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## MORE APROPOS BORDERLAND ROUTE

### Roswell Club Outlines General Plan and Local Organizations Act Promptly

The El Paso Times of Sunday contained the following dispatch covering the action of the Southwestern National Highway Association in declaring for the "Borderland" coast to coast route. The fact remains that there will still be a big fight on to secure the route from the boosters for the National Old Trails Association, the latter route being from Ft. Dodge, Kansas, to Santa Fe, N. M., thence south to El Paso and on west. The borderland route is the only one that would take in Alamogordo:

"Dell M. Potter, of Clifton, Ariz., who has been interested in seeing a trans-continental highway built, yesterday sent the following telegram from Mobile, Alabama, to the El Paso chamber of commerce:

"Southwestern National Highway association adopts route from Washington City to Richmond, Ashville, Knoxville, Nashville, Memphis, Little Rock, Texarkana, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Roswell, El Paso, Las Cruces, Deming, Silver City, Lordsburg, Duncan, Clifton, Safford, Globe, Roosevelt, Mesa, Tempe, Phoenix, Buckeye, Yuma, Imperial Valley, San Diego. All states join Southern National Highway associations. Congratulations.

"Potter went east some days ago to attend the meeting of the Southern association, but stopped in El Paso en route where he talked of this plan to several good road workers here. The Old Trails Association is a different organization, and has mapped its route from Washington City eastward to Santa Fe, N. M., thence south to El Paso, Las Cruces, Deming, Lordsburg, Douglas, Tucson, Phoenix, Yuma, San Diego, or Los Angeles. A bill is now pending in congress asking an appropriation for the purpose of constructing this proposed highway.

"Both the Southern association and the Old Trails association route their respective highways through El Paso, hence travel from the north and east and from the south east, in fact from all states east of El Paso, will come through El Paso."

As stated in our columns last week, the Roswell Club sent a very enthusiastic and a posted delegate to the convention to work for the borderland route. The club has sent the following letter to all organizations along the route west from Roswell:

Roswell, N. M., Jan. 23, 1913. To the Commercial Club, or others interested in the "Borderland Route". Gentlemen:— The Commercial Club of Roswell wishes all the towns and cities along the Borderland Route from Dodge City, Kansas, to Phoenix, Arizona, to unite in an effort to bring the "Ocean to Ocean" Highway over our route.

You are doubtless aware of the fact that the Automobile Manufacturers of our country have undertaken to aid in the construction of an Ocean to Ocean Highway. They are raising a fund of \$10,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 is already pledged. There is little doubt of the entire amount being raised. The road is to be completed and dedicated by May 1915.

Colorado and Utah are making a strong bid for the Highway, so also is the "Old Trails Route", through Santa Fe.

We enclose herewith copy of a request for the proper authorities to investigate our route. May we ask you to secure prompt action on the same by your city and return to the Secretary of this Club, who will forward all of the requests to Headquarters?

The request may be adopted by the Chamber of Commerce or Commercial Club, or Business Men's League, or Automobile Club, or all of them, and duly signed by the officers of the organization. Or by the Mayor of the town or city. It may be used as the heading of a petition and as many signatures as possible secured. Or you may be able to prepare a better form of statement and request. The main thing is to pull all together for our route. Please notice this movement in your local papers. Hoping for a prompt reply.

Respectfully,  
W. P. WIGGINS,  
Sec'y, Roswell Com. Club.

**Suggestive Resolutions**  
Gentlemen:— The business men of Alamogordo respectfully request that at the proper time your committee to select the route of the "Ocean to Ocean" Highway, on which the Auto-fund is to be expended, investigate the "Borderland Route" from Dodge City, Kansas, via Amarillo and Plainview, Texas; Roswell and Mesalero, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas, to Phoenix, Arizona.

Believing that our route is particularly fitted to serve as a section of the Highway, we would call your attention to the following: It is a "Dry Country" route, traversing a plateau region which receives enough moisture, supplemented in places by irrigation from streams or shallow wells to make it

an agricultural region, whose population is increasing at a rapid rate; at the same time there is less interference with the comfort and pleasure of tourists from rain, snow or muddy or dusty roads or by heat or cold than by any other proposed route. During the heavy snows of this month (January 1914) when the Colorado Routes and even the Route by Santa Fe were blocked by snow, the Borderland Route remained open and was in daily use by autos.

2. It is a road of easy grades. By leaving the Old Santa Fe Trail at Dodge City and going south, it avoids crossing the rugged Rockies, passing over their Southern extension through the "White Mountain Region" by the easiest of grade at an elevation of 8000 feet and over an excellent government road. Tourists pronounce this route the easiest and best across the mountains to the Pacific Ocean.

3. It traverses the "Newest South," oldest in point of exploration and settlement by Europeans, yet the newest in that it contains more objects of interest that are absolutely novel to most of the residents of the East than any other section of our country. There are the Indian Pueblos and thousands upon thousands of ruins of cliff-dwellings and prehistoric cities, and irrigation-works a thousand years old.

Side by side with Mexicans and Indians are American towns and cities as progressive as any in the land. The route passes through the White Mountain Region, said to be more exquisitely beautiful than anything in Switzerland or Scotland. At El Paso and elsewhere it touches the border of Old Mexico and affords the opportunity of a sight of that interesting country. At Roswell, New Mexico, an auto highway runs Northwest to Santa Fe; at El Paso another runs North up the Rio Grande Valley to Albuquerque. At Phoenix the trans-continental tourist may easily reach the "Wonderland" of Arizona by the two highways—to Springerville or to Holbrook.

4. If the "Ocean to Ocean" highway came to Dodge City and then over the Borderland, our route would serve as the western end of more East and West highways than any other route. Both the great highways, by Chicago and by St. Louis, would use it for a great part of the year. The Savannah-San Diego Highway, now being put through via Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Little Rock, Dallas and Ft. Worth, following the Texas and Pacific R. R. to Roscoe, and then up to Brownfield, Texas, would use the Borderland from that point to the Pacific. There are more days of sunshine and delightful weather for touring in the latitude and climate of the region traversed by the Borderland than in any latitude farther north, and therefore a highway constructed through our region would serve more people than along any other route. Garages, hotels and all requisites for touring are found at frequent intervals and the route is now in daily use by tourists.

The Retailers' Association and the Alamogordo Town Board took prompt action on the recommendations as to the "Borderland Route" coming by Mesalero and Alamogordo, and the same was forwarded to the proper authorities. The recommendations as published elsewhere in this issue were amended so to suit the conditions and to emphasize the attractions of this vicinity.

## CO. HIGH SCHOOL SHOULD BE HERE

### State School Supt. White Says Alamogordo is the only Eligible Candidate.

Before leaving town Thursday Superintendent of Schools R. S. Tipton received the following communication from the state superintendent's office. Mr. Tipton says that the statement was unsolicited by him, but nevertheless is very explicit:

"We note that you are having an interesting time with reference to your county high school. It is the opinion of this department that if Alamogordo has the only high school with a four year course in Otero county, it will be necessary for the people of the county to designate as the county high school and the other schools would not be eligible until they had developed a good high school course. This would not be true in counties where there were no well established high schools."

The above came as somewhat of a surprise, though it has been known for some time that in most cases Supt. White has deemed county seats as the most logical locations for high schools. In the case of Otero county the Supt. holds that Alamogordo is not only the logical location but is the only place which is eligible for a county high school at the present time, because it has the only high school with an accredited four year course.

The Luttweller pumping outfit for the J. P. Lewis well, arrived last Tuesday and Frank Roussou is now engaged in installing the plant.

## OUR ADVANTAGES UNSURPASSED

### Pacific Coast has Nothing on us in Soil, Water or Climate Says Homer W. Schofield.

The editor is in receipt of a letter from Homer W. Schofield, formerly manager and largest stockholder in the Alamogordo Telephone company, in which he makes some favorable observations for this locality and makes several suggestions. An excerpt is as follows:

"Land about San Diego, without as good soil and without near the water, and upon which no more profitable crops will grow, (than about Alamogordo) is selling at from fifty dollars per acre up principally up. Then Alamogordo has a better climate than California. San Diego is said to have the best climate on the coast, and the Alamogordo climate certainly beats it. 'I might a little later send some comparative data relative to land and soil conditions out here, and the pumping proposition. I rather expect to remain here over and during the 1915 exposition, and it strikes me that if the people of Alamogordo would make an effort the stream of immigration might be made to run towards them some. I see that the legislature has appropriated \$75,000 for an exhibit here, and I would like very much for the Alamogordo to get into the picture. It has been suggested that part of the exhibit consist of moving pictures of the sights of the state. I think that is a good one and I also think we who are interested should do what we can to get Alamogordo properly mentioned. There will be lots of immigrants come via this port."

### Clouderoft News Notes.

(By Scott B. Williams)  
Clouderoft, Feb. 20.—The first issue of The Weekly Clouderoft, came out Tuesday morning under date of the 14th. It has been over three years since a paper was published at Clouderoft. Mr. Thomas Daniel, who recently came here from Texline, Texas, is editor and owner. Correspondents from every postoffice in the county will be secured so that the county will be thoroughly covered by the newspaper. Mrs. Daniel arrived from Texline Wednesday and will assist Mr. Daniel with the new publication.

