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ALAMOGORDO NEWS

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ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO, SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1908.

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OLIVER M. LEE RESTRAINED

Court Enjoins Him From Using Water of San Andreas Canyon.

T. J. KNIGHT AND A. J. SMITH PLAINTIFFS

On Thursday of this week Judge Mann issued a perpetual injunction restraining Oliver M. Lee from using or attempting to use any of the waters of the San Andreas canyon, which is located in the Sacramento mountains about twelve miles south of Alamogordo and near the new town of Camp City.

The injunction was the result of a suit brought by Thomas J. Knight and A. J. Smith against Oliver M. Lee, and in which testimony was taken before referee J. W. Thompson, attorney of Alamogordo, and a temporary injunction was granted the plaintiffs recently. The decision just rendered makes the injunction perpetual against Oliver M. Lee using the water in question.

It seems that Oliver Lee made a filing on the water from the San Andreas canyon on May 23, 1906, but the filing was defective in accordance with the laws governing such matters, and that on January 4, 1906, Messrs. Knight and Smith made an appropriation for the same waters, but in strict accordance with the territorial laws, and under this filing an appropriation was granted to Knight and Smith.

Judge Mann's decision, as previously stated, establishes the right of Knight and Smith to the San Andreas water and perpetually enjoins Oliver Lee from making use of the same waters.

Byron Sherry and H. H. Major, of Alamogordo, appeared as attorneys for the successful plaintiffs.

The Churches

BAPTIST—Rev. S. B. Callaway, pastor; Sunday school at 10 a. m., regular services at 11 a. m.; evening services at 7 p. m. A cordial invitation to attend these services is extended to the public.

The pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. P. W. Longfellow, corresponding secretary of the New Mexico Baptist convention, will begin protracted services at 11 a. m., Sunday, February 9. All Christians are cordially invited to co-operate with Rev. S. B. Callaway and his people in these meetings.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 6 p. m.

CHRISTIAN—Regular services at opera house at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

M. E. SOUTH—Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

CATHOLIC—Regular masses at St. Mary's at 8 and 10 a. m.

EPISCOPAL—Regular services at St. John's at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN—Sunday school at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m., evening services at 7 p. m.

Monday night at 7:30 the annual congregational meeting.

INDIAN MURDERER IS KILLED

Da-ga-in-ka, Commanche Indian, Who Killed Cowboy, After Being Hunted in Mountains for Seven Days, Is Riddled With Bullets By Apache Mounted Police.

HAD REPUTATION OF KILLING OVER DOZEN MEN

Tom McLane, 21 years old, who recently came from Le Day, Concho county, Texas, was brutally shot and killed on the Mescalero Indian reservation, a few miles northeast of Alamogordo, by "Da-ga-in-ka," a Commanche Indian, blind in one eye and totally deaf, who was in camp on the reservation.

Under orders from his brother, Roy McLane, who is foreman of the Felix Cattle company, known as the "Flying H" outfit, young McLane was rounding up a stray bunch of cattle. Not returning to camp for a period of two days Roy McLane started in search of his brother Don, and after following his movements discovered his body beside a beef carcass, a rifle ball wound in his forehead.

From the position of the body and the presence of the carcass it was at first believed that the murder had been committed by rustlers. Several Indians assisted in carrying the dead man to the reservation, where the body was sent to Alamogordo, later being embalmed and shipped to Le Day, Texas.

In carrying the body to the reservation the Indians passed by the tepee of "Da-ga-in-ka." Shortly after "Da-ga-in-ka" struck out with his squaw and a horse. Suspicion was instantly fastened on him as he had borne a bad reputation, both as a witch doctor and all around bad Indian. A posse, composed of Sheriff Denny, and W. E. Dudley, of Alamogordo, Roy McLane, and

twenty Apache Indians, who volunteered their services and who were permitted by agent J. A. Carroll at the Mescalero agency to assist in the search, immediately started in pursuit.

After much difficulty and loss of time the trail was found, and then followed an exhibition of Indian woodcraft. Through the draws and sunbaked arroyos, up and down mountain streams for long distances, over stretches of barren rock, the trail was followed for two days and nights, when the carcass of the murderer's horse was found. A portion of the animal's body had been taken as food, and the absence of part of the hide showed that the Indian and his squaw had made extra soles for their moccasins so their trail could not be followed.

Just a week from the day of the murder, the posse, Roy McLane and the Indians were camped ten miles due east of Alamogordo in the Sacramento mountains. The murderer had the advantage of his pursuers, as he was familiar with every inch of the country, having taken this direction on his frequent journeys to Old Mexico, where he was well known, and where it is believed he was heading for.

It is believed that in rounding up the lost cattle young McLane unexpectedly surprised "Da-ga-in-ka" in the act of slaughtering a beef, not hearing his approach. When caught red handed in unlawfully killing a beef it is supposed he raised his rifle and killed young McLane.

ELECTRIC PUMP WILL BE ATTACHED

The test well that D. Burney is having drilled on his ranch just west of town was stopped on Monday at 192 feet below the surface, as no additional water stratas were encountered at any depth greater than eighty-six feet. Mr. Burney has decided to draw the well casing up to the eighty-six foot water strata, dig the pit to the water level, which stands eighteen feet below the surface, and install the electrically driven centrifugal pump at this point. As soon as this work has been done the practical pumping test will be made, accurate data kept during the test, and within a few hours after the pump has been started it will be known what the water possibilities, are in that particular location.

Mr. Burney and M. H. Fisher are to be commended for their enterprise in the matter of installing this test well, as it will help greatly in solving what up to this time, has been an unknown condition.

New Mexico has 3,500 miles of railroad in operation.

CALLED MEETING OF CANTALOUPE GROWERS

The Alamogordo Fruit Growers' association will hold an important meeting Saturday night, January 25, at 8 o'clock, at the Business Men's club rooms. All members are urged to be present. Mr. Walker and Mr. Todd will be present.

OBITUARY.

Hannah Ford Folsom, aged 20, a native of Illinois, departed from this life on Monday, January 20, 1908, at Alamogordo, New Mexico. The remains will be taken to Chicago for interment.

The deceased was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Folsom, of Chicago. She was a beautiful and talented young lady and had a host of friends who will be shocked to hear of her death. Her mother and grandmother, Mrs. C. Combs, of Chicago, were in attendance during her last moments.

New Mexico has 4,250,000 head of sheep.

