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Howell Earnest Again Honored

Santa Fe, N. M., March 24.—Before leaving for their homes yesterday afternoon Chairman John W. Poe, of the state tax commission and Commissioner Ulrich, of Carrizozo, let it be known that the commission had determined to retain Traveling Auditor Howell Earnest permanently as secretary of the commission, and its active man in charge. Pending the settlement of the status of the traveling auditor's office, Mr. Earnest will draw no pay as secretary of the tax commission, but after the traveling auditorship muddle has been straightened out, which it is expected will be done April first or shortly after, Mr. Earnest's compensation as secretary of the tax commission will be decided. The commission meets again April 20th, when it will make the final placing of values on corporate property for the year's assessment purposes.

The position of the traveling auditor's job today is problematical. Nominally, Mr. Earnest is traveling auditor, although the office has been abolished under House Bill No. 294. In discussing that bill yesterday the governor made it plain that he understood the whole salary appropriation for the office to have terminated when he struck it out of the general appropriation bill. The attorney general, however, has stated in a brief opinion that he thinks the provision for amount of salary to be paid, in House Bill No. 294, is sufficient to provide for the payment, it having been the intent of the legislature that such payment be made. The whole matter, it now seems likely, will wind up in the state supreme court.

Dink Punks vs. Marshall Field

Marshall Field & Co., Chicago's greatest retail store, paid seven Chicago newspapers a total of \$354,442.09 for advertising in 1914—a dull year. Marshall Field & Co. began business in a small way many years ago, and from the first utilized advertising in a dignified and convincing manner. From obscurity to prominence Marshall Field emerged, and although he died a decade ago, multimillionaire, the store he founded grows yearly. Marshall Field and his successors believed in advertising and, believing in it, unhesitatingly paid for it by employing the best newspapers in their city. But their view as to the profitability of newspaper advertising is controverted by Dink Punks of Mouldyburg. Dink Punks went into the mercantile business at Mouldyburg the same year Marshall Field began at Chicago. Mr. Punks has been consistently opposed to advertising all his life and has, as a leading citizen, uniformly fought all the proposals to make Mouldyburg a progressive community. He is an old man now, and inactive. His store went into the hands of the Sheriff eighteen years ago, and Mr. Punks lives with his married daughter. But he is still consistent and not only does he contend that advertising doesn't pay, but at every opportunity votes against good roads. In his years residence at Mouldyburg he has seen the town grow from 800 to 900 people, and any one who will listen to Mr. Punks is told that the reason Mouldyburg has stood still and drooped while Hustleville, eighteen miles away, has become a thriving little city is because the railroad and Wall street discriminated against Mouldyburg. And although Mr. Punks has paid only a few dollars in taxes during his long life, and spent nothing for advertising, he is convinced that good roads and newspapers will be the ruin of the country

unless oxcart statesmanship shall finally triumph.

Coates

There is quite a change in the weather. It seems as though spring will never come.

Mr. Geo. Ingraham's son, Earl Ingraham, is very ill at this writing.

Mr. McCracken and Mr. Jim Cheap arrived Saturday from near Charleston, Oklahoma. They are visiting old friends, and J. W. Stone, and are looking for a location.

J. J. Merlatt made a trip to Clayton Friday to meet the Socialist speaker who is to speak at the Lane school house Sunday night, and at Coates school Monday night.

Owing to the snow storm the dance at the Lane school house was postponed.

Chester Wood made a hasty trip to Clayton Friday to visit the dentist. Surely he has the toothache.

Walter Lane arrived last week to visit relatives and friends but on account of illness was hurried to his home in Kansas.

Don't forget the dance at the new Guy school house April 2nd. Music will be furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, which we all know is good, so everybody is invited. Supper will be served at midnight.

Quite a crowd gathered at the home of Mrs. Carpenter March 24th in honor of Miss Fannie Giles' birthday and surprised her. Cake and coffee were enjoyed by everybody.

The socialist speaking was well attended at Coates.

A Surprise Party

The Eastern Star gave a surprise for their sister member, Mrs. Amelia Small, Tuesday evening in honor of her seventy ninth birthday. The surprise was given at the home of Mrs. Alice Slack and was a very enjoyable affair. Mrs. Small is Chaplain of the Chapter and is loved and respected by all the members.

A most delicious luncheon was served and the evening was pleasantly passed with conversation and music.