Vaughn Banta of Felix, N. M., and Miss Nadia Riggs, daughter of H. O. Riggs, a well known stockman of this section, were quietly married at Mr. Riggs' ranch near Clouderoft Wednesday the 13th. They went to Roswell on a honeymoon and will be at home soon at Felix, to their many friends.

Williams & York have moved into their new building on Main street. The repair work on the building has not yet been completed but will be some time this month when they will install their fixtures and have an up-to-date real estate and insurance office.

William Burbow, Jr., who lives at Hillsrolls, has returned from a trip to California.

R. F. Balthis, supervisor of the Alamogordo National Forest, has just returned from an inspection trip to various points in the forest.

P. H. Mendelson and family have gone to High Rolls to visit the family of S. Katoaky before going on to Columbus, Ohio, their future home. Mr. Mendelson has conducted a general merchandise business in Clouderoft for some time but recently sold his stock to H. M. Denney, who came here from Alamogordo and bought the stock of the Clouderoft Trading company.

R. D. Hiller has resigned as agent at Clouderoft for the E. P. & S. W. and will go to another point on the main line of the system. C. F. Barrett was transferred from Don Louis, Arizona, to fill Mr. Hiller's place. Mrs. Hiller and baby, Russell, have already gone to Mangum, Okla., where they will visit a few weeks before joining Mr. Hiller.

G. M. Davis, sales manager for the Oliver Typewriter company, making his headquarters at El Paso, has been in Clouderoft this week demonstrating the Oliver for his local agents, Messrs. Williams and York.

P. H. Waldie is making extensive repairs on his barn on Little Gloria etta avenue in preparation for the summer season.

W. E. Jergins, P. W. Hickson, C. C. Walker, L. L. Goss and Lewis Green were recent visitors in Clouderoft.

Mr. and Mrs. Beach Leave  
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Beach left the first of the week for Kansas, City, St. Joe and possibly Dallas. Mr. Beach expects to be away from Alamogordo on business matters for about a month.

Alamo Hotel to Open  
The Alamogordo hotel, which has been closed for several months will be again open for patronage under the management of Mrs. T. A. Murphy the fore part of next week.

The building has been thoroughly renovated, varnished and painted from top to bottom and presents a very neat appearance on the interior.

## Mining Man Here

L. S. Beckwith, consulting engineer for the Copper Queen at Bisbee, left this morning to inspect a group of mining claims lying in the San Andreas west of Tularosa. The claims are all held by residents of Alamogordo and Tularosa, and some of them have been listed with the Copper Queen for inspection for more than two years. After returning from this trip Mr. Beckwith will return to Alamogordo and may then go to inspect another group of claims to the southwest of Alamogordo in the same mountain range.

## REPORT SOON ON FRIEDMANN CURE

American Government Will Publish Result of Inquiry by Consul

## SERUM IS DERIVED FROM COLD-BLOODED ANIMALS

German Scientist Claims First Treatment Often Results in Gain—Some Cases Incurable

Translations of Dr. Frederick Friedmann's statements regarding his system of treating tuberculosis furnished to congress through Consul-General Thacker at Berlin have been completed by the state department at Washington and the complete data procured at the request of congress soon will be printed.

Dr. Friedmann's address did not give the secret of his new remedy, which is understood to be a serum derived from cold-blooded animals. According to the official reports he will not make this known until he is prepared to furnish it to physicians.

In his description of his search for a tuberculosis serum and the method of applying his new remedy, which he claimed had been tried on more than 1,182 persons, Dr. Friedmann said he discovered an "incurable race of tubercles." They were not then suited to use in man, but he succeeded after long experiment in completely changing their character.

Dangers of the bacillus becoming virulent after being injected into the human body were removed, Dr. Friedmann said, by long cultivation of the germs.

"Finally I repeatedly injected it into myself," he continued, "then into adult tuberculous patients, then into consumptive children, and finally, when the successful therapeutic results continued to be confirmed (which was a long time afterward), into children by way of prophylactic inoculation."

"The preparation proved absolutely harmless even in large doses and however applied," he said. "The treatment consists in intramuscular incorporation occurring once, twice, or three times, seldom oftener, and repeated at long intervals. An infiltrate must form at the place of injection, this infiltrate should be of the size of a walnut to that of a small apple and will gradually disappear in the course of the next few weeks or months. As long as this tissue exists, and during its gradual absorption, the healing will go on."

"Only if, and as long as the injected substance is completely absorbed and remains in the body, do the healing effects appear most striking. As a rule this occurs soon and healing then progresses steadily. We often see, even under the influence of a single injection, bone and joint fistulas of long years standing become clean and close, while scrofuloderms are covered over with young and healthy skin; big, hard glandular tumors diminish considerably in size; tubercular abscesses flatten down and clear; chronic scrofulous eczema heals permanently; and, last but not least, pulmonary consumptives lose all their troubles and physical symptoms of disease."

Dr. Friedmann admitted in his speech that with some patients the "resorption of the substance is not complete," and that it became useless to give a new injection. In many of these cases, he said, he had had failures.

## Knights of Pythias Anniversary

The local order Knights of Pythias celebrated the 49th anniversary of the order Wednesday night at Beavers' hall. The Pythian Sisters assisted in the entertaining. A large number comprising Knights, relatives of members, and friends, were present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Alamogordo orchestra furnished the music for the occasion and all who cared to indulged in dancing. To those who did not care to dance tables were provided for Rook games. Choice refreshments were served by the Pythian sisters.

## A Good Suggestion

A well known gentleman of Alamogordo called at the office of the News-Advertiser this week and made a suggestion that people who have tin cans and other refuse to haul away should see that it is taken further out than it is some times. He made the statement taken further out than it some times. The vacant lots within the corporate limits were not a very creditable display and if there was an ordinance covering such disposition of refuse it should be enforced. The suggestion is a good one.

## SUPT. TIPTON ON HOME READING

### Makes Suggestions for Advancement of School Children of Otero County.

Perhaps there is no one thing that does more to disorganize class work and make children dissatisfied with school life, than having work assigned to be done at home that should be done in the school room under the supervision of the teacher.

In the school room there is one teacher and the same conditions surround each and every pupil. Once the children are in their own homes there are as many teachers and as many different conditions surrounding them as there are homes. They have even more teachers than homes for the father teaches one way, the mother another, and big sister another. In many cases there is no teacher at all, and the child must work alone, which usually results in the child's becoming discouraged, giving up in despair and returning to school the next day with no lesson, a wounded pride, a distaste for school, or a feeling of don't care.

The assigning of such work as the child can do alone, such as spelling, history, etc., is recommended by teachers who think that the child should have some home work to do. This is, of course, better than assigning grammar or arithmetic, but it does not overcome this difficulty. After getting home from school some children must go to the field and work till dark and then do their chores, and by the time supper is over they are too tired and sleepy for study. They sit around and nod for a while and are soon off to bed. Again, there are many homes in which there is no opportunity for study. Only one lamp—chimney—less for the entire family. This the mother must have for the kitchen, the remainder of the family must be satisfied with the light of the fire. It was all right for Lincoln, in his day, to do with a spade, a piece of charcoal, and a fire light; but with the advancement of this age it is our duty to provide better things for our children, or not expect them to keep pace with those with better conveniences. Just as well ask one of our legislators to walk from his district to the capitol because Lincoln did. Just as well expect the carpenter with very poor tools to do as much and the same work as the one with plenty of good tools.

I once asked a teacher who is ambitious for a professional certificate what she studied of evenings. "Oh," she replied, "I am so tired when my day's work is through in the school room that I can't study evenings. I read something that is not so heavy and retire early." If the child puts in the time as he should in the school room, he will be just as tired when evening comes as is the teacher. The teacher thinks she does well if she gets up and gets to school by 8:30, while to my certain knowledge there are boys and girls in the country who are up and at work for two hours before the teacher is up. We seem to forget that the mind cannot work when the body is exhausted. We forget the thousands of steps some of these boys and girls have to take outside of school.

But to my mind, the strong point in favor of doing away with home study is to get the children to do general reading. Reading things that will put them in touch with the world. Something that will widen their horizon. There is more education in getting the child in touch with the things of the day, a knowledge of things as they exist now, instilling a love for reading, teaching how to read and what to read, than there is, or ever can be, in teaching the dry facts of the texts. Text book knowledge is well enough in its place, but when we undertake to fill the child's mind with such knowledge to the exclusion of a knowledge of the world as it exists at present, we are laying the foundation for a wasted life. It is useless to argue that the children will get this knowledge outside of school. They will not. The present conditions is sufficient proof. In a great many of the homes I visit the county paper is the sum total of the reading matter of the entire family, and in some cases they do not even have that. What greater educational work can our rural school do than to put plenty of good reading into the homes and direct the reading of same. Let the reading be done under the direction of the teacher. Of course every one would not take advantage of the opportunity, but the great majority would. This literature, once in a home, will be read by the family, and in this way will the school at the home be brought in closer touch. Another connecting link will have been supplied. School boards and patrons will respond, if the matter is presented to them in an intelligent way. They are hungering for something more worth the while for their boys and girls. They can see the inefficiency of our schools but are at a loss to know how to correct things.