TULAROSA WINS WATER SUIT

Judge Mann Hands Down Important Decision in Water Controversy.

WATER CANNOT BE USED ON RESERVATION

An opinion was rendered today by Judge Mann that will be of vital interest to the entire town of Tularosa, and inasmuch as it affects the water rights for the Tularosa district, it will be read with interest and considerable satisfaction by all concerned.

In the suit of the Tularosa community ditch versus The Tularosa Land and Cattle company and others, the people of Tularosa are seeking protection through the courts of their long established rights to the water from the Tularosa creek and its springs and tributaries, as the water was being extensively used for irrigation on the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation, the claim of the defense being that, as the waters had their origin on the reservation, it could be used there to the deprivation of the people of Tularosa.

The district attorney for New Mexico filed a demurrer in the suit setting forth that the district court had no jurisdiction in the case as the suit in equity was against the United States, and held that Judge Mann did not have jurisdiction in the matter.

Judge Mann's opinion is a very clear cut and concise statement of law and facts, and shows conclusively that the suit as instituted is not against the United States, but is directed against individuals who claim authority from the United States. The opinion of Judge Mann as handed down goes into the matter in extreme detail, beginning with the settlement of Tularosa in 1862 and showing that Tularosa had full and indisputable right and title to and use of the water from 1862 up to the present time, calling attention to the fact that the Indian reservation was not established until 1874.

The opinion quotes very fully from all decisions having bearing upon the point, and after showing that the United States is not a party to the suit, the demurrer of the defendants is overruled and Judge Mann orders that the referee proceed with the taking of testimony in the suit.

This decision will be good news to the people of Tularosa who are absolutely dependent upon the water in question for the irrigation of their lands, and had the decision been adverse to them it would have been the death knell for Tularosa. The suit will now proceed before a referee and the outcome will unquestionably be in favor of Tularosa retaining its full and undisturbed use of the water that has been the town's for forty six years.

HOMESEAKER TICKETS GOOD ON TRAIN NO. 4

Mr. Evans, the local agent of the E. P. & S. W. railway, states that an order has been issued that homeseakers' excursion tickets will be good on the east-bound Golden State Limited, known as train No. 4. Heretofore these tickets were not received for passage on this train during the months of December, January, February and March and the present ruling applies only to the east bound train.

In forcing the squaw to accompany him is shown the Indian's cunningness. Da-ga-in-ka was totally deaf and took his squaw with him to watch and listen for his pursuers. In case his pursuers approached near she could noiselessly notify him as she could converse by signs and finger language.

Late Monday evening the pursuing party came upon very fresh tracks and evidence that they were close upon the hunted murderer and his squaw. The twelve Apache Indians at this point insisted that the white men who were in the party should wait, saying "Da-ga-in-ka much bad man, maybe so white man get hurt" and no persuasion would induce them to let the white men continue on the trail. The twelve Apaches continued on alone and no one knows exactly when it happened or how, but the one-eyed Commanche murderer was brought into Alamogordo about midnight Tuesday and he was certainly a very dead Indian.

The dead Indian's squaw was also brought to Alamogordo, but is not considered as implicated in the murder, in fact was forced to accompany "Da-ga-in-ka" by threats of being killed, and for some time past has lived in hourly dread of being murdered by him.

An inquest was held Wednesday forenoon upon the remains of the murderer, the verdict being that he came to his death from a gunshot wound while resisting arrest by the mounted police of the Indian reservation.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES MAY FACE GRAVE CHARGES

Recent developments in the Chinese question indicate that some employes in the railway mail service will be called upon to explain the presence in mail cars of Chinese attempting to enter the United States in violation of the exclusion act.

The jail in Alamogordo now contains eighteen Chinese, all caught between here and El Paso by the inspectors of the customs department, and two of the number were found hidden in mail cars when the train stopped at Alamogordo.

At the preliminary hearing on deportation this week, J. H. Wallace, of El Paso, connected with the customs inspection came to Alamogordo, as did also Assistant United States District Attorney Abbott.

Considering the stringent regulations of the mail service which provides for excluding everybody from a mail car, including train employes, it remains to be seen how much the Chinamen paid to get into the mail cars and who received the money.

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With this issue the News loses a valuable assistant in H. D. Green, who has been with the present management since the paper changed hands in the summer of 1907. Under the direction of Mr. Green the News was raised from a dinky country weekly to a bright, newsy, clean paper. Mr. Green's withdrawal from the staff will be regretted.

Much has been said and written regarding the great possibilities of the Alamogordo valley as an agricultural district, and we have a great many examples of what has been, and can be accomplished by irrigation. The dry farming theory is all right for certain crops, under certain favorable conditions, but the fact remains that water is necessary for the majority of profitable crops, and while diversified crops of uncertain yield can be raised without irrigation, water judiciously used increases the yield a hundred fold and the certainty of an income is assured.

The amount of available water for irrigation is limited, and is owned by a corporation that under the present management recognizes that farm products yield good dividends, and each month sees an increased acreage being planted by this company, each acre so planted naturally decreasing the available supply for public use.

The improvement company which owns all of the available water from both the La Luz and Alamo canyon sources is putting in hundreds of acres of new land in fruit, melons, alfalfa and general farm crops and new land is being cleared for added acreage.

At first thought this condition might seem a serious one for the present and prospective settler, but in truth, it is the very best thing that could happen for the benefit of the entire valley, and will very shortly bring about an era of independent irrigation that will, in three years' time, convert the entire Alamogordo valley into one vast area of growing and flourishing crops. The fact has been demonstrated beyond a question, that this entire valley is underlaid with water stratas that are fully capable of irrigating every acre of the valley, and while the water is not artesian in character, it is within very easy pumping distance of the surface.

Numerous wells have been sunk all over the district and a careful investigation of the conditions found in ten wells within a distance of four miles of Alamogordo, shows that water in practically unlimited quantities has been found at an average depth of 135 feet below the surface and that when reached the water rises in the wells to within an average of twenty-three feet of the surface. In other localities it has been found by actual experience covering a number of years, that water can be pumped from a depth of thirty feet and irrigate land at an av-

erage price of about \$5 an acre per year.

