

LOCAL POLITICS NOW AT FEVER HEAT; CRISIS OVER TUESDAY NEXT

Political Post Almost Shipping Over, But Conservative Workers Are Advising Caution.

BLAIR, POWERS CONFIDENT

Mayor J. B. Blair says his Campaign Methods Have Brought Nothing in Way of Opposition Except He is Not the Man for the Office.

Politics, locally, is more than warm, if it is hot. Interest in the municipal contest has waxed, both side having won its best and both candidates apparently are satisfied that there is nothing more to be done or said furthering individual interests.

Mayor J. B. Blair is absolutely confident he will be re-elected. He has had personal assurance from so many citizens who were against him two years ago and are with him now that he and his friends are confident that it is all over but the shouting.

Mayor Blair says he has made a clean campaign; he had nothing to say against G. W. Powers except that he "does not believe Mr. Powers would take care of the office of mayor if elected."

Mayor Citizens Want Change.

C. W. Powers says the citizenship of Columbus wants and needs a change. He gives the mayor credit for the town's progress and says that is enough. He does not intimate what conditions he would change, if any, but, pointing to his own record of 18 months as a remarkably successful business man in Columbus, remarks that there has been many complaints and how that Columbus is stepping rapidly into the city class he believes that conditions warrant a "business" administration.

The various candidates for the board of trustees are making a clean contest and so far as the Courier knows there has been no mudslinging nor personal criticism. To be a member of a board of trustees is no honor, and while it is a thankless job, nevertheless a role unmerited criticism without compensation, it is a honor worthy of the ambitions of any citizen. To be defeated for the office does not lessen, in the opinion of any candidate, generally a defeat must be attributed to a lack of preparedness and organization, also a lack of publicity as well as a platform.

The Courier prefers a candidate who says something, who has a platform; one who outlines the city's needs and says "I stand for this or that and if I am elected I will do so and so."

This old board all want your votes for re-election. They believe, and they have a right to believe, that their familiarity with the city's business and especially as they relate to Mayor Blair, made it possible for the city to have a new workable system, that they should, all of them, be returned to complete the work they have started.

Tip to the Voters in Brief.

In this particular election there are nine candidates for the board and four vacancies. The new candidates are to be lauded for seeking honors, and the Courier is with them as far as the ambitious effort is concerned, but the Courier is presumed to be neutral as far as possible and it is up to the voters to decide the merits of this or that candidate.

The Courier is for the successful business man every time against an unknown or less successful man and the reason should be apparent to all.

IF A CITIZEN IS SUCCESSFUL IN HIS VOCATION—PROFESSIONAL OR MERCHANTILE—IT DOES WITHOUT QUESTION THAT HE WILL CONDUCT THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS SUCCESSFULLY ALSO.

Just to be elected to the board will get the city nowhere.

The old board of trustees, all four of them, are successful, representative business men. While not sought in the conduct of the city's affairs they have tried, on a rule, not to lead a life saying "we like them for the cities they have made."

EVANS, who heads the Municipal League, wrote and conducted the LARGEST automobile concern in Columbus.

TRACY owns the LARGEST oil filling station in Columbus. ERNEST ERANDORF, heading the Citizens' League for trustees, is a

successful real estate man, and an old-time friend.

G. H. McAuley is on the Citizens' board who, Mr. McAuley has never held office and his strength is questionable.

Lewis Reed is young in years, but that is not against him. He is a successful business man, popular, and has a wide acquaintance.

Next comes G. R. Burgenis, an independent candidate. The Courier wanted to say something in his favor, but when questioned, Mr. Burgenis said: "Oh, that's all right, everybody in Columbus knows me. Thank you, just the same. Maybe we, but publicity, printed publicity, always shows results, otherwise there would be no town-let wants to fill."

And J. H. Cox. He is another independent. Well, Mr. Cox is what you would term a mixer; he is popular, he is a planner.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE TRUSTEES

The Board of Village Trustees met in special session with Mayor J. B. Blair presiding and Trustees A. J. Evans, Wm. Klein, H. O. Tracy, J. H. Blair, and A. Frederickson present. Motion by Trustee Evans and seconded by Tracy that S. A. Heinrich's resignation as policeman be accepted. Motion carried. The vote:

- A. J. Evans Yes
Wm. Klein Yes
H. O. Tracy Yes

The following bill was presented: S. A. Heinrich, services as policeman for March. \$25.

Motion by Trustee Evans and seconded by Tracy that the above bill be allowed and a warrant issued for the same. Motion carried. The vote:

- A. J. Evans Yes
Wm. Klein Yes
H. O. Tracy Yes

George I. Chip's application for position was read and referred.

There being no further business, the trustees adjourned.