## A County High School

(C. D. George in The Alamo.)

Every boy and girl in Otero county are neglecting to prepare twenty trouble with our present course is that it prepares the student for college and a diversity course of study. Thus we are preparing one student who will attend the highest education of learning, while we for business avocations. It is time has been impossible for all to get such an education. With the school education. In the past high school at Alamogordo, the opportunity will be open to any pupil who has passed the eighth grade to enter and prepare himself for life. He will be able, with diligent study, to master a course that will fit him to earn an honest living. The twenty and neglect the one if necessary. The better way will be to establish a county high school and so adjust our course of study that we may care for all and prepare our young boys and girls for life's duties and also for college if they want to attend higher educational institutions of learning.

At present the Alamogordo high school course of study, offers to its students four years of English, three years of History, three years of Mathematics, one of Science, three of Latin, two of Spanish, one of Bookkeeping and one of Commercial Arithmetic.

By the county high school law, the school will be required to offer Agriculture, Domestic Science, Manual Training, with two more courses in Business Science. Another year should be added to each of the following named courses: Mathematics, Science, History and Spanish. Thus offering to each student a course of study of from 24 to 28 units, and give him a choice of many of the branches in making up his 16 units required for graduation. The day has arrived when every boy and girl should at least graduate from a good four year's course of study in an approved high school. Make this course practical, so that when one has graduated it will be a stock of knowledge, that the owner will always be proud of, and will aid them in any occupation.

Many may wonder why the Alamogordo high school has not been giving this practical course in the past. We have splendid reasons:

1st. We are this year furnishing instructions to 29 high school pupils who are non-residents of Alamogordo, from whom we receive no revenue, out of 75 pupils enrolled in our high school.

2nd. The District has been in debt and we could not afford the extra teachers. At the close of the present school year the old debt will be paid and the Board of Education will be in a position to do better things.

Industrial education is making its demands upon the schools and the schools in the future that do not give credit for industrial work done in the home, and make it possible for a closer relationship between the home and the school will be failing to fulfill a long felt need. It is interesting to notice the way American business and educational conditions are regarded by the Germans. The German investigators who attended the St. Louis fair spoke "warmly of our natural resources, of our mechanical skill and progressive spirit." But the American danger has been greatly exaggerated, and that a steadfast adherence by Germany to the educational system and commercial methods now in practice will leave the Fatherland little to fear in the future competition with American manufactured goods. These critics find us too self-satisfied, for we send our trade agents abroad without preparation. We fail to prepare our young people for business avocations while they are in school.

## GEORGE CURRY ON INTERVENTION

### Tells President Taft We Can Use a Big Slice of Mexico to Advantage.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—Representative George Curry, of New Mexico, today at the White House, told President Taft that the U. S. must intervene in Mexico some time, and there is no use putting it off any longer.

"American interests in Mexico are too extensive and there are too many citizens of this country there to permit the deplorable conditions of the last two years to go on. I do not see how intervention is to be put off longer," he declared. "We have got to put enough troops in there to see that no disaster comes to them. Our first step will be to take the city of Mexico and then to take charge of the three northern states, Chihuahua, Sonora and Coahuila."

"I do not think we will ever want to annex all of Mexico, but we will want the three northern states and we could hold them with no large number of men. These three states are dominated by Americans and American money. If we should take them they would be quickly populated by Americans and would become garden spots of the southwest."

"We ought also to have Magdalena bay and Southern California. The balance of the country we would not care for. The Mexicans themselves have found it difficult to handle the three northern states and would probably be glad to get rid of them."

### Eighth Grade Examinations

Only two examinations will be held this year, the first on April 11 and 12, the second on May 16 and 17.

In Reading the questions will be based on the following selections from Curry's Literary Readings: Excelsior, Rosabelle, Vision of Sir Launfal, Columbus, The Gray Champion, Enoch Arden.

The rules governing the examination will be practically the same as last year.

The county superintendent will either conduct the examinations or appoint some one to conduct them.

All papers are to be sent to the office of the county superintendent. A fee of fifty cents will be collected from each one taking the examination, for the purpose of covering postage, etc.

Teachers who have pupils who wish to take this examination should notify the county superintendent of same as early as possible. Pupils will be allowed to write on part of the subjects on the first date named above and on the remainder of the subjects on the second date, but will not be permitted to write twice on the same subject.

R. S. TIPTON,  
County Superintendent.

We risk the man to make or lose his fortune without preparation. Many men say, "If I only had had the opportunity for an education I would have been so much better off in handling my business affairs."

Now let one and all unite to give Alamogordo the first county high school. Provision is made in the law for the establishment of others, without an extra tax, when they are needed.

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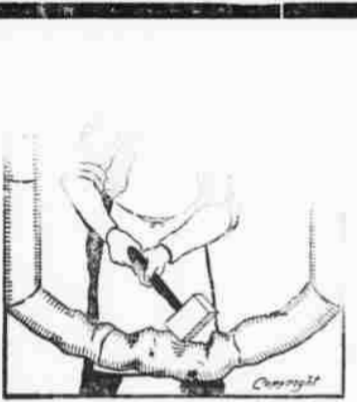
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### A FALSE POLICY.

The false policy of low valuation of property for taxation and a high mill rate for county, city and school district purposes, keeps thousands of people and millions of dollars in capital away from New Mexico every year. Full cash valuation of property for taxation and a corresponding decrease in the mill rate would invite population and also capital for investment. Moreover, a system of full valuation would secure justice and equality between counties and for all classes of taxpayers. A low rate of taxation will constitute one of the best means of advertising our new state among the most desirable class of settlers. The News-Advertiser believes in giving this a trial. It is not successful, it can be remedied. We do not need at this time a tax commissioner to "investigate" and determine what we shall do in order to meet our obligations. That seems wholly unnecessary because we are making no progress while such a commission is consuming time in its work. What we want is immediate relief from the high rate now prevailing, and this can be given us by a valuation of all property subject to taxation. We will never be able to interest foreign capital so long as the rate remains as it now is, and which is due to the fact that the valuation is not sufficient on any of our taxable property, and, as we are inclined to believe, to a failure of much of our property to be listed at all.

### STONES, GLASS HOUSES, ETC.

The editor of the Tularosa Tribune and also the editor of the Cloudercroft are both quite anxious that the people of Otero county should not make any mistakes relative to the location of the county high school, and it is fair to presume that they voice to a certain extent, the people of their respective communities. Both express a sentiment that it would be very hazardous to found a high school where there are so many tubercular patients. Of course that question could be raised in better faith if Cloudercroft and Tularosa each did not have a fairly large per cent of tubercular patients numbered among its population. A comparison of statistics would be fair but mere statements prove nothing and only confuse people who really wish to do the greatest good to the largest number.

We have the statement of a medical man who has probably had the most extensive and lengthy practice of any doctor in the county that there have been to his knowledge but six cases of tuberculosis in the town of Alamogordo during its entire history of twelve years that had its origin here. Three of these cases were pulmonary and three cerebral, and five of them were cases that were entirely preventable had the patients used even common sense measures. Only one case was of unaccountable and local origin.

### CLOUDCROFT'S NEW PAPER

We acknowledge receipt of "The Weekly Cloudercroft," the first copy being dated Feb. 14. Mr. Thos. Daniel is the editor and publisher and we extend best wishes for his success in the new venture. The paper is a very creditable index considering the disadvantages the first number was gotten out under. The people of Cloudercroft have been very diligent in the matter of getting a newspaper started there once more, since the burning of the previous plant there several years ago, and the best we can wish for the editor is that the people will remain awake as to the advantages of a newspaper and not shift all of the burden of the enterprise onto the editor.

The state should dispense with the services of either the mounted police or the sheriffs of the various counties. If the sheriffs cannot and will not properly discharge the duties of their offices, and for such derelict duty they cannot be made to answer to the people whose servants they are, abolish the office. If, as seemed to be the case prior to the regime of the mounted police, they are what they are supposed to be, and do seem to be sufficient to preserve the peace in their several bailiwicks, why not let them attend to this business. Both are not needed. A saving of several thousand dollars per annum can be made with either abolished, and the lawbreakers taken care of. We only express our personal opinion when we declare our confidence in the sheriff's office is not yet shaken.

The constitution of the state says that all appropriation bills shall originate in the house. We were fearful that honorable body had ignominiously ignored one of its prerogatives until we run over the bills introduced during the first half of the session and discovered that some \$600,000 had been appropriated for bridges across the New Mexico streams. We are delighted to know the constitution is clearly understood by the members of our legislature.

Is it true that all cowboys are now working for moving-picture outfits?

