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The Caloric Fireless Stoves
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SUGAR BEET EXPERIMENTS PROVE TO BE INTERESTING

Portales Valley is the Natural Home of the Sugar Beet, That's Certain.

S. A. Morrison Has Ten Acres Which Will Easily Yield Thirty-Five Tons to the Acre.

That sugar beets culture will be one, at least, of the larger industries of the Portales Valley is now no longer a matter of doubt or speculation. A thorough and practical test has been made this summer and the results have proven to be more than satisfactory. In every instance where they have been encouraged at all they have not only made good, but have done so much better than anyone had any reason to hope they would do, that to say the sugar beet people were pleased would not begin to tell the extent of the all pervading satisfaction which permeated their whole being. They were enthusiastic, hilariously enthusiastic, over the valley as a sugar beet producing country. And their exuberance of spirits was not wholly without foundation, either. For example, Mr. S. A. Morrison, cashier of the Portales Bank and Trust company, has a little patch of ten acres that would be difficult to beat in any man's country. They were planted in May in ground that had only this spring been converted from sod to fallow land, were watered only three times during the season, and, according to the estimates made by experts, this piece of land will grow, this year thirty-five tons of sugar beets per acre. Nor is this the only place where beets have made a good showing. Judge Lindsey has about five acres which will yield, at least, twenty-five tons per acre, the Garden City, Kansas, people have about forty acres which has, under ex-

treme difficulties, made a wonderful growth and an excellent showing. Now if quantity, alone, was the only consideration, we would have a mighty good thing, but in point of quality, we are informed by the best authorities, men who have devoted the best years of their life to this industry, that we have the best beets, those which contain the most saccharine matter, of any place in the west. These expert soil men told us that our soil was peculiarly adapted to this product and this experimental test that has been given the past summer has entirely and conclusively proved that they were correct in their deductions. In this connection it might be well to prognosticate, not about the weather, but it will be safe to say that within the next two years Portales will have two beet sugar factories and the Lord, Himself, only knows how many people. J. H. Thrasher, field agronomist for the Garden City beet sugar people, was in town today from the place of S. A. Morrison just west of town where he has his sugar beets. Mr. Thrasher had several mighty fine looking specimens of beets which he had pulled from this patch, some of them weighing as much as four pounds. Mr. Thrasher says that they are due to grow at least thirty days longer, at which time, he believes he can show us some record breakers.

Leon Smith Hurt.

Pen Carr brought word to town Monday morning that Leon Smith had been thrown from his horse and hurt at the H— ranch. Headed by Charley Duncan in Coe Howard's car several men went to the ranch and after looking thoroughly for the boy could find him nowhere. His horse was found with a rope around its neck. Miss Corlie, his sister, would not give up the search and happening to be going through a corn field below the house, found her brother among the corn. He had been thrown from his horse when attempting to mount and one side of his face was all bruised and swollen. One of his shoulders were hurt as well, though not seriously. When found he was still to a certain extent unconscious but after being taken to the house and nursed by loving hands he was soon alright except for slight bruises.