J. B. BLAIR, Mayor. EDWIN G. DEAN, Clerk.

FLORIDA WELL DOWN 80 FEET, MUCH ENTHUSIASM

The Clark well north of Columbus is now 80 feet into the earth and the drilling is proceeding with all possible speed. Nothing unusual in the way of formations have been encountered. There is a constant casing on the track and under control. Manager Clark is attending strictly to business and his hopes are high. Many visitors are at the well daily and the stock is strong.

The Valley Oil Company has no news to report. Negotiations with private parties looking to the completion of the well are still on and news—good news—may be expected any day.

RAY GRAYSON, WELL KNOWN IN COLUMBUS, WINS \$2500 SUIT

In a civil suit tried before Judge Edwin Nechem in the Grant county district court, the past week, Ray Grayson, well known in Columbus and Luna county, was given a judgment against Meera and Evans for \$2,500. The defendants gave notice of an appeal to the state supreme court. Grayson sued for \$10,000, claiming this sum as a commission for services alleged to have been rendered in connection with the purchase by Meera and Evans of the Red River cattle and ranches in Socorro county. The hearing of the suit occupied several days.

JAMES LEE WALKER MEETS A QUICK DEATH

James Lee Walker, aged 73 years, and formerly of Virginia, was stricken with cerebral hemorrhage early Tuesday morning at the home of his son, Paul I. Walker, and died a short time afterward.

Mr. Walker has resided in Columbus for the past four months. He leaves four children, Louis Walker, M. Pleasant, Texas; Mrs. R. L. Shomet, Naples, Texas; Paul I. Walker, of this city and W. C. Walker, Wichita Falls, Texas.

The body was removed to the E. R. Higo Funeral Home and from there taken to El Paso where it will be interred beside that of his wife in Evergreen cemetery.

CAMPAIGN RUMOR REFUTED BY FACTS

The present board of trustees claim it has been rumored around Columbus that they had forced various "successful" candidates to be placed on the Citizens' ticket, the candidates claiming they had not authorized it. The Citizens' League has written announcements with the village clerk specifically stating they were running on a citizens' ticket. This may easily be substantiated by calling at the clerk's office.

The Courier this week is a day late in publication owing to moving the office and equipment. In the future the Courier will be issued on Thursdays.

STATE NEWS PARAGRAPHED

Farmington ships 300 stacks of hay.

Success means to resume operations.

Silver City is having highway construction.

Quincy county gets two more road projects.

Women of Eddy county to vote in primary.

Turkeymen to have down town park soon.

Denton—Betting for oil resumed at old well.

Klovick has big percentage of home owners.

Leidinger oil is prepared to go down 1,000 feet.

Eastern capitalists take lease on Leidinger mine.

Carlsbad—Crawford hotel gets energy of 25 rooms.

Las Alamos county to see large acreage of wheat.

Girls to make effort to get on bankhead highway.

High winds play havoc with oil derricks near Carlsbad.

Boon farmers to plant 1,000 acres cotton under contract.

Santa Fe—Road to Pledge cannot be so greatly improved.

Santa Fe—Bishop's lodge gets \$20,000 in improvements.

Lordsburg to ship purest sugar, freight rate reduced.

Trinidad mine gets contract for 16,000 tons maintenance ore.

Pecos valley gets big strain to be installed at pumping plant.

Roswell—Fifty-eight students enrolled at tractor school here.

Las Cruces to exhibit film of Mesilla Valley throughout the east.

Silver City—Great interest in radium strike in White Signal district.

Warren manganese plant getting out 10,000 tons southeast of Del Rio.

Building boom on at Carlsbad with quarter million paving project.

Fruit growers of Pecos valley endeavor to get as freight rates are raised.

Over 100 sections of De Baca land filed on in work under new leasing bill.

White Rose—Company formed with \$500,000 capital to drill for oil near here.

Silver City—Socorro county assumed through loss of its oil possibilities.

Lordsburg—Stumphreys company shipping large quantities flour year over.

Hon. Isidore Arvizu assumes management of Tule Valley News and La Revista.

La Madras—Work on new railroad to lumber camp on Volcanic creek under way.

Roswell—Will drill six wells on 40,000 acres in Rio Arriba county; buildings erected; five carloads of machinery for Socorro county.

Santa Fe—The commercial wire industry which is just opened up in New Mexico promises to be one of most extensive of its kind in the United States.

Roswell—Midcontinent Company of Kansas City has 100,000 acres under lease in New Mexico and will spend \$1,500,000 in effort to produce oil in this state.

Turkeymen—With openings in two new wells recently at Eufida and Dripping Springs, five deep test wells are under way in Wyny county and five more just outside of the county.

