Sierra County Advocate,
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Personal and Local.

Only one occupant in the county jail.

It looks a little premature to see the trees budding out.

There will be quite a number of notable attorneys at court.

A large quantity of new goods arrived in town Wednesday.

Ranchmen are making extensive preparation for spring planting.

Idus L. Fielder, of Deming, arrived in town Thursday evening.

Wanted, in Hillsboro, a good shoemaker. Ask of McGilvray.-1t

It is reported that Georgetown is turning out her usual amount of bullion.

We are short on mining and local news this week on account of sickness.

Several of the men who are always afraid of getting on the jury are in town.

The Mexican pupils in our day schools are said to be making rapid progress in learning.

Mrs. Rhodes, of Lake Valley, was the guest of the family of Mr. Gentz, part of this week.

The rain has lat up and we are now enjoying a section of New Mexican sunshine.

The healthful exercise of horseback riding is a pleasant pastime to many of our youngsters.

June Fuller returned from Las Cruces last week and is enjoying the society of his numerous friends.

Parties sending communications for publication in this paper should mail them so as to reach us Wednesday evening.

FOR SALE—County Warrants.
PERRAULT & GALLES.

In another place we stated that there was only one occupant in the county jail, but have since learned that there are six. Cigars on us.

FOR SALE—A complete sawmill in good running order. For prices, terms, etc., call on PERRAULT & GALLES,
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The new road to be made between Hillsboro and Chloride will open up a large and permanent trade and general interchange of business relations.

Ranchmen, miners and others, would greatly favor us and, to a great extent, benefit themselves, if they would send us the news of stock sales, mines, etc.

The citizens of Hillsboro and surrounding country are invited to "drop in" and see us, look at our office and tell us all you know, it will not cost you a cent. The first visit to a newspaper office that has just started in a town is always free.

The Oklahoma boomers are yet making preparation to invade the Indian domain. General Hatch has ordered a detachment of cavalry to proceed at once to Oklahoma and destroy all improvements on the ranches and arrest the tresspassers.

Let the people of Sierra county vote the cost of a court house in non-assessable interest bearing bonds running a term of years. It is hardly possible that we will have a surplus of money sufficient to meet the demands of our public buildings for several years, and substantial public structures are an unmistakable evidence of the prosperity of a town and county as well as the refinement and enterprise of the people. Such improvements would catch the eye of the home-seeker, too. He would build a home for himself and family in our rich borders and others would join him and the burden of our indebtedness would be light. It is a subject that has just presented itself to us, and may not mention it again for sometime, but hope see it a law.

Mr. Herrin, of Lake Valley, is in town.

Hillsboro can beat the territory for boys and burros.

The postmaster at New York City has 1730 men under his control.

It seems to be generally conceded by the medical profession that General Grant cannot live but a few weeks or months at most. His attending physicians watch every movement of the patient to detect something that may present itself, that a remedy may be applied that will produce relief to the sufferer. No hope is entertained for his final recovery and restoration to a nation saddened by the great calamity.

War rumors created quite a stir on the Chicago wheat exchange, one day this week. Private foreign advices, of a warlike tenor, accompanied in another drop in British consuls, created a very feverish feeling in the wheat market. At the opening in the morning, and at the closing, a decidedly sharp advance had been made in May wheat. It is believed that the end is not yet in the advance of prices in all staple productions.

Portions of South Carolina is passing through the ordeal of a famine. In the mountainous portions of the state it is said to be the worst and has stripped the suffering people of every morsel. Families would start in wagons, and on foot, in the direction of succor. Many of the lifeless bodies of men women and children, were found by the wayside; but few of the many had the strength to reach safety and only then in a perishing condition. Many became insane through the ravings of hunger and sought the fastnesses of the mountains and perished. Charleston has organized relief committees and wagons loaded with the necessaries of life are en route for the scene of suffering.