## BOOST.

When Deming was a sleepy hamlet of some twelve or fifteen hundred dissatisfied people, a proposition was made to them by a gentleman who believed in the efficiency of printer's ink. He proposed to expend \$250 per month in advertising the resources of the locality. They sat up and fell back in a dead faint. There wasn't that much money to be had. This gentleman, after considerable argument convinced them it was to be had and it would come back to them tenfold. They allowed themselves to be "fleece," as some of them termed it. The resources of the community were exploited—advertisers adhered to. No story was told that could not be substantiated. The results are apparent. Deming has more than doubled in population within the last five years. Just now a Los Angeles company is arranging to develop ten thousand acres within ten miles of the town. Prosperity is everywhere evident. Naturally, those residents of the sleepy old Deming who contribute their assessment grudgingly, declaring it was throwing money away, are the ones who "did it" now. But what's the odds, so long as the results are to be had. State Senator Chas. J. Laughren is the man that put boost in the Deming boosters. He says there is no patent on the scheme. What has been done at Deming can be done at Alamogordo. An advertising fund can be raised and, with its superior advantages, the Gem City of the Sacramento can be a flourishing city of ten thousand happy and contented souls within the next five years. Advertisers—boost—the truth. Alamogordo doesn't have to manufacture any boost story. It has the goods. It only needs to wake up and tell the outside world where to find it.

With high state officials muddying the water and the salary bill suddenly suspended in the ozone; with the joker ruthlessly rescued from the finance bill; with the legal fence bill deposited without honor upon the slab and the logging bill gasping for breath in the committee room; with the house passing some measures to tickle its constituents and the senate giving them a Lethaean bath to titillate its constituency and railroad legislation being mixed and intermingled by the officials and the representatives of the unions, things move on at the legislative assembly in what has been called an even tempo—a sort of rucic roll.

Vice-president-to-be Marshall, who delivered an address to the legislature of New Mexico last Monday said, in opening: "I do not pretend to speak with historic accuracy, because my memory is never quite certain with reference to the minor points of history; but I have it running through my head at the present time that it was Charles the Fifth who said that he spoke German to his servants, French to his sailors, Italian to his wife and Spanish to his God." Could anything have been better done? Pass it to the Hoosier for evenly spreading the salve!

If Otero county is desirous of having a county high school our citizens should remember that only in union is there sufficient strength to accomplish any desirable end. There certainly should be no factional feeling developed when we are all pulling for a greater and a better and more prosperous county.

Several days have elapsed since the announcement of the south pole tragedy and Doc Cook hasn't interviewed himself yet. By the way, whose guest is Doc, anyway?

One is inclined to suspect Helen Keller of joking when she says she "can't see anything objectionable in the turkey trot."

May we be allowed to remark that south of the Rio Grande, just now they are having all kinds of trouble, Mex.?

### Department Stores Aid Vice

Last week the Enterprise (Silver City) published an editorial on the evils of white slavery and the efforts made to suppress it, at the same time commenting upon the importance of first removing one of the greatest causes of white slavery, namely the starvation wages paid women and girls by the large department stores and other large industrial concerns in the big cities.

A startling endorsement of the Enterprise position in the matter of a letter from a woman, whose name if printed, would be recognized immediately all over southern New Mexico, and who for years kept a house of ill fame in Silver City. The letter follows:

N. M., Feb. 19 1913.  
Editor Enterprise:—You will pardon this letter, but I cannot help but write you a few lines in regard to your article on "white slavery," as it is the best one I have yet read. I cannot tell you how many girls I have had with me who have worked in department stores and were compelled to submit to vice in order to exist, as they could not do it upon the starvation wages. In fact, I have had some tell me the managers would ask them if they did not have some friend who could help them out when they said they could not exist on the small salaries that were offered them.

Very few women in my business ever tempt a pure girl to fall; we would sooner save them.

Thanking you for your kind article, I remain respectfully,  
Corporation Commission Complaint  
The New Mexico state corporation committee has forwarded to Wash-

ington what is said to be the largest and most comprehensive complaint ever laid before the Interstate Commerce commission. It attacks some 50,000 rates from the Missouri river and Pacific coast points in New Mexico. There are eight direct defendants. The direct defendants are the railways operating in the state and the indirect defendants those eastern lines with a joint rate into New Mexico. The corporation commission has requested that the hearing be held before the entire commerce commission because of its great importance to the state.

There is great activity in the Mogollon district, as there are now six operating mining companies in the district, and great activity is now in progress of developing the mines.—Silver City Enterprise.

### Financial Statement of The Home Insurance Company

New York.  
As of January 1st, 1913

Cash Capital	\$ 3,000,000.00
Reserve Premium	12,341,420.00
Fund	12,341,420.00
Reserve for Losses, Taxes, Re-insurance and Other Claims	1,913,259.32
Reserve as a Conflagration Surplus	1,800,000.00
Surplus over Contingencies and all liabilities including Capital	14,351,755.28
Gross Assets	\$33,406,434.60
Surplus as Regards Policy Holders	\$19,151,755.28

J. M. HAWKINS, Agent.

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### Notice for Publication

State of New Mexico, County of Otero. In the District Court.  
O. B. Smythe, Plaintiff, vs. Leha E. Smythe, Defendant. No. 1185.

To the above named defendant, Leha E. Smythe: You are hereby notified that suit has been begun in the above named court by the plaintiff, O. B. Smythe, against you, the general object of which being for the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony now existing between you and the plaintiff in account of your abandoning the plaintiff and for other relief as will more fully appear from the plaintiff's complaint on file in the above named Court.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 25th day of March, 1913, decree will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

CHAS. E. THOMAS, County Clerk & Ex-Officio District Clerk. 37  
J.L. Lawson, Attorney for Plaintiff, Alamogordo, N. M.

#### In the Probate Court

State of New Mexico, County of Otero. In the matter of the Will of Pablo Gomez, Deceased. No. 129. To the Heirs of Pablo Gomez, deceased, and To Whom it May Concern:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that on the sixth (6th) day of January, 1913, Feliciana D. de Gomez filed in the Probate Court of Otero County, New Mexico, the last Will and Testament of the said Pablo Gomez, deceased, late of the town of Tularosa, Otero County, New Mexico, together with a petition un-der oath, praying for the Probate of said Last Will and Testament.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Last Will and Testament of the said Pablo Gomez, deceased, will come on for hearing and Probating at ten o'clock A. M., on the third (3rd) day of March, 1913, the same being a term day of this Court. You, and each of you, and all persons objecting to the Probate of said Will, are hereby notified to be present at said time, at said Probate Court, and show cause, if any you have, why said Last Will and Testament shall not be admitted to Probate.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of Otero County, New Mexico, at my office in Alamogordo, New Mexico, this 18th day of January, 1913.  
(Seal) CHAS. E. THOMAS, Clerk of Probate Court.  
By A. M. Major, Deputy.

#### Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M., January 11, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that Andrew Anderson, of Alamogordo, New Mexico, who on February 13, 1908, made Homestead Entry (Serial No. 02477), No. 5725 for NE 1/4, Section 10, Township 16 S, Range 9 E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before M. W. Parker, U. S. Commissioner, at Alamogordo, New Mexico, on the 1st day of March, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses: N. J. Nelson, C. S. Brown, Jonn Minns and J. C. Dunn, all of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

#### Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M., January 9, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that Theodore D. Anderson, of Alamogordo, New Mexico, who, on December 18, 1907, made Homestead Entry (Serial No. 02398), No. 5527, for W 1/2 SE 1/4; SE 1/4 SE 1/4; NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 28, Township 16 S, Range 10 E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before M. W. Parker, U. S. Commissioner, at Alamogordo, New Mexico, on the 27th day of February, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses: O. G. Cady, G. F. Rousseau, Oscar Lewis and W. W. Mann, all of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

#### Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M., February 5, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that James C. McKillip, of Alamogordo, New Mexico, who, on March 16, 1910, made Homestead Entry, No. 04238, for SE 1/4, Section 19, Township 17 S, Range 10 E, N. M. P. M., has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before M. W. Parker, U. S. Commissioner, at Alamogordo, New Mexico, on the 25th day of March, 1913. Claimant names as witnesses L. R. Hughes, Geo. W. Doggett, D. C. Park and Albert Edge, all of Alamogordo, New Mexico.  
JOSE GONZALES, Register.



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World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Ill. Paris Exposition, Paris, France, March, 1912.



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 Emerson Hough  
 Author of "The Ministerial Bubble"; "54-40 or Fight"  
 Illustrations by  
 Ray Walters

CHAPTER VII.

**A Princely Generosity.**  
 Mr. Rawn went on with the *pr. R.* He was in and out of the market. His money grew. His ambition also grew. He felt coming now upon him another change. He said to himself that he was now about to pass up, into yet another era of his development.

One day, after his usual day's routine, he closed his office door, took his car at the curb, dropped in at his club, imbibed the two cocktails which were now his evening wont, and again emerging, nodded to his chauffeur in the fashion which meant "Home!" They passed on out again through the floating crowd of various and often vulgar vehicles, north-bound—shrieking aloud in a vast united chorus, demanding speed, speed, and yet more speed—along the throbbing arteries of the city's circulation. At last he stopped once more at the front of Graystone hall. "Forty-five minutes, Dennis," said he to his driver, snapping his watch. "Twenty-one miles; you'll learn it after a while."

