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# SAN JUAN COUNTY INDEX

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## SPLENDID STATISTICAL SHOWING

A census bulletin was issued last week treating of agriculture in New Mexico. The statistics given are very interesting as well as the notes accompanying them. The bulletin says:

"New Mexico forms part of the great table land which is the foundation of the Rocky and Sierra Mountain ranges. The territory slopes gently southward, spreading into a broad, level, treeless plain, apparently barren.

"The land produces a variety of native grasses, the most common and valuable being the mesquite. This grows during the rainy season in July and August and ripens in the fall, dries on its stalk and furnishes a luxuriant and nutritious forage. This cheap food supply and the mildness of winter render stock raising especially profitable.

"The number of farms June 1, 1900, was more than three times as great as that reported in 1850. It is probable that the gain of 7,853 farms or 76.2 per cent, between 1850 and 1900, exaggerates the actual growth in that decade, owing to the fact that in 1850 many small farms and ranges operated by natives were not enumerated. The statement that the 11th census was defective in this respect is confirmed by reference to the Farms and Homes volume of that census, which shows that in 1890 there were 9,518 farm families in New Mexico, or 5,060 more than the

number of farms given in the report on agriculture for the same year.

"The total acreage of farm land has fluctuated greatly from decade to decade and is now about eighteen times as great as in 1850, and more than six times as great as in 1890. The variation in the area of improved land has been less marked, the increase since 1890 being 63,737 acres, or 24.2 per cent. As this increase is much less than that in the total farm area, the per cent. of farm land improved shows a decided decrease since 1890. It is this circumstance, together with the increase in the average size of farms, which bears out the statement that the raising of livestock is rapidly increasing in importance, and that, as a consequence, large additions are being made to the area used for grazing purposes. At the same time, the great reduction in the percentage of improved land may be in some degree due to a stricter interpretation of that term by the 12th census.

"In 1900 the value of farm property was nearly seventeen times as great as in 1850, and over three times as great as in 1890. With the exception of the decade from 1860 to 1870, Arizona being created out of New Mexico in 1863, the increase in the values of the different forms of farm property have been continuous. Remarkable increases in the last decade are due, in part, to a more detailed enumeration in 1900 than in 1890."

### The La Plata Programme.

The people of the La Plata will observe Memorial day of this year with appropriate exercises. An attractive programme has been arranged, which is as follows:

Music.....By the Choir  
Reading, Lincoln's Address on the Field of Gettysburg.....Mr. Chas. Price  
Declaration.....George Stone  
Song.....By Miss Quaresima  
Declaration.....Mabel Greer  
Declaration.....May Coe  
Declaration.....Lennie Greer  
Song.....By the Choir  
Declaration.....Frankie Stone  
Declaration.....Ella Pond  
Declaration.....Ella Stone  
Declaration.....Katie Reesler  
Meal.....By the Choir  
Meal.....By the Choir

Dr. and Mrs. T. J. West were tendered a reception at their home last Thursday, on the eve of their departure for the west. On Saturday afternoon a reception in their honor was given at the home of Mrs. G. W. McCoy, which was attended by many of their friends in this vicinity. The doctor and wife left Monday morning for the east. They expect to go to the Atlantic coast, visiting Niagara falls en route and spending the most of the summer in Boston.

M. H. Keal, the La Plata ranchman, was an Aztec visitor Monday.

The La Plata Miner, C. O. Clark, publisher made its appearance last week after suspension of two years. Good times in the La Plata mining district make it possible for the paper to exist, and the publication is a worthy representative of the camp.

Those having farm produce to dispose of, eggs, butter, poultry, etc., will find a buyer at all times by calling on Charles Fleck at the Inter Ocean hotel, Durango.

Rock Island plows, harrows, Giant trills, etc. Get by prices before purchasing. W. C. Chapman, Durango.

Money to loan on easy terms. For further information write the Aztec Building Association, Las Vegas, N. M.

See the habits placing orders for nails, barb wire, wire bales, ties, buggies and spring wagons. W. C. Chapman, Durango.

### REWARD.

A reward of \$100 will be paid by the Association to any person or persons furnishing information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons guilty of driving away or feloniously handling any stock belonging to any member of the Association.

THE SAN JUAN COUNTY CATTLE RANCHMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO  
Headquarters at Aztec, San Juan County, New Mexico. Secretary, George Stone, Durango. Treasurer, Charles McGowan, Las Vegas, N. M. Directors, W. C. Chapman and John Swine, Durango.

## Granville Pendleton

Attorney at Law and Real Estate and Loan Agent.  
Aztec, New Mexico.

BUTTS and heirs, trustees, legal heirs and heirs of the late William B. Butts, late of the County of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Colorado, by virtue of a decree of the court in the County of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the case of Butts vs. Butts, et al., do hereby give notice to all persons claiming an interest in the estate of the late William B. Butts, to appear at the court in the County of Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the 10th day of June, 1902, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why they should not be admitted to the estate of the late William B. Butts, and to show cause why they should not be appointed trustees of the estate of the late William B. Butts. The court will then proceed to appoint trustees of the estate of the late William B. Butts, and to distribute the assets of the estate of the late William B. Butts, as the court may see fit. The court will also proceed to appoint a receiver of the estate of the late William B. Butts, and to distribute the assets of the estate of the late William B. Butts, as the court may see fit. The court will also proceed to appoint a receiver of the estate of the late William B. Butts, and to distribute the assets of the estate of the late William B. Butts, as the court may see fit.