Alamogordo is right now neglecting a golden opportunity to make this valley the most desirable and most productive of any location in the west. All have conceded that our climate is simply perfect, and it must be when things grow the year round, so with a perfect climate and unlimited water only twenty-three feet below the surface, nature has provided wonderful conditions for man to take advantage of. The greatest undeveloped blessing however is in our streams whose source is in the mountains thousands of feet above the valley and where cheap hydraulic power can be converted into electric energy to the extent of tens of thousands of horse power, which, when converted is the cheapest power known to science.

More perfect conditions could hardly be devised than a combination of thousands of acres of fertile land in a beautiful valley where the climate is bliss, and where water is under every acre ready to be used, with power in the streams only four to ten miles distant to do all the pumping, and still in spite of these wonderful gifts of nature our people are not trying to take advantage of the offer of riches and comfort that are within their easy reach.

These same fertile lands in their undeveloped and waiting condition are worth from \$3 to \$10 an acre, but the moment water is made available these acres are immediately worth from \$80 to \$100. The improvement company which owns the water also owns a number of small tracts of from one to five acres each which carry with them a deeded perpetual right for irrigation water at a price of \$10 an acre a year for the water. These tracts are being rapidly disposed of now at prices ranging from \$300 to \$450 an acre, the sole reason being that irrigation water is assured for all

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Any one desiring information concerning Alamogordo and vicinity can receive detailed information by addressing Alamogordo News, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

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time to come, the land being no better than the thousands of acres in the immediate vicinity. When one considers that by an expenditure of from \$1000 to \$1500 in installing an independent irrigation well and plant he will increase the value of his land from an average value of \$5 to at least \$50 an acre, the wonder is that the thing has not been done before. If a tenth of the money wasted in mining prospect holes had been put into irrigation plants, Alamogordo would this day be a city of 50,000 persons and surrounded by the most productive country in the great southwest.

This statement of facts is no mere visionary idea, but is based upon the actual and indisputable existence of the conditions named. All that Alamogordo needs is the right interests to take hold of this matter in earnest and the sure results will repay the effort a thousand fold.

A daily paper in a large western city cautions its country correspondents as follows: "We are anxious for murders, killings, mine accidents, big fires, elopements, suicides, etc. We do not care for political news. If a minister goes wrong, that is a different story. We would like it and pay good money for it." Many Americans call newspapers of this character "yellow," the Englishman's term is "corrosive." Nevertheless the newspapers which seek this collection of shocking and vicious news have the largest circulation, are the largest in point of pages, and have double the advertising patronage of other papers edited with the object in view of making them so clean that they may be read aloud in homes. If the papers that print this vile news are "yellow" and "corrosive," what must their readers be? If there were not a great public desire to wallow in the steaming filth collected by these public scavengers—the "yellow" newspapers—would they prosper? The statement that the public clamors and will pay well for the news that a minister has gone wrong unfortunately is true. The sales and prominence of

newspapers which print these foul stories are positive proof that such is the case. It is a fact, and a melancholy one, that a large number of those who are arrayed against the liquor habit and other evils are sufficiently morbid to devour with gusto the sly stories of these "yellow" journals. Don't blame the newspapers; blame the people.

THE TWO WAYS.

There may be ways unnumbered, but to me there are but two.

Of going on life's journey towards the end we have in view,

One way is cold and dreary—the sun drops out of sight

And more than half the journey is accomplished in the night.

No stars are in the heavens, no blossoms fair are seen,

The path is rough and rugged, and the folks we meet are mean.

And here I give the reason why the joys of life we miss:

We keep the corners of our mouths turned downward just like this:

☹

The other way—a joyous path—there's not a bit of gloom,

The birds are singing in the trees, the flowers are in bloom.

The sun shines down in splendor on the twinkling drops of dew.

From every hilltop in our path we get a pleasant view.

The folks we meet are wreathed in smiles, their journey is but play,

They walk along with laugh and song throughout the livelong day.

And here I give the reason why our way is full of bliss:

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LEAGUE WILL BE FORMED

News' Suggestion of Civic Organization Has Interested Women.

AIM TO KEEP STREETS AND YARDS CLEAN

The suggestion made in the News of last Saturday relative to the organization of a civic league has aroused interest to the extent that one citizen sends a suggestive formation and even goes into the detail of suggesting the basis upon which the league should be formed.

This is action in the right direction and it seems that the matter is now in proper shape for the Business Men's club to take up and see that the plan is carried to an early and successful completion. No one denies the need of just such an organization and when once established and in working order, the results will immediately be seen in a cleaner and prettier town.

The cemetery could be placed in charge of the organization, under whose care the last resting places of our dead would be something more than an ill kept weed patch and pasture for cows. There are a great many ways in which the civic league could and will do great good, and it is to be hoped the Business Men's club will take hold of the matter at once and see that it is not allowed to die out from inattention and a lack of interest. The following suggestions have been made as a basis of the league's objects:

1.—That the name of this society shall be The Civic Improvement League of Alamogordo.

2.—That the purpose shall be, by offering suitable rewards or prizes, to encourage well kept premises, streets and alleys.

3.—That the membership shall be open to every citizen, man, woman or child, of Alamogordo, in one of three ways, to wit:

(a) As an active member, whose yearly dues shall be five dollars (\$5.00) and, by the payment of which in advance, he shall be entitled to a place in the sessions of the society, to have voice in the enactment of rules, regulations, etc., for the welfare of the city and for the betterment of the society and to share in the benefits and privileges that may accrue therefrom.

(b) As an associate member, whose yearly dues shall be three dollars (\$3.00) and by the payment of which in advance they shall be allowed all the privileges and benefits of an active membership except that he will not be allowed voice in the enactment of rules, regulations, etc.

(c) As an honorary member, whose yearly dues shall be one dollar (\$1.00) and by the payment of which in advance they shall be entitled to share in the competition for prizes or rewards for the best kept premises.

4.—Rewards or prizes shall be offered (the amount to be apportioned by the active membership of the society) for:

(a) The greatest external improvement in the appearance of an individual residence, including the half of streets adjoining property, the yard and alleys, as well as the exterior condition of the house located thereon.

(b) A smaller prize for the same purpose to be known as

second prize for best kept premises.

(c) A prize for the best kept square or block to be shared in equally by all members of the society living within the limits of such block or square.

(d) Other prizes which the active members of the society shall make.

New Mexico has one of the finest capital buildings in the United States.

CAMP CITY SECURES POSTOFFICE

Camp City has finally succeeded in securing a postoffice, official approval of which was received on January 14, Leo L. Beman having been appointed as the first postmaster. While the office has been officially designated as merely Camp, the new and hustling little town will always be known as Camp City.

