

Chavez, Descendant of Conquistadores, Persuades Congress to Help the Centennial

Nearly four hundred years ago, Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, a captain in the armies of Spain, set forth from Compostela, in search of the fabled Cities of Cibola. Though in Spain, Coronado had come to a young man to New Spain, to Mexico City, and had there heard of untold riches lying in the north. The cities of Cibola were the cities of conversation and con-

WHAT'S WHAT —In— NEW MEXICO

News Briefs of the "Sunshine State." Gleaned from Many Sources

Housewives in the Friendship community near Portales had an odiferous problem on their hands, but it is settled now. Skunks visited Mrs. Edd Christian's hen house, killing about 80 chickens, and the next night they called on Mrs. Coleman, where they killed 38. Herman Paddock heard of his neighbor's misfortune, and found them as they were about to make a raid on his chickens, and killed thirteen of the striped kitties.

New Mexico had a \$847,288 share of the \$317,786,828 which the Commerce Department reported was the total net revenue of state and local governments last year from alcoholic beverages. State license fees brought in \$54,690, state ABC taxes \$607,573 and miscellaneous state ABC income \$161, making the state's gross receipts \$662,425. ABC administrative and collection costs amounted to \$35,137, leaving net ABC revenue of \$627,288. The general sales tax produced \$80,000 and local ABC revenues amounted to \$140,000. New York's \$45,402,645 was the largest total revenue, Nevada's \$376,006, the smallest. Sales in state stores ranged from a total of \$1,571,025 in Vermont to \$72,632,153 in Pennsylvania.

It might not go so hard with some people if they were caught fishing after the 10:30 p. m. deadline hour, but two volunteer deputy game wardens caught recently had little defense. They were Max Jones and J. A. Irwin, both of Santa Rosa, whom State Game Warden Elliott Barker said were caught after 10:30 p. m., with their lines in Story Lake, near Las Vegas. With them was A. W. Minor, also of Santa Rosa. The three each paid a \$25 fine and costs in a Las Vegas justice court.

A. P. Lauer's foot slipped a couple of Sundays ago and he fell into a fortune—at least a potential fortune represented by the discovery of 260 acres of Fuller's earth in the San Andres Mountains northeast of Las Cruces. Mr. Lauer, a public accountant, was hiking up a mountain path when his foot slipped on slick ground. Investigating, he uncovered a large deposit of creamy white substance as fine as talcum powder. Samples sent to the College of Mines at El Paso and New Mexico School of Mines at Socorro proved to be Fuller's earth, which has many commercial uses. Including a bleach for lard, a filter for oil, filter in paints and kalsomine, refining agent for syrup and vinegar, medicinal paste, cleansing agent and silver polish.

New Mexico's state budget set-up is receiving national recognition, State Comptroller C. R. Sebastian said. "As far as I know," he said, "New Mexico is the only state in the nation which permits its governor and finance board to reduce the state budget 10 per cent under the legislature has made appropriations." As a result of this unique system, Sebastian said he had been asked to address the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers at their convention next month in Seattle, Wash., on "The Preparation of New Mexico's State Budget." "New Mexico's system gives the governor a chance to study the budget from the time the legislature adjourns until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, and employ the experience of the prior year as a guide to the needs of the next," said Sebastian. "We are way ahead of most other western states in our budget system, and we are now proud to see that our setup is being treated more or less as a model."

A bolt of lightning which melted a watch chain into a solid wire but left the watch running with a shattered crystal also left 73-year-old Henry Kaufman, Webber City farmer, alive in a miraculous escape during an electrical storm northwest of Melrose last week. The bolt knocked Kaufman and several head of cattle he was driving to the ground. None of the animals was injured, although a yoke on one of them was demolished. Hooks were torn from Kaufman's shoes and his hat was cut to ribbons. The attending physician at Melrose said Kaufman did not regain consciousness until the next morning, but that his condition is now satisfactory. The victim was treated for shock. The only apparent injury is a burned place on the chest.

Mineral production in New Mexico includes copper, petroleum, coal, gold, silver, lead and zinc. There is much granite, sandstone, limestone and marble quarried. Turquoise is found in four localities and traces of platinum are found in the sands. The United States Geological Survey estimates that the undeveloped coal lands contain 192,000,000,000 tons, and that there are also 33,000,000 tons of gypsum.

