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THIRTY-FIRST

S. R. REUNION

ON THIS WEEK

USUAL CEREMONIES AND ENTERTAINMENTS TO FOLLOW BY CONFERRING OF THE K. C. C. H. HONORARIUM SATURDAY EVENING

The Thirty-first Reunion of Scottish Rite Masons of New Mexico opened early Wednesday morning and will not be concluded until late Saturday evening. The usual ceremonies and the conferring of a large proportion of the twenty-ninth degrees of the Rite and the communication of others is in progress at the stately Scottish Rite Cathedral and the city is filled with candidates who are taking the degrees and with New Mexico members and visitors from other Consistories who are in attendance.

Features not on previous programs of these reunions are the conferring of the Twentieth degree, which has heretofore been communicated, but at this reunion was put on in full form by members of the Scottish Rite Club of Albuquerque, and the conferring of the honorarium of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on the thirteen members selected for that honor by the Supreme Council at its recent meeting in Washington.

They are Sydney J. Abrahams, Albuquerque; William M. Bickel, Gallup; John A. Hurst, Dawson; William H. Kennedy, Santa Fe; Norman L. King, Santa Fe; Frederick Muller, Santa Fe; Robert L. Ormsbee, Santa Fe; Rouben Perry, Albuquerque; John Pfeuffer, Santa Fe; Frank Staplin, Santa Fe; Peter Stewart, Albuquerque; Francis C. Wilson, Santa Fe; Thomas Z. Winter, Santa Fe.

This is the first time the exemplification of this rank has taken place anywhere in the Southern Jurisdiction, outside of Washington, D. C. This event will be open only to those who have attained the Thirty-third degree, honorary, and the K. C. C. H., and will finish with a banquet on Saturday evening.

The class of initiates consists of 82 members from all parts of the state as follows:

Agee, George Fred, Van Houten, Alexander, John Edward, Clayton Argall, Philip Henry, Magdalena, Armstrong, Frank William, San Marcial, Barton, Arthur Roy, Albuquerque, Blattman, Henry Elliott, East Las Vegas, Bonem, Gilbert, Tucumcari, Brooks, Edwin Wallace, Albuquerque, Brown, Arthur Perry, Springer, Brown, David, Gallup, Burson, Wilford Manning, East Las Vegas, Byrd, Chas. Robert, Santa Rita, Chiles, Walter Dillard, Espanola, Colgan, Arthur Haynes, Albuquerque, Cayer, Wm. Joseph, Hurley, Cottingham, Ralph Oliver, Springer, Cutler, Frank Corder, Hurley, Fitzhugh, James Spencer, Clovis, Garcia, Ernesto Benito, Albuquerque, Gibson, Ralph Alexander, Albuquerque, Griffin, Eugene Walker, Santa Fe, Grissam, Merrill LeRoy, Albuquerque, Hamlin, Robt. Kerr, Brilliant, Hanau, Ralph Nothan, Tularosa, Hank, Gordon Elmer, East Vaughn, Hanson, Thomas Palmer, Albuquerque, Harper, Wm. Rodgers, Hurley, Hefflin, Guy Blake, Lordsburg, Himich, James, Columbus, Hunting, Arno Ernest, Albuquerque, Johnson, Walter Barton, Gallup, Lancaster, Thomas James, Thoreau, Link, Louis Frederick, Hurley, Leslie, Robt. Howard, Des Moines, Lindley, John Elmer, Clovis, Love, John Douglas, Endee, McClain, John Washington, Fort Bayard, McCollum, Wm. Arthur, Fort Bayard, McIntosh, John, Albuquerque, Matson, Orville Arthur, Albuquerque, Meyer, Cyrus Rayner, Lordsburg, Miller, Charles Edward, Gallup, Miner, Guy, Des Moines, Monteth, Albert Ellis, Clayton, Nelson, John Herbert, Hurley, Nichols, John Armstrong, Clovis, Oenal, Wm. Edmonds, Fort Bayard, Otto, Emil, Albuquerque, Pirtle, Leonard Heston, San Marcial, Pomerank, William Charles, Albuquerque, Prager, Willard Louis, Roswell, Quinley, Cordie Carson, Albuquerque, Ranson, Henry Harrison, Fort Bayard, Rich, Charles Elmer, Albuquerque, Roese, Otto, Columbus, Royer, Emmett Earle, Albuquerque, Salome, Sam Asa, San Marcial, Schmidt, Clayton, Fort Bayard, Selig, Fritz, Albuquerque, Scott, Chas. Patrick, Clovis, Shanklin, Lawrence Gardner, Gallup, Shannon, Robert Veasey, Fort Bayard, Lowe, Wm. Bryant, Gallup, Shojat, Marion James, Fort Bayard, Skards, Albert, Clovis, Stevens, Geo. Owen, Fort Bayard, Slack, Harry, Gallup, Stewart, Truman, Albuquerque, Sturges, Lloyd, Albuquerque, Sullivan, Andrew Jackson, Raton, Swinney, John Lewis Green, Gallup, Taylor, Joseph Sinnet, Hurley, Thomas, Geo. Henry, Albuquerque.