GRANVILLE PENDLETON,

Attorney at Law.

AZTEC, N. M.

### Smelter City Papers.

From the Durango Democrat.

Wm. Chaffee left with supplies for Aztec last evening and says the fruit in his locality was not injured by the late cold spell.

L. O. Eblen and J. McCoy of Aztec will start home this morning. They state there is considerable building going on in their town this spring and that a great many settlers are coming in there to locate.

W. J. Lewis, of San Juan county, N. M., and Miss Carrie Davis of Ogden, Utah, were united in marriage by Judge Houze yesterday evening at the judge's house in North Durango.

### Reception Record.

The following instruments were filed for record in the office of the probate clerk and recorder of San Juan county, from May 21 to May 28, 1902, mortgages, chattel mortgages and trust deeds not given:

C. A. Pike, county judge, decedent, Rosa Lopez, sole heir; Rosa Lopez to James Sisk, warranty deed, 30 acres of land near Cedar Hill, N. M.  
J. H. Allen et al. to J. K. P. Pipkin, quit claim deed.  
Wm. Locke et al. to John A. Frantz, warranty deed, lot in Farmington, N. M.  
Thomas J. West et al. to Louis A. Harris, warranty deed, property in Aztec, N. M.  
F. M. Pierce et al. to Clara M. Hunter, warranty deed, land near Farmington, N. M.  
John W. Brown to Guy E. Murphy, redemption certificate, land near Farmington, N. M.  
Guy E. Murphy to W. A. Hunter, warranty deed, land near Farmington, N. M.  
Jas. V. Pinyan to Granville Pendleton and L. U. Groves, 120 acres land near Aztec, 4000 Frank Blocker to Fred Blocker, warranty deed, property in Aztec, N. M.

### For Sale.

One good team, one wagon and set of double harness, at Driver's store.

### Wanted!

Reliable man for Manager of a Branch Office we wish to open in this vicinity. Here is a good opening for the right man. Kindly give good reference when writing. THE L. T. BROS. HIS WHOLESALE HOUSE, Cincinnati, Ohio. Illustrated catalogue 4 cts. stamps.

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SURGEON-DENTIST,  
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E. S. WHITEHEAD,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
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Better have new oil put on occasionally. We make but a small charge for this work.

E. C. WARING,  
Mowers Binders Hay Rakes  
Plows Harrows Wagons  
FARMERS!  
I ask your attention.

I do not think it necessary or right for the ranchman of any district to have to pay the salary and expenses of a traveling implement agent, and that is what you have to do whenever an agent calls at your home to sell or make contracts with you for implements of any kind.  
You are in town every now and then anyway, and if you will call at my store I will take pleasure in showing you the most complete line of  
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That has ever been brought into the San Juan country, and I will guarantee to save you money on any, and all kinds of goods you may buy of me.

F. R. GRAHAM,  
Durango, Colo.

The San Juan Corral and Feed Stable  
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MRS. J. A. WEISNER, Prop.  
I have visited the Aztec hotel in Aztec and solicit the patronage of the public. It will be my aim to please and a trial is asked.

### LEGAL NOTICES.

Stray Notice.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has taken up the following described stray animals at his ranch near Aztec New Mexico, viz.:  
One bay mare 4 or 5 years old branded N. O. on left shoulder, unbroken.  
One bay mare 2 years old white hind foot no brands, unbroken.  
One brown colt one year old, bay, one white hind foot no brand unbroken.

The owner or owners of said described animal forfeit same at the end of seven months from date of first publication of this notice, unless claimed by the owner or owners thereof, or their agent, proving ownership and paying all legal charges thereon.  
L. CURRIE,  
Aztec, N. M.  
First pub. March 14, 1902.

Stray Notice.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has taken up the following described stray animals at his ranch near Flora Vista New Mexico, viz.:  
One black horse unbroken about 5 years old, character brand on right shoulder lame in right front leg.  
One black mare 2 years old unbroken. Brand M. on left hip.  
One bay pony a year old unbroken branded half circle cross A on left shoulder.

The owner or owners of said described animal forfeit same at the end of the seven months from the date of the first publication of this notice, unless claimed by the owner or owners thereof, or their agent, proving ownership and paying all legal charges thereon.  
CHAS. W. CAMERON,  
Flora Vista, N. M.  
First Pub. March 2, 1902.

Stray Notice.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has taken up the following described stray animals at his ranch about five miles north of Cedar Hill, New Mexico, viz.:  
One bay faced cow, branded E on left hip, no ear mark. Has been dehorned.  
The owner or owners of said described animal forfeit same at the end of the seven months from the date of the first publication of this notice, unless claimed by the owner or owners thereof, or their agent, proving ownership and paying all legal charges thereon.  
D. E. APPERSON,  
Cedar Hill, N. M.  
First pub. May 2, 1902.

