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## HON. CHAS. A. SPIESS HERE

### Candidate to High Office Passes Through Cimarron

Hon. Chas. A. Spiess of Las Vegas, was one of a party composed of Mr. J. van Houten, Mr. E. J. Dedman, Hon. Frank Springer, and Hon. Chas. Springer who went through Cimarron last week on a special car to Ute Park.

Mr. Spiess gave the Fourth of July address here in Cimarron and is also a candidate for nomination as Delegate to Congress on the Republican ticket. Many of the more influential papers, and scores of the biggest men in Northern New Mexico have announced that Mr. Spiess is their choice for Congressional Delegate, and that they will give to his candidacy their full and unqualified support. Mr. Spiess stated that his candidacy is receiving as much impetus as he had expected it to so shortly after his announcement that he would run for office, and that his friends are very cordial and earnest in his behalf. He seemed to be very optimistic, and was in an undoubtedly good humor.

Mr. Spiess further stated that if he is nominated by the Republican convention, he will enter into the race against the Democratic nominee with every expectation of winning, and thereafter using his utmost endeavors toward the betterment of his constituents regardless of politics, and that the advancement of the interests of what he earnestly hopes to be able to call the STATE OF NEW MEXICO, will be his chief aim and effort. It is the avowed intention of Mr. Spiess, so the Citizen understands, to gracefully submit to the voice of the Republican convention, if he is not its chosen nominee, and to give to the successful candidate every aid in his power, believing as he does in the principles of the Republican party, and believing further that only by a united effort will the Republican candidate be elected this coming campaign.

## WILL LOCATE NEAR HERE

Mr. Tom Donnelly, of Idaville, Ind., who has been visiting in this vicinity for two weeks, has returned home. He will return about Sept. 1 with several of his friends, with the expectation of interesting them in this part of New Mexico. He had only words of praise for our climate and hopes to spend next year here for the benefit of his health.

## WEST TO DECIDE THIS CAMPAIGN

Chicago, July 21.—Chicago probably will be the headquarters of the Republican congressional committee as well as the center of activity for the presidential ticket. A conference of the congressional leaders was held yesterday at the Union League club, and another meeting will be held late in the week.

Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, Congressman William B. McKinley, Congressman Henry C. Loudenslager of New Jersey, and Senator James Hemenway of Indiana, were present and went over the list of states in which the work of the congressional committee will be centered.

It was agreed that the burden of the work will be in the west, and for this reason it was thought advisable that the headquarters of the committee be established in Chicago.

When the conferees return it is probable that an agreement will be reached as to the chairman of the committee to succeed James Sherman, the vice-presidential nominee.

## STEEN LEAVES FOR TRINIADD

Henry Steen, Jr., who has been in the employ of the Cimarron Townsite Co. for the past year, has left for Trinidad where he has a better position offered him. Mr. Steen has not been in the best of health for some little time, and found that the confinement of the office was telling on him. Before leaving he spent a month out in the mountains, and returned much improved. He states that he is in love with Cimarron and will return here as soon as he can possibly do so.

## TEACHERS ELECTED

### Teachers for Cimarron Schools Elected for Ensuing Year

At a meeting of the school directors of District No. Three, in which Cimarron is located, the teachers for the coming school year were elected. There will be only three teachers until the new school building is ready for occupancy but here were over sixteen applications for positions. Miss Mable Ring was the only one of the last year's corps who applied for re-election, and she will be back in her old position next year. Miss Ellis, the last year's principal, will study art in Chicago and Miss Cavanaugh will take the much needed rest her health demands at her old home in Las Vegas.

Mr. Carl R. Pugh, who was elected as principal of Cimarron schools, has been engaged in teaching for some years, having taught in the district schools at Salem, Ind., for two years, acted as assistant principal at Grandin, North Dakota, and last year having been principal of the Sweet schools in the same state. Miss Cornelia Burke, who was a teacher in the Dawson schools last year, was also elected to a position as teacher here in Cimarron. Miss Burke will have charge of what are called the primary grades. As soon as the new building is ready for occupancy, there will be four teachers in the Cimarron schools, but when this will be remains to be seen.

## AUTOMOBILE PARTY WAS THROUGH HERE

Last Saturday afternoon an automobile party passed through Cimarron in two automobiles, driven by Mr. C. F. Remsberg and his son Forest. The party, which was composed of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Remsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Koontz, Messrs. Forest and Walker Remsberg, and Misses Florence and Gertrude Remsberg, had been spending a week or so out on the upper Remsberg ranch west of Ute Park, fishing and camping.

## STRONG FISH YARNS: SHADE OF WALTON! LOOK AT THIS ONE

Winsted, Conn., July 21.—Pete, a lone trout in a deep spring at Wintertgreen, the summer home of the writer at Highland Lake, answers to his name, coming to the surface whenever his name is spoken. He has also been taught to jump out of the water to take worms from a person's fingers.

Pete was one of three trout placed in a small pond fed by water from the spring last summer. He worked his way up the small stream underground into the walled spring during the winter.