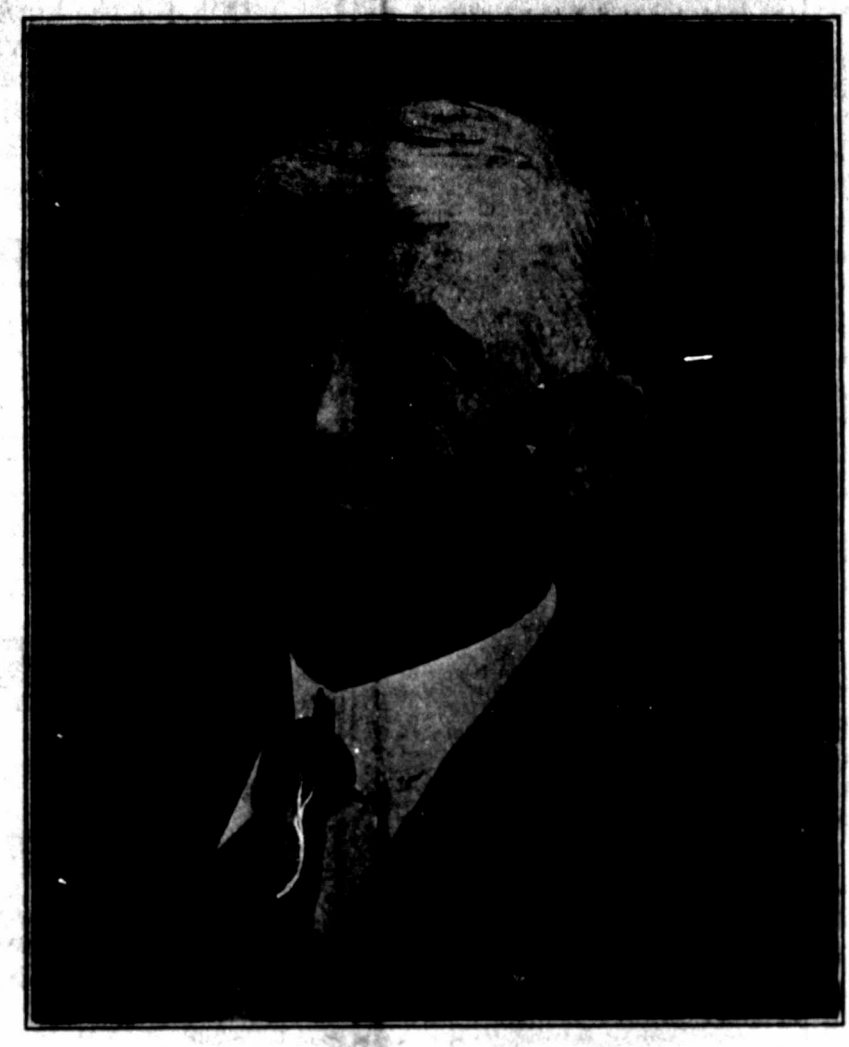
Judge George L. Reese left Monday for Santa Fe, New Mexico, to attend the session of the supreme court. Judge Reese has two or three important cases to argue before this tribunal.

For Sale—My five acre home. \$5,000.00. Terms.
JOHN R. HOPPER.

Prominent Attorney Here.

Tom Turner, one of Amarillo's most prominent attorneys, is here this week, looking over our irrigated lands. He is an old time Panhandler and has passed through all of Amarillo's booms. When asked why he was down here he gave as his reason that from Amarillo, east, all the country was talking of this valley and that after coming down here and seeing what we have that he doesn't blame them. He predicts a greater boom for this valley than Amarillo has known. He seems to know and is in a position to know, that this boom is gradually getting ripe and will burst before we are aware of its presence. He is here to get in on the ground floor and since he has the wherewithal to get in, I expect you will hear of him buying more than one piece of our land. He says that he is not the only Amarillo man that will be here, several are coming at once and others will follow soon. Welcome Amarillo and all others who care to invest in a safe proposition. We can do you good.

Rosell Culberson who has been in California the past year returned to Portales Sunday. He left Tuesday for Crosbyton, Texas.



JUDGE WILLIAM R. MCGILL

With the advent of statehood, new duties and new obligations are assumed by the novice, duties and obligations that present many grave responsibilities, and among the most important of these new duties is the selection of our representatives in congress. Coming, as he will, from a state never before represented by a congressman, he will be in a peculiarly trying position. The members from the older states will view him with mixed feelings—some, possibly, with curiosity, and all with more or less doubt as to whether or not the new state was qualified to fill her new position in the American sisterhood. In looking about for the one man best qualified for this exalted position Judge William R. McGill appears to be the one brightest star in the political firmament, the one whose horizon is undimmed by any political chicanery and unmarred by any black clouds of misdeeds or dishonesty. Whose whole life has been an open book, so simple in its homely honesty and integrity that he who ran might read. Judge McGill is a self made man in the truest sense of the word; born and reared on the plains of Texas, in the days when to be a man meant to be one to whom fear was a total stranger and in whose vocabulary the word cowardice had never been printed. Taught from his earliest recollections that to be dishonest was not only disreputable but was worse than cowardly, he early in life became obsessed with an intense loathing for everything that was not open, frank, fearless and honest, as was taught in the code of morals of that day and age and that intense hatred of hypocrisy and demagoguery has followed him through his early manhood and now, in his mature years, abides with him with all the vigor and energy with which it permeated his younger days. His Democracy is like the rock of Gibraltar, unyielding and uncompromising in its principles. He may compromise a detail, but never a principle.