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C. G. BREWER AZTEC, New Mexico

It is stated that in New York "one cent will buy a square meal"—a soda cracker, probably.

A Philadelphia woman has had her husband arrested for not giving her an Easter bonnet. The worm will turn.

There will be no danger of a whisky famine as long as the supply of water and prussic acid does not run out.

The announcement that Missouri highwaymen looted a train shows that the spirit of Jesse James goes marching on.

As if he hadn't suffered enough already they have put a Mr. Nelson of St. Joseph, Mo., in jail for having thirteen wives.

The Massachusetts judges who decided that a Wall street margin is a wager would undoubtedly call a spade a spade.

The announcement of Gen. Otis that he doesn't mean to write a book will tend to endear him to the hearts of the people.

The czar of Russia is obliged to keep his subjects well scattered. His latest edict is that three men in a bunch constitute a mob.

Tennyson's original manuscript of "The Charge of the Light Brigade" sold for \$440, which could hardly be called a light charge.

A Chicago man named Junk has secured a divorce in California. It is understood that the Junks have been much given to scraps.

A woman bookkeeper in Philadelphia has confessed to embezzling \$15,000. There is no field woman can't fill if given the chance.

The Kentuckian who shot at a man and crippled a blooded colt is entitled to great sympathy. His mistake will cost him some money.

Truly wonderful is the news that comes from Gotham. Policemen there who do their duty are not to be punished for being so reckless.

Cecil Rhodes intimates in his will that he regarded the muddled ear as an important member of society. It's about up to Kipling to change his mind.

In the event of a separation it is probable that Queen Wilhelmina's husband will demand an amount of alimony that will wreck the bank of Holland.

A student's demonstration planned in St. Petersburg for April 1 was suppressed. The government did not want to take any chances of being April fool.

There is a speedy way to the fall timbers for a trio of cushions and Rhody sent him over the last quarter with a daisy cutter through second.

Sound familiar?

Mrs. Daisy A. Gentleman of Chicago, who is suing for a divorce, can hardly claim that her husband is no Gentleman, although she declares that he punched her in the face.

A German author has published a dictionary of cuss words. He has found 25,000 of them. If they are all German it will be pretty hard to keep that language from spreading.

The woman who steals from her husband to give to charity may consider it no more than fair to keep out a little wita which to buy the prize when the club meets at her house.

The thief who returned the Jew's stolen from a church may think that he has atoned for his acts, but we rather think that repentance based on fear does not count for much.

You can never discourage a woman about loving. If she can't love her husband she is content to love her children; if she hasn't any children she will manage to get along loving her pets.

The claim made for Aginaldo that he provides liberally for his mother in-law will win high praise for him until it is remembered that all of his provisions come from Uncle Sam's commissary.

A barber in Richmond, Va., shaved President Duke of the American Tobacco company on Sunday and received for his work a check for \$3,000 to pay off a church debt. The fact that this money came from tobacco and was paid for work done on Sunday is not expected to result in the church's refusing it.

Those young women of Hoboken who are praying for husbands, are to be commended for their great faith; but were they wise maidens, they would so contrive as to bring the young men to their knees instead of falling upon their own.

The Massachusetts supreme court has decided that people who lose their money in bucket-shops may get it back. Anyone who succeeds in doing so ought to be able to make a fortune by exhibiting himself through the country.

A New York preacher wishes to have a brass band in his church, because he believes in the "Christianizing influence of good music." He has scripture for the cymbals, but how about the trombone and snare drum?

The wife of a New England minister has sued for divorce on the ground that the strain of conducting sewing societies and presiding at missionary meetings is ruining her disposition. There is no doubt that judge and jury will decide she has just cause for complaint.

LOVE AND A GHOST

By ELIZABETH CHERRY WALTZ. (Copyright, 1902, by Daily Story Pub. Co.)

It was Cousin Susan's idea that the house in which she had been born and reared was haunted by the ghost of her father who had died of yellow fever somewhere in the early part of the nineteenth century. So she not only refused to live at "The Maples" herself, but also refused to allow others of her kith and kin who had not a comfortable habitation to dwell there. As Miss Susan Pennyfeather was rich and could dwell in Egypt or the Philippines if she so wished, it was all very well for her to leave the roomy old house to the ghost of her progenitor, it seemed very hard to the family of Peter Crosley, her cousin, who had no place to lay their heads save as Mr. Crosley sold a poem or a song or a piece of fiction by the error of some publisher and rented them a place. In other and more frequent intervals the family scattered to relatives and stored their few bits of furnishings.

The idol's head and saved it a further humiliation. A voice said: "Arabelle! You?" "Yes," she gasped, "and Cousin Susan's idol. Isn't it a shame?" The tall, fair Englishman was horrified. "Here, boys, pick up the parts. Arabelle, we may be able to piece it together. But what were you doing with it out on the street?" Ere he replied a stout gentleman with gold spectacles pulled forward. "I was going to sell it," pouted Arabelle at the Englishman. "It's a horrid old thing." "Perhaps," said the stout gentleman, "the young lady will sell even the pieces or the head. I will buy the head as it is." Lionel Carr looked at the man and then at the hideous face of the idol.



