

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN

(FOREMOST PAPER IN HARDING COUNTY.)

"With Malice toward None, with Charity for All, and with Firmness in the Right."

VOL. XIX No. 33

ROY, HARDING COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, SATURDAY SEPT. 2ND. 1922.

SUBSCRIPTION \$ 2.00 PER YEAR.

TAXES ON ALL GRAZING LANDS IN HARDING COUNTY REDUCED MAKING PLANS TO CARE FOR VISITORS AT HIGHWAY CONVENTION

ASSESSMENT OF GRAZING LANDS IN HARDING COUNTY PLACED ON TAX ROLLS AT \$1.75 PER ACRE.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR TEXAS-NEW MEXICO HIGHWAY MEETING TO BE HELD AT ROY SEPTEMBER 25TH AND 26TH.

The County Commissioners took action while sitting as a Board of Equalization

The County Commissioners of Harding County sitting as a Board of Equalization have ordered the Assessor of the county to place all grazing lands on the tax rolls at \$1.75 per acre, the amount agreed on by the State Tax Commission. This action was taken by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday morning and has met the approval of the entire population of the county. The motion as passed by the Commissioners cuts the assessment on all unplowed land in the county except lands in (Incorporated Municipalities) that is used for grazing purposes from \$3.50 per acre to \$1.75 per acre or just cuts the former assessment in two.

This change in the assessment will throw a great amount of extra work on the Assessors office, as it means a change in every schedule containing unplowed lands, but Assessor Baca is equal to the occasion and will hire extra help and try to get the rolls out by the first of December if possible.

The Spanish American received a generous support with its petitions asking the State Tax Commission to ask the Commissioners to make the change, but in as much as the change has already been made the petitions will not be necessary, however we wish to thank those who worked so untiringly on getting signatures and the few days the petitions were out several hundred names were secured from all parts of the county. Some farmers taking their cars and driving for days over the county securing signers to the petitions which meant that within a few days practically every land owners name in the county would have been on the petitions.

Harding County is fortunate in having the strong, reliable set of Commissioners, for they are doing their best to give the county a good, fair and just government and an equal assessment. They realize the situation in the county and want every tax-payer to receive an equal and fair assessment.

We realize the fact that certain grazing lands in the county are worth far more than grazing lands in other parts of the county, and the only way to get at the matter fairly is to classify all lands in every section in the county. Lands close to railroads are worth more than lands many miles from the towns, while rough grazing lands mostly composed of rocks is not worth as much as good level land, these and other factors should be considered in classifying lands and we believe a correct assessment of the county be made until a section classification is made.

The new assessment will lower the assessed value in the county considerable and make the county a 5th Class County, but it will surely offer relief to the over burdened tax payers. The Commissioners are economizing in every way possible and doing all in their power to lower the taxes, and the tax-payers of the county are appreciable of the Commissioners actions.

PRECINCT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION WELL ATTENDED

The Republicans of Precinct No. 3, (Roy Precinct) held their precinct caucus at the Community Hall last Saturday afternoon and quite a number of the G.O.P. were present. The convention was called to order by the precinct chairman F.S. Brown and the Secretary F.L. Schultz read the call for the caucus, after which the convention proceeded to name the delegates, 16 in number to attend the County Convention which will be held Saturday the 2nd day of September at Mosquero.

The delegates names were as follows:

F.A. Roy, George Gonzales, P. C. Haines, Leandro Archuleta, E.J.H. Roy, Leandro Martinez, C. Ernest Anderson, Dan Gonzales, F.S. Brown, Jose Meastes, F.L. Scultz, Manuel Archuleta, J.H. Mahoney, Mrs George Gonzales, Mrs J.H. Mahoney and Francisco Sanchez y Medina.

Several talks were made by local republicans and the party seems united in Harding County and especially in the Roy Precinct.

The County Convention which will be held Saturday, will name the delegates to the State Convention which will be held at Albuquerque September 7th.

The County Commissioners, Messrs E.F. Gallegos, J.H. Crane and Raymundo Arguello were business visitors in Roy Wednesday evening. The gentlemen have been busy all week on the tax schedules and took a little vacation trip up to the county metropolis.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STATE VIEW ON BOND ISSUE TO BUILD COURT HOUSE AND JAIL

The Spanish American received the following letter from the County Commissioners which is to be taken into consideration

Editors Spanish-American
Roy, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

In view of the recent controversy regarding the calling of a special election to vote on the question of bonds for Court-house and jail at Mosquero, and which seems to have caused considerable misunderstanding as to the position taken by the County Commissioners in the matter, we are writing this letter to you, and request that in the interests of fair play you give it all the publicity possible.

You will remember that when the petition regarding the High-school was presented to this board they offered to call the special election, but suggested that the money to defray the expense of such election be provided by those most interested, as the county exchequer did not at that time seem to justify the expenditure.

This was a suggestion, not a ruling, and was in the interest of every tax-payer in the county.

It as later decided by the delegation from Roy, that, under the circumstances, the petition be withdrawn, and the matter left to be voted on at the general election in November should the application made for a re-hearing not be heard from before such election.

This board appreciates this action upon the part of the Roy people in co-operating with them in their efforts in the direction of economy.

Should this petition have been left with the Commissioners they would have had no option but to have called the election, as the law is mandatory.

Now in the matter of the petition presented requesting a special election to vote bonds for a court-house and jail at Mosquero, we understand that many people think that the Commissioners have not taken the same stand they did in the High-school matter.

The fact is they have taken exactly the same stand, and have tried to avoid this expense to the tax-payers at this time, and in fact, it was advised that the people of Roy and Mosquero try to get together on the two propositions before deciding to present such petition. This was done with result as you know.