So much for the personal character of Mr. McGill. We now come to his ability as a statesman and his fitness for the position for which we here and now place him in nomination. And right here and now the Herald man wants to state that the judge is the only man in this new state in whose nomination it will endeavor to take a personal interest. In all the other contests we shall be as neutral as human nature will permit. This writer has known the subject of this sketch long and well and will stand sponsor for all his political acts. As to his ability to fill this position, we point you with no little pride, to the superhuman accomplishments of the "Big Four," McGill, Ferguson, Hand and Jones, in getting relief, from the excessively oppressive provisions of our iniquitous constitution, prepared and adopted by the four arch corporation members of the constitutional "plunderbund" which recently met and swallowed the nauseous dose prepared for them. These four delegates, McGill, Ferguson, Hand and Jones, selected by the territorial Democratic committee, performed a herculean task. They accomplished in a few days what the Republicans had been promising to do for forty years. They converted a barely possible chance of statehood into an accomplished fact, and that, on much better terms than we at that time had any right to expect. They brought the various warring factions together despite the violent opposition of Mr. Andrews and his Republican associates with which he had surrounded and fortified himself for the conflict which he had seen was inevitable. They showed the American congress that the constitution as submitted was an impossible one, and numerous members of both houses had absolutely refused to vote for the admission of a new state burdened with such a corporation ridden document. Judge McGill and associates wrote the Flood resolution and they secured the requisite number of votes in each house to carry it, Mr. Andrews and followers, to the contrary, notwithstanding. That he is just as able, just as willing, just as staunch and just as energetic now as he was then, there can be no doubt, consequently we feel that of all men Judge William R. McGill, of La Lande, New Mexico, is not only the one logical candidate, but the one best qualified for New Mexico's first member of congress, and we here and now place him in nomination and pledge him that we will work early and late for his nomination and election, confident that the old ship of state will never come to grief with him as our standard bearer.

Old Timer Loses Money.

W. H. Jones, from Weatherford, Texas, this week closed a deal through W. O. Dunlap, whereby Mr. Jones becomes the owner of 320 acres of what is known as the Briscoe section seven miles from town. Mr. Jones is a brother-in-law of T. V. Denton, and evidently Mr. Denton, who has been here several years, is satisfied with the country or his brother-in-law would have never invested in land right by the side of Mr. Denton.

This land is in the medium water belt and has never been considered as irrigable land, however, Mr. Jones says he has found a snap other people have been overlooking and that he will immediately begin to improve with view to irrigation. When he develops this land a little more and has the "frog toddy" flowing over it, he will then realize that he owes T. V. Denton more than a thank you for keeping other people away from this land until he was able to buy it. He bought it for a song, \$3200. Mr. Briscoe will realize that he has lost about \$40.00 per acre by selling this land now and he will realize this in less than one year.

Flower Contest.

Report from the flower contest committee of the Woman's club: Mr. Graham Bryant proffered the use of his automobile with himself as driver, to the ladies of the Womens' club on Friday, August 11th, when Miss Bryant and Mesdames Wollard and Monroe visited the garden of Jewel Leeper, near Floyd.

The trip was a delightful one and the ladies congratulate themselves upon having had the opportunity to visit so many beautiful and attractive places in their capacity as judges in the flower contest.