The idol lay in several fragments.

He looked from the one to the other and a light came on to his countenance, the light of knowledge. "Keep the head, Arabelle," he said coldly and to the man; "we will not sell." Arabelle saw him gather up the pieces, then he called a cab. "Let us go home," he said tersely. This was Lionel in a new phase, but Arabelle loved him and she jumped in gladly. Lionel placed the head in her lap. "Now explain," he said, "and I shall have several things to tell you after that."

Arabelle related her project of the ghost hunt with gusto. Lionel was relieved. "That is a great lark," he said kindly, "but I must go with you. You can not go alone." But Arabelle was never foolish. "You know that is impossible," she said, coldly. "Oh, no, not if we just quietly slip away this afternoon and are married in half an hour. Anyhow she had always meant to marry Lionel. He suited her. It was a half-hour more ere he allowed her to question him. "But the two things, Lionel?" "One is that I am called home to England. My uncle has left me some money." "Oh—oh! And the other?" "The other? Well, little girl, you do not have to go ghost-hunting or worry over your trousseau money. The eyes of that blighted old idol are about the finest emeralds I ever saw and are worth a pretty penny. But we will not inquire about that until after this other little matter is attended to—and then we'll invade 'The Maples' as a very lively place in which to spend a honeymoon."

A Gladiatore Escapade. It is very hard for any of us to realize that the world's great men were once boys, and often mischievous and fun-loving boys at that. Children are always delighted to hear of some frolic indulged in by some great man when he was a boy, and so they will surely appreciate the following: Next door to Mr. Gladstone's home when he was a little boy lived a lady who gave large evening receptions, and during the evening there would be many coachmen and footmen waiting outside. Gladstone and his brother would go on the top floor of their house, armed with squirt guns, with which they squirted the coachmen and footmen waiting in the street below. Henry Chaplin said the way in which the venerable statesman chuckled at the recollection of these youthful escapades was most amusing. He said that Mr. Gladstone became quite convulsed when he proceeded to tell him how delightful he and his brother were to hear the servants expressing their wonder as to where the rain came from.

Vaccination Tea. Vanity Fair thus describes a London function: One of the most "fetching" social shows of last week was the "vaccination tea" given by a renowned hostess. In one drawing-room the lady received her guests, comprising notable beauties, party leaders and favorite members of the household brigade. In other rooms four leading stars of the medical profession waited to vaccinate the fair "company" in arms; the sterner sex being operated on in yet another dainty boudoir. Some of the women displayed the greatest ingenuity in the arrangement of their sleeves, having had them divided at the top, then reunited with ribbons, which, when untied, revealed enough of the "marble arm" to enable the vaccinator to set his seal thereon.

God's visits if gratefully received will be graciously repeated. Sewing on her pretty clothes is no more work to a woman than peering into her looking glass. Cat baskets, blankets, collars, shoes and other articles of the cat's wardrobe were suitable accessories of the table. This innovation in the swell bazaar is an adaptation of an English fashion. Dog and cat tables are usual sights in a London bazaar.

Youth is fresh, but as it attains age it is sated with the tears of disappointment. At 15 all men are welcomed into my lady's net; at 35 she seeks the cozy prey of benighted youth.

NILE THE SALVATION OF EGYPT.

Wonderful River That Fertilizes the Bare Brown Sands.

The Nile in Egypt and Egypt is the Nile. The long, turbid tide stretches through the desert and where its waters touch the before-time lifeless sand gardens spring up and cotton grows luxuriant. It is a constant battle between the Nile, a yellow thread, and the bare, brown sands for Egypt's life, a conflict continually in progress. Each fall, fattened by the Abyssinian rains, the Nile, milder than the Mississippi and mightier than the Mississippi, dashes out upon the sands and drives back the encroaching desolation. Each summer time it retreats into its narrow bed, and the grim desert grasps the hard-won sands again. Sometimes the Nile does not rise to the conflict with full vigor, and, in consequence, the clutch of the desert is unloosed, the thin ears devour the fat, and there is famine, actual or threatened, in the land. Once upon a time, notable in the last century's religious calendar, it held back from its fall campaign against the desert desolation. There was no rain—it never rains in Egypt save a few drops each winter—and the Nile-god slept or slept. Then came a strange sight in an old Cairo mosque, in the Gambia Amr ibn el-As, where stands the gray marble pillar miraculously transported from Mecca, at the Khalif Omar's prayers, the whole of the Mohammedan priesthood, the Christian clergy of every sect and the Jewish rabbis bowed in prayer with one accord to petition for the rising of the Nile. And the Almighty, to whom Moslem and Jew and Christian pray, heard and answered.

ROME'S "APOSTLE OF HYGIENE."

Novel Character Who Finds It Hard to Secure Converts.

