the latest move in the matter is the circulation of a petition asking J. M. Young, an entire stranger in this community, to act as attorney for the town in securing title through the probate judge. The petition was circulated secretly, all manner of misrepresentations were resorted to to secure signers and every name possible no matter where its owner hailed from was taken. Some seventy signatures were thus secured and then Austin Crawford and Tom Evans went before Judge Holmes and swore that the list comprised a majority of the citizens of Chloride.

About the middle of January last there was a public meeting of the citizens of Chloride called and a committee was appointed to see about the townsite entry business. This committee found that there was considerable expense attendant upon the work, that the probate judge of Socorro county being a native not familiar with such work could not be depended upon to act alone in the matter and that some body else would have to do the attorney work. The committee debated the best means of accomplishing this end and concluded that the only way to do it was to have somebody take the job, put up the funds and have each lot claimant pay so much for his deed. When the committee concluded to report they called a public meeting by publication in the BLACK RANGE and at this meeting held at the school house and attended by most of the people interested in the matter, the subject was discussed and V. B. Beckett selected, with unanimous voice to make the proof on the townsite for \$75.00 per lot from the lot claimants of the town. He agreeing to fight the contest heretofore mentioned and to furnish to the town title to all lots or parcel of lands embraced within its limits free of cost. J. M. Young attended that meeting and with the others there pledged himself to stand by Mr. Beckett in the contest, and Austin Crawford expressed his willingness to pay a citizen of Chloride a little more than he would a non-resident

for this work. Under that contract Mr. Beckett went to work and out his papers and no dissatisfaction was heard until Douglas Robertson employed J. M. Young as his attorney to contest the entry of forty of the townsites claimed by said Robertson. Then Young stuffed himself—went back on his pledge all a small fee, and began a Dennis Drey style of fight for his client. Under a misrepresentation of facts got a meeting together to examine the 40 acre tract from the townsite, but that gathering resulted in his own confusion and in a final ratification of the action of other meeting.

Douglas Robertson having advertised a final proof on his claim on the day of April he appeared at the office with his witnesses who swore that no part of the tract was traced "within the limits of a selection." V. B. Beckett also appeared at the land office on the same day and filed his papers for the same entry and a contest was ordered. The townsite papers were filed at 11 o'clock a. m., and Robertson's were filed at 11 o'clock of the same day, each on an equal footing, except the townsite was made the contestant.

Young came back to Chloride and argued that Beckett was non-suited of court, etc., and he was not yet enough to know otherwise. Notice of contest was served on him, the date being fixed for the 27th May and the hearing to take place before D. H. Wenger, at Fairview. Mr. Young commenced bustling himself. He was well aware that he had no case in court and other means were reported to save the two hundred dollars which Robertson was paying him, in case he saved him the day. He told the credulous folks that he could keep the case in court for six months and keep them out of their titles, which is false; he told them that they were being robbed by Mr. Beckett by paying him \$75.00 per lot and he agreed to get title for \$5.50, having first found out that the legislature had cut down the probate judge fee in the case from ten to one dollar per lot; he told them that the men who had started the town here and had always borne the sense of improving it, who had ten all the steps toward getting title to the town and the only ones who could be depended upon to stay with the town in case of an emergency was a ring which was trampling upon the rights of the masses. He told them these and any other things equally false in his sense. He told them to follow him. They are not the solid business men of Chloride, however, as can be easily seen by looking over the list and it is very gratifying to Mr. Beckett to know that his friends in Chloride are the relations of the community.