Hatchville—Little Hatchel Mining company rapidly moving headway. Camp is growing and ore being produced every day. Working force will be increased assuring considerably larger output.

FISH GET BOLISHED WHEN HOUSE IS EMPLOYED INTO RIVER AT E. LAS VEGAS

East Las Vegas, N. M., April 1.—Fossil hunters have a strong argument in what occurred to some venturists and misguided fish in the Rio Gallinas. Deputy United States Marshal Fred Delgado of Santa Fe, a half hour previously had dumped into the Gallinas the contents of 100 barrels and kegs of scalded cider condemned by the government. The fish, which, appropriately to the events which subsequently followed, were of the "sour" type, gradually drifted in the nature that floated down the Gallinas and performed the air for a distance of two weeks. The mixture was made up of water, and about 6 per cent alcohol cider. It was not long until the fish began to show signs of animation. They floated all about the shallow pools, some shortly thereafter they began to grow drowsy. A small boy came along with a basket and picked the fish out of the pools by their tails. He got twenty-five. This reminds him a fish story, which, indeed, it is. But it is true, as Marshal Delgado is willing to swear. Here is the big question in connection with the affair: If 6 per cent, mixed with a whole river filled with water and mud, will get the goats of a bunch of fish, whose chief occupation in life is drinking, what effect would it have had upon a man, who, so matter what his thirst, must sleep drinking occasionally in oil or kerosene? The cider was confiscated from the warehouse of R. P. McGuire. Most of it, he believed to be a firm in Nashville, Tenn.

COLUMBUS ONE OF THE BEST MANAGED CITIES IN NEW MEXICO

Some time ago the Courier published in full the report of the auditor sent here by the Taxpayers' Association of New Mexico. The report as published at that time was a news item, and was not printed for political effect. Neither is this item. The report was a statement of fact and figures and proved that this little city was one of the most economically managed municipalities in the state. The report showed the city treasurer had several thousand more dollars on deposit than when the present administration took charge. The report was a credit to Columbus and the administrative officers.

HILLSBORO TO HAVE BRAND NEW HOTEL

Hillsboro, April 1.—Del Oro hotel company has just been organized to build a \$300,000 hotel. The leaders in the movement are Charles A. Anderson, A. Wolford, L. G. Talbott, W. G. Hammet, John A. Dye, Lee Nations, John A. Dinsinger, D. M. Miller, T. H. Byrne and W. H. Simcoe. An architect will be employed at once to draw plans and specifications. There is strong belief in a hotel at this time when development is becoming so general in Bernal county. The new hotel will also not Hillsboro on the transcontinental route and bring many tourists through this section.

RANCHMAN GETS LOAD OF SHOT IN HIP, RESULT OF ARGUMENT OVER A FENCE

Clayton, N. M., March 30.—Jake Troesch, a ranchman near here received a load of shot in his hip from an argument over a line fence last week. Troesch went to the home of H. H. Busby with a club and started an argument over the fence between the two farms. Busby entered the house and took down his shot gun and as Troesch started to run Busby fired, the entire load entering the horse man's hip. Troesch was brought to the Hopo hospital and Busby at once gave himself up to Sheriff Sutton, and is awaiting a hearing at the county jail.

Webb—Noted.

Married, at the home of Rev. W. E. Foulks, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Miss Ruby Webb to George Notland, both of Columbus, N. M. The happy couple will leave in a few days for Kentucky to make their home.—Deming Graphic.

NOTICE.

County Liberty Bonds of the second and third issues should be exchanged for permanent bonds. We shall be glad to perform this service for you without charge, and suggest you bring your bonds at once. COLUMBUS STATE BANK.

COLUMBUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL HOLD BANQUET WEDNESDAY

The Social gathering night for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce is next Wednesday evening.

Marriage License.

Edna Bell 23, and Leon Reed, 27, both of Columbus.

KID SWANSON AND DAL HAWKINS MEET IN 24TH INF. ARENA

Main Event Saturday Afternoon Helden Swanson a Top Notcher; Both Fit as a Fiddle.

LIEUT. WHITE HAS GOOD CARD

All Contests Have Trained Fidelity and a Broad-Breaking Card is Expected; Card Presented by Athletic Office White, With Wrestling Through It, is One of the Best Ever; 24th Band Will Be There; Other Notes.

Columbus and Camp Forting are covered with placards announcing boxing and wrestling at the arena in Camp Forting Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Athletic Office White offers a bill which even if the contestants in the main event are not world beaters, at least one of them, Kid Swanson, is at present the best of the 24th. He has been coming fast and his last time out, when he trimmed Ralph Rogers, has boosted his name until there is nothing in the camp or Columbus good enough and if he gets the decision over Helden, it is there for the big events and the big money. They will go in rounds and weigh in at 134 pounds.