Those present were Mesdames Small, Murphy, Haydon, Paddock, Brown, Kiburn, Easterwood, Suthers, Gray, Nichols, Moore, Lundy and Slack.

Baptist Services

for Sunday, March 28, 1915.

9:45 a. m. Sunday School. 11:00 a. m. Special missionary program rendered by children of the S. School. 6:45 p. m. Young People's Meeting, subject, "The New Patriotism." 7:45 p. m. Worship and sermon by the pastor, subject, "The Royal Law." Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

All are cordially welcome.

J. Q. Herrin, Pastor.

Y. S. Herald of Grandview, transacted business in Clayton Thursday.

T. S. McDonald of Shattuck, Oklahoma, arrived in Clayton Thursday. He will spend some time here, looking after land business.

Chas. Sanford, who has been visiting in Plainfield, New Jersey, for the past three months returned home Tuesday.

H. C. Abbott of Mt. Dora, spent Thursday in Clayton.

Mrs. Chas. Schleiter of Denver, attended to business in Clayton the latter part of the week.

The Revival of Sheep and Wool

It sounds very funny when considered in connection with the dire predictions of disaster made by our republican friends at the time of the adoption of the new democratic tariff, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that the sheep and wool industry is undergoing a great revival throughout the country.

The man who was so nearly led to believe that he was ruined by the new wool tariff, and who seriously thought of getting out of the sheep and wool business in response to the gratuitous advice given him by the republican calamity howlers, has seen both sheep and wool rise to the highest figures they have commanded in years, and with it has come so much prosperity for the sheepman that almost a furor has been created over both sheep and wool.

All over the country where there has heretofore been a disposition to get out of the sheep and wool business there is a general disposition to reinstate the business. Breeding ewes of all ages are commanding substantial prices and flock owners are scouring the country in an effort to find more breeding stock.

The natural sequence of this movement is going to be that the sheep is going to come into his own again rapidly in much of the country where it has been believed he was a banished entity. It means that all the pastoral regions of the southwest that have heretofore carried large bands of sheep are again to be stocked with these animals, and the annual sale of wool and mutton is again going to become an active factor in our domestic economy.

Where this practice has been adopted to it has been uniformly successful, and that success has been sufficient to wipe out all the prejudice that once existed among cattlemen toward the despised "woolies."—El Paso Times.

Odd Bits of News

Webb City, Mo.—Grace Tucker, age 15, established a record when she secured a divorce and married again all within 24 hours. The girl married at the age of 12 years and secured her divorce on the ground that relatives had forced her into the ceremony. She is now Mrs. William Shadwick.

Lorain, Ohio.—Thomas J. McCullin, a blind man, has just defeated John Follett, another blind man, living at Farview, Utah, in a checker game which required more than one year to play. Each move was made by letter and required two weeks.

New York.—James Hartman, employe of the baby checking room, at a department store was almost mobbed by a throng of infuriated mothers when a mischievous youngster mixed the checks.

Fort Yates, N. D.—A cat and a dog can be friendly—aye, even more.

The old argument was settled here today with a statement from Rev. Father Bernard, of the Fort Yates Catholic church, that he had just married Miss Rose High Cat to Harry Poor Dog. They are Sioux Indians.

Aurora, Ill.—In a law suit involving a man and his wife the court made the husband promise that his wife could warm her feet on his back every night until spring.

Madison, Wis.—A bill pending before the Wisconsin legislature provides that girls engaged in domestic work shall have a room suitable for entertaining callers, two nights of every week, and a maximum employment of not to exceed 60 hours a week.

Dowagiac, Mich.—Baby Ruth Burkett, three months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burkett, has

11 grand parents. The oldest of her ancestors are her great-great grandfather, Franklin Beals of Hartford, aged 84, and her great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Kelly of the same place, aged 79.

Winsted, Conn.—Arthur F. Ackley returning home upon his first furlough from the navy was so glad to see his grandmother, Mrs. Ferdinand Fortier, that he gave her a hearty hug breaking one of the old lady's ribs.

103 Years Old

Berlin.—"Father Dondenhof," one of the oldest, if not the oldest living man in Germany, whose father took part in the Napoleonic invasion of Russia, who was born before the war of 1813-14 and who has lived to see that of 1914-15, has just celebrated his 103rd birthday in the village of Freiburg, on the lower Elbe River.