On January 18 S. D. Camp was checked in as station agent for the E. P. & S. W. railway at Camp City and passengers can now secure tickets, check baggage, etc., at the new station.

Camp City has a chance to become a center for a large adjacent purchasing territory and the settlers in that district appreciate the saving in time and distance that the Camp City stores afford them.

New Mexico has a population greater than that of Idaho, Delaware, Nevada or Wyoming.

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTORS

Those who have been in Alamogordo several years can hardly understand where the rapidly increasing population comes from, when they come and why. Our principal asset and attraction is our matchless climate, and as half the world is looking for a desirable place to live, this attraction brings in hundreds each year.

The cold bleak five-month winters are driving the farmers from the frozen north and north-east to a country where agriculture can be profitably and pleasantly carried on twelve months out of the year. Alamogordo and her opportunities for safe and highly profitable investments is becoming known throughout the business centers of the country and men of means and judgment are coming here to invest their capital and have it earn for them 25 per cent, whereas the same money in larger cities would yield about 7 to 9 per cent if very advantageously invested.

The health seeker is another class that has discovered that Alamogordo is the finest place in the United States as a place of rest and cure for nearly all of the ills of life. Note the amount of business being done, and the general air of life and movement everywhere apparent, and then ask recent arrivals why they came, and one of the above reasons will be given.

New Mexico has a larger native born American population than any other state admitted in the last few years, with the exception of Oklahoma.

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All Newly Fitted, Including Bath.

The Best Meal in the City.
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The largest assortment at the lowest prices.
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We have just unloaded THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND Extra * A * Red Cedar Shingles. These shingles were bought since the market price of shingles slumped, and we propose to give our customers the advantage of our better buying. FOR CASH we will sell these shingles at \$5 per M, the LOWEST PRICE on shingles for almost TWELVE MONTHS.

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Carload of the Famous RACINE make. At prices, and terms best ever offered in Alamogordo.

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FRESH EGGS, COUNTRY BUTTER and FISH on Fridays.

fine farms in Ohio, Indiana, and Kansas. I have been among fine people, and have been from

the incumbancy of the present postmaster, and none can be made. The privilege would

signal which will locate a fire when the alarm is given. They expect to divide the town in four wards and the district

DESERT CLAIM FILING LAW

Information for Intending Settlers and Speculators on Desert Claims.

\$1 PER ACRE MUST BE SPENT EACH YEAR

As there appears to be a diversity of opinion concerning the requirements of the government regarding desert land entries and final proof, the News has obtained from the land office certain facts which may prove of interest to settlers and speculators who have taken up land under the desert land laws.

Residence upon a desert claim is not required. The sum of \$1 per acre must be expended each year in work done upon the land itself, and even though a sum much greater than \$1 an acre has been expended during the first year, other work must be done for the two following years equal to \$1 for each acre. As proof is required at the end of each year for three years, of work done and money expended, it is ruled that expenditures in excess of \$1 an acre made in any one year can not be applied to the following year or years.

Buildings of no character whatever can be included, in the statements of work done, but the purchase or actual acquirement of a water right will be accepted as an expenditure on the land.

The government regulations covering these points are as follows:

The law requires an expenditure of not less than \$3 per acre, for the entire area entered, in the necessary irrigation, reclamation and cultivation of the land, by means of main canals, and branch ditches, and in the permanent improvements upon the land.

During the first year after entry the claimant must file with the register proof, consisting of his own affidavit and the separate affidavits of two witnesses, that the full sum of one dollar per acre, for the entire area, has been so expended, and like proof must be made for each year thereafter until the full sum of three dollars per acre has been expended; and at the end of the third year the claimant must file a map or plan showing the character and extent of the improvements.

No proof of expenditure will be accepted unless the expenditure was essential to the actual or ultimate reclamation of the land.

A dwelling house is not essential to reclamation, and no allowance will be made therefor.

Plowing, after the first breaking of the land, seeding land to crops, irrigating, cultivating and harvesting crops are not items for which proof of expenditure will be accepted.

The cost of windmill or pump will not be allowed unless it is specifically shown that the same was essential to the contemplated mode of irrigation and was not installed for domestic uses.

The cost of material for necessary construction work will not be allowed unless it actually has been applied to that use, and it must be so stated in the affidavit.

The cost of tools, implements, wagons, and repairs to same, used in construction work, can not be computed in the cost of construction.

No expenditure for surveying

will be allowed unless it is specifically stated that it was for the purpose of establishing lines and levels of canals and ditches.

Items which will be allowed in proving up are as follows:

Cost of constructing storage reservoir, well, canals, ditches, and maintaining same. The cost of each item must be stated separately, and the length, capacity, and location of the ditches and canals must be given.

Cost of water right, if accompanied with certificate of purchase of ownership.

Cost of clearing land, if it is shown to be the first clearing. The extent, character, and location of all clearing must be fully set forth.

Cost of first plowing or breaking. All claim for plowing or breaking must specifically state that it was the first plowing or breaking of the soil, and the area and location of the land broken must be stated.

Cost of fencing necessary to protect the land for the purpose of reclamation, the length, kind, and location to be stated.

Cost of any permanent improvement essential to the reclamation of the land, provided its purpose or use is shown.

HOMESTEAD BILLS TO ALLOW SECOND ENTRIES

The house and senate public lands committees have both reported favorably to permit entry of second homesteads.

The house committee reported the Mondell bill permitting any person who has made a prior homestead entry, but for any cause has forfeited the same, to make a new entry as if prior entry had not been made.

The senate committee reported the Gamble bill, authorizing any person who has been unable to prove up on a homestead entry through no fault of his own, or obliged to abandon his entry by reason of mistakes made in location, or character of the land, to make a second entry.

Both house and senate bills deny the application of these benefits to future entries, or in other words the bill if passed will apply only to homestead entries which were made before the act becomes effective.

The senate committee also reported a bill to confirm homestead commutation proofs accepted by local land officers and rejected by the general land office on account of changes prescribed by former Secretary Hitchcock in the regulations as to continuous residence and not transmitted to local officials until after many proofs had been accepted under the original regulations. This provision will be an act of justice and fairness as the sudden and unannounced ruling of Secretary Hitchcock was made retroactive and succeeded in getting commutations beautifully mixed and the settler was uncertain as to his rights of commutation.