The young people have shown remarkable energy in keeping their flower beds free from grass and weeds during the dry, hot days and many have been rewarded by a profusion of blossoms. Some of the gardens show artistic taste in their arrangement, and landscape gardening may be expected in the future if the study is encouraged. The contest closes this month, and the prizes will be awarded at the opening of the Woman's club in September. REPORTER.

Santa Fe To Build Depot.

Our old friend, R. L. Weber, dropped in on us unexpectedly today and reports everything doing nicely at Roswell. He expects that his work there will keep him in this country practically the rest of this year. His mother has been visiting him from New York for the last two weeks and is now returning after a pleasant trip here via steamer to Galveston and a very enjoyable stay in the Pecos Valley. Mr. Weber will be here for a day or two looking after his interests here.

C. H. Rittenhouse has contracted for the preparation of the ground and the seeding of eighty acres of alfalfa on the place formerly owned by Langdon Gregg. Mr. Rittenhouse has always had an abiding faith in the future of Portales Valley and his faith has been of that practical character which so appeals to every man jack of us. His time and his money has always been at our command and he has ever been a cheerful booster for our town and country. You are on the right track, C. H. more power to you.

Elida Loses A Good Citizen.

A. A. Keith, for the past year or two cashier of the First State bank of Elida, has resigned and moved to Bayfield, Colorado, where he has accepted a position as cashier of the Farmers and Merchants bank of that place. The people of Bayfield and especially the management of the bank, are to be congratulated upon securing Mr. Keith as a citizen and also in having him in charge of their leading financial institutions. Mr. Keith is not only a thoroughly good banker, but he is a thorough gentleman in everything the word implies. Also he has a very estimable family which will be a welcome addition to the society of their town. Mr. Keith was checked out Monday by Messrs W. O. Oldham and Ed. J. Neer, who found everything as it should be and in first class condition. They report that under the active administration of Mr. Keith, the First State bank has made rapid advancement in the matter of business, and state that the bank is in much better shape than it has been before, and that is saying a great deal too. Elida loses a good business man. Mr. Keith was also well and favorably known by a large number of people in Portales who will be sorry to learn of his departure, but who will ever wish him success.

Dragged To Death.

Roland Propps, the 10-year-old son of one of the helpers with the Stone Vaughan Land and Cattle Company was thrown from his horse and dragged to death last Sunday morning, about sixty miles south of here.

Young Propps, with several other boys, had gone out to help butcher some calves for the coming round-up and he had gotten a short distance away from the rest, when, of a sudden they heard a scream and glancing around, saw the boy dangling at end of his own lariet with his horse going at breakneck speed. Henry Smithes was the first to catch up with and stop the horse, which he did by throwing him, and life was then extinct in the boy.

No one will ever know how it happened. Some think the boy was twirling the lariet to throw when it caught around his neck, and, something scaring the horse at the time he jumped, and the boy not expecting the jump and being busy untangling the rope, fell with the rope around his neck. Others think that the horse threw him and accidentally the rope caught around his neck as he was falling. The first seems the more probable of the two ways as the last might not happen once in a thousand times. He was buried at Causey Monday afternoon.