Several trout of Pete's size—he is fully ten inches long—have been placed in the spring at different times this season to keep Pete company, but the instant the trout were released in the spring Pete took after them and put them to death. Pete has kept the water free of insects of all kinds as well as frogs.

## GET LAND FOR SCHOOL

### District No. Three Gets Land for School in Cimarron

School District No. Three, in which Cimarron is centrally located, has recently acquired title to the west one-half of Block twenty-eight of the town of Cimarron. This tract of land consists of Lots one to twelve inclusive, and lots twenty-one to thirty-two inclusive, and is almost an ideal location for the new school building which will be erected thereon. In order that the location of this land may be better known, it might be well to say that it is the west half of the block bounded by Collinson and Euclid avenues and Eighth and Ninth streets, the Wilson blacksmith shop being situated on the southeast corner of this same block. In fact there is more than a half block in the newly acquired premises, since it comprises all but eight lots out of the thirty-two, and has a three hundred foot frontage on Ninth street, which is destined to become the main business street in Cimarron.

It will be remembered that the district voted bonds for \$10,000.00 to erect a school building in Cimarron, and the board of directors are now busily engaged in getting things ready for advertising for bids on the construction work. They have the plans and specifications of the fine two-story four class room building which will be either stone or brick. It will be modern in every respect, heated by hot air, and will be so built that another wing can be added at any time that necessity demands. It is to be hoped that the preliminary work of placing the bonds, and such other necessary matters can be completed so that the contract can be let and construction begun within a few weeks.

## RATTLE SNAKE BIT SMALL GIRL

### LITTLE FOUR-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF PEDRO ABILA BITTEN BY RATTLE SNAKE

Last Week, the little four-year-old daughter of Pedro and Mrs. Abila was bitten by a rattle snake. The father, who is working on the ranch of Mr. Chas. Springer, was told by the little child that something that made a noise like a bee and that had no legs bit her on the leg just below the knee. Believing that she was stung by a wasp, he didn't pay much attention to the complaint. But as quickly as he told Mrs. Springer about it, the little girl was at once taken to the Springer home, and medical aid summoned at once. Before the doctor arrived, the child's leg had begun to swell very badly. Handkerchiefs were twisted around the limb above the wound, whiskey was administered, and the father sucked as much of the venom from the bite as possible. On the arrival of the doctor, the wound was lanced and poultices were applied. For a few days the child was at death's door, but the doctor says that thanks to Mrs. Springer's prompt and efficient aid, and the faithful manner in which she had been in attendance upon the little patient, the child is now on the rapid road to recovery unless complications set in.

## DETECTIVE BITTEN BY HOG DIES OF LOCKJAW

Kansas City, July 21.—James McMahan, a well known criminal detective, and for many years proprietor of a private detective agency in this city, died yesterday of tetanus, the result of being attacked and bitten by a hog on his farm, near Leeds.

## SLOCUM TO TUCUMCARI

Mr. F. W. Slocum, who recently opened up a watch repairing shop here in Cimarron, left last Sunday morning for Tucumcari, where he will engage in his chosen business. Mr. Slocum stated that he was not leaving Cimarron for good and all, and as soon as business picks up a little, he will return and again open up a shop. He does not, however, sever all business relations here, but has made arrangements whereby he will continue to look after the Cimarron trade.

## CIMARRON LEADS LIST

### Donates More Cash to Homeless Children than other towns

Rev. W. A. Nicholas, who has been canvassing Cimarron and vicinity in the interests of the Children's Home society whose headquarters are in Albuquerque, stated to a representative of the Citizen that Cimarron headed the list in cash donations to the society. Mr. Nicholas spent the better part of a week in Cimarron and the country immediately surrounding it, and while here, collected more money than he has ever collected from any city regardless of its size. He was very gratified over the results of his visit, and in speaking of the matter said "I have canvassed Deming, Silver City, Tucumcari and other cities much larger than Cimarron, but in none of them have I received as many or as large cash subscriptions as I have right here in Cimarron. I find that your people are greatly interested in the work done by my society and are cheerful givers to the extent of their purses. I have been most courteously received by every one, and have not been made to feel that the donations were grudgingly given. I would far rather be refused outright than to receive a reluctant donation, or to feel that it was given, not for the good of the cause, but merely to get rid of me. I want to thank the people of Cimarron for what they have done, and they have every reason to be proud of the fact that their donations exceed those I have received from any other city regardless of size by about one hundred dollars."

## SWASTIKA TO CHANGE HANDS

### POPULAR HOTEL TO AGAIN CHANGE HANDS.—MRS. MINNIE PEARSON TO TAKE CHARGE

There will be another change in the management of the deservedly popular Swastika Hotel at the last of this month, when Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston and Miss Belle Livingston, who have been running it for some little time past, will turn it over to Mrs. Minnie Pearson. Aside from finding the work connected with the care and management of the hotel too hard, Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston have other plans for the future, and Miss Belle Livingston finds that she is needed at home to help her mother who is not in the best of good health.

Mrs. Pearson, who is an excellent manager and accomplished woman in all matters relative to the conducting and management of a hotel of this high order, will be assisted by her sister, Miss Emma Larson. The general high excellence and high standard the Swastika has maintained in the past, and is now maintaining, will not suffer by reason of the change in the management.