SUITS TO TEST SCOPE OF TAX LAW

That test suits would be instituted to determine the scope of the law fixing five mills as the maximum levy for county purposes and uses appeared to be probable following the decision of the Santa Fe county board to stand pat on its original levy in the face of the state tax commission's reduction.

The probability of the suits was admitted by the state tax commission's officers and it was said that not only Santa Fe but also Bernalillo and Socorro counties were interested in getting an interpretation from the supreme court.

There was said to be doubt as to whether or not special bridge levies, judgment levies and road levies for county roads designated as state highways came within the 5-mill limit. The attorney general's office has held that they do, but the question never has been passed on by the supreme court and it now appears likely that the courts decision as to the scope of the law will be sought.

The Santa Fe county levies total 6 1/2 mills for county purposes and including items which, according to the county board's view, although contrary to the tax commission's decision—should not be considered as part of the levies for county purposes and uses. The tax commission, after investigation, found that the levies were necessary, but was compelled to cut them to 5 mills. One levy was found to be fully as important as every other and the tax commission pared them all proportionately, bringing the total within the 5-mill limit.

The county board, deciding that the county couldn't be run on the reduced levies, at a meeting late Saturday afternoon directed the assessor to extend the levies as originally made.

The salary levy act, passed by the last legislature, adds to the troubles. Before this law went into effect, county salaries were paid from 8 per cent of the tax collections. Now a salary levy must be made and, as no provision was made for the exemption of this levy from the 5 mill limit, a number of counties are handicapped, being forced to restrict levies for other purposes considerably in order to make the salary levy for county salaries and stay within the limit.

ASK FREIGHT RATE CHANGE PAPER BAGS

Reduction in the freight rate on paper bags in minimum cartloads of 40,000 pounds will be considered by the Santa Francisco District Freight Traffic Committee at a hearing November 25. It is proposed to reduce the rate from San Francisco, Oakland, and Emeryville, Calif., to Benson, Arizona; Lordsburg and Deming, New Mexico; and El Paso, Tex., to \$1.10 per hundred. The present rate is \$1.25 to \$1.35 per hundred. It is argued that California is unable to compete with eastern points for business in this territory under present freight rates or any rate higher than \$1.10 a hundred.

The corporation commission has been asked for authority to modify the present minimum regulations on grain on non-federal controlled railroads in the state on five days' notice. The changes already agreed to for the railroads under federal control provide that the marked capacity of car shall obtain in loading grain except when the capacity is less than 40,000 pounds. The new minimum shall be 40,000 pounds. On mixed cars the minimum shall be 50,000 pounds. This cancels the food administration regulations which provided a minimum of 60,000 pounds for grain.

Years ago the commission prevailed upon the Denver and Rio Grande railroad to place a box car at each station, a flag station five miles north of Espanola. This proved satisfactory until recently when some ask for a caretaker and others think an agency should be established. Sam Eldred, a merchant there has taken the matter of getting a caretaker appointed with the commission. He has been asked to furnish more detailed information about the freight business at this station that the commission may be able to act intelligently in the matter.

Charles Elmquist of the National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners wires the corporation commission that the Esch railroad bill was reported to the House Monday. Congressman Sweet of Iowa will offer amendments to safeguard state control of service and equipment and also rate making power of state commissions as construed in the decision in the Shreveport case. The Elmquist suggests that the commission ask the support of the New Mexico congressmen for these amendments. Hugh H. Williams, the chairman of the commission, has already wired Congressman B. C. Hernandez in the matter.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS INCREASING MEMBERSHIP

The Santa Fe K. of P. lodge No. 2 held a very successful meeting Monday night, many out of town visitors being present. Ten new members joined the various ranks of the order. It appears that the order is active. Reports from Albuquerque received from J. E. Elder, grand keeper of the seal, and Louis W. Galles, state organizer show that a large number of members are admitted at the Monday night meetings there.