Mr. Rawn was in exceptional good humor. He was at peace with the world and with his conscience. He looked about him now calmly, with approbation in his gaze. His gardeners had done wonders. The walks were solid and well kept, the green sward sound and flourishing. These late stubbed and desolate trees were now wide, green and branching. The crocus borders were unbroken, the formal monochrome beds, here and there upon the lawn, showed clean-cut and distinct. The tall pillars of his motley house even had a green veiling of ivy, swiftly grown by art, and not by time. On a terrace a bed of foliage plant, thirty feet long, grew in the shape of a word—a magic word—"Rawn." If any passer-by wished knowledge as to the creator of all this, he might read as he ran—"Rawn."

Rawn passed up the steps and looked out through the long hallway from the rear of the house, or rather its rear front, which lay upon the lake shore. Beyond, he could see the faint curl of the distant steamers' smoke against the horizon. He stopped for a moment, drinking in the scene, of which he never tired. There were birds twittering softly in the trees about him. He caught the breath of flowers, coming to him from the halls within. Yes, it was an abode suited for a prominent citizen.

There came to meet him now the quiet footfall which he had come to expect, not always patiently or with pleasure, as the natural end of his day's labors; his wife, Laura, had never forgotten this daily greeting of the old-fashioned wife to her husband, as the latter returned at the close of his day's labor.

He stopped as he heard her slow tread upon the stair. She was coming to meet him. She always did. He, John Rawn, controller of men, a man born to succeed and going yet higher, had only, after all, an old-fashioned wife!

It was an emergency this evening. He was accustomed to meet emergencies. He had come tonight prepared to meet this one.

"Laura," said he, after the servants had drawn the curtains and left them alone in the central room, whither they had repaired after dinner; "sit down here, I want to talk to you a while."

"Yes, John," said she quietly. But she looked at him startled. Her face grew suddenly grave. Be sure the brute advancing to the poll-tax knows his fate. That was the look in Laura Rawn's face now. "Yes, John," she said, knowing what blow was to be hers.

He motioned her to a seat beyond the little table and seated himself opposite. Reaching into a bulging pocket, he brought out a thick bundle of folded papers; long, narrow papers, most of them green, others brown, or pale pink. He pushed this bundle across the table, so that his wife must see it. She reached out a hand, but did not look at it.

"What is it, John?" she said. Her hand trembled, her face went still more weary and gray, became even of an ashy pallor than was its wont.

"It's a trifle, Laura," said John Rawn. "Look at it. There's bonds and gilt-edge dividend-payers for just exactly one million dollars!"

"One million dollars, John! What do you mean?"

"Look at it, see for yourself."

"But, John—what does it mean?"

"It means a great deal, Mrs. Rawn, a great deal for you. It took some work to make it on my part. There are not ten men in this town today who could draw out of their business clean, unhypothecated securities for a million dollars. I've seen to it that all these are registered in your name. It's my gift to you, without reservation."

"John, how can I thank you—but I don't want it! I've not earned it, I wouldn't know what to do with it."

You're always so—so kind, John, with me. But I can't take it! It's not mine!"

"It is yours, Laura. And you've got to take it!"

"But I don't want to!"

"I want no foolishness," he said sternly. "That money is yours. You can use it as you like. Of course, I will counsel with you as to reinvestment the best I can. I don't want to see the interest wasted."

"I don't ever want to see you in need," he went on. "I don't counsel loose investments. My lawyers will also tell you what to do with your money, and they'll put up to you a list of good, safe, savings-bank investments, the kind that fools and sailors ought to have. I'll help you choose, if you like. I don't want to be ungenerous. This is your estate."

"My estate!—But, John, I'm your wife! I don't care for this money. I don't understand it, and I don't want it. I want to be your wife, John, the way I always was—I want to help—I want to be useful to you all the time, as I've always tried to be."

"Precisely, Laura, and I appreciate that feeling very much. I feel the same way. I want to be as useful as I can to you. We have always been loyal to each other, faithful with each other; I know that. There are not ten men worth my money in this town today who can say what I can—that they've been faithful to their wives as I have been to mine. You've been a good woman, and you've worked hard. You say you haven't earned this money, but I think you have. We've been useful, yes, to each other. But when we can't be any more, Laura, why then—"

The tears burst from her eyes now. He frowned, that she should interrupt him, but went on.

"It shall never be said that I was unkind to you, Laura. Indeed, I shall always feel kindly to you—always remember what you have done."

"But you don't, you don't, John!"

"I don't? What do you mean by that, Laura? Isn't there the proof? Isn't there a million dollars lying right in front of you on that table? And you say this to me, who has just given you a cold million!"

"That's it, it's a cold million, John," said she bitterly. "It's cold!"

"Good God! The unreasonableness of woman!" said John Rawn, upturning his eyes. "Now I've thought all this out as carefully as a man can I've denied myself, to take this much capital out of my investments and set it aside for you. I can make five millions out of that money in the next five years. But no, I reserve it, and I give it to you for your estate, so that you shall never know want—more money than you ever had a right to dream of having. You do that for a woman, and what does she say? Why, she doesn't want it! Good God!"

"John," she said, "I'll let her self-control, you might as well tell the truth."

"What do you mean—the truth?"

"It's some other woman, of course!"

"I swear to you, Laura, it's nothing of the sort. I've been guilty of no act with any one—"

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"Don't I know?" she said. "It's always another woman. She's a young woman, whoever she is. Why don't you come out and tell me the truth, John? How long before you're going to be married?" The tears were welling steadily from her eyes, under the lash of the many and bitter torments which are so often a woman's lot.

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"But, John, why should you? I've never crossed you in any way. I've always tried to do what you liked. Why should we part? I'll be willing just to live alone here quietly. I can't bear to think of going away. I like my things, John," she said suddenly, and seemingly irrelevantly, "who told you about all these things, these collectors' pieces that you've been getting for so long?"

He winced with sudden self-revelation, astonished at this intuition on her part. He had been sincere in his statement that there was no other woman in his affections. He had only forgotten that he had so affections. He flushed now, but tried to pull together.

"Very well, Laura," said he; "you only prove to me what I've felt for some time. You can't understand me, you simply are not up to my requirements. I'm willing to say you'd be content to live along here, just as we did at Kelly row. I am not content to do anything of the sort. I've been thinking over this, studying over it for some time. There's the answer." He nodded toward the bundle which lay upon the table.

"It's no use trying to make the world all over again, Laura," he said after a time. "We've both done our best, but our best didn't tally. We've hung together. What's right is right. It is right for me to be dragged down by your own limitations—ought I to stop in my own career to conform to that? Would that be right, now, Laura, for a man like me?—Is it right for any man? If you can't go forward,

ought I to go back? If we can't both travel the same gait, whose gait ought to govern? Whatever you do, don't blame me, that's all. But you don't blame me—you do now." A grave look sat upon his face. He felt himself an injured man.

"Yes, John," she said. "I do."

"Of course, of course! That's the reward a man gets for loving his wife, treating you as I have. Well, we're not the first to face a situation just this kind. Things travel swifter now than they did when we were children, or when we were married. What did then will not do today. Why blame ourselves for that?—blame the time, the way of the world, the way things go today. This country has changed—it goes faster every year. We've got to keep the pace, I tell you, when we get into it. Those who can't must drop out, and that's all there is about it. I was born for the front, and that's all about that. Don't blame me, I've never blamed you!"

"Then, what do you blame, John?"

"Nothing, I say. It's the way life runs. We're married, why? Because we thought we were to have some property to protect. There is much to be said in favor of the marriage institution. It holds property safe under its contract. Property—that's the sign of power! Property is the only reason for marriage; or for government, when it comes to that. Property is the token of power. I've got that! But something else goes with it! Why, Laura, when I look at us both I wonder that I've been patient so long, beld back as I have been by your own narrow ideas. If you'd had your way, you'd have set up Kelly row right where we are now!"

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conscious of a feeling of loneliness?" Why should he be left to dread the drawing of the curtains at night when there remained only the pound of the surf along the wall, the wall of the wind in the cornice? One chloroform a formerly prized dog, but misused. It is much the same way with the divorced wife. Too many unpleasant features attend the process of such separation. Any civilization worth the name ought to devise some method less annoying for this which Mr. Rawn has so fittingly described as the corollary of the marriage rite. Surely our boasted age has its drawbacks, its shortcomings!

Some men in such circumstances brood; some drink; others search out the other woman or woman. John Rawn was cast in different mold. He had, in short, spoken truth when he told his wife that he had no new matrimonial plans. Situated thus, yet handicapped thus in his new-found solitude, but a few days had passed before he sent over for his daughter, Grace, and her husband, Charles Halsey; there being in his mind a plan to mitigate certain unpleasant features of his life as he now found it ordered.

He greeted Halsey and Grace at the door gravely, with dignity, when they came one evening in response to his invitation. They entered, just a trifle awed, as they always were, by the august surroundings of Graystone hall, so different from their own cottage near the factory. The owner of the place looked well the part of owner here. John Rawn still was large and strong, the city had not yet much softened his lines. His hair now was whiter about the temples, but its whiteness left his appearance only the more distinguished. You scarce could have found in all the haunts of prominent citizens a better example of prominent citizen than himself, John Rawn.