Rome has many strange visitors, but in late years none quite so extraordinary as the individual who has been striding about the streets for some days past. He calls himself the apostle of hygiene, and at least has the merit of practicing what he preaches. One day he was attracted by a crowd, and on approaching nearer found it headed by a tall, bronzed man, evidently a German, with blue eyes, long hair to his shoulders and a fair beard. His habiliments were strange in the extreme, consisting of a white cotton tunic, made rather long, adorned with pine needles and olive leaves, emblematic of the forest and universal peace; a gray cloak, legs and feet completely bare. In his hand he carried a bamboo stick surmounted by a ball representing the world. He is a certain Richard Gannach, a glazier of Frankfurt, who, being threatened with consumption, resolved to change his mode of life at once, and now walks the world, eating only bread and fruit and sleeping under convenient trees. After four years of this course he is so hardened that neither rain, snow, cold nor heat affects him. He never touches wine; he never takes cold; he can walk seven miles in an hour with ease, and has been known to do seventy in a day. With a few pence he lives happier than many kings, and is trying to convert the world to his views. He has created a sensation in Rome, but I have not heard that he has as yet any disciples.—Rome correspondence Pall Mall Gazette.

Wild Animals in Captivity.

Once a keeper, by secrecy and much guile, saw a lioness teaching her cubs—two squealing, furry infants—the ancient lore of the jungle, which no beast ever forgets. How to leap, how to crawl, how to break the back at the exact angle to break that back at a single blow—through a pile of straw, says Everybody's Magazine. How to follow a blood trail to where the quarry lay—through sawdust. The prize was a bit of raw beef, but the cubs did not care. They had never known—never would have known—the fierce joy of the hunt and the kill, the lust of clean, hot blood in the free desert. Not for them the knowledge of what it meant to send a challenge rolling across the desolate plain beneath the stars, to hear the answer pealing forth in distant thunder from the ends of the earth; to know that selves the masters of their world. Later on in life, the blood and the soul that was in them would teach them what they had missed and lost, as instinct teaches all wild things even unto the third and fourth generation, of them that are born in bondage.

A Judge of Art.

The seller of pot-bollers came into the office of the shrewd broker with the air of one who is about to sacrifice a priceless treasure. It was a seascape; a troubled sea beat upon purple rocks, and wind-driven gulls wheeled in wild circles above the familar pot-boller ship. The seller of pot-bollers looked upon the treasure long and yearningly. It could be seen that a grievous struggle between art and appetite was raging within him. "How much do you want for it?" demanded the shrewd broker. "One hundred dollars," said the pot-boller man; "it's giving it away." "Give you three for it," said the shrewd broker. "It's yours," said the pot-boller man. "That fellow across the way only offered me 75 cents, but he ain't no judge of art."—New York Post.

Cat Noodles for a Feast.

A remarkable novelty—it will alive—distinguished a bazaar recently held in Gotham by aristocratic dames, assisted by smart belles. This remarkable feature was a cat table. Live cats and kittens of high degree were sold at fabulous prices—and Tabby and Tom of no pedigree pretensions were shuffled off for rational sums of cash. Cat baskets, blankets, collars, shoes and other articles of the cat's wardrobe were suitable accessories of the table.

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LETTERS OF BEGGARS

SOLD TO OLD PAPER DEALER.

Millions Receive Seven Thousand Begging Letters in a Little Over Three Months—One Hundred and Forty Dollars' Worth of Stamps Wasted by the Senders.

The private secretary of a New York millionaire recently sold his old paper package of 7,000 letters, all of which had been sent to his employer in a little more than three months and every one of which was a request for pecuniary assistance. "For a time," said the secretary, "we got these letters at the rate of sixty or seventy a day. It came right after Mr. Blank contributed \$5,000 to a fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of some West Virginia miners who were killed by a gas explosion. The gift was accompanied by a request that nothing be printed about it, but it got into the newspapers somehow, and immediately the letters began to pour in.

"We had always had our share of begging letters, but now we were swamped. The tales of trouble, misfortune and suffering which were spread out for our reading would have harrowed one's very soul, if he didn't know that they were largely manufactured. "Most of the letters were from women, or purported to be, and all wanted money. The demand ranged from \$5 to \$500, and in every case an address was given and a request made that the money be sent at once. "A vast variety of excuses were given for the demands, one of the most popular with women being that they wanted to have their sons complete their education, but couldn't unless they had a certain amount of money at once, and with men, that they had a chance to embark on a successful business career, and only lacked a few hundred dollars necessary to get a start.

"Of course," said the secretary, "there were hundreds of stories of destitution, but like the others we tossed them aside without reply. For three months following this contribution to a fund for the relief of miners' families these letters continued to come in. "Then they stopped just as suddenly as they began, and we are now only getting the regular supply of five or six a week. There were in the lot that I sold to a junk man the other day in the neighborhood of 7,000 of these letters, and \$140 in stamps had been spent in sending them to us. "And not one was productive of a contribution from Mr. Blank."

IMPURE BAKING POWDER SEIZED

The New York Board of Health Finds It Contains Alum and Rock, Declares It Dangerous to Health and Dumps It Into the River.