HOMESEEEKERS SHOULD HAVE SMALL CAPITAL

The News is in receipt of many inquiries from widely separated sections of the country, including states from Georgia to Montana and from California to New York, and in many instances the question is asked "Can I come to Alamogordo and take up a homestead and also secure some kind of work to provide a living while proving up on the land?" To such inquiries it must be acknowledged that any comparatively new country is not the place for one to attempt to build up a home unless he has enough

BUYERS' GUIDE

Advertisers' Directory.

Below the News presents to its readers a business directory of advertisers, who are both reliable and leaders of the particular line they advertise. No mistake will be made by patronizing them.

- Attorneys at Law.**
H. P. Major, rooms 9 and 10, First National Bank building.
Jno. W. Tompson, First National bank building.
Byron Sherry, over bank building.
- Architect.**
J. P. Ansan, Alamogordo.
- Bank.**
The First National Bank, corner Tenth street and New York avenue.
- Bakery.**
Chas. Stoessinger, Tenth street between New York and Pennsylvania aves.
- Barber Shop.**
Alamo Barber Shop, between Banks.
- Blacksmith.**
G. M. Tower, Maryland ave. Phone 136.
- Billiard Hall.**
Parker's, south side Tenth street.
- Cigars.**
Parker's Billiard Hall, south side Tenth St. La International Cigars, made by Kohlberg Bros., El Paso, Texas.
- Civil Engineer.**
Edwin Walters, Alamogordo.
- Dry Goods, Etc.**
The Popular Dry Goods Co., El Paso, Texas.
- Drugs and Toilet Articles.**
W. E. Warren, on the corner.
- Furnished Rooms.**
Grand View, Michigan avenue, second door from courthouse.
The Maasey House, Pennsylvania ave. near Ninth street.
- Groceries.**
W. E. Carmack, east side New York avenue.
Boyd Bros., New York avenue.
- General Merchandise.**
C. Meyer, La Luz.
- Hardware, Etc.**
Geo. Warnock, west side New York avenue.
G. C. Scipio, west side Pennsylvania avenue.
- Hot Springs.**
Santa Rosalia Hot Springs, Chihuahua, Mexico.
- Hotels.**
Hotel Alamogordo, Tenth street and Delaware avenue.
Maasey House, Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Insurance.**
Alamo Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Co., Tenth street, east of bank building.
Kansas City Life Insurance Co., W. D. Tolle, Manager, City National bank building, El Paso, Texas.
- Livery Stables.**
Alamo Livery and Transfer, J. N. McPate, proprietor.
- Lumber and Builders' Supplies.**
Alamogordo Lumber Co., Foxworth-Galbraith Co., Alamogordo.
- Meat Markets.**
City Meat Market, First National bank building.
Cash Meat Market, Ninth street between New York and Delaware avenues.
- Marble Works.**
Frank Falcone.
- Nursery.**
International Nurseries, Denver, Colo.
- Physicians.**
J. G. Holmes, over Rolland's drug store.
O. W. Miller, rear of Warren's pharmacy.
J. R. Gilbert, office in Gilbert building.
C. H. Waldschmidt, over Rolland's drug store.
Dr. Ione M. Bulett, Osteopath, Avis block.
- Real Estate.**
Alamogordo Improvement Co.
Alamo Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Co., Christianson & Le Min, corner Ninth street and New York avenue.
- Real Estate and Loans.**
Alamo Real Estate Loan and Insurance Co., Tenth street, east of bank building.
- Stationery, Magazines, Etc.**
W. E. Warren, on the corner.
- Stove Wood.**
J. H. Worden, back of postoffice, phone 3.
- Undertakers.**
A. J. Buck, east side New York avenue.

capital to properly carry out the undertaking, as the opportunities for employment in a little city of 4000 are not so numerous that the demand is in excess of the supply, so that unless an intending settler has some capital he would be apt to be discouraged before much had been accomplished.

The average expense in connection with establishing a homestead is comparatively small, and for the land entry, fencing, building a temporary house, sheds, etc., an allowance of about \$1000 should be made in addition to the actual expenses of living, feeding animals, etc., so that in a general way the statement can be made that \$2000 in cash would represent a year's residence upon and the acquirement of a homestead. After the first year the land itself can be made to produce the income, but to do so will require industry and intelligence, and to those with such determination the Alamogordo valley offers wonderful inducements and sure returns for industry and faithfulness of purpose.

The millinery company who purchased the large stock of millinery from Miss Johnson have made all arrangements to open the new establishment on March 1 with a very fine and complete stock of hats for ladies and children.

HENRY J. ANDERSON, President

W. R. EIDSON, Vice Pres.

T. L. LANE, Cashier

The First National Bank

Of Alamogordo, N. M.

Capital, \$25,000 Surplus, \$12,000

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Drafts furnished payable in all parts of the United States and Europe. Special facilities for making collections. We extend to our customers every accommodation within the limits of prudent and conservative banking.

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All Outside Rooms Porter Meets All Trains

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Agricultural Implements, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators

LA LUZ, NEW MEXICO.

LIBRARY LEAP YEAR DANCE

Very Enjoyable Affair for Benefit of Public Institution.

MANY BEAUTIFUL GOWNS WERE WORN

The leap year dance given Thursday evening by the ladies of the Alamogordo Library association for the benefit of the library was a pronounced success in every way.

The dance was given in the opera house and about 40 couples were present and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the occasion.

The program included twelve dances and it was 12 o'clock before the strains of "Home Sweet Home" warned the dancers that the evening's fun was over. During the evening punch was served and at 11 o'clock light refreshments were served.

The affair will net the library about \$50 which will be used in defraying the current expenses and in purchasing new books to be added to the already extensive collection. The ladies having in charge the arrangements for the dance are to be congratulated upon the very hearty support of the worthy cause.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS SHOULD READ CAREFULLY

Homesekers are rapidly settling the mesa lands in New Mexico. It has been discovered that irrigation is not necessary over the northern half of the territory, and in a few years we expect to see the plains around Doming, Alamogordo, and Carlsbad alive with successful farmers. Intelligent cultivation of the soil is the secret. It is not wise to expect too much, but the system is becoming fairly well established now.—El Paso Herald.

