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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1895.

Our talented citizen, L. Bradford Prince, occupied a prominent part in the trans-Mississippi commercial congress held at Omaha, Neb., on Nov. 25. Mr. Prince responded to the opening address. He spoke eloquently of the diversity of the country which extends from the level of the prairies to the foothills of the mountains filled with their vast mineral wealth. Mr. Prince asked his audience to think of the gold miner of Colorado who had been made prosperous by an act of congress and then of the poor silver miner whose prosperity had been taken away from him by the same act. At the evening session Ex-Governor Prince discussed statehood for territories and pleaded the immediate admission of New Mexico and Arizona. The sentiment of the body was with him throughout.

**School Notes.**

The enrollment for the grammar department for the second month was 43 with an average attendance of 35.

Primary department, report of month of November, enrollment 49, average attendance 44, number neither absent nor tardy 11. Honor roll, 3d grade: Mamie Harwood, Willie Locke, Donald Ross, Gertrude Newton. Second grade: Walter Virden, Rolla Sneider, Katie Howard, Louis Woods. First grade: Roy Virden, Ruby Blake. Chart class: Carrie Howard, Winnie Jarvis. Perfect in department: Joe Woods, Alexandrino Jaques, John Hanna, Mamie Harwood, Ethel Trout, Gertrude Newton, Thurman Woods, Troy King, John Pointer, Ida Pointer, Calla Hays, Priscilla Vigil, Esther Newton, Pearl Blake, Ruby Blake, George Blake, Alice Ross.

Alice Hendrickson entered school Tuesday.

There is a great deal of tardiness and parents should see that their children get to school in time every morning. The child not only loses a part of the day's work but forms a habit that will follow him through life and stand in the way of success in any calling.

Alice Hendrickson has been teaching in Mr. Towner's place on account of the illness of Mrs. Towner. Miss Hendrickson is a number one teacher.

The night class met but once this week but hope to resume work next week and push along faster than ever.

A civil government class is to be organized for the benefit of the future citizens of our state to be.

Another entertainment will be given soon to supply the school with more of the much needed appliances. Ray Willis of Mancos entered school last Tuesday week.

The school had a holiday last Thursday. The consumption of good things was enormous.

**Communicated.**

FARMINGTON, N. M., Dec. 3.

SIR: A few days ago I had a quantity of apples in Durango. A leading commission merchant of that town made the assertion that I had written a letter, that he had seen the letter, authorizing the sale of those apples at 40 cents.

I desire to emphatically pronounce that statement a deliberate lie.

I beg to state that I did not, nor would I be likely to, offer those apples at such an absurd price, a losing price and one calculated to hurt our market. The assertion is injurious to a degree but is only in accordance with many similar occurrences operating directly against our already tyrannized-over fruit growers.

Faithfully Yours, S. R. BLAKE.

**A. F. & A. M.**

Antlers Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., of this place held its annual election of officers last Saturday night and elected the following officers:

- S. D. Webster, W. M.
- J. O. Carson, S. W.
- Percy N. Collyer, J. W.
- E. M. Pierce, Treasurer.
- G. L. Cooper, Secretary.
- C. J. Moss, S. D.
- C. H. McCoy, J. D.
- H. R. Skinner, Tyler.

The officers will be installed on the

evening of Dec. 27th, the anniversary of St. John, the evangelist.

**La Plata.**

Special Correspondence.

LA PLATA, Nov. 28.—F. V. Williams was down at Farmington last week loading apples at the Woodward orchard.

As a slight proof of the value of the fruit crop this year. We counted 81 wagons on the Laplata road from Farmington to Durango on one day last week.

Frank Johnson of the Laplata mountains purchased hay and pasture for his mules from John McDermott.

The number of scholars is increasing daily and the school is giving good satisfaction.

Theodore Sallee the Laplata teacher visited Farmington last week.

Robert Roberts is having a well drilled by the Real & Cate machine. Will Padack will also have a well drilled soon.

There is a rumor that Bert Carnahan has sold his ranch to Wm. Hughes.

The postal authorities order that La Plata be written in future one word—"Laplata."

Lester Palmer was in Farmington Saturday doing some trading.

The mountains are covered with snow and the outlook for the Laplata water supply is most encouraging. Plenty of grain should be grown in addition to the alfalfa crop.

There have been some good hay sales on the river lately. Will Padack sold a large quantity to Robert McNichols of Durango, who will feed a lot of cattle.

Thanksgiving is now a thing of the past. Ye scribe had an invite to a Thanksgiving dinner and with the rest of the company did good justice to good things which were piled upon the table until it groaned with their weight.

Quite an enjoyable time was had by those who attended the dance held at the Hobbs school house on Thanksgiving eve.

C. E. Magraw says that there is some attraction over at Flora Vista besides the entertainment which was held Thursday eve. Good luck to you Charley

Mr. Griffith passed through here Sunday with his oxen on his way from the mountains to Jewett where he is going to winter.

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