Addresses were made at the meeting by A. H. Colden, Albuquerque; Frank C. Cutler of Hurley; and W. J. Coyser, also of Hurley. The address of Mr. Colden was especially interesting. He is a Santa Fe machinist that saw overseas service in the aero division.

HONDALE HAS NEW DEPOT OPEN

T. B. Keel, peach grower and farmer near Honda in Luna county writes the corporation commission that the E. P. & S. W. has completed the depot there and that it is a nice substantial building, plenty large to accommodate the people who ship from Honda. He thanks the commission for its success effort to obtain this improvement.

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Notice has also been received by the highway department that surfacing is well under way on Federal project No. 1 A from Raton north to the state line. Crushed stone is used in surfacing this highway.

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UNIVERSITY PROMOTING HIGHER EDUCATION

The University of New Mexico, is making an active effort this year to keep the pupils of the rural districts in school. The work is in the hands of Atanasio Montoya, whose efficient services as superintendent of the Bernalillo county schools earned him a national reputation. Mr. Montoya is a specialist in rural education, was employed by the board of regents under the direction of the extension division, in charge of which is Vice-President Modjin, will visit the rural communities and present to them in personal conferences and by addresses the strong reasons for remaining with their studies.

Recognizing that the greatest elimination, or dropping out of school, is from the elementary grades, the chief activities will be centered in them. Special effort will be made to encourage and persuade the Spanish-American children to persist in school through the elementary grades, through the high school and into college. He will probably assemble an interesting collection of lantern slides to show the work of the university, to illustrate the value of an education, to present health subjects, and show model school plants.

Not only will he bring valuable information to the university regarding the schools, communities, and prospective students, but from his long experience will, when desired and possible, offer help in the way of suggestions concerning improved instruction and sanitation.

The past week Mr. Montoya has spent some time on the campus to familiarize himself with the courses, equipment and special advantages of the institution, and to become acquainted with the personnel.

In undertaking this work the university is looking forward for several years, realizing that the high schools which are the direct feeders of the colleges must in turn be enlarged before the university can attain its expected eminence.

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NOTES

Survey parties are at work on the Federal aid project No. 14 in Rio Arriba county between Chama and Tierra Amarilla and project No. 22 in Guadalupe County from Anton Chico to Cuervo.

Notice has been received that actual construction is under way on project No. 16 in Lea County. The Lea County Construction Company has the contract.

The highway department has reported that the construction outfit for project No. 11 in Lincoln county is being moved and that work is ready to begin in the near future.

Report from project No. 15 in Dona Ana county from Las Cruces to Mesquite indicate good progress. About one mile and a half has already been completed with concrete.

Construction of project No. 4 in Valencia county is progressing. Six miles of grade has been completed by the contractor. The surfacing will be done by the department on force account and arrangements are nearly completed for work. A rock crusher has been shipped from Gallup.

CONTRACT LET FOR VALENCIA COUNTY BRIDGE

The Midland Bridge Company was awarded the contract for the construction of the new bridge over the Rio Grande east of Los Lunas by the county commissioners after the bids had been carefully gone over by Leslie A. Gillett, state highway engineer, who was present at the time bids were opened. The bridge will be an all-reinforced concrete structure, built on concrete piles. The bridge is located a quarter of a mile upstream from the old bridge. This will remove a disagreeable crook in the road from Peralta to Los Lunas and also require a much shorter bridge than the old one. Though the bridge is on the main north and south road, the Camino Real, the county pays the entire cost which will be around \$50,000.

STATE COLLEGE AIDS LIVE STOCK INDUSTRY

State Land Commissioner N. A. Field is back from Las Cruces where he attended a meeting of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers Association. Mr. Field being one of the directors. The meeting was held at the State College and was largely attended. The cattlemen had the opportunity to look over the State College. Mr. Field stated that it was a surprise to many of those present to learn what the State College is doing to promote farm and live stock development in the state. The various phases of live stock work and also tests and experiments carried on to create the cowman were much. Many of the visitors did not know that the college was doing work directly beneficial to the live stock industry.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO LEGION AT LAS VEGAS

The American Legion post and the commercial club at Las Vegas arranged a very patriotic program for Armistice Day Nov. 11th. Governor O. A. Larrazolo made the principal address at the Elks Club on the American Legion and Patriotism. Among other speakers were Judge Leahy. A parade of ex-service men took place in the morning. Dinner was served free at the Armory.

RIO GRANDE IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

The State Engineer is preparing the program for Rio Grande improvement in the Espanola and Velarde districts for the coming year. The project is being supervised by state engineer. He has spent some time investigating the need of the district. He reports that the work done this year has proved quite effective.