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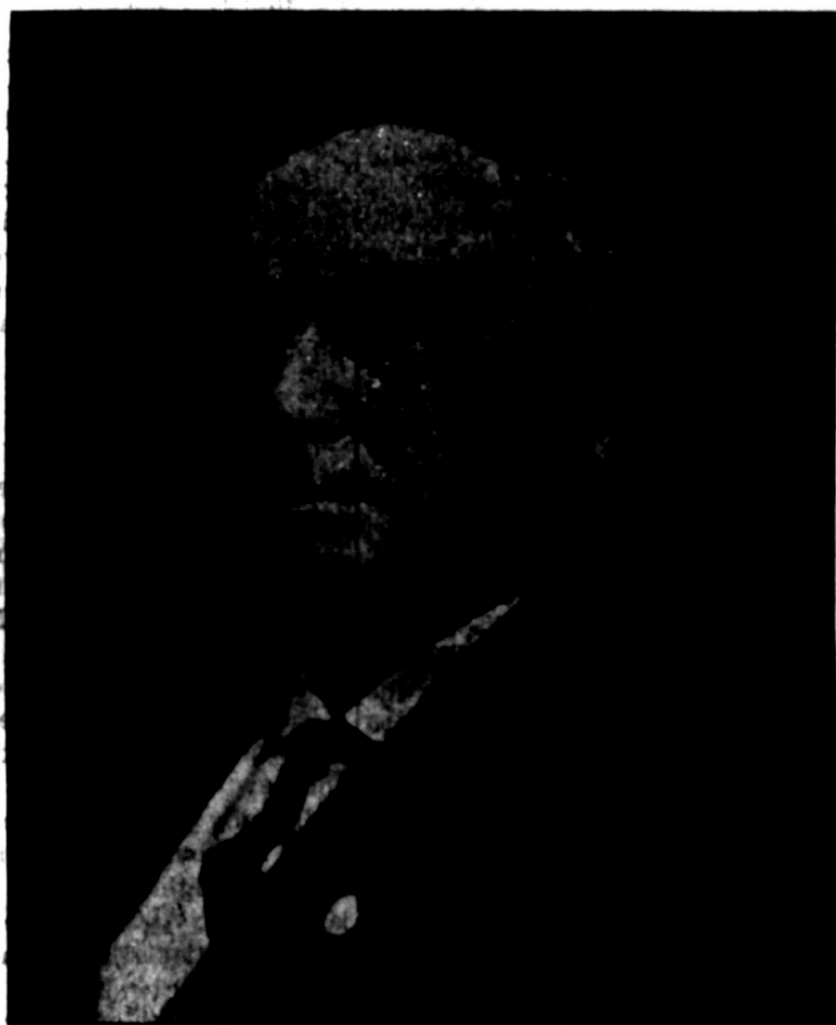


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ANNOUNCEMENT TO DEMOCRATIC VOTERS:

As I am a candidate, and you are a voter, interested in the character, ability and fitness of your public servants, and believing that under our form of government the people have a right to know what those who offer their services to the public stand for, what they intend to do and how they propose to do it, I submit for your consideration the following:

I have been actively engaged in the practice of the law for more than twenty-five years, and invite a thorough investigation as to my ability as a lawyer and my character as a man.

I believe in the principles of the Democratic party, and have an abiding faith in its present and future usefulness.

I believe that a public office is a public trust, and that a District Judge is nothing more than a public servant.

I believe that the District Court should be conducted solely and exclusively for the benefit of litigants, and that the expense of litigation should be and can be reduced to the minimum by a careful, practical and common sense arrangement of Court business.

I believe that a District Judge should strive only to know what the law is, without any regard to what he thinks it ought to be, and what the facts are, and in the light of the law and facts, administer justice, speedily, fairly and impartially.

I believe that unnecessary delays in litigation often times result in the miscarriage of justice.

I believe that every litigant and every lawyer should stand on the same footing and on the same level in the courts of justice.

I believe that the criminal laws are made to be enforced, and the duty of securing speedy, fair and impartial enforcement of the same, rests largely upon the courts.

I believe that the Legislature should change the times of holding Court in this Judicial District to the end that the convenience of litigants may be better served.

I believe in the doctrine of nominating elective officers at primary elections, so that every voter may have an equal voice in their selection, and that it is the patriotic duty of every good Democrat to acquaint himself with all the candidates and then attend the primaries and express his choice.

If nominated and elected District Judge, I pledge my honor, to the best of my ability, to put into practice the foregoing principles.

JOHN T. McCLURE,

Roswell, New Mexico, August 23rd, 1911.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF IRRIGATION STATIONS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Irrigation Investigations.

MESA, Ariz., August 14th, 1911.

Judge Lindsey, President Portales Irrigation Co.,
Portales, New Mexico.

Dear Sir: I take pleasure in handing you herewith the substance of my address to your company relative to the water resources of the Portales Valley, also my remarks relative to the feasibility of irrigation of your lands from the underground water resources.