The major domo took the wraps of the young people and vanished silently. Rawn, waiting for them in the drawing-room—not in the hall, as once he would have done—with dignity motioned them to places in his presence, even brought a low chair himself for the sad-faced, hunchbacked child which represented the Rawn succession in the third generation.

"Go kiss grandpa, Lola!" said Grace to her daughter; and went to show her the way. But the child turning suddenly, only hid her face in her mother's skirt.

"Laura's timid," apologized the mother. The disapproval on her father's face was obvious enough. He had passed bitter hours alone, pondering over this child, hesitating whether to love it or to hate it, whether to accept it or to regard it as a blot upon his life. He had hoped a grandson, since he no longer might hope a son of his own. This crippled child was the sole Rawn succession. His pendulous lower lip trembled for a time in the self-pity which now and again came to John Rawn. It seemed hard enough that he, John Rawn, president of the International Power Company, should have no better evidence of gratitude on the part of fortune. He hated Halsey all the more. But now he did not lack directness. "Grace," he said, "I've called you over to-night because to-morrow, as you know, is Friday."

"Yes, Pa."

"And as you know, Grace, your mother—that is to say, the late Mrs. Rawn, always had the way—in short, I may say that she induced me to depend upon—I mean to say that always she had shoulder of pork and cabbage for Friday evening. Now, I am left alone, helpless—it is too much!"

Mr. Rawn made no attempt wholly to conceal his just emotion. "Now look at me," he resumed. "Your mother went away, and selfishly neglected to take into consideration this habit, or to provide any means for meeting it. My chef has tried often to prepare this dish. I must say he always has failed."

"Why don't you write to Mrs. Rawn and ask her for the recipe?" asked young Halsey soberly.

"That is not practical," rejoined Mr. Rawn icily, "even did I know that lady's present address; as I do not."

His daughter sat gazing straight at him, under her heavy brows, but made no comment. Grace had not improved with years. Her face was heavy, pasty, her expression morose. The corners of her mouth turned down, and deep vertical frown-wrinkles sat between her dark eyebrows.

"But I do not wish that name mentioned again," said John Rawn raising his hand. "I dismissed that thought of asking her aid as something unworthy of me. Let Friday come. I shall seek no aid outside of those from whom it may fitly be expected." Ah, hero!

"Now, Grace," he continued later, turning toward her, "I know very well you're a good housekeeper."

"She is that!" Halsey nodded. Continually he forced himself into such approval of his wife as he could compass. Continually he refused comparisons.

"Precisely, and skilled in all the dishes which the late Mrs. Rawn had as specialties. You do not know how things are running here, Grace. I can't get anything done on time, and am deprived of what I really want, Grace, I need a housekeeper!"

"Surely, Pa. Why don't you hire one?"

"How much better off would I be in that case? None in the least. No, I want you. You'll have to come over here to live!"

The young couple sat gazing at him for a time before making reply.

"That's impossible, Pa," said Grace. "I have a home of my own, and it is more than twenty miles from here."

John Rawn raised a hand. "I have thought all that out. You reason now



Her Face Was Bowed Down Upon Her Arms.



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as so many do, when any sudden change in life is proposed to them. You let 'the little things outweigh the larger ones. It was a fault your mother had. Not the large matter, the real thing! Important thing, is this—that I can not be allowed to live on here in this way with all these annoyances. Too much depends upon me, in business, for me to have the quiet and peace of my life interfered with. I've got to have a clear head—especially on Saturday. Now, then, if you can step in here, my daughter, and establish in some measure the sort of life I have always been used to, evidently that is your duty, and you ought not to balance against it the small inconveniences which that course would cause you and your husband. I'm quite sure you can teach that chef—"

"But, Mr. Rawn, I've got to be at the factory almost day and night!" broke in Halsey.

"Precisely. I do not mean for you to make your home here, only Grace. You'll have to stay on where you are. Of course, you can come here at times to report, at least once or twice a week—say Friday night. Very much depends on you, Charles. You know how much I value you, how much I rely on your services. Really, it all depends on you, our success as a company. We've been very patient, although I must say—"

Halsey muttered something under his breath and turned away. His attitude angered Rawn to the point of forgetting himself.

"Never mind what you think about it, young man! It's what I think about it that counts. Grace belongs here, anyhow. She will have a wider life with me. It's time she had some things which she has never known. It may be necessary for us to travel, to see something of this country and Europe. Besides, the child needs care. All these things cost more money than you can afford, young man. Don't try to balk me in what I suggest. It is obviously the right thing to do."

"But how long—"

"Indefinitely!"

"And you want me to break up my home indefinitely? Well, I must confess I don't in the least see it that way, Mr. Rawn."

"You're selfish, and that's why you can't see it, Charles. Above all things you ought to avoid the vice of selfishness. You are not parting from your wife, but only helping her to a better grade of living. Meantime, of course, your duty to her and to the company is to make a success of your work. Think of the business, my son. There is no good comes of selfishness. Try to be just. And for God's sake, also, try to get one of those machines done!"

Halsey only sat and looked at him darkly for a time, making no reply.

"It seems to me that I can never get you to understand Charles," resumed Rawn, "that things are not the way they used to be before we came here to Chicago. I'm a bigger man now than I was then. I've grown these last two or three years, my boy. I should not be surprised if eventually I were obliged to make my residence in New York, if not abroad. We are rising in the world, rising very fast, Charles. Do you want to go up with the Rawns, or stay down with the Halseys in this world? Besides, in this case you ought to respect the wishes of your own wife. You want to remember, my dear boy, that my daughter, Grace, is half Rawn as well as half Johnson. The only trouble with her is, the Rawn half has not yet had its innings."

Halsey turned and stared at his wife. He found her sitting with her



She Had as Yet Issued No Veto to This Calm Proposal.

along. Don't try to hold Grace over there when she belongs here. Don't be selfish, Charles."

He relented just a trifle. "I don't say this is going to last forever. Pull off success over there for us. I'll tell you what I'll do—the day you can charge a storage battery from one of our second current receivers—finished and in place there in the factory—and run it from the factory up here, I'll make you a present of fifty thousand dollars."

"And about Grace—?" Ah! that comparison—

"She'll be a good deal closer to you than she is now. She's half Rawn, I tell you, Charles; and love in a cottage does not suit the Rawn blood to-day!"

"But I'll tell you—" his face lightened a bit at the jest—"you can go on with your broodhood of man ideas over there at the factory. I hope you love them—those brothers who are trying to ruin me and this company! Try them out—associate with them—love them all you can. Compare that life with this, my boy; and when you've done your work, for which you are paid—when you can charge one car at one receiver, and come from that life to this, on your own strength of your brains and your own ability, as I have come here myself—why, I say I'll give you a slice of a million dollars! Then you can compare that life with this, and see how you like the two. I've made up my mind already about that! So has Grace!"

Halsey turned once more to his wife. She had changed in the last few minutes. Her eyes were brighter, her color higher. She was gazing not at her husband nor at her child, but at these rich surroundings.

"I wonder if I could play one of my old pieces on the piano any more now?" she said gaily, rising and walking to the seat of the grand piano which stood across the room from them. "I've been so busy—"

(To be Continued)

**School Diseases**  
 Children of school age contract such diseases as measles, scarlet fever and diphtheria much more frequently than older persons. All that has been learned about the modes of transmission of certain diseases, notably diphtheria, indicates that the taking of a large number of children out from their restricted family and neighborhood relationships and bringing them into contact with a much larger group will increase the opportunities for infection. As regards opportunities for infection furnished by the school, it must be admitted that while the slate, the common drinking-cup and the roller-towel are fast passing away, sufficient facilities for the transfer of disease germs still exist in the friendly exchange of pocket hankchiefs, lip-moistened lead-pencils, chewing-gum and the like. The school playground, as well as the school room, must be considered in its bearing on the subject of school diseases. The significance of school attendance on the public health side lies not only in the assembling of children in a room, but also in the bringing into more or less intimate association a number of children who would otherwise not have met at all. Increasing the number of associates must necessarily increase the chances of infection. Diphtheria and scarlet fever show a marked increase in the autumn when the schools open and an equally definite decrease in the summer when the schools are closed. The discovery of the part played by the healthy germ-carrier throws light on the probable origin of certain obscure cases of infection. Diphtheria and scarlet fever show a marked increase in the autumn when the schools open and an equally definite decrease in the summer when the schools are closed. The discovery of the part played by the healthy germ-carrier throws light on the probable origin of certain obscure cases of infection. Diphtheria and scarlet fever show a marked increase in the autumn when the schools open and an equally definite decrease in the summer when the schools are closed. The discovery of the part played by the healthy germ-carrier throws light on the probable origin of certain obscure cases of infection.

**Good Reading Matter**  
 There have been a number of men and women suggested to me that they have books or magazines or papers which they have read and would be glad to give them to some one who would like to read them. There are many men and women, boys and girls in this county who would be glad to have much more reading matter than they feel able to buy. In order to help on with a good cause, I will volunteer to make of my office a distributing point for this reading matter. Those who have good books, magazines or papers that they would like to pass on may leave them at my office and I will see that they reach the hands of people who will read and appreciate them. I reserve the right to make the following exceptions: I will not receive any reading matter from homes that are infected with tuberculosis, or other contagious diseases, neither will I give out anything except first class reading matter. Very truly,  
 R. S. TIPTON,  
 County Superintendent.