The unquestioned object of the petition referred to is for the people of Chloride to give to Mr. Young a case in court which he could not win for himself, and what do's Chloride get out of it. By terms of contract Mr. Beckett agreed that for the sum of \$75 per lot he would furnish deeds through the probate judge to the townsites of Chloride. [The new law reducing the probate judge's fees two dollars per lot would, of course enable him to reduce the price also.] The fees were to be paid only on such lots as were claimed by actual owners and the other lots or tracts of land embraced in the 90 acres was to be deeded to the town free of charge. He agreed to contest Douglas Robertson on his 40-acre WITHOUT EXPENSE TO CHLORIDE and assume all obligations now outstanding against the place, and to leave the town with good titles fully perfected clear of all litigation or encumbrances. Mr. Young agreed by the terms of his petition to get title to 120 acres of land for \$5.50 per lot. [The law having reduced the expense of getting the deeds signed by the probate judge from three dollars to one dollar per lot, since Mr. Beckett's price was fixed.] He does not contract to furnish deeds either to lots claimed by individuals or to lots or tracts of ground claimed by the town. Mr. Beckett has already expended one hundred dollars in behalf of the town under his contract and Mr. Young will leave this as a legacy for the town to pay. The town promises to dismiss his suit and he promises the town nothing.

Further, Mr. Young claims that Beckett under his contract would make a millionaire of himself and the whole town ring. Mr. Young wants the same price, yet he escapes all the expenses of the contest, saves fifty dollars on the purchase of the land by taking fewer acres, promises nothing regarding outstanding indebtedness and yet does not claim to be making more than just pay for his services. Does it look as if Mr. Beckett was beating the people so badly? Doesn't it look rather, as though the signers of that petition were letting their hatred of Mr. Beckett run away with their judgments.

Mr. Beckett didn't seek the job in the first place and he hasn't been anxious to hold it since as he has not been sure of getting his money back on it. The petition has shown him who his friends are. It is well enough to announce that he doesn't propose to lose the \$100.00 already expended by him in

this matter and that the town will have it to pay 20 soon as a life is secured.

A. P. Merrill, D. D. S. Formerly of New York City, who has been located for the past year in Esposito, making a tour of this section of the territory. Those in need of the services of a first-class DENTIST will give Dr. Merrill an early call. He will remain only a few days at the Chloride hotel.

BIDS FOR BUSINESS. Notice of Contest.

U. S. LAND OFFICE. LAZ CRUCES, N. M., APRIL 24, 1884. Complaint having been entered at this office by W. H. Wilson against Wm. McDonald for abandoning his homestead entry No. 282, dated November 27th, 1882, upon the N. 1/4 of Sec. 12, T. 18 N., R. 10 W., S. 20, in Socorro county, New Mexico, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at the office of the U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M., on the 2nd day of June, 1884, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

\$500 REWARD. \$250 REWARD. \$100 REWARD.

The Central New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, through their executive committee, offers a reward of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS for the apprehension and conviction of any person illegally driving or selling or otherwise disposing of any cattle, horses or mules belonging to the association, more especially the S. U. and P. P. brands of cattle. The above reward of \$500 will be paid for the arrest and conviction of either "Italy" or Gus White, alias Gus Moore, and the additional reward of \$250 will be paid for the conviction of both parties for the above named offense.

\$500 REWARD! \$250 REWARD! \$100 REWARD!

The Central New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, through their executive committee offers a reward of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS for the arrest and conviction of any person illegally driving or selling or otherwise disposing of any cattle, horses or mules belonging to this association, or if more than one person is implicated in the offense, a further reward of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS for each subsequent arrest and conviction; the money to be paid when proof of conviction is made, which proof must be furnished to the District Judge by whom sentence was passed.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons for killing cattle and not preserving the hides for inspection as required by law. No reward shall be paid to any member of the association.

\$500 RECOMPENSA! \$250 RECOMPENSA! \$100 RECOMPENSA!

La asociacion de Criadores de Ganado Vacuno de Nuevo Mexico Central por medio de su Comision Ejecutiva, ofrece una recompensa de CINQUETOS PESOS por el arresto y conviccion de cualquiera persona que robe, venda, o de otro manera disponga de cualquiera res, vaca, o mula que pertenezca, o sea propia del legal de cualquier propietario de esta asociacion, o sea que pertenezca a un miembro de esta asociacion.

