

Chamber Of Commerce

Telephone Business.

Pursuant to an emergency call by Secretary Payne, of the Chamber of Commerce, there was a large gathering of members and Telephone takers at the Club rooms Tuesday night. Judge K. C. Miller handled the case. The Secretary read minutes of last meeting which dealt principally with Telephone matters.

Three new members were installed, viz: Tom Snyder, Postmaster Robert Greenwood and A. J. Bogel.

The chair defined the object of the meeting which was to arrive at some solution of the present telephone controversy and called for expressions of opinion from those present as to the expediency of accepting or rejecting the increased rates just imposed on the patrons of the Pecos & Rio Grande Telephone Co. Most of those so expressing themselves were in favor of advanced rates especially the residence phone increase. While this discussion was in process four of the telephone committee — James Normand, T. M. Wilson, Hans Briam and H. M. Fennell were in meeting with the Telephone officials in the directors room of

the Marfa National Bank and before 9 o'clock they reported as follows:

The committee had submitted to the Company a compromise proposition to accept an increase of 25 cents on both business and family phones. This proposition was immediately rejected by the representatives of the Company and the war was on. The committee stood pat — so did the Company. The committee was then discharged. This brought on further discussion and several resolutions were fired in and carried in favor of independent action and assertiveness on the part of the city of Marfa.

A motion by James Normand was carried, that a committee of three be appointed to confer with phone subscribers in Marfa and formulate a workable plan to enforce the old rates. The chair appointed James Normand, Jno. Humphris, and the Secretary.

A motion by Hans Briam carried, that a vote of phone present be taken to ascertain how many would refuse the new rates. Amended by N. P. Barclay that the business phones be not taken out until after the residence phones had been removed. The

vote for standing on old rates was unanimous.

A committee was, on motion, appointed to take up the matter with a new company to install and operate a first class metallic system on old rate basis guaranteed, viz: L. C. Brite, G. C. Robinson and Judge W. W. Bogel.

Other Business

The Secretary read a communication from the Ladies of the M. E. Home Missionary Society requesting the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce in handling the refugees situation. In accordance with same the following committee was appointed on motion of the Secretary: A. M. Avant, Gustave Raetzsch, Dr. M. R. Mahon, J. F. Tigner and H. W. Schutze. A subscription was taken up for relief and transportation of these refugees amounting to \$118.00. T. M. Wilson addressed the meeting on this issue in a very practical and forcible manner, emphasizing the well established fact (characteristic of the Mexican people) that too liberal aid and succor would induce further influx of this class and he suggested that the funds be used for transportation except in cases demanding immediate substantial relief and this interpretation of the situation was endorsed by the meeting. On motion of G. W. Campbell

a committee of three was appointed to take up the matter of putting in city lights viz: G. W. Campbell, Ben Avant and H. W. Schutze.

On motion of Hans Briam the following committee was appointed to confer with the County Commissioners as to the expediency of putting on two extra night watchmen during present emergency conditions: J. A. Shannon, J. F. Tigner and Hans Briam.

Since this meeting the telephone situation has become more acute and the canvassing committee reports sentiment all over town in favor of standing on old rates.

The relief and transportation committee met with the Home Mission ladies; old clothing and necessaries have been donated and distributed and arrangements are being made for the transportation of all idle, indigent and pauper characters.

Relief and transportation committee advised Governor Colquhoun and Congressman W. R. Smith Tuesday night urging steps to safeguard our people against further influx of indigent refugees with the result that Washington and Austin have acted promptly and effectively.

Hot baths in town at Ake's barber shop. Everything sanitary. Adv.

A New Bakery

Through the efforts of Secretary Payne Marfa will now have a new and finely equipped bakery. Mr. Fred Rus-bult has arrived from Chicago and has leased the old Post Office building.

He is putting in a \$400.00 brick oven and otherwise equipping it for a modern bakery and confectionery. He comes fortified with credentials from the H. H. Kohlsaat Bakery of Chicago, the biggest concern of the kind in that city, with whom he was connected for many years and is also recommended by the Chicago Bakers Union. His personality indicates assurance of substantiality and success which the New Era wishes him abundance of. The Bakery will probably be open about January 15.

Col. Cully Embalmed

Col. Cully, nephew of Gen. Luis Terrazas, who was wounded in the battle at Ojinaja last Sunday, died next day and was buried. W. G. Young, the undertaker, received instructions Tuesday to exhume the body and bring it to Marfa to be embalmed and shipped via El Paso to Mexico City. This was done expectantly.

Sunday's Battle

The reports in the associated dispatches of the battle last Sunday at Ojinaja were not exaggerated, according to many eyewitnesses who went from Marfa to see it.

The battle lasted all day, at close quarters. The sortie of General Salazar, with 800 volunteers, was a brilliant one, turning the fortunes of the day and forcing Ortega to retreat to the Concho and later to a point 10 miles Southwest.

The wounded on both sides were brought over to Presidio to be cared for by the Red Cross and crowded into a small school house and a church which were converted into hospitals. These number several hundred. The latest authentic reports of the casualties place the dead and wounded on both sides at 700.

The Federals captured three field pieces and a number of prisoners, some of whom were immediately executed. The tactics of Ortega, from the time he first commenced his attack, appear to have been to draw the Federal fire and exhaust their ammunition. In this he evidently succeeded as it is authentically reported that the Federal supply is very low, with all avenues of replenishment being cut off. On Monday they succeeded in surprising and capturing three Rebel autos, loaded with ammunition and killing those in charge of

God's land

Dec. 31, 1913.