At the last session of the Arizona legislature a very stringent anti-polyamy bill was passed and duly signed by the governor. The Mormons are fast obtaining a strong foothold in that territory, but the people say they shall not prosper and multiply, It seems to us that New Mexico should make a similar law, while there is yet time to prevent greater cost in enforcing its measures. On the San Francisco river, in the western part of this territory, the Mormons have a flourishing town; rich farms, orchards and gardens. Their missionaries are abroad and the number is being constantly augmented.

From the *Sierra Grande Press* we clip the following: Lake Valley is to-day one of the largest silver producing mining camps in New Mexico. Indeed, it is a great recommendation to any town in New Mexico to be justly designated a "producing camp." Few people can realize the great importance of living in a town which is self sustaining and producing. Only those who have lived in dependent towns where the people of such communities have had to cater to the whims of railroad corporations can thoroughly appreciate living in a "producing" town. Lake Valley is to-day only an infant to what it will be in the near future. Already it bids fair to become the commercial center of Sierra county, and with the competition of a county road from Chloride to Hillsboro, the following towns will draw their supplies from this place, Polomas Kingston, Grafton, Hillsboro and several other points in the county. Our merchants are now furnishing goods cheaper than they can be obtained in Deming, Socorro or Silver City, and as a natural consequence Lake Valley is assured of the trade of the county, which in itself is sufficient to always maintain a good town at this point. In addition to this, mining companies have been established in Topeka and Chicago, to develop their mines at this point, and have already taken active steps in the way of making developments and opening up their properties. The Sierra Grande mines—in honor of which this paper was named—need no recommendation at our hands, suffice it to say they are looking as good, if not better, than ever before. If present indications are any criterion by which to judge, Lake Valley will this spring be the liveliest town in Southern New Mexico.

From the Placers.

PLACERS, Sierra county, N. M.
March 18, 1885.

It is said that "time levels and effaces the grandeur of all things." This is probably true of most things, but I hardly think the yarns spun by an old prospector—especially one who has spent the best part of his life seeking gold, can be included in the category.

Like every other gold camp since the days of '49 in California, the placers has its legends of the fabulous fortunes extracted from her gold fields, and the new comer in camp is expected to sit in open-mouthed wonder while some old argonaut relates with bated breath how bill Redeye or Big Sandy unearthed fabulous riches in a few weeks by working where no one else would think of looking.

But, laying all joking aside, the dry placers have been a godsend to many a poor man in the past, by affording him a grubstake when all else had failed, and at rare intervals, something more. There is plenty of gold left yet, but the rich gulches have all been worked out, and it is more difficult to "catch on" now than formerly.

Could water for sluicing be brought in, bigger fortunes than have ever yet been taken out are yet in the ground.

At present there is water enough to wash with a rocker, but water is scarce at best, and dirt has to be hauled to it.

There are at present about fifty men at work here, about half being Mexicans.

There are three stores open, the principal one being the Placer Store, owned by J. W. Brooks. These are all situated on Grayback gulch, which is said to have received its name sometime in the early history of the camp, when those festive little cusses were very numerous.

The other principal gulches being Dutch, Last Chance, Wells' and Green Horn, the last being very rich in gold, in days past.

The Placers enjoy the distinction of being the oldest mining camp in Sierra county—having been discovered in '76-77, and is the only gold camp in the county

For sometime past there has been a dearth of amusement in the camp, but while there was music to be had the boys would indulge in a "stag" party, there being no ladies in the camp.

Sometime in the future I will give your readers a full description of the camp, of the placer gold; where and how it is found, and also of the quartz veins, both gold and copper, both of latter being very numerous. GREEN HORN.

Kingston.

Interesting Items From the Mining Center of Sierra.

The storm of this week has been heavier in point of rainfall than last week, and all the streams are booming.

The bull and mule teams laid up the latter part of the week. Too much rain, and ore hauling has ceased.

The boys who are attending court at Las Cruces arrived home last Thursday. They would of necessity "register" at Hillsboro, and as they came by the U. S. mail route, and the ADVOCATE caught them there for the remainder of this local.

J. F. Kinkade run the Percha bank during the absence of V. Wallace at Las Cruces, Albuquerque and other points. He looks well behind a pile of greenbacks.