DOS CIENTOS CINCUENTA PESOS para cada persona arrestada y conviccion de cualquiera persona que robe, venda, o de otro manera disponga de cualquiera res, vaca, o mula que pertenezca, o sea propia del legal de cualquier propietario de esta asociacion, o sea que pertenezca a un miembro de esta asociacion.

AMAS UNA RECOMPENSA DE CINCO PESOS para cada persona que robe, venda, o de otro manera disponga de cualquiera res, vaca, o mula que pertenezca, o sea propia del legal de cualquier propietario de esta asociacion, o sea que pertenezca a un miembro de esta asociacion.

ALLEY RANCHES. Ojo Caliente. A. TALBOT, Manager. P. O. Gratton, N. M. Brand of cattle and horses under crop left ear the same as per cut.

Black Range Cattle Co. D. C. CANTWELL, J. B. PETHIE, W. H. YATES, P. O. Gratton, N. M. Range on the west side of the Black Range. Horse brand, D on left side. Other cow brands OH, either or both sides.

Continental Cattle Range. HOUGHTON & BOWE. P. O. Gratton, N. M. Range at the headwaters of the east fork of the Chisillon the continental divide Socorro Co. Horse brand same as mentioned in this notice. Cattle sold invariably bear the counter brand viz: H.

JUDGE MOORE STOCK. J. B. PETHIE, Manager. P. O. Gratton, N. M. Range with the Black Range Cattle Co. Stock on the west side.

LEGAL NOTICES. Notice to Cattlemen.

At a meeting of the cattle growers of Central New Mexico, at Socorro, N. M., on the 24th, 25th and 26th of March 1884, and at Albuquerque, N. M., on the 1st and 2nd days of April, 1884, an organization was perfected to be known as the "Central New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association," for the protection of the cattle interests of Socorro, Valencia, and Bernalillo counties, and contiguous territory. The following persons signed the constitution and by-law, as members of the second session:

- D. F. White, President. S. F. Johns, Vice Pres. D. C. Kye, J. W. Slaughter, J. B. Dedrick, W. H. Virgin, C. S. Eshers, E. J. McClure, W. H. Hopewell, D. C. Cantwell, Floyd Jarrett, J. J. Snyder, John W. Terry, H. M. Atkinson, J. F. Laderer, Wm Tuttle, H. L. Brooks, W. C. Branton, M. W. Browne, E. J. McLaughlin, H. T. L. M. Brown, Milo J. Smith, C. N. Blackwell, Delwin F. Pughler, J. C. Tiffany, J. W. Crawford, Wray & Irwin, Walter G. Marmoon, Geo H. Pradt, Charles W. Kennedy, T. J. Trask, G. M. Mansel.

Other persons owning or controlling cattle, and who desire to receive the benefit of the protection offered by this association, are requested to make written application to the secretary for membership. The association offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of any person stealing or running off cattle, horses or mules belonging to any members of the association, or if more than one person is implicated in the same offense, a further reward of \$250 for each additional arrest and conviction of either party. The association also offers a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons for setting fire to or burning, or attempting to burn the grass from any range used by any member of the association. The association offers a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons for killing cattle and not preserving the hides for inspection as required by the law.

Aviso a Los Dueños de Ganado Vacuno. En junta tenida por los "Criadores de Ganado Vacuno de Nuevo Mexico Central," en el Socorro, N. M., on los dias 24, 25 y 26 de Marzo, de 1884, y en Albuquerque, N. M., on los dias 1 y 2 de Abril, de 1884, una organizacion fue formada con el nombre de "La Asociacion de Criadores de Ganado Vacuno de Nuevo Mexico Central," con el fin de proteger los intereses de Ganado Vacuno de los condados de Socorro, Valencia y Bernalillo, y lugares contiguos.

Las Personas que tengan ganado en su posesion y que deseen tener el beneficio de la proteccion ofrecida por esta Asociacion, son aplicadas de hacer sus aplicaciones por escrito y presentalas al secretario para su admision. La Asociacion ofrece una recompensa de \$500 por el arresto y conviccion de cualquiera persona que robe o arraste reses, vacas o mulas pertenecientes a cualquier miembro de esta Asociacion, y en caso que mas de una persona sea implicada en la misma ofensa, una recompensa adicional de \$250, sera dada por el arresto y conviccion de cada persona antes de la primera.