Methodist Notes

For Sunday Mar. 28th Palm Sunday. 9:45 a. m. Sunday School. 10:45 a. m. Morning Worship and Sermon subject "The Triumphant Entry." Special music at this services. 3:00 p. m. Services at Apache Valley. 7:00 p. m. Young People's Meeting. 7:45 p. m. Evening Sermon by the Pastor.

Mid-week service for bible-study on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Ray Spotts Dum, Minister.

Notice

I wish to announce that I have opened up a tailor shop and mail order agency in the dining apartment of the Bruns Hotel.

I wish also to announce that I have obtained the exclusive agency of Sweizer Co., of ladies embroidered robes in all the latest styles. Mitchell & Church Co., dress goods fabrics, 1500 samples to select from. Mallock Knitting Mills, makers of the Planto-Palm silk hosiery and underwear. Ladies tailored suits, tailored by the Jenning Bragdon Co., New York. I also have the agency of the Bareley Corset, ranging in price from \$2.00 to \$16.00. For the convenience of the ladies I will have a lady assistant after April 1st.

Owen Herring

Patterson

Grandpa Atchley was completely surprised Friday evening when about 60 of his friends walked in with an abundance of everything that goes to make up a good supper. Grandpa has had a life long idea that he could not be surprised, but we guess he thinks people in New Mexico have a right to change their minds.

Hiram Livingston, Marie Ward and Mrs. Jess Crosby and daughter Helen visited Sunday at the home of T. G. Bryan.

J. R. Patterson the merchant, made a business trip to Clayton the latter part of the week.

A. T. Atchley and family and Glenn Kost and family visited after Sunday School with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patterson.

Jess Crosby was a business visitor at the county seat Monday.

J. L. Shane of Mt. Dora, was in the city this week attending to business.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will meet Wednesday March 31st, with Mrs. C. P. Talbot.

A Sad Death

Friday forenoon at the home ranch in Cimarron county, Oklahoma, Frank G. Brophy, the 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brophy, accidentally shot himself through the head with a 12-gauge shotgun, the charge entering between the eyes and practically blowing the top of the head off. Frank and his young brother, John Jr., were hunting ducks at a lake near the home when the accident occurred, and the brothers were separated about a hundred yards apart when the fatal shot was discharged. It is supposed that the young man aimed to stoop over or fall to the ground out of sight of the ducks, and that in doing so he fell to the ground on the gun. The stock of the gun was broken, showing that he fell upon it.

Frank was reared in Clayton, and numbered his friends by the number of his acquaintances. He was a good, hard working boy and was never known to be in trouble of any kind. Small children were his especial delight, and there is many a little boy and girl in the city who are sincerely mourning his untimely death. We heard one little tot, with tears in her eyes and a tremble in her voice, say: "Frank can't take me riding anymore." His love for his parents was well known. Mr. and Mrs. Brophy are prostrated over their great loss.

Deputy Sheriff "Buck" Miller happened to be passing the ranch shortly after the accident occurred, and brought the remains to Clayton in his car. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon from the home of the boy's grandmother, Mrs. Benigna Duran, in the local cemetery. The entire community joins with The News in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

District Court Adjourned

District court adjourned late this (Saturday) afternoon, after a very strenuous term of four weeks. The present week was taken up with the Martinez vs. Vigil civil case involving the estate of a brother of Don Juan Vigil. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of Mr. Martinez, the defendant, late this afternoon. Several other cases of minor importance were disposed of during the term.

Before adjournment the court passed sentence upon those convicted during the term. W. F. Pruitt, convicted of manslaughter, was sentenced to from eight to ten years in the penitentiary. Ed Jones, (felicitous) the man who shot Jiron at Mt. Dora several weeks ago, was sentenced to from nine to ten years. Mrs. Goodwin, the proverbial trouble maker, who has been under a suspended sentence of two years since the September term of court in 1913 was ordered delivered to the warden of the penitentiary to serve the sentence. The court passed sentence upon several other persons for minor offenses.

Monday afternoon the court held ten men arrested in a raid on an alleged gambling resort, to the next grand jury, fixing their bonds from one to two thousand dollars.

Robert Byrd, one of the progressive farmers of the Thomas country, was a trader in the city the first of the week. While here he squared his subscription to The News for another year. They all like it.

P. G. Zimmerman of Oklahoma City, editor of the "Socialist Incubator," was in Clayton several days this week. He delivered two lectures and went from here to Des Moines.

We are loaning a good deal of money on lands, and on live stock, or both. Come in and talk with us as to these. If you are putting in a crop, we will loan you money on that. A. W. Thompson & Co.