This is borne out by the actual and hard facts. Around Alamogordo and about Deming there are several farms

upon which crops without irrigation have been raised successfully during the past few years. In the northern part of the territory and its eastern portions, especially in Union, Guadalupe, Quay, Roosevelt, Lincoln, and Tularosa counties, within the past two years, upon hundreds of farms have satisfactory crops been raised by the intense cultivation and culture of the soil, although it must be admitted that in many sections the annual rainfall for the past two years has been a little above the average. But a commencement has been made and the cultivation of what was heretofore known as the arid lands by the dry culture system will be continued and extended, and the indications are very favorable that they will be successful. The coming five years will make a great and favorable difference in agriculture and horticulture in the Sunshine territory and soon to be a state.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Card of Appreciation.
"The evil that men do lives after them. The good is oft interred with their bones."

There comes a time in a man's life when it is not possible for him to give vent to his feelings by word of mouth.

This time has come to me and I take this opportunity of publicly thanking Dr. Bryan for practically snatching me from the grave.

My past sickness is too well known by my fellow citizens to need explanation and I am not capable of describing it. I do know however that had it not been for the untiring attention given me by Dr. Bryan and his superior knowledge of surgery, I would have died.

I hope I may never live to forget my debt of gratitude which I owe Dr. Bryan.

Your Fellow Citizen,
WM. EDWARDS.

Special bargains in outing hannels, nightgowns, wool blankets, underwear, etc.
G. J. Wolfinger.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRAZING PERMITS

NOTICE is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, sheep and goats within the SACRAMENTO NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1908, must be filed in my office at Alamogordo, N. M., on or before April 10, 1908. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications will be furnished upon request, CHAS. H. HENDERER, Acting Supervisor.

BREAD, PIE AND CAKE SALE.

The ladies of the Christian church will hold a "bake sale" at Boyd's grocery store, New York avenue, Saturday, January 25.

J. C. DUNN IS HONORED

Appointed to Board of Control of Irrigation Congress.

WANT OTERO COUNTY TO SEND EXHIBITS

The following letter was received by J. C. Dunn, our efficient county treasurer, which indicates that Albuquerque will be the center of a very large and enthusiastic gathering at the next annual meeting of the National Irrigation Congress which meets there next September.

"Albuquerque, Jan. 17, 1908.

"J. C. Dunn, Alamogordo.

"Dear Sir: You have been appointed one of the members of the board of control of the Sixteenth National Irrigation Congress which will be in session in this city September 29, 30 and October 1, 2 and 3, 1908. We hope you will take an interest in the affairs of the Congress and will do all you can in your locality to further the cause. We believe this congress will bring more people to the territory, will bring the people of the territory together, and will do more to advertise New Mexico and her resources (developed and undeveloped) than all other means for years. We will also hold an Industrial Exposition in connection with the congress whereby the products of the mines, farms and forests will be exhibited and large premiums, trophies and awards will be made. We hope you will take an active interest and assist in making the con-

gress a great success. "We particularly want you to see that exhibits from your county are made at the exposition.

"The offices of the Irrigation Congress and Industrial Exposition are now open in Albuquerque and a large supply of advertising matter will be forwarded you at a later date. We will be pleased to hear from you and will gladly give you any information you may desire regarding the congress and exposition.

"Yours very truly

"W. S. HOPEWELL,

"Chairman Board of Control."

Preliminary steps have already been taken by the farmers of Alamogordo looking to having an exhibit of farm products at the convention that will undoubtedly bring back most of the first premium blue ribbons.

LA LUZ NOTES.

John Sanford is quite ill with an attack of La Grippe.

W. N. Almond is still quite ill with an attack of neuralgia.

Mr. Herbert Cox, of Carrizozo, is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. A. Cox.

J. E. C. Bell has been spending the past week on his ranch up in James canyon.

E. R. Kimberlin, who has been very ill for the past few weeks, is slowly recovering.

George Holiday, whom business calls from home most of the time, is spending a few days with Mrs. Holiday.

J. W. Brewer, who recently moved here from Michigan, has purchased the Wood place in the west part of town.

La Luz has recently been favored with a moving picture show under the management of J. H. May.

Both entertainments given were largely attended.

One of the most enjoyable dances of the season was given by the young men of La Luz, in the town hall on Friday night.

John Wood, a former resident of La Luz, who now lives in the San Andreas mountains, was here on a business trip this past week.

Rev. Willis, of Tularosa, will occupy the pulpit at the M. E. South church on Sunday morning and night. Mr. Willis has just recently organized a congregation of this denomination here.

Best grade prints, 14 yards for \$1.
G. J. Wolfinger.

"BAKE SALE."

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CANNA BULBS FOR SALE

BY PARK KEEPER
Mr. Crippen the park keeper will sell red and yellow canna bulbs at 50 cents per dozen in any quantities. Call at the park.

KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

The Kansas City Life Insurance company, a western institution incorporated under stringent deposit laws of the state of Missouri, has recently entered New Mexico, and offers to prospective insurers policy contracts not equalled by any other company operating in this territory.

We refer you to the banks of your own city or to any bank in Kansas City, Mo.

A card will bring you full information. W. D. Tolle, manager southwestern department, Suite 38 City National Bank building, El Paso, Texas.

El Paso & Southwestern System.

LOCAL TIME CARD.

No. 1—From Chicago, Denver, St. Louis and Kansas City to El Paso, arrives daily, 5.10 a. m.
No. 3—From Chicago and above points to Los Angeles, arrives daily, 3.00 p. m.
No. 2—From El Paso to Chicago, Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis, arrives daily, 9.22 p. m.
No. 4—From Los Angeles to Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis, arrives daily, 3.50 p. m.

Cloudcroft Trains.

Mixed train leaves Alamogordo daily for Cloudcroft, 8.30 a. m.
Mixed train arrives daily from Cloudcroft, 4.05 p. m.

Alamo Land, Development and Construction Co.

City Property

Our construction department will make a report and give you a flat price and guaranteed results on a power pumping plant for irrigating your land, the proposition including the sinking of the well, installing machinery and operating same under a guarantee for a period of years at a price per acre per year for the irrigating plant and its upkeep and operation.

Fruit Ranches

THIS COMPANY is prepared to handle real estate, homesteads, desert claims, relinquishments, ranches and farm property to the very best advantage of both the owner and the purchaser.

Our realty business is conducted strictly upon a commission basis, which insures the owner receiving all that the purchaser pays, and assures the purchaser of paying only what the owner asks.