The New York papers report that the Health Department of that city has seized as dangerous to health nearly two tons of cheap mixtures sold for baking powder and dumped them into the offal scow to be destroyed. More of the powder was found in a Sixth ave. department store. The report of the analysis of the Health Department stated that it was "an alum baking powder" containing alum and pulverized rock. The different Health Authorities seem to have different ways of repressing the sale of bad baking powders. In England they have prosecuted the grocers under the general law and broken up the traffic. In Missouri the sale of alum baking powder is actually prohibited by law. In New York they seize the unwholesome stuff and cast it into the river without any discussion. The latter way is certainly effectual.

The alum baking powders are usually offered at a low price, ten to twenty cents a pound, or with some prize, as a temptation to the housewife. Consumers can protect themselves by buying only high-grade baking powder of established name and reputation. Do not be tempted by the grocer to take something else as "just as good" or "our own brand," for the trials show that the grocer himself is often deceived by unscrupulous makers. There are several good powders on the market; let the housekeeper insist on having what she knows is right, and not be induced to risk the life of the family for an imaginary saving of a few cents.

IS "HELLO" VULGAR?

Society ladies in Evanston, Illinois, and Appleton, Wisconsin, brand as vulgar the telephone "hello," and a movement for its disuse is said to be spreading in the Middle West. It should not spread far; it is a shame "reform."

Some warning word to call attention is a practical necessity in telephoning. If "hello" must go, what shall be substituted? "Are you there?" occasionally heard at an English receiver, is unsensational and, to a man who has waited long, irritating. "Hello" is cheery, quickly spoken, universal. "Hello" is not slang, but an ancient and honorable expression. It is one of our oldest words, and persists in all Aryan tongues by the law of the survival of the fittest. It is the "Hailo" of Germany, the "Hala" of southern Europe, the "Halloo" of sporting tales, the "Hello" which Coleridge in a less squeamish age gullibly rhymed with "follow."

Alway's "Hello" has had its present use as a call for attention. Of its sort it is the best word. The Spanish "Aqui," the French "Oho," the Italian "Ecco," are sharper, less mellow, less resonant. With its initial "breathing," with two open vowels that "sing themselves," and a framework of trilling liquid consonants to hang them on, "Hello" is for its purpose a perfect word and will live honored and useful when the very names of Evanston and Appleton are forgotten.—New York World.

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New York's East Side.

Peculiar Life and Society that is a World by Itself—A "Slumming" Trip.

This is the tale of a young lady visitor to New York, who had an intense desire to go "slumming." The great difficulty she found in the carrying out of her plans was the absolute indifference with which her host and hostess looked upon slumming—they were New Yorkers. When she hinted that a few gaudy glimpses of the city might prove more educating



An East Side Belle.

than a daily round of the shops and the theaters they merely laughed. And then, after she had abandoned all hope, Ruggles came in for dinner one evening. Ruggles was an old young man who looked upon life through bowed gold spectacles and considered it a grave affair. Those who did not approve the manner in which he spent his time and his money declared openly that he was a poseur; that his interest in the poor was merely an affectation and they christened him the "Amateur Slummingist." It is probable that both his admirers and his critics were in a measure right. "I am surprised," she said to him and there was the hint of a sneer in her voice; "that you New Yorkers take so little interest in—things that are well not conventional—in the poor, for instance, or the alms."

"I am disgusted but not surprised," he answered quickly, "that New Yorkers take the interest they do in such things. Would you care yourself?" he asked of her with something of a challenge in the question, "to see a little of the sunshine that comes into the lives of this Other Half? Because if you do," he added, eagerly, "I can show it to you."

"There is going to be a dance to-morrow night in which some of my—my—pupils on the East Side are interested, and they have asked me to come. Will you go?" The question was strict challenge now, and had the young woman so desired she would not have declined it. "I would advise you," he said, as he was leaving, "to wear something—well, you know, just something plain and simple—not the sort you have on now. The Other Half, you understand," he ended rather feebly, "might—might think we were trying to look down upon them."

The next night Ruggles, with the young woman from the country town besides him, hailed a cross-town car going in the direction of the East River. It was nearly 10 o'clock when they left the car and made their way down a street from which the river lights were occasionally revealed. The room they finally reached was almost brilliantly lighted and cheap flags representing the nations of the world were tacked to the walls in undiplomatic groups. To the girl it seemed as if a large majority of the Other Half must already be in the ball room. And whatever else it may have been it was without doubt cosmopolitan. Surely there was at least one patriot for each flag on the walls. When they had found chairs a man in an evening suit that obviously was used to working in night and day shifts, darted through the throng with agile and elaborate grace and stood bowing before them. "They ain't really got together yet," he said, apologetically waving at the same time to the men leaning against the windows and the girls in the

"Have your strength, Danny, she'll be side steppin' when you are dragged to your corner," the Other Half applauded approvingly. Theancers was announced as the next dance by a pasteboard sign hung from the piano, and as the sets were being formed Ruggles' pupils asked his companion if he "might have the pleasure of the honors." He did not wait for a response, but took the girl by the arm and led her to a vacant place in one of the sets. A preternaturally solemn man and an jolly laughily blonde made up the couple opposite her.