In the original Fighting Field and Bullion Business will come together for six rounds and these two boys might leave the fans on their feet all the time.

Bullion Busby was to go on in the curtain raiser, but he has had a bad hand which he received in the Callaway bout last Saturday and a dark horse will be substituted. That good little horse, Joe White of Company G, will take on the unknown.

Lieutenant White shows his versatility by putting on as an add-on attraction two good wrestlers, A. Holmes, border champion of Colorado, D. H. King, border champion, Admission prices will be the usual \$1 and \$2.

WHEELER AND SPEEDBALL HAYDEN HAVE CLASSY DRAW

Speedball Hayden, middleweight champion of the border, and Frank Wheeler, the two clearest exponents of the glove game of their weight in the southwest, battled the furious rounds in a draw last Saturday afternoon at the Columbus Athletic Club.

Almost an equal in glove work the two exchanged punches evenly during the entire distance, the contest being interspersed by brilliant shifting, accurate counterpunching and splendid footwork. Hayden prevailed in speed and his superior footwork punches during the contest. His best blow, a short right hook to the jaw and eye, started a small flow of blood from Wheeler's cheek in the fifth round, but he swayed up matters by heavier punching, one of his blows in the eighth round staggering his opponent.

Prospector J. H. Johnson, who handled the contest, stated Saturday afternoon that he intended to rematch the boys within 48 hours next month for a return meeting over the fifteen round rule. Such a contest would undoubtedly prove one of the biggest attractions of the year and would settle the question of supremacy between the two classes.

Briggs Shows Class

E. Briggs, the classy youth from E. Company, was no match for Babe Cabell. Cabell looked like a winner at the start and he should have won accordingly if he could have landed any of his terrific wallop-punches after his recovery from an accidental blow. Had Briggs' nose, eye and shins been ducked like Kid Ross could he beat Cabell fighting the dr. Briggs has a left jab and right and reach from now on should be noticeable.

BATTLE ROYAL ON APRIL 12 AT COLUMBUS ATHLETIC CLUB

Prospector Johnson has named up Fred Hilder, Wright and Helden Swanson for Sunday night, April 12. This will be the third night fight in a long time and, best of all, there will be a five-man battle royal. As every one knows this will be a serious and alone worth the price of admission.

Billy Brewer After Wright

In a letter to Promoter Johnson of the Columbus Athletic Club, Billy Brewer says: "I will make 100 pounds at 2 o'clock for wrestling. Wright any time, and I can't lose your Columbus way any time you please. If you can get Wright in shape, let me know. You'll need sharp eyes, but will be in a better shape the day or night of the fight. I'll be fit as a fiddle."

Billy Brewer is the champion welterweight of Texas, having fought Fort Worth.

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PLAN HEALTH RESORT AT NEW MEXICO HOT SPRINGS

Los Cruces, N. M., April 1.—A large party of El Pasoans visited the Hot Springs at Fort Selden and Palomas last Sunday to make an investigation of the possibilities at locating large health resorts at these places. The local chamber of commerce has just completed a survey of both pieces at the request of the interested parties. The Hot Springs are on the east side of the Rio Grande and close to the railroad.

PHIL HOFFMAN DIES IN DEMING HOSPITAL

Philip Hoffman of Columbus, who formerly was in the employ of Capita and Sun and The Banner, died at the hospital in Deming Wednesday. He had been in Philadelphia for some time. Hoffman was a well known around Columbus, and residing as a clerk. For the last six months he has been ailing and his death was not unexpected.

Funeral services will be at the Chamber of Commerce room on Wednesday evening, April 7. "It sells as because it excels so."—See next week's ad explaining what that is.

CASE NO. 13436; BREAKS ARM CRANKING UP FORD

Carlsbad, N. M., March 30.—Richard Gonzalez, 16 years old, son of Salinas Gonzalez, of White Oaks, broke his arm Saturday morning while cranking his father's Ford car. The boy was brought to the Padon hospital where the injured arm was given surgical attention.

A. E. Evans of the Ford agency in this city, in commenting on the above, said that in a short time such accidents will be rare. "You know, I am selling self-starting Fords now."

AUTOMOBILE BLOWS UP; CHILD BURNED

Clayton, N. M., April 1.—The automobile belonging to Bud Egan was completely destroyed by fire last Wednesday night caused by an explosion while gasoline was being pumped into the car. The three children of Mr. Egan were standing nearby when the fire started and the wind scattered the gasoline over their clothing. Two of them escaped with slight burns and one, a small boy, was badly burned about the head. Mr. Egan received a severe burn on his hand, while leaving the burning clothes from his children.