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## ARE ESTABLISHING HOMES

**Immigrants from Indian Territory and Oklahoma are Finding Homes and Making Entries.**

## THEY TELL THE NEWS THAT THEY ARE WELL PLEASED

Just before going to press we learn that twenty or more of the party of thirty, arriving here the first of the week from the Indian Territory have taken homesteads and are getting ready to build homes and become citizens of Quay County. These people arrived in an opportune time as immigration is going to be heavy in the coming spring. Our Commercial Club is corresponding with people in every section of the country who are looking to the great southwest for homes, and many of them are getting acquainted with the splendid opportunities awaiting them in sunny New Mexico. Quay County can take care of a great many of them and Tucumcari is in the heart of the best part of New Mexico. So let every citizen put forth his best effort to assist people who want to secure homes in our county to find desirable lands.

The following parties have made homestead entries this week before U. S. Commissioner N. V. Gallegos:

Media Trimble, W. H. Eller, Bonnie Crawford, Lycurgus Crawford, Oscar Crawford, Sam Fawcett, W. L. Poynor, M. C. Poynor, J. R. Perry, J. M. Scott, A. S. Scott, E. S. Luster, Ada Fairchild, J. B. Shahan, Broken Arrow, I. T.; Amos Watts, James Watts, Coweta, I. T.; Doy Allen, Grove, I. T.; J. M. Collison, Catoosa, I. T.; J. E. Whitmore, A. E. Crump, Tucumcari.

## FAVORS JOINT STATEHOOD

**President Roosevelt Says Agitation Has Been Going Long Enough--Time to Act.**

"I recommend that Indian Territory and Oklahoma be admitted as one state, and that New Mexico and Arizona be admitted as one state. There is no obligation upon us to treat territorial subdivisions, which are matters of convenience only, as binding us on the question of admission to statehood, nothing has taken up more time in Congress during the past few years than the question as to the statehood to be granted to the four territories above mentioned, and after careful consideration of all that has been developed in the discussions of the question, I recommend that they be immediately admitted as two states. There is no justification for further delay; and the advisability of making the four territories into two states has been clearly established.

"In some of the territories the legislative assemblies issue licenses for gambling. Congress should by law forbid this practice, the harmful results of which are obvious at a glance." — Extract from the President's message.

J. J. Hagerman, of Roswell, being asked the question, "How do you feel about the appointment of your son as governor?" gave the Record the following statement: "I am grateful, of course; I believe he will perform the duties of the office acceptably to the people. His hands are free. He has no enemies to punish nor pets to reward."



CHARLES BALLARD, THE ROUGH RIDER.

## THE ROUGH RIDER WHO IS NOT OUT FOR OFFICE

The *Charlsbad Sun* interviews Chas. Ballard as follows, regarding the marshalship of the territory: "There is not enough in it to justify neglecting or selling my ranch, upon which, with ordinary success, I can do better financially, being at home among friends, instead of roaming over a country that I have seen before many times over." Asked about the sheriff's office, he said: "I am not out for office, and do not want office." "But suppose, Mr. Ballard, the people should ask you to go to the council again?" "I hope that some other man may be chosen, as I have had plenty of council and am not wishing for the office."

Mr. Ballard is one among a large number of Rough Riders who is not a politician and who has no desire for office of any kind. He is probably the only Democrat in history who ever refused an office. Notwithstanding all these objections, he is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of New Mexico in both parties, and a gentleman of the old school. He is a personal friend of the President, who has offered to favor him at various times, but he prefers his ranch and home circle to all the offices in the gift of the people. The President and many of his friends wanted him to be U. S. Marshal for New Mexico, but with due regard to all of them, he prefers to ranch. There is only one Charlie Ballard in all the Southwest, but it were better for us if we had more of them.

The President demands economy in public expenditures, the abolishment of useless offices and the introduction of business methods into the various departments of government. Just what New Mexico is promised under the new governor and joint statehood. Half the offices of New Mexico and Arizona will be abolished under jointure, and in the meantime Mr. Hagerman will introduce economy and business methods into the territorial government. — *Roswell Record*.

Fred Walther, the merchant, farmer and stockman of Puerto, was in town Monday. Mr. Walther has decided that there is more in raising thorough-bred stock than for the scrubs, and it takes no more pasture or feed than for the ungraded animals, hence, he is now in the hog business for all it is worth. He received here Monday a thorough-bred Poland China sow from the K. E. Howard farm at Plano, Texas, and will introduce that stock on his farm at Puerto. He is one among many men now in Quay County who believe in the stock-raising business and intend to pursue it for the revenue that is to be derived from it.

We have a number of immigrants from Arkansas this week who brought lumber along with them to build houses on homesteads they contemplate taking. They had evidently been informed that we have a prairie country out here. Notwithstanding the fact that we have broad prairies, we also have large areas of fine lumber which is not only consumed extensively at home but much of it is being exported to outside districts. So when you write back home to the folks some of whom, no doubt, will soon be getting ready to come to the land of sunshine, health and plenty, tell them we can build their houses out here and save them the expense of freighting across two or three states.

Patented homesteads and all sorts of acreage properties are now in demand in Quay County. People are coming here from all parts of the country and taking lands for the purpose of building homes. They are not paupers, either, but a high average of citizenship who are looking for a good climate and valuable agricultural lands in a prosperous community.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

**K. P. Lodge Elects Officers For The Ensuing Term.**

## WILL OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY IN FEBRUARY

At its regular session Wednesday night the K. of P. Lodge elected its officers for the ensuing term. The elections were as follows:

Chancellor Commander, C. C. Davidson; Vice Chancellor, W. J. Hittson; Prelate, Geo. McCarger; Keeper of Records and Seal, K. L. Hunter; Master of the Work, Max D. Goldenberg; Master of Finance, R. R. Donohoo; Master of Exchequer, W. F. Buchanan; Master of Arms, O. A. Mason; Inner Guard, D. Sherwood; Outer Guard, S. N. Brewer.

The Lodge will celebrate the anniversary of the order on February 10th. We have not learned as yet whether a public installation is contemplated in January or not.

## FAVORABLE TO JOINT STATEHOOD

The four territories seeking admission into the sisterhood of states have a staunch and true friend in Representative Hamilton of Michigan, chairman of the house committee on territories. He is the earnest champion, at least, of those who favor the erection of two states out of the four territories.

Mr. Hamilton has re-introduced his statehood bill in substantially the same form it was before the last congress. It provides for two states, one created out of Arizona and New Mexico, and known as Arizona, and one created out of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, to be known as Oklahoma. It contains no provision respecting the regulation of the liquor traffic, that having been an amendment which the senate added to the last statehood bill.

## WHERE TAFT DOESN'T SHINE

Secretary Taft says that all the presents Alice Roosevelt received when she left China wouldn't bring \$150 at an auction sale. Secretary Taft may be a great Secretary of war, but he evidently is not cut out for a newspaper correspondent. — *Rochester Express*.

Go to any town, take up the local paper, read and see who does the advertising in its columns, and then make a canvass of the town and ask the people who are the leading merchants of the place and the best place to trade and see if they don't tell you that the ones you see represented in the local papers are leaders, and why? Look at the records of all our merchant princes, and you will find that they were very heavy users of printer's ink and spent thousands of dollars yearly for advertising. — *Big Springs Herald*.

The Santa Fe Railway Co. is spending \$10,000,000 on the Santa Fe Cut-off, from Texico to Rio Puerco, a distance of 200 miles. The object is to get a shorter route to California, in order to compete with the Rock Island on through freights and passenger traffic.