She was beginning to look upon this man with a good deal of diffidence, when suddenly in a "forward and back" he clutched her convulsively around the waist, drew her close to him and with the ease and rapidity of a cream separator whirled her around eight times in a space that did not seem to her larger than a twenty-five cent piece. When she had obtained her bearings once more she was surprised to find that the man still retained his immobility. Not long after the square dance one of the amateur slummingist's pupils discovered him and with grave courtesy brought one of his friends to be introduced to the slummingist's companion. From his manner and make-up the friend evidently was a young man of sporting proclivities. He wore a deep red stock, a thin striped waistcoat affected by coaching men, a short jacket and peg-top trousers. He appeared to be quite at home at such social affairs, and when the young woman, having apparently no alternatives, acceded to his request for the next waltz, his hand went involuntarily to the side of his forehead. During the dance he talked to her in the gay persiflage of the world as he knew it. He told her that her dancing was just like stepping on eggs and that she was beautifully gaited and bitted, and when he found a place for her and she had thanked him, he replied gallantly, "keep the change."

Beer and ale were sold at a counter in one corner of the hall and between dances there was a spirited demand for these beverages. "I am surprised," she said to him and there was the hint of a sneer in her voice; "that you New Yorkers take so little interest in—things that are well not conventional—in the poor, for instance, or the alms."

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An Absent-Minded Ribbon Clerk, better understanding of the East Side of New York. The "Other Half" is eminently respectable at all its functions, and so are its manners. There was a storm of white feathers in the business district of Kansas City the other day. The downy feathers, like snowflakes, were borne upon the wind, whirling around corners, twisting in eddies behind billboards and in alleys, plirg up in banks in the shelter of curbstones and buildings, and blinging to electric wires until they were festooned in long strings of white that looked like real snow. The feathers came from the factory of the Kansas City Feather company, and there were about half a car load of them altogether. The feathers escaped from the factory by an accident to the machinery. It will not be permitted to happen again, for the feathers that were lost were the best goose feathers and were worth to the company about \$5.

Kentucky's Quickest Citizen.

We have near this place a man who is 60 years old, was in the civil war, and has every dollar of his war money, has the suit of clothes he wore the day Lee surrendered, has slept in a bed but four nights in six years, and has had a coat on but once since 1890, and that was five years ago, the 11th of last October, when William Jennings Bryan spoke in Elizabethtown. He has never been married and was never known to go to church. He is a man in good circumstances, neighborly and honest.—Elizabethtown (Ky.) News.

A Bull's Long Swim for Life.

A bull which was brought to town on a steamboat to be slaughtered broke away from its custodians yesterday and was chased to the river's edge. Plunging into the icy waters of the Ohio it started down the stream and swam a distance of four miles to the foot of Waynesburg Island and found it. He then swam back to the island, where it was held. It was brought back on a steamboat, and escaped the second time, swimming the river to the Ohio side, a mile below here, where it was captured this morning.—Baltimore Sun.

Fear of French Literateurs.

Ernest Legouve, the senior of the French Academy, has completed his sixty-fifth year. He entered the academy in 1855. His best known plays are "Adrienne Lecouvreur," which he wrote with Scribe, and "Medee," in which Biotard acted. He is reported to be in good health and in full possession of his faculties. If God chastiseth His chosen what will He do with His foes?



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### LARGELY LOCAL.

Warm weather continues. Sol Baker is down from Durango this week.

Aztec people are talking of celebrating the Fourth.

One full blood Jersey heifer calf, for sale at E. Brewer's.

Work on the new brick kiln in Aztec is progressing nicely.

George A. Tinker was down from Cedar Hill Monday.

The county commissioners meet next Monday as a board of equalization.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fleck of Cedar Hill were Aztec visitors last week.

John L. Tenney and R. H. Gillespie, of Largo, were Aztec visitors this week.

Buy your seeds of Durango Seed House. We carry everything. G. H. Clark.

Take your butter, eggs or poultry to Chas. Fleck at the Inter Ocean hotel in Durango.

A few light showers lately have worked wonders in the direction of improving the range.

Bain farm wagons run lightest and last longer than any other make. W. C. Chapman, Durango.

There was no eastern mail Wednesday, without at Pueblo having caused trouble with the railroads.

Mrs. Mary A. Sheppard arrived in Aztec from Bradyville, Iowa, last week and will remain several months.

Rock Island plows, barrows, Giant drills, etc. Get my prices before purchasing. W. C. Chapman, Durango.

Judge Pendleton has quite a quantity of household goods and furniture to dispose of at low prices. Go and see him.

Money to loan on easy terms. For further information write the Aztec Building Association, Las Vegas, N. M.

See me before placing orders for nails, barb wire, wire bale ties, buggies and spring wagons. W. C. Chapman, Durango.

The Aztec restaurant is having a new porch built, adding to its general appearance. Carpenter Ravel is doing the work.

Harvey Mc-Coy and son, Jay, are in the La Plata this week looking over some of the mining properties owned by the former.