GUADALUPE

J. E. Murry, of Newkirk, has sold 100 head of steers.

W. S. Fluit, of Los Tanos, recently bought 50 head of steers at Cuervo.

Roy Sonderass, of Texico, bought 350 lambs in the neighborhood of Santa Rosa.

Francis E. Lester, of Mesilla Park, made another carload shipment of

CONFERENCE OF TAX OFFICIALS IN DECEMBER

STATE TAX COMMISSION WILL MEET COUNTY TAX OFFICIALS AND HAVE UNDERSTANDING FOR NEXT YEARS LEVIES

A conference of the state tax commission, boards of county commissioners and county assessors will be held in Santa Fe on December 17, 18 and 19.

Mayors of cities and towns also are invited although the object of the conference is largely to arrive at an equitable adjustment of property, real and personal, outside the municipality. It was believed advisable, however, that the mayors attend the conference on the last day of the session—December 19.

The call to assessors and county commissioners follows:

The state tax commission has visited twenty-three counties of New Mexico during the last three months for the purpose of holding hearings and meeting the county commissioners and assessors. The result has been very gratifying. The spirit of friendly cooperation extended to the tax commission in the various counties has encouraged the commission to make further efforts along this line, and with this idea in view we now ask all county boards of commissioners and county assessors to a three day's conference at the capitol, beginning December 17. The further object of this conference is:

To reach an agreement, if possible, in the matter of classifying grazing lands. Under Section 4, Ch. 115, Session Laws of 1919, the state tax commission is given original authority for valuing grazing land for taxation purposes, and also the classifying of the same. It being manifestly impossible for the commission to classify by personal examination, within reasonable time, the tax commission feel that an agreed plan of valuing these lands pending their classification is desirable.

2. To reach an agreement, if possible, on a more uniform and equitable basis of assessment of farming lands, both irrigated and dry farming, city, town and village property, both real and personal, and irrigated lands in the valleys of the Rio Grande and Pecos, in fact, a general conference of all questions pertaining to taxation. A full discussion is desired on every phase of assessment, for the purpose of arriving at a greater harmony and cooperation between county assessing authorities and the state tax commission, and at the same time to try for greater efficiency in general taxation.

It is desired by the tax commission that each county select one of their members to prepare a short paper setting out in full the difficulties confronting them in arriving at assessment of all property at full value in their county. The paper should not be over ten minutes in length, and should tell concisely as possible what should be done and wherein the tax commission can aid in getting the property on the rolls. It is further desired that a full report on recent selling price of lands and livestock, etc., be prepared by each assessor.

The commission will appreciate an answer to this letter stating the names of the county officers who will attend.

OIL INCORPORATIONS AND OTHERS CHARTERED

Certificate of dissolution has been issued by the state corporation commission to the Crystal Ice company of Albuquerque. The petition is signed by the officers and agreed to by the following stockholders: Western Ice & Bottling Co., O. N. Henson, Jerry Hagyard, J. B. Herndon, Roy McDonald and G. Giomi.

Seven Lakes Producing & Refining Co., incorporation of Gallup, has filed articles with the corporation commission. It will explore for oil and conduct a general oil business. Capital stock \$200,000 and shares \$200,000. Officers are G. S. Wilhoite, M. P. Smith, A. G. McCoy of Gallup; E. F. Massam of Albuquerque; and Benjamin F. Brown of Mesquite.

The San Land Corporation, a Colorado concern, has been admitted to do business in New Mexico with principal office at Maxwell and O. L. Phillips as resident agent. This company will do a general real estate business; carry on farm development; construct houses and reservoirs; deal in farm and live stock products, etc. Capital stock \$200,000 all paid in. The officers are W. R. Gomer, president, and E. F. Gomer secretary.

Equity Union Exchange of Sedan has filed articles of incorporation with the corporation commission. The principal place of business will be at Sedan some distance south of Clayton in Union county. W. R. Snoberger is the statutory agent. The objects of the company include "to manufacture; to do general, wholesale mercantile business; to buy and sell all kinds and classes of farm and garden products and farming implements; to issue and sell stocks and bonds of said corporation; to erect and maintain grain elevators and mercantile establishments," and other lines of business. The capital stock is \$300,000 divided into 100,000 shares. W. R. Snoberger, J. A. Stauffer and eighteen others are the incorporators, being residents of Sedan, N. M., Del Rio, Oklahoma and Texline, Texas.

Nearly 50,000 tons of steel were made in this county in 1917.