La Asociacion tambien ofrece una recompensa de \$250 por el arresto y conviccion de cualquiera persona que quemase o pretenda quemar fuego, o atentarse a quemar el zacate de cualquier rancho que este usando, por cualquier miembro de la asociacion. Amas esta Asociacion ofrece una recompensa de \$100 por el arresto y conviccion de cualquiera persona que mate o herida, o que guarden los cueros para ser inspeccionados, como lo requiere la Ley.

U. S. LAND OFFICE. LAZ CRUCES, N. M., FEB. 12th, 1884. NOTICE is hereby given that John Paul and D. B. McMillan by their attorney in fact Wm. H. Moore, whose postoffice address is Chloride, Socorro County, New Mexico, has made application for a certain tract of land in the Woods lot bearing covering 512 1/2 in width situated in Apache mining district, county of Socorro and territory of New Mexico and described in the plat and field notes on file in this office as follows, viz:

B. beginning at the north cor. No. 1 on an oak post set in ground 1 1/2 ft in diameter at the base and 2 1/2 feet high and at the top of the post is a small iron nail the east cor. No. 1 of the Colossal ledge from which (wa 27 deg 30 min E). The highest point of rocks on top of Hagan's Peak is located N. 15 deg 42 min W 297 feet, also a monument of stone located on top of a large and conical shaped point of rocks S. W. of Hagan's Peak bears N. 60 deg 31 min W 220 ft. Thence S. 22 deg 20 min W 232 feet to the west cor. No. 2 an oak post 3 ins by 4 1/2, feet long set in ground 1 1/2 ft in diameter at the base and 2 1/2 feet high, and branded "W cor W" it being the same as the south cor. No. 4 of the Colossal ledge. Thence from said cor. No. 2 S. 81 deg 25 min E 270 feet to the center of the South Fork of the Cuchillo Negro Creek, 140 feet to the south cor. No. 3 a cedar post 1 1/2 in diameter set in ground 1 foot and secured by a mound of stone and earth 4 ft in diameter at the base and 2 1/2 ft high and branded S cor W. Thence N. 82 deg 30 min E 475 feet to the east cor. No. 4 a pin post 4 1/2 ins by 2 1/2 ft long set in ground and secured by a mound of earth and stone 4 feet in diameter at the base and 2 feet high and marked E cor W, thence N. 21 deg 30 min W 600 feet to south fork of the said Cuchillo Negro creek 147 1/2 feet to the place of beginning.

Connection of survey.—The north cor. No. 1 is located S. 18 deg 42 min E 260 feet from the United States locating monument No. 2 said monument being the highest point of rock in place on the extreme south side of the apex of Hagan's peak and is marked by the initials U. S. L. M. No. 2, said monument is located S. 2 deg 48 min W 81 feet from the center of a stone monument 6 feet in diameter at the base and 6 feet high also located on top of said Hagan's Peak.

Said claim contains 15,616 acres, and is recorded in book 1 at page 66 of the minute records of Socorro county N. M. The Colonial ledge joins the said Woods ledge upon the north.

Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said Woods mining claim are required to file their adverse claim with the register of the U. S. land office at Las Cruces, N. M., during the sixty days publication here of or they will be barred by the provision of the statute.

Noted and published for sixty days. GEO. D. BOWEN, Register. Dissolution Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the late firm of N. Dalziel & Flemmons doing business at Hermosa, N. M., in this case dissolved by mutual consent. C. P. Granger and J. J. Snyder the partners operating all accounts and paying all debts. JAMES D. LITTLE, Atty. in Law. Hermosa, N. Mex., April 10, 1884.

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FOOLISHNESS.

No dentist should lack for land when he gets abers every day. If you own a horse and colts and want to kill time—sleigh it.