Mr. A. Gordon French
Marfa, Texas.

Dear Bro. French:—Please announce in the columns of your paper that I will return to God's country and preach to God's people on the second Lord's day, January 11, 1914.

Will go to Birmingham Saturday and leave there for the "city of lights" on next Monday. There is no place like Marfa. It has been raining ever since I arrived here.

Wish for you all a Happy New Year.

Joshua C. Jones.

Humming Birds to Texas Steers, mounted natural to life.—W. G. MUTER.
Rio Grande Taxidermist.
Del Rio, Texas.

Wedding Visitors

Those attending the Highsmith-Greenwood wedding from out of town were:

- Mr. Beau McCutcheon, Fort Davis; Uncle of the groom.
- Mr. and Mrs. Will Kingston, Fort Davis.
- Mr. Tom Duncan, Fort Davis.
- Mr. H. A. Highsmith, Hutto, Texas, Father of groom.
- Mrs. G. W. Cato, Hutto, Texas, Sister of the groom.
- Miss Myrtle Cato, Hutto, Texas, Niece of the groom and one of the bridesmaids.
- Mr. C. E. McCallum, Alpine.
- H. D. Mendel, Ft. Stockton, Best man.
- F. A. Stubblefield, Ft. Stockton, Groom's attendant.
- Miss Lela Greenwood, Del Rio, Cousin of the bride and Maid of Honor.
- Miss Thelma, Gillette, Alpine, Bridesmaid.

THE NEWSPAPERS

In the New Year greeting of the Texas Industrial Congress the following graceful tribute is paid to the press of Texas.

"Texas owes a debt to her newspaper men for unswerving, unremunerated service for the general welfare in every direction that could not be paid in money,—a service that springs solely from an enlightened public spirit.

For its own part, as a beneficiary of their aid, the Texas Industrial Congress gratefully acknowledges its debt to the newspaper fraternity and trusts by increasing its efforts for usefulness to merit a continuance of their support, and the support of the many men in the state who, like them, give of their toil and substance for the common good."

The real newspaper man appreciates this recognition of his public services as, as a general rule, he is not credited with his energetic efforts to expand and develop the moral, physical and commercial interests of this great state—efforts which call forth all his energy, mentality and resourcefulness—efforts that are unremunerated except by appreciation such as the above.

"Texas, where the flowers bloom in winter and skies are clear and blue. There's room enough in Texas for many more like you."

\$300.

REWARD.—For information leading to the arrest and conviction of any one stealing my cattle
W. A. Mimms.

THE NEW ERA

MARFA LODGE NO. 596 A. F. AND A. M.
Meets the second Thursday evening in each month.
Visiting brethren are cordially invited to be present.
P. C. MELLARD, W. M.
J. D. JOWERS, Secretary.

MARFA CHAPTER NO. 176, R. A. M.
Meets in Masonic Hall on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month.
Visiting companions are welcome.
S. A. THOMPSON, H. P.
J. W. HOWELL, Sec'y.

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The Monroe doctrine has got lost in the schuffle.

The New Year is radiant with prospects of every desirable thing except peace.

Somebody said that 'tis better to wear out than to rust out. That's what we are doing.

The border is now the rendezvous for the poorer classes of Mexicans whose only assets are babies and small pox—but what does William Jennings care what happens to the border?

L A W—

The law condemns the man or woman
Who steals the goose from off the common;
But lets the greater felon loose
Who steals the common from the goose.

—London Opinion

Editor A. Gordon French of the Marfa New Era and one of the live wires in the trans-Pecos country, is taking a vacation and came down to San Antonio. If it were not that Marfa needs him, we would get out an injunction restraining him from ever leaving San Antonio.—San Antonio Express.

The injunction would not have to be an iron bound one—Santone hath charms that appeal to all.

The London Spectator thinks the United States will be forced by European powers to intervene in Mexico and severely excoriates President Wilson for his inconsistent policy of interfering without intervening, and says

"He did what, with all respect, we must say, was the worst thing he could have done. He intervened and pretended not to be intervening; he decreed bloodshed and anarchy and yet he would neither stop it himself or let anyone else do so. The only way left for the United States is for themselves to restore order in Mexico."

Now what do you think of this and where are we drifting? "Mother" Jones, the champion of the Mine Workers Union that indulges in dynamite, arson and murder, said at El Paso last week

"If women would study economics instead of continually bothering Jesus to save them, women would be better, the labor situation would be clarified, and in time there would be a practical cessation of labor strife."

"Jesus is too busy to look after the woman who is continually bothering him to save her," declared "Mother" Jones. "Jesus was here once and he was hang-

Facts From The

An Impartial Report Ojinaja Fight

(By our special correspondent)

The various reports misreports, that have been by the press reporters alive to the Ojinaja battle to have been wild guesses, what might possibly take and were either reported the facts were learned positively misrepresented to get out something so

General Toribio Ortega three thousand men, and the town of Ojinaja on 29th. In the town of 5000 Huertistas, according to their own statement, an approach to the town was fortified. The town was held by about seventeen and statements from men who claim to have them, were to the effect Ortega had fourteen or cannon. It was reported Ortega would attack the Wednesday night, but made a feint in order to out the Federal fire, and successful to the extent of ing the Federals to keep almost incessant rifle fire the whole night. During night Ortega's possible exceptions lay behind their breast and only fired occasional answer to the constant fire to the town. It was Ortega, to make the Federals was, ammunition. Thursday sides did little or no fighting. And Thursday night at quiet until the moon went when a heavy fire was from the trenches of the