Upon these terms we solicit the listing for sale of ranches, farms, homesteads and relinquishments, and both vacant and improved city property. We do all of the advertising at our own expense, and issue pamphlets, etc., describing in detail and with accuracy all of the properties placed with us for sale.

We solicit inquiries from outside points regarding property in Alamogordo and the "Sunshine Valley" and will assist in locating homesteads as our facilities in this direction are unusual and our charge for services moderate.

Our construction department is prepared to furnish expert services for architectural and engineering work, including plans, specifications, details and superintendence, estimates of quantities and cost, surveying, water fillings for irrigation and power under the new irrigation and water laws, also the development of water and its storage, wells and modern pumping plants, and we will take contracts for the completion of any character of construction work.

We will build residences for a small payment down and the balance monthly, so that while paying no more than rent, you are buying your own home, and the house will be built exactly as you want it.

We will assume the careful intelligent and economical management of property in Alamogordo and vicinity for non-resident owners.

We have the facilities, the capital and the ability to serve our clients faithfully and solicit business upon this basis.

List your property and relinquishments with us now, and get immediate and satisfactory results.

Send for our booklets.

Alamo Land, Development & Construction Co., Alamogordo, N. M.

If you want a small place of from 1 to 5 acres with perpetual water right for irrigation, we have a number of excellent pieces of property within the limits of Alamogordo, and can offer especially attractive inducements as to terms of payment.

Acre Property

We have for sale a large number of very desirable homesteads, of from 40 to 160 acres, some of which have houses, barns, wells, fences and modern improvements, which can be bought at very attractive prices.

Write us stating in a general way your requirements and we will send you a complete list giving very full information, prices, etc.

Use our full firm name in writing us.

Stock Farms

FRESH EGGS, COUNTRY BUTTER and FISH on Fridays

fine farms in Ohio, Indiana, and the incumbancy of the present Kansas. I have been among postmaster, and none can be

signal which will locate a fire when the alarm is given. They expect to divide the town in

FORESTS ARE BEING STRIPPED.

267 Cords of Wood Required for One Issue of Newspaper.

PAPER SCARCE; PRICES RISING

"An area half as large as the state of Rhode Island is stripped of its spruce every year to make wood pulp. Wood has been stripped from the hills eagerly and trees have not been planted to take its place. Every material interest is threatened by the present wasteful methods."

These statements from a leading paper trade journal seem extravagant on first reading, but their authenticity receives good support in the report of the United States forest service, that the publishers of the country are using more than three and a half millions cords of pulp wood each year. Further support to the statements is given by the estimates which show that a big New York daily, one of those with various morning and evening editions which are said to have an aggregate daily circulation of nearly a million copies, used 77,333,875 pounds of white newspaper last year. This is an average of 211 873 pounds a day.

The large Sunday edition is estimated to require 30 per cent of the paper used each week, while the week day editions take up the remaining 70 percent. Figuring the composition of this paper at 50 per cent of ground wood and 50 per cent of sulphite fiber, the average Sunday edition of this paper requires the cut from 30 7/8 acres of land, and a single week day edition requires approximately 11.5 acres.

These figures allow a stand of nine cords of wood to the acre, which is considered the average for a large area, although certain small stands can be found where the yield is much heavier. The amount of wood pulp used by this one New York paper seems to afford a good excuse for the white paper scare, which is making publishers cut down the size of their papers, or take the other alternative and raise the price. Experts say, however, that the final solution of the wood pulp question will have to come from the adoption of a system of forest management by mill owners together with the adoption of less wasteful methods in working up their products and the study of the utilization of woods other than spruce for the manufacture of pulp.

Spring Gingham just in. Wollinger.

TULAROSA NOTES.

D. Gugins was in from the mines Wednesday.

Rev. Willis and I. N. Sickle went to El Paso Tuesday.

Capt. Miller of the Indian agency was in town Saturday.

Stevens Brothers, of Texas, are spending a few days in town this week.

Mr. McKinley, wife and son, of Iowa, are the guests of his sister, Mrs. Stebbins, this week.

The Tularosa Horticultural society will meet Monday at 1 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Winters moved his family over from the Pecos valley last week and will make this his permanent home.

The Crystal Amusement company which has been the attraction at the Wilson hall the past week left town Wednesday.

Mrs. Ogden was called to her home in Alamogordo Saturday on account of the illness of her son. Mrs. Cridebring is teaching in her place this week.

ATTENTION is called to the fact that the Alamogordo News does not print a single line of wood or patent medicine advertising, and under the present management never will. The readers of the News will appreciate this innovation, as it is done solely for their benefit, and they need never fear stumbling upon objectionable matter. Another assurance is made, that in reading local items, no advertising of any character whatever will be sandwiched among the news items.

LOCAL ITEMS

It is rumored that the saw mill will close down on February 1.

The Business Men's club held a special meeting last Monday afternoon.

Five new patients were received this week at the Fraternal City sanatorium.

Mrs. J.T. Martin who has been the guest of Mrs. Phelps left on Thursday for her home in El Paso.

S. D. Camp, of Camp City, was in town Monday in connection with proving up on a mineral claim.

Mrs. A. F. Amos, of Alamogordo, left this week for a six month's visit with her son in Mesa, Ariz.

Mrs. C.G. Beasley who was visiting friends in Alamogordo returned Wednesday to her home at Mountain Park.

Superintendent of Schools J. E. Clark was a visitor in Alamogordo this week and left for Mountain Park on Wednesday.

Dave Atkinson came down this week from his ranch on the summit and reports the snow as entirely gone from the mountains.

The local lodge of Red Men are rehearsing a comical sketch entitled "Joining a Lodge." The date of production will be announced later.

J. H. Wallace, of El Paso, was in Alamogordo this week on government business. Mr. Wallace was until recently located here but was transferred to El Paso, being succeeded by Alfred Griffin, the local inspector of the customs department.

Judge Mann and Mrs. Mann will leave on Monday for Washington, D. C., where Judge Mann goes as a member of the territorial delegation who will work for statehood. Mr. and Mrs. Mann will go to Washington via San Antonio and New Orleans.

PLENTY OF LAND LEFT FOR SETTLERS

Under the homestead act each entryman had the right to make entry on 160 acres as a homestead, and it is perhaps unnecessary to add that every entry included the full 160 acres. With the hundreds who have each secured 160 acres it will be readily understood that hundreds multiplied by hundreds runs into tens of thousands of acres, and at this ratio of absorption of the public lands it is no wonder that homesteaders have to go several miles from town to locate on unappropriated land.