The land being generally level and having a favorable slope of from 9 to 20 feet per mile, will lend itself perfectly to irrigation.

The soil here as in many of the valleys in New Mexico, consists of an alluvial fill, deposited by surface flows or rivers, and in character varies from that of red sandy loam to clay loam, though the latter occurs in limited portions.

The depth of soil varies from 6 to 15 feet and generally underlying the alluvial fill is a stratum of gypsum formation which, while soluble, will act as an excellent conservator of moisture and prevent a rapid percolation of moisture to the underflow.

In the Valley where irrigation has been employed to a small extent by pumping from wells, the yield in alfalfa has been quite remarkable, a ton to the acre having been cut in one instance. Other varieties of crops have shown a yield which demonstrates that the soil is of a character free from properties injurious to plant life.

The remaining formation to the normal water plane consists of clay loam, sand and gravel thence continuing to a depth of 100 to 150 feet in sand and gravel when in certain instances a shallow layer of clay is encountered, after which a second stratum of water bearing material is penetrated but of a coarser nature. The succeeding strata when penetrated show an artesian tendency which causes the water to somewhat above the normal water plane. It is not improbable that an artesian flow would result if well were drilled to rise some considerable depth, of in the case of Artesia where the general condition as regards alluvial formation is similar and many thousands of acres of land are irrigated from artesian wells, requiring no pumping. The cost of such wells would, however, be prohibitive on account of their depth, as is evidenced by the well drilled within the town of Portales, and in which the water raised several feet.

The Valley of Portales, as defined by sand hills on either side, includes an area some 30 miles long and six miles wide running N. W. and S. E., or 115,000 acres of excellent agricultural land.

While the sandhills north and south mark the confines of the Valley, they do not limit the underground body of water to this Valley, the water-bearing formation being similar south and east into Texas.

It is not improbable that the Brano river and the Canadian river in the north, had as its channel at one time the district east of Quay and Roosevelt counties, and thus deposited much of the sand and gravel now forming the river beds in this section. Whatever may be the sources contributing to the underflow in the Portales valley, those having a definite and known value only may be considered and the best known reservoirs for the catchment and storage of water are sand hills or dunes.

On the north and south of the Portales Valley are many square miles of such sand hills aggregating nearly 200,000 acres. This area alone should contribute upon an evaporation loss of 60 per cent of the total average annual precipitation (21) nearly one hundred thousand acre feet of water annually to the underground water source or sufficient water to supply 8 acre feet of water to over 80,000 acres of land. The availability of this water for an irrigation supply has been thoroughly demonstrated in the various test wells, drilled at my suggestion, in several localities and from which flow as great as 8 second feet has been obtained; depending upon the depth of well, without effect upon the water plane within a radius of 1000 feet and after practically continuous operation during 68 hours.

I have no hesitancy after the investigation I have made of the water resources of the Portales valley in stating that 24,000 acres of land could be successfully irrigated to a depth of 8 feet annually without permanent effect on the water plane.

As regards the feasibility and practicability of pumping for irrigation as contemplated, I would say, the low heads against which you will be required to pump and the very low cost of electrical power made possible by the use of coal producer gas plants, the cost per acre foot of water is lower than in any plant designed for a similar purpose on record.

The method of charging for power to the irrigator is an excellent one and will conduce to a most economic use of water and will result in better crops with less water than would be possible if power were charged for upon a flat rate basis.

The duty of water provided for in the plant capacity, 3 feet, in addition to the natural precipitation averaging 21 inches is very liberal and I should anticipate and actual use of not to exceed 1.5 feet thereby giving a large margin of capacity which may be ultimately employed in increasing of acreage.

I believe your plan of installing an initial plant of a capacity sufficient to irrigate 10,000 acres of land and extending it only after a demonstrated success has been made, is an excellent one.

I feel confident that the project which your people contemplate will be all that can be expected of it.

Yours truly,

P. E. FULLER,
Irrigation Engineer,
U. S. Irrigation Office, Department of Agriculture.

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