Quebec has an editor named Joppy. He gets badly 'set up' some time.

With the profits accruing from watered milk the milkman's wife buys watered silk.

Miss Winnie H. Temple, of Texas, is 100 years old and this is leap year. Keep away from Texas.

The lambs of Wall street N. Y. city, generally have the wool pulled over their eyes when they are fleeced.

'Julius, seizer her' said Samba, as Julius was contemplating a fat pollet by moonlight.

Some men are so lucky that they couldn't fall overboard without being pulled up with their pockets full of fish.

A barber about to be hanged said: 'Necks' and then the trap door fell. Those present considered it a good joke.

An Irishman on being arrested for having six wives excused himself by declaring that he only was trying to get a good one.

Mr. Talmage has been lecturing on 'Christianity in street cars.' Talmage is always discovering something which nobody else ever sees.

A young lady in Huntington, Pa., who has been deserted by her lover has leaved on his farm. She merely changed her form of attachment.

The color line is rapidly disappearing in North Carolina. A white man was arrested a few days ago for robbing a colored citizen's hen coop.

Lucy Larcom's last poem is entitled 'I Climb to Rest.' Lucy should marry some rich fellow who can afford to have an elevator in his house.

A ready-made rejoinder. He—'You made a fool of me when I married you, ma'am.' She—'Lor! You always said me you were a self-made man!'

A Boston woman has discarded her pet pug and gone to getting her husband, and 'her set' have gone back on her on account of her plebeian taste.

Old Crow is the name of a Montana Indian. He lives in mortal fear of being captured by some boarding-house keeper and served up as spring chicken.

This is the way a mother down east describes her daughter's courtship: 'He 'posed and 'smailed, she nayed and 'tised; last she 'sented, then he 'geged her.'

Some one interrogated little George in regard to her sister's betrothed. 'How old is he?' 'I don't know.' 'Well, is he young?' 'Yes—he has no hair yet.'

A Springfield man wrote to Governor Robinson to inquire if the law would permit him to marry a cousin. The reply was: 'The law is 'willin', if the cousin is.'

How a woman always does up a newspaper she sends to a friend, so that it looks like a well-stuffed pillow is something that man is not woman enough to understand.

'How do you kill time here?' asked a swell visitor of an equally swell New Yorker. 'Oh, with our club,' was the reply. And the pair went off to look up one, each having some to kill.

It was Senator Ingalls who said the democratic party was sadly affected with the foot and mouth disease, as their statesmen never open their mouths without putting their feet in it.

Fathers often make a great mistake in bringing up their sons to follow their own trade. A trunk maker was wiser. He had ten sons, and all are now railway porters. That trunk maker is getting rich.

'I believe,' said Fenderson, that you take me for a fool.' Replied Fog: 'I have been called a skeptic, Fendy, but, bad as I am, I shall have respect for every man's belief—including yours, including yours.'

'Johnnie,' asked a Marathen lady of an urchin, 'why doesn't your mother sew up that hole in your coat? It has been there two weeks now.' 'Oh, she can't. She's busy sewing on a crazy quilt to beat Mrs. Jones.'

'Why does the train run so much faster to-day than yesterday?' asked a passenger on the branch of the Walash railroad of the conductor. 'We are in Missouri to-day,' was the reply, 'and we always get out of the state as soon as possible.'

'I don't see how you can endure that Piffy girl, Jack,' said his sister. 'I'm sure there's nothing in her.' 'Nothing in her, indeed! I just wish you'd been with us to supper after theater to-night,' and he dropped a tear over his buried salary.

A little girl knelt down to pray one morn. The mother said: 'My love, why do we ever say, give us our daily bread? Why not ask for a week or more? The baby bowed her head in thoughtful mood toward the door, she said: 'Want it fresh.'

'A lecture on 'The Ten Commandments' was recently delivered in a western town, and the local paper spoke of it as a novel and brilliantly original code of morals, which will be likely to make a star in the world when it becomes more widely known.

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