**Advertised Letters.**  
 List of advertised letters for week ending February 19, 1911. Aklar, Martin B.; Atkinson, Mrs. Mary E.; Comacho, Margarita De; McCall, J. W.  
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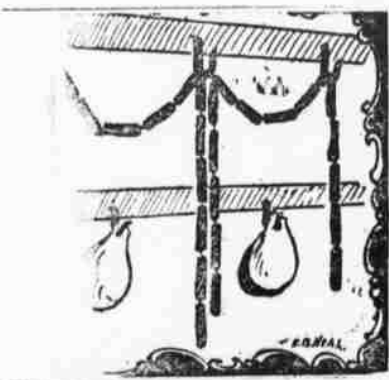
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## LOCAL ITEMS

Joe Carr was here Sunday visiting friends.

F. G. Bays of Mt. Park was here Monday.

Sam Blocker was a business visitor Monday.

Miss M. Carpenter left Monday evening for El Paso.

Born—February 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walker, a son.

Born—February 18 to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poe, a girl.

Mesdames J. Prather, Thomas O' spent Saturday in El Paso.

Thomas Bell and U. M. Bell were in town this week from Mayhill.

Miss May Sanders spent the weekend with her parents in Tularosa.

Mrs. W. F. Baird of Mt. Park was here Tuesday on business.

W. W. Crosby was here from El Paso Sunday and Monday.

George Bent left Monday evening for a few days visit in Santa Fe.

Miss Frances Murphy was here from Mt. Park Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Mooney of Highrolls are stopping here for a few days.

Dick Evans is here from El Paso for a few days visit with his parents.

C. D. Pritchard of St. Louis was a guest of the St. Elmo Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Rue Jackson is here this week from El Paso visiting with relatives.

Mrs. E. Kirkland of Cloudcroft stopped over here Monday en route to El Paso.

For Sale—36 acres, two room house, hydrant water. Price \$350. Chas. D. George.

Supt. L. U. Morris of Tucumcari has been here several days this week in his private car "Cloudcroft."

Miss Pauline Bemis returned Wednesday from Engle where she has been teaching for the past six months.

Mitchell Major left Sunday afternoon for Las Cruces where he will be court reporter for the next two weeks.

W. W. Clark and daughter, Bessie of La Lando arrived Tuesday morning for the benefit of Miss Clark's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haynes, of Tularosa, spent Sunday with Mr. Haynes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Haynes.

Marriage license was issued to Justo Toro O. Compo of Carrizozo, and Ester Sorno of this city, on February 16.

Will Pheprey arrived Saturday for a visit with Alamogordo friends. Mrs. Pheprey stopped to visit at Cimarron, N. M.

Mesdames J. L. Lawson and J. Lawson were El Paso visitors Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Blanche Anderson, who is teaching on the Sacramento river, is visiting friends and relatives in Alamogordo this week.

Mrs. W. H. Howard arrived Wednesday morning from San Marcial, having been called here by the serious illness of her son-in-law, Reverend Ed LeBreton.

Emmett Hancock has severed his connection with Warren's drug store and after taking the examination in pharmacy at Santa Fe, expects to settle in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayner of Las Cruces, motored over from that city Saturday and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller. Mrs. Hayner is a sister of Mr. Miller.

R. S. Tipton, county superintendent of schools, left Thursday morning for a visit to a number of the mountain school districts. He will return about Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mitchell returned Wednesday afternoon from a ten days trip through Arizona. They expect to motor down to El Paso in a few days, where they will remain for a while.

The third number of "The Alamo," published by pupils of the Alamogordo high school, was issued at the News-Advertiser office Thursday of this week, and is bright as usual.

On account of sickness of the pastor the Grace M. E. Church will not have preaching services on Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m. League at 6 p. m., and at 7:30 the stereopticon lecture, "John G. Patton among the Cannibals" will be given. No admission will be charged but a silver offering will be taken at this service. Everybody cordially invited.

Mrs. C. C. Elliott, who with her husband, had been in charge of the water service car and keeping boarders, was bruised painfully last Monday. The Elliotts were preparing to leave and had their household goods, which included a crating sewing machine and some bedding, packed. Mrs. Elliott was sitting on the roll of bedding when the engine which was switching hit the car a stiff jolt and threw her against the machine.

### WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Coming Saturday. A 3 reel feature film: "Through Trials to Victory," and a good comedy. A big FOUR REEL SHOW. Prices for this show, children under 12 years 10 cents, all others 20 cents.

### Valentine Ball

The valentine ball given under the auspices of the Library association was pronounced by all the best. The hall was beautifully and artistically decorated with clusters and festoons of red hearts.

Punch was served throughout the evening. The table was presided over by Miss Louise Bemis assisted Bemis and Robert and Ernest Warren. Following the dancing delicious refreshments were served by the ladies in the alcove.

### Portales is to have a custom chicken hatchery.

Dr. John Reid has been figuring for some time on the proposition and has decided to open one here. He says that if given proper support he will make it one of the principal industries of the valley.—Tel. Dispatch.

### Power Project Proposed

Albuquerque, Feb. 20.—According to service engineering department and formerly of the Gila forest head to P. P. Ritchland of the local forest quarters in Silver City, one of the largest and most important projects in New Mexico will soon be started on the Gila river. The plan now under way is to construct three dams across the stream by the aid of which it is estimated over 12,000 horsepower will be generated and distributed to nearby mines from a central plant. It is probable the transmission line will be extended as far as Deming.

Preliminary field notes of the engineers and surveyors now at work in locating sites for the big project will soon be sent east for correction and upon their return actual work will be commenced.—El Paso Times.

### Colfax County High School Election

Tuesday the election over the county high school for Raton resulted in an overwhelming majority in favor of the proposition. Raton was almost unanimous with 1300 votes for and 1 against. Dawson cast 200 votes for and only a few against it. Cimarron over 200 against it and 11 for. The mountain precincts cast but a small vote as a rule the weather being bad all day and not many cared to travel to the polls. Only a few precincts in the county appeared to take much interest in the matter. Raton will soon vote on the question of bonds to build the high school.—Raton Range.

### In a brief message to the legislature last week Governor W. C. McDonald told the legislators that he believed that \$75,000 was all that the new state ought to expend on the two Pacific coast expositions. Both expositions are asking the state for appropriations for exhibits. The governor did not express his preference for either of the two expositions but indicated that he thought that the amount named should be the limit, even if only one exposition were honored with an exhibit from this state.

### Spend \$10,000 in Cementing Canal

Roswell, Feb. 20.—The reclamation department of the government has set aside \$10,000 of the \$75,000 to cement the fourteen mile canal on the Rio Hondo, and be a part of the Rio Hondo Irrigation Project.

This word comes direct and is the beginning of improvements on the Hondo project that the water users have been asking for years.

Fifteen hundred dollars of this money will be used on the preliminary survey, which will begin at once.

This canal which will be cemented, will start about a mile and a quarter above the Diamond A ranch headquarters.—Tel. Dispatch.

### Mountain Man Buys Alamo Property

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For February 23, the 11 a. m. subject will be: "The Religious Training of Our Young People." The 7:30 p. m. meeting will be in the form of a Bible reading on "Christ's Gifts of New Things." Let all who wish to share in the services bring their Bibles, please.

## STATE PRESS COMMENT

### New Mexico Indians are Not Savages

Fifteen leaders from eleven of the nineteen Pueblo tribes in New Mexico, presented themselves at the interior department at Washington to ask the secretary to accept their 500,000 acres of land in trust, that it might avoid state taxation, says the Taos Gazette.

The Indians, most of whom were in blankets and moccasins, were slightly amused at efforts of fellow passengers in the Chicago railroad station who patronized them.

"Heap cold, John," said one traveling man to a tall Pueblo in red and blue blanket.

"Yes, it is rather cold, but we are accustomed to extremes and don't mind it much," replied the Indian, who was Juan Antonio Martin, alcalde of Acoma.

"Heap big injun on warpath," laughed a station porter, coming up to the group.

"Here, boy, take this bag to the smoking room. I'll be there in a minute," ordered one of the Indians, Pablo Aboyesa, one of the chief men of Pueblo Isleta. The porter obeyed in a dazed manner.

The Pueblos are delegates to the United States government. It is their mission to deed their property to the United States as trustees for twenty-five years to insure continuance of their policy of keeping liquor out of their boundaries and preventing the sale of the lands to individual white men. They are accompanied by Francis G. Wilson, an attorney.

### Restrict Sale of the Calves

Cattlemen all over the southwest section—and especially those around Roswell are in favor of having laws enacted to make it unlawful to slaughter calves.

They claim that the Americans have gone "veal" hungry, and is one great cause for the high cost of living.

Several cars have been shipped from this section, which if the calves had been held for two or three years would have meant more meat, cheaper beef, and more money for the cattle man.