The relinquishment process here becomes available and the procedure is as follows: The entryman who took up his full 160 acres moved onto the land and put up his house and if he happened to be an exceedingly industrious man maybe he cleared and has cultivated as much as 20 acres, the average, however, being less than 10 acres to each 160.

Finding that 160 acres is about 16 times more land than he can cultivate, he is perfectly willing to sell anywhere from 10 to 120 acres of his homestead. Not having lived upon the land long enough to acquire a title from the government land office, the process of transfer to the purchaser is accomplished by the owner signing a relinquishment to the government for a certain number of acres, (multiples of 160) which document he sells to

the intending purchaser. The purchaser takes the relinquishment to the local land commissioner and at the same moment of filing the relinquishment he files his own homestead entry on the same land that has been relinquished to the government, and his entry or filing then becomes as valid and binding as an original entry, being such in fact as far as the government is concerned.

This process of relinquishment is really a very beneficial opportunity, as it enables the transfer of land without awaiting the period of final proof required by the government.

Right in Alamogordo and within a radius of six miles there are thousands of acres of the very best land that can be secured by relinquishment at prices ranging from \$3 to \$10 an acre and in many instances the lands will include houses, wells, fencing, cultivation, etc.

The foregoing information is given in good faith and with a desire to assist the honest intending settler and homebuilder in his efforts to secure a homestead in a country where life is worth living and where the opportunities are much more numerous than in older and more thickly populated sections.

Contest Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Land Office,
Las Cruces, N. M., Dec. 4, 1907
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Warren B. Martindale, contestant, against desert land entry No. 1121, made March 23, 1906, for n.w. 1/4 section 12, township 17 S., range 9 E., by John Gartman, contestee, in which it is alleged that John Gartman has abandoned said entry and has not improved or cultivated the said land in any manner, that the same is in its original condition and that the land laws have not been complied with in any way. And that said absence from this land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 30, 1908, before W. S. Shepherd, (and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 30, 1908, before the Register and Receiver at the United States land office in Las Cruces, N. M.)

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed December 4, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
Eugene Van Patten,
12-15-07-4t Register.

Contest Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Land Office,
Las Cruces, N. M., Dec. 5, 1907
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Oscar W. Carroll, contestant, against homestead entry No. 3726, made Jan. 7, 1902, for n.w. 1/4 section 12, township 16 S., range 9 E. by Henry F. Mott, contestee, in which it is alleged that Henry F. Mott is not a resident of New Mexico and has not resided in New Mexico for the past three or four years. That said homestead has not been improved and cultivated as required by the U. S. land laws, that the land is not improved in any manner and is in the original condition and wholly abandoned by said Mott, and that his said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 20, 1908, before W. S. Shepherd and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 30, 1908, before the Register and Receiver at the United States land office in Las Cruces, N. M.
12-15-07-4t Eugene Van Patten, Register.

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of December, 1907, in accordance with Section 26, Irrigation Law of 1907, George Carl, of Alamogordo, county of Otero, territory of New Mexico, made application to the territorial engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate from the public waters of the territory of New Mexico. Such appropriation is to be made from Merochee Springs at points Sec. 23 Twp. 15 S. R. 11 E., by means of diversion and storage, and 2 and .08 cu. ft. per sec. to be conveyed to points in S. W. part of the above section by means of ditches and pipe line and there used for power. The territorial engineer will take this application up for consideration on the 8th day of February, 1908, and all persons who may oppose the granting of the above application must file their objections with the territorial engineer on or before that date.
Vernon L. Sullivan,
12-15-07-4t Territorial Engineer.

To keep the mouth closed is the best preventive of cold.

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A PURE, healthful, grape cream of tartar powder, the only kind that can be used without impairing the healthfulness of the food. Makes the biscuit, cake and pastry more digestible and wholesome. Absolutely free from alum and phosphate of lime.

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NEW MEXICO FACTS.

New Mexico has 2,000 miles of railroads in contemplation.

New Mexico has 8,809,840,000 tons of coal available.

New Mexico had in 1906 property assessed at \$43,242,746.31, and in 1907 at \$48,509,097.26, an increase of \$5,266,350.95.

New Mexico has over 1,000,000 acres of land under cultivation and irrigation.

New Mexico has applications now on file for permits to construct water works and irrigate 654,500 acres.

New Mexico has public schools, universities and other territorial institutions which will compare favorably with many of the states of the Union.

New Mexico has established seventy-seven new postoffices since December 1, 1907, which means an increase in population of at least 50,000.

Holding the pen between the first and second fingers invariably cures writer's cramp.

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V. L. Sullivan,
12-21-07-4t Territorial Engineer.

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and that said proof will be made before probate clerk at Alamogordo, N. M., on February 25, 1908.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: James C. Dunn of Alamogordo, N. M.; W. K. Staley, of Alamogordo, N. M.; Byron Sherry, of Alamogordo, N. M.; Milton Phillips, of Alamogordo, N. M. 1 25 08 4t Eugene Van Patten, Register.

Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M.
Jan. 15, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Hamilton Watkins, of Tularosa, N. M., has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: homestead entry No. 2070 made December 12, 1906, for the lots 3 and 4 and s. 1/2 n.w. 1/4 section 2, township 15 S., range 9 E. and that said proof will be made before John W. Long at Tularosa, N. M., on February 25, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: James Abbott, of Tularosa, N. M.; Chas. C. Burgess, of Tularosa, N. M.; Jacob V. Kerr, of Tularosa, N. M.; Clarence M. Spellman, of Tularosa, N. M. 20-07-4t Eugene Van Patten, Register.

Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M.
Jan. 18, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Mary J. Goodsell, of Alamogordo, N. M., has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, viz: homestead entry No. 3542 made January 24, 1903, for the s. 1/2 n.w. 1/4, s. 1/2 s. 1/2, s. 1/2 s. 1/2 section 21, township 16 S., range 10 E., and that said proof will be made before W. S. Shepherd, at Alamogordo, N. M., on February 28, 1908.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Isaac N. Smith, of Alamogordo, N. M.; W. E. Carnack, of Alamogordo, N. M.; Samuel Nimmo, of Alamogordo, N. M.; R. H. Pierce, of Alamogordo, N. M. 12-07-4t Eugene Van Patten, Register.

As far as human beings are concerned the hair of the female grows much faster than that of the male.

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