The request of the Commissioners that the petition be withdrawn however, was complied with and the matter remains to be settled at some future time, and we hope will be satisfactory to all concerned.

The Commissioners did not attend any of the meetings held by the citizens regarding this matter as they preferred to remain in a position to act with impartiality.

We have tried to give a square deal to all and think we have done so.

E. F. Gallegos,
J. H. Crane,
Raymundo Arguello,

Board County Commissioners,
Mosquero, New Mexico, August, 30th, 1922.

R. E. Alldredge made a business trip to Las Vegas and Springer the first of the week.

Jay Bradley of Mosquero R.F. D. is a new reader of the S. A. this week.

Louis Waters who has been visiting at Springer for several weeks returned home last Saturday.

R. A. Pendleton and family returned from a three weeks in the mountains fishing and enjoying vacation life.

Several committees have been appointed to make all necessary arrangements to care of large attendance that will be present

The different committees appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the Texas-New Mexico Highway which will be held in Roy on September 25th and 26th, are working every day to make the meeting not only a pleasure to the delegates who will be present but to make the meeting itself a great success and of much value to the Association.

The arrangement committee is making plans for a banquet to be given the visiting delegates on Monday evening and plates will be set for 400. On the second day a big barbecue will be held for the large crowd which will be present. A number of other things will be arranged for the visitors, including base ball games, races and many other forms of amusements. The meeting will be held in the old Odd Fellow Hall. The hall will seat about 500 persons. The Masonic Hall will also be open during the convention and will accommodate at least 400 or more. The Community Hall which seats about 300 will also be used during the convention and it is probable that any interstate meeting which may be held during the convention week will be held in this hall.

It is planned to open the convention on Monday the 25th, at 10 o'clock and a business session will be held during the forenoon and another session during the afternoon of the first day. At the fair grounds a ball game will be played, also various races will be given during the afternoon. At night the banquet will be held and following the banquet a dance will be given by the American Legion. The forenoon of the second day will be given to business sessions and at noon the big barbecue will be pulled off and following this will be another ball game and some more races, followed at night by another big dance.

LITTLE GIRL SERIOUSLY INJURED

Elizabeth the five year old daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Cheney who live on the Regoni farm about 10 miles north of Roy was seriously injured last Wednesday evening when a team became frightened and the wagon passed over the arm and leg of the little girl. A man peddling beef had stopped at the Cheney home and the little girl had come out of the house and was standing near the wagon when something frightened the team and they made a plunge, jerking the wagon against her and throwing her to the ground and dragging the wagon over her body. The right leg was broken at the thigh and the collar bone was also broken and she was otherwise injured. Immediately after the accident, Dr Moon of Mills was summoned and he brought the wounded girl to the Plumlee hospital where Doctors Moon and Plumlee set the broken bones and gave her other surgical aid. Little Elizabeth is suffering terribly from the injuries but the doctors say she is doing as well as can be expected and will soon be on the road to recovery.

J.A. Hurst, of near Mosquero was in town Tuesday enroute to Dawson on a business mission.

Hotel accommodations are being made for the big crowd which are expected to be present. Mills our sister town to the north has agreed to help us care for the people and will send down cars to take a number of the visitors to that town to be cared for in the hotels at that place. All available rooms in the town will be needed and anyone who can care for one or more visitors should notify the arrangement committee just how many they can care for. Large delegations are expected from a number of Texas towns and possibly every New Mexico town will send from 2 to 25 delegates.

The convention promises to be one of the best attended road meetings ever held in the state and a number of prominent state officers have promised to be present and address the convention including Governor Mechem.

State Highway Engineer Gillette, Hon. Charles Springer, and many other prominent men of the state.

Commence now to begin making preparations to attend, and don't forget the dates, Monday and Tuesday September 25th and 26th.

GRAND AND PETIT JURIES DRAWN FOR OCTOBER COURT TERM

County Clerk Anderson and Sheriff George Spivey drew the Grand and Petit Juries for the October term of Court for Harding County, from the big jury wheel last Saturday. The following are the names of the jurors drawn.

GRAND JURY: F. M. Bailey, G.R. Belknap, Ed Weisdorfer, W. E. Carter, J. Coffeen, G.R. Abernathy, J.F. Arnett, John Hornbaker, Jose Leandro Martinez, M.T. Nix, Emelio G. Trujillo, Leonor Pacheco, Pablo Atencio, Ben Sanchez, Ricardo Casados, Bernardo Trujillo, D.M. Finley, Raven Bean, Vidal C. Martinez, Miguel Martinez, Sam Ratcliff, J.M. Johnson, Pedro Padilla, W. C. Wickham, W.M. Amburger and Vicente C. de Baca.

PETIT JURY: Procopio Montoya, W.H. McMinn, R.H. Bentley, L.A. West, N.J. Benson, Candido Urtado, R. S. Porter, Claude Morris, Andres Jaramillo, Santiago Martinez, Damian Crespin, C.F. Leonhard, R.D. Purcell, Alfredo Gonzales, Jose de Jesus Garcia, Jose Arguello, Cictoriano S. Quintano, Wm. Hill, C.W. Jackson, Victor Griego, Santiago Lopez, L.P. Robertson, Tobias de Herrera, Earl Case, M.L. Woods, A.D. Spencer, Emelio Gonzales, T.O. Scott, T.E. Siler and Victor Lucero.

Boyd Leatherman left for Kansas City and Joplin Mo. Thursday where he went on business and will also make a visit to friends in Joplin and Moberly, Mo.

Use Your Telephone

To let us know your wants and we will get them to you when you want them.

We are headquarters for your school supplies, such as books, tablets, pencils, stationery etc. Have your book list ready when you come in so we can wait on you promptly.

Don't forget your tickets--

We will be closed all day Labor Day, Monday, Sept., 4th.

Floersheim Mercantile Co.