The packing houses over the country realize the critical condition facing the country if there is not some restriction placed on the sale of veal.

The year book of Swift & Company, has just been issued and in touching upon this subject, says:

"One of the most effective methods of increasing the beef supply of the country and thereby lessening the prevailing high price of beef would be the restriction of the sale of veal.—Roswell News.

### Measles Well Scattered

A walk around Alamogordo at the present time will convince anyone that measles is no respecter of race, complexion or previous conditions of servitude; in other words the disease is badly scattered.

Some complain that it has been made by those in charge that it is very difficult to maintain any satisfactory degree of quarantine. Many people believe that the sooner a child has the measles the better. It has probably reached the maximum of numbers.

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## To Kill Rabbits

G. W. McCann is authority for a specific for eradicating the "bunnies" which infest the alfalfa fields of the Mimbres valley. Shallow pans filled with water and a liberal amount of strychnine and placed in the runs of the rabbits did the work for over fifty in one night on the McCann ranch and it ought to work elsewhere.—Deming Graphic.

There are men who insist that all the ills we have are the results of unjust laws and a bad system. These people try to make us believe that if we could only have the right sort of laws everybody would be prosperous and good and entirely happy. It looks to us a good deal like a pipe dream to imagine for a minute that we can legislate piety into anybody.—Field & Farm.

N. Buchoz of El Paso, will open for sale 30,000 acres of farm land underlaid with coal in Socorro county, in the Rio Rancho valley. The coal lies in a stratum varying between six and ten feet thick. It is bituminous and great for coke. Twenty thousand acres of the tract are said to be irrigable by pump from an abundant source of water. The edge of the coalhas been uncovered at Carthage, twenty miles south of Socorro.—Ex.

New Mexico officials have been serving for a year without salaries, but there haven't been any resignations. Wonderful what fascination there is in a public office for some men.—El Paso Herald.

Rev. LeBreton Critically Ill  
Rev. E. LeBreton, pastor of the Grace M. E. Church has been critically ill for the past week but is reported to be making satisfactory recovery at the present time. He suffered a n abcess of the head which seemed to have its inception in a bad case of grip.

Trade Homes  
L. D. Newlin of Edna, Texas, has just closed a deal whereby he exchanges his Texas property for Sim Bowden's ranch of 240 acres four miles southwest of Alamogordo. The Bowden ranch is one of the most productive in the valley. It has 2 good wells and a big tank which is well stocked with fish. Mr. Newlin arrived last Saturday with his family and will make still further improvements on the property. Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Bowden left for their new home at Edna Saturday last.

Mountain Ranches in Good Shape  
Lee Green, brother of J. H. Green, was over from his home near Weed Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Green states that there is the best supply of moisture in the mountain soil that he has seen for a number of years which augurs well for a bumper crop the coming season. Mr. Green stated that while there might be some opposition in his locality to a county high school being located at Alamogordo, the majority of the people were in favor of such an institution.

Mr. Hunter is Gallant  
At the present time Clarence Hunter, cashier of the Alamo State Bank, is custodian of that \$1,000 quilt which has attracted more or less attention the past several weeks, and has it at the bank. Mr. Hunter extends a cordial invitation to the ladies of Alamogordo to call and inspect this rare piece of needle work.

Three Year Old Swallows Lye  
Saturday evening the little three year old child of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lindsay, who live in College street, had the misfortune to swallow a quantity of concentrated lye. It seems that the woman who had done the washing left the lye within reach of the child. Medical assistance was called at once and the little sufferer is recovering, although quite severely burned.

Measles Well Scattered  
A walk around Alamogordo at the present time will convince anyone that measles is no respecter of race, complexion or previous conditions of servitude; in other words the disease is badly scattered. Some complain that it has been made by those in charge that it is very difficult to maintain any satisfactory degree of quarantine. Many people believe that the sooner a child has the measles the better. It has probably reached the maximum of numbers.

Mountain Man Buys Alamo Property  
A deal was closed the latter part of last week by Mr. W. T. Browning recently from the eastern part of Otero county, for the G. W. Phillips property north of R. H. Pierce's. Mr. Brownings' former home was near Avis and he comes here to obtain first class school advantages.

Y.M.C.A. Buys Mt. Park Property  
The El Paso Y. W. C. A. recently purchased one acre of F. G. Bays, of Mountain Park. The Y. M. C. A. organization of the same city already has a property there and used it for about a month last year as a place to send members for a month's vacation. While no announcements have been made it is supposed that the Y. W. C. A. will erect a building and use it for a vacation camp in the summer time.

Presbyterian Church  
For February 23, the 11 a. m. subject will be: "The Religious Training of Our Young People." The 7:30 p. m. meeting will be in the form of a Bible reading on "Christ's Gifts of New Things." Let all who wish to share in the services bring their Bibles, please.

## IS THERE HOPE FOR ALAMOGORDO?

(Communication from J. D. Tant)  
I note with sadness that Alamogordo is unable to safeguard herself and offer any inducements in any company to make expenses in putting in an electric power plant, from what you say in the last issue of your paper.

Because I am a new comer I will be condemned for butting in. I have been here two months; have answered more than four hundred letters to people wanting to come here. No finer climate; no finer soil in the world. Plenty of water falls each year to irrigate the country if it could be stored.

For five years the town and surrounding country have been going back. Only one question to be solved and that is the water problem, and how can it be solved is the one all.

Last week I was elated over the thought of having two hundred and twenty-five wells sunk in our part. I offered the well man eighty acres of my land and promised to settle fifty families here when we got the water. Now all hope is gone. I turn to the Improvement company for help and hear them say: "We can do nothing as long as we are tied up in water suits." I then turn to the town for help and hear, "We must be safeguarded against graft." I turn to the farmer and find homes once worth \$3,000 now gladly offered for \$1,000 yet no buyer can be found.

To my mind the matter looks serious. I am assuring no one but SOME CHANGE MUST COME. Would it not be a good idea for a general meeting and let's all find out our greatest needs, and agitate the matter, and get up some system of cooperation; get before moneyed men our needs and what we can do, and make some change in our present system, even if it puts all under bondage to some company. I would rather live and fight a living company than to exist in a dead town.

## High School Election

A meeting of the A. A. A. was called Friday after school for the purpose of deciding whether we would send a boys' basketball team to the Federation Meet to be held in El Paso February 20-21-22, and also to vote on accepting Everett Tipton's resignation as treasurer and basketball captain. The vote was unanimous in sending the team to El Paso and accepting Mr. Tipton's resignation. Nominations were in order for a treasurer; Lee Walker was nominated and elected unanimously. Then Mr. Walker nominated Cuba Clayton for basketball captain. Mr. Tipton objected, stating that Mr. Clayton was manager of the team and they should have another man for captain; he then nominated Virgil Keith for the office. A motion was made, seconded and carried that nominations be closed. The vote was taken and stood, Virgil Keith 15 and Cuba Clayton 14. Motion was made and carried for adjournment.

## Horse Thieves Arrested

Last Saturday the El Paso officials sent notices to the officers in the surrounding country that two horses had been stolen from the Star stables in El Paso, gave a description of the supposed thieves and asked officials to keep a look out for them.

Thursday morning J. S. Morgan telephoned to the sheriff's office from his ranch seven miles below Alamogordo that his neighbor, Mr. Young, had missed a shot gun. The local officers made an investigation and found that the gun had been traded to a party here and later they ran across two young fellows who had traded the gun and who answered the El Paso description. They also had the horses. They were arrested and taken over to the jail.

They later confessed that they were the men wanted and the El Paso officers are expected after them today.

They gave their names as J. E. Dadswell and A. E. Ehrhde, and former residence as Fayetteville, Ind. Both claim to be telegraphers.

## Old Fashioned Singing School

Don't fail to attend the rendition of the "Old Fashioned Singing School," to be given at the high school auditorium Friday evening, February 28. The first part will consist of singers in costumes portraying a singing school of fifty years ago. Second part will consist of solos, duets, and choruses in old favorite songs. Admission 15c; school children 10c.

People who have articles belonging to the Loan Closet and are no longer needing them are kindly requested to return the same to the undersigned. These articles may be needed again at another sick bed at any moment and the neglect of returning them will deprive some one else of their use.

Mrs. C. A. Garrett, Custodian of Loan Closet.  
Miss Sadie Scipio entertained a number of her friends on Saturday evening with a progressive "Scippo" party. There were five tables of players. The girls' prize was given to Miss Alice Teed and the boys' prize to Henry McRae. Following the game refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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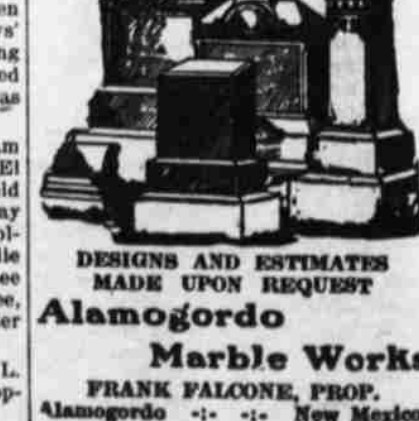
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