Fred Richardson, Hugh A. Austin and "Pike" Rogers, handled the reins on the Cosgrove stage line during the absence of M. Cosgrove and his efficient staff of drivers.

All is quiet here among the politicians. The rush for office has not yet materialized.

The boys on the Midnight will have two car loads of ore ready to ship this week. This is their first shipments from that mine. The assays run from 100 to 300 ozs. to the ton. This claim lies in the western Belt, lying in a line from the Gray Horse to the Iron King.

Some changes have been made in the working force on the Bullion and Superior during this month, but no reductions.

The Caledonia boys are making preparations to shaft their mine. It shows large and rich ore deposits.

Pay day on the Superior and St. Patrick's days both passed off quietly, and were duly kept by their respective votaries. Pay day in the Bullion and Lady Franklin is rumored to come off the first of the week.

In the show line the boys talk of new arrivals, the "Coon" and the "Cherokee," both working well in harness.

Prospectors come into camp and go out again, daily.

The new strike of Wiims and Kleiner, still shows up well in sulphides, grey copper, &c., in a two foot vein.

Judge Holt and others have bonded the Eclipse.

Those who know say the Iron Clad is one of the best mines in camp. RUMOR.

A Mexican called at this office yesterday and wanted to know if there was a reward of $500 offered for him in our paper, or not. If there was he wanted to see it.

Mr. Gentz had workmen over from Lake Valley the past week making changes and additions about the hotel. A fine plank walk extends the length of the building, and a number of minor improvements made.

Judge Griffin and Mr. Davidson, of Lake Valley, were in our town several days this week:

We are told that Hillsboro is without a physician. To a doctor seeking a new location and in a fast growing town, we think this would prove eminently satisfactory.

Mr. Rhodes, of Lake Valley, whose services as a carpenter seem to be in great demand, made the fine improvements about the Union hotel last week.

The man of all work on this paper has had three agues this week, the same old Missouri kind, and has scarcely been able to go high low. Had their been an alternate about the premises, we would gladly have laid us down and waited till the miasmatic affection had passed over. The contraction of the ague is by no means attributed to the climate of Hillsboro and Pucher creek, but was probably brouht from Sonora, Old Mexico, last summer.

Wanted.

Twenty men are wanted to work on the new county road to be built from Hillsboro to Chloride, via Hermosa. Forty dollars per month and board will be paid. Each man will be required to furnish his own bedding, but tents or buildings will be furnished to sleep in. Payments will be made monthly in county warrants. The work will commence on April 1st. Applicants for work call upon Mr. Pitkin, at Lake Valley. Mr. Gregg, at Kingston; Mr. Winn, at Chloride or, J. M. Webster, county clerk, at Hillsboro. All parties engaged to work must be at Hillsboro on March 30th, 1885. A. E. PITKIN,
Chairman County Commis'rs.

Forfeiture Notice.

KINGSTON, New Mexico,
March 21, 1885.

To L. B. Reed:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has performed the annual assessment work for the year 1884, amounting to the sum of One Hundred Dollars, ($100), upon the Ohio mining claim, situated on the Black Range mining district, county of Sierra, Territory of New Mexico, reference being hereby made to the county records as to date of location and records, etc, and you are hereby notified that unless you pay your proportion of said assessment expended, together with all costs accruing from the publication of this notice within the space of ninety days of the date of this notice, your interest in said mining claim will become forfeited and become the property of the undesigned according to United States Statutes, sec 2324.

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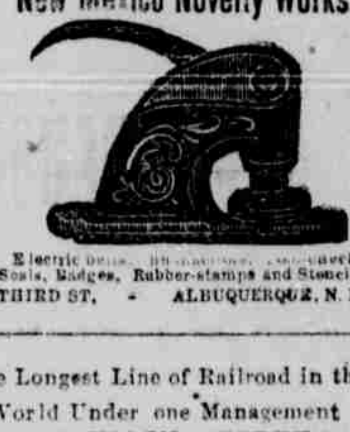

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