Mrs. Hewitt came down from Hesperus last week and after visiting Justice Fleck at Farmington secured an order releasing her son from the county jail.

Those having farm produce to dispose of, eggs, butter, poultry, etc., will find a buyer at all times by calling on Charles Fleck at the Inter Ocean hotel, Durango.

Fillmore Green of Bloomfield made final proof on his homestead entry before the probate clerk at Aztec Saturday. Witnesses were Edwin H. Elmer and C. E. Andrus.

G. W. McCoy was a Durango visitor this week. He visited the oil well and reports that they have a strong flow of gas and at 800 feet are in high hopes of making a good strike.

Miss Maud Waring, Miss Pearl Pendleton, Mrs. Joe Prewitt, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Grove, W. E. Lefestey, J. T. Hobbs and others from Aztec were in attendance at the races at Durango last week.

Alex Hart and wife, W. T. Allinger and family and Charley Emmseller of Rocky Ford, are here looking over the valley, and may decide to locate. They accompanied C. F. Baker and sons into the county.

Richard Wetherell, the manager of the Hyde company's business, and Geo. H. Browne, manager of the Farmington enterprises, were in town Monday. Both gentlemen took occasion to compliment this section of the county on the prosperous condition it presents.

Manuel Marcelino and Elmer F. Taylor of Fruitland were in Aztec Saturday to make final proof on their respective homestead entries. The witnesses were for Mr. Marcelino, Judge Albert White and Howard H. De Luche, and for Mr. Taylor, J. J. Biggs and T. J. Hadden.

The case against Clay Wetherell, charged with larceny of an entry animal from F. W. Sharp, of Aztec, was heard before Justice Berry Monday and resulted in the discharge of the defendant, he agreeing to settle for the expense of taking up and keeping the entry.

C. F. Baker, wife and family, returned this week from the Rocky Ford country, after an absence of a year or more. They are accompanied by their son, J. M. Baker, and wife, and a couple of other families who will spend the summer here. Mr. Baker reports things pretty dry in the Rocky Ford region and avers that the Animas river has a great deal more irrigating fluid in it than any other stream he saw while he was away.

W. J. Wright, Esq., left last week for a trip through western and northern Colorado. He was accompanied by his son, Joe, and at Grand Junction they will meet Mr. Wright's brother, who will come from Missouri, and together they will prospect the country likely to be penetrated by the new line of railway from Denver to Salt Lake.

E. H. Estes, the San Juan county disciple of "Jim, the Penman," was taken to Farmington Saturday to have his preliminary hearing before Justice Symonds on the charge of forgery. He waived an examination and was remanded back to jail and will be given an opportunity to think over his past life, also his future one.

A replaisant suit brought by Mrs. Lisie A. Whitlock was heard before Justice Tinker at Cedar Hill May 24. Certain articles of household furniture had been levied in Justice Berry's court to satisfy a judgment of \$34.54 cents in favor of Thomas K. Holden and Mrs. Whitlock repaid the goods while in possession of the constable. The case was dismissed by Justice Tinker at plaintiff's cost. Attorney Hochtman of Durango represented the plaintiff and Judge Pendleton appeared for the defendant.

O. H. Buck of Chico Springs came in this morning and gave himself up to the authorities stating that he had shot an Indian the evening before at his trading post 20 miles east of Shipson's store during an altercation over stock range or water. Mr. Buck claims the shooting was done in self defence. The result of the Indian's injuries are as yet unknown. Sheriff Brown was notified by telephone and will investigate the matter today, in the meantime Buck is in custody pending an examination which will be held before Justice Berry on Monday next.

An exchange contains the following reference to the daughter of a former San Juan and Rio Arriba county journalist: "Among the graduates of the Manual Training High school of Kansas City last week was Miss Beatrice Marguerite Stevens, daughter of W. L. Stevens, who once published the N. W. New Mexican at Chama, N. M. Miss Stevens' essay was pronounced the best in a class of 175. She will enter Vassar next fall. Arthur Ewing Stevens received a medal for the highest standing for the year in the Jefferson school, Kansas City, and an average of 99. Another brother, Edward Stevens, stood highest in his grade for the entire year."

The Aztec youth have taken to stilt. Not to escape the mud—it is proverbially scarce in New Mexico and there has been no display of the article in San Juan county for three years past. Not to increase his speed—no critter on earth can travel as fast as an Aztec small boy clad merely in the footgear with which nature adorned him. Not to add to his beauty—we know that would be difficult. This a fact—one of those strange outbreaks of aesthetic taste and desire for which there is no explanation—something like the ping pong craze that now obtains elsewhere and like the golf storm that lately went by. As Pat Connel says, he travels on stilts wherever he goes, bumps his back, wrings his toes, finally falls and smashes his nose.

**Lost.**  
On Saturday, May 19, a black monkey for cage, lined with black. Was lost somewhere between Aztec and Frank Robbins' ranch. Another black monkey was lost at Frank Robbins' store, Aztec, at Frank Robbins' ranch known as the Kiffin ranch, six miles north of Aztec.

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