## BALL TEAM DISBANDS

### Base Ball Team Disbands---Could Not Secure Games

The baseball fans of Cimarron will be greatly grieved to learn that the Cimarron baseball team has been disbanded for the season. Cimarron has had a splendid base ball team this year in spite of the fact that it did not come out winner in all games as it did last year. It has not only played in hard luck at times, but it has had better and faster teams to play against than was the case last year. But the fact that it lost a certain per cent of its games had nothing to do with the disbanding. There were several reasons for the act, but the principal reason was that no dates could be arranged with other teams. Several teams in this part of the country have gone to the wall this year, and those that are left have every available date filled up for over two months ahead. Yankee won't play with us, nor could a game be arranged with Raton. Dawson has its dates all filled for over six weeks ahead, and with no one to play, it is useless to keep a team together at a great expense.

The disbanding of the team, however, does not mean that Cimarron is to be without baseball this summer. The boys who composed the team are mostly Cimarron boys having permanent positions here in Cimarron. Out side of the first team, there are a large number of other good material for the baseball field, and already two teams have been organized for the fun of the game. Purely local teams will be picked weekly, and games will be the order of the day each week as heretofore. There will be as much fun connected with these encounters as formerly, but possibly the playing will not be of such a high class as has been witnessed on the local field in the past.

## LIVRAN ADDS PLUMBING

### Will Run Plumbing Department in Hardware Store

Mr. Henry Livran, who has recently started up a hardware store in the Riley block here in Cimarron, will add a plumbing department to his already large store. Mr. Livran has already a hardware and harness repairing departments, and he is now engaged in adding a full line of plumber's fittings and fixtures to his stock. When seen by a representative of the Citizen he stated that he will handle all kinds of pipe and pipe fittings, and will also carry quite an extensive line of fixtures, such as bath tubs, toilets, closets, etc.

Mr. Robert Barr, who has been in the employ of the Cimarron Townsite Co., will be in Mr. Livran's employ as the head of the plumbing department, and he states that he will be ready to handle any plumbing job furnishing all materials necessary in a very short time. Mr. Livran has sent in his orders for his new stock and hopes to have them on hand within a week or so. In addition to the regular plumbing supplies, Mr. Livran states that he will also handle sewer pipes and connections, and that he will be in a position to make sewer connections at almost any time now.

## PUT UP BIG AWNING

The Maxwell Mercantile Co. have recently installed a new canvas awning on the front of their store. The awning extends over the entire front and out over the sidewalk for twelve feet. While the workmen were engaged in putting it up, the heavy affair slipped over the rollers and fell. Fortunately it struck no one in its fall.

## DANCE AT MAKIN HALL.

Last Saturday night a most enjoyable dance was held at the Matkin hall, and in spite of the rain of the afternoon, quite a large crowd was in attendance. Mrs. Matkin presided over the ivory keys and gave her usual bright grade music.

## BIG RAIN AT CIMARRON

### Heavy Down Pour Fills Ditches to Overflowing

The biggest rain of the season hit Cimarron last Saturday afternoon about four o'clock, and for a time it looked as if a great amount of damage was going to be done by the extremely heavy downpour. Luckily, however, there was no wind to speak of, or the storm might have caused great damage. The rain, which lasted about an hour and a half, filled the irrigation ditches to overflowing and the water ran down the streets in torrents. The French irrigation ditch, which runs down between the city park and the depot, was a raging flood, and for a time it was believed that it would take the culverts out all along the line. The water filled the old ditch on Tenth street to overflowing, and in front of the Oxford hotel, it was necessary to pull up the street crossing in order to let the water past and also to save the walk. The Oxford cellar was filled with water, and the depot narrowly missed the same fate.

But aside from these small incidents, the damage done in Cimarron was small, while the good the heavy rain did in Cimarron and the surrounding country cannot be estimated. This rain was the most general rain that has visited this community for some time.

## FINDS MAN IN WIFE'S ROOM; BREAKS IN AND KILLS BOTH

El Reno, Okla., July 21.—James Leusby, a barber, whose true name is believed to be Charles McCain, this morning shot and killed W. T. Woods a grocery clerk whom he found in his wife's room, and then he shot and killed his wife.

Leusby, or McCain, married Rosa Vain in Kansas City six years ago. They came here to live and he left his wife several months ago, going to Claremore, Okla. He returned here a few days ago.

Early this morning he went to his former home and after breaking in the door he shot Woods to death. He then left, returning a few minutes later, killed his wife. He was arrested.

## LIGHTNING GOLD PLATES A MAN'S TROUSERS

St. Louis, July 21.—J. H. Palmer of Kenwood Springs, St. Louis county, yesterday was sitting at a table with a friend when there was a heavy clap of thunder and a blinding flash. A streak of fire leaped through the door and shot across the table. The friend fell backward and was dazed. When he came to Palmer was laughing at him.

"It never touched me," he said. Later he had occasion to look at his watch. It was golden hued no longer. The lightning had oxidized it and it was a dull brownish black. The chain too, was oxidized, and along the line where it had touched his trousers the cloth was a brilliant yellow.