Aztec National Monument in Northwestern New Mexico contains an interesting cluster of prehistoric ruins. The large beams which support the ceilings were cut and dressed with stone tools, and are interesting examples of Stone Age work. Prehistoric inhabitants of the ruins, however, were not related to the Aztecs of Central and South America, archaeologists claim.

The elevators in Carlsbad Cave are the second largest single lift elevators in the world, being surpassed only by those of the Empire State Building in New York.

New Mexico is the fourth largest state in geographical size, yet one of the smallest in population. Latest estimated population of the state is given at 500,000.

New Mexico has a total of 54 registered hospitals with a capacity of 30,909 patients.

During the year of 1936 New Mexico produced \$45,858,000 worth of mineral products.

Meditations Of Your Country Cousin

Knowin' things is important—but realizin' what you don't know, is apt to be a heap of help.

Mirrors are said to be an aid to vanity. Seems as though a lot of times they'd be quite the contrary!

There's three groups of people that should have every praise: The old folks, 'cause they've got the job done; the middle-aged, 'cause they're doin' 'em big jobs right now; an' the younguns, 'cause discouragement may prevent 'em ever tacklin' big things.

Queer how much there is of wantin' what we don't need and needin' what we don't want.

That strained expression on Ma's and Pa's faces doesn't necessarily come from tryin' to keep up with the "Joneses." More'n likely it comes from tryin' to keep up with "Bud" and "Daught."

In some houses a fly looks as big an' scary as a tiger an' in others you don't even notice 'em—anyhow not individually!

Joy makes an even better religion than a pastime.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison McKinstrey transacted business in Roswell Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Caroline Paddock left Monday for Portland, Ore., after spending a month's vacation with home folks.

Don Bush, who practices law in Kansas City, is spending his vacation in New Mexico. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bush and other relatives.

W. L. Smith, Hagerman, is a new subscriber to The Messenger. He is the contractor who is making repairs on the road to Lovington.

The current issue of "Life," the illustrated magazine, carries a story of one of our well known artists and says he was born in Roswell, a sleepy cow-town. Roswell citizens are thoroughly aroused.

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ALL GONDOLAS IN VENICE MUST BE PAINTED BLACK BY TERMS OF AN EDICT ISSUED IN 1562.

State to Have Real Livestock Show at 1939 New Mexico Fair

New Mexico is to have a real livestock show this year as an outstanding feature of the 1939 State Fair, Sept. 24 through Oct. 1. With approximately \$12,000 in cash premiums offered for the several classes of livestock and with the state's livestock organizations actively behind the fair management, prospects for a show that will be truly representative of New Mexico's major cash producing industry are bright.

At its recent meeting in Las Vegas the Cattle Growers Association directed C. W. Jackson, president, to appoint a special committee to cooperate with the fair management. This committee consists of J. L. York, manager of the Albuquerque Production Credit Corporation, August Seis, veteran livestock grower, and George Dominick III, Hereford breeder of Lucy. The committee held its initial meeting with the fair management July 15. A similar committee has been appointed by the State Wool Growers Association.

Supporting the senior livestock show will be the first annual state-wide 4-H and Future Farmers' fat stock show and sale, in which boys and girls will enter their animals from every county in the state. Judging of the junior division will take place Monday, Sept. 25, which has been designated by the fair management as "Governor's Day" and "All-Schools Day," on which day all school children of the state will be admitted free. The junior fat stock sale will be held Friday, Sept. 29, with Earl Garten, Greensboro, Ind., national known auctioneer, in charge. The second annual New Mexico ram sale will follow on Saturday, Sept. 30, with C. J. Garten presiding in the sale ring.

New Mexico now boasts some of the finest Hereford cattle in the nation and breeders are being offered every inducement to enter their show stock in this year's fair.

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of the electric wiring and small appliance business. Building is leased and I must vacate by September 15th. In the meantime my stock of Electrical Appliances and wiring materials are being offered at from 20 to 80 per cent discount. Toasters, Mixmasters, Sunbeam and Westinghouse irons, sandwich toasters, lighting fixtures, are some of the items. Come early while the picking is good at

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Two-Bit Fee at National Monuments Knocks Bottom Out of Tourist Travel

A drop of 10,000 visitors during June, compared with June, 1938, at seven Southwestern national monuments now charging a 25-cent admission fee was reported.

"It looks," Frank Pinkley, superintendent, said in a report, "like a 25-cent adult entrance fee will stop nearly half our visitors. As a deterrent it is very much stronger than the car charge in use at the parks, as it is actually a very much higher charge per hour of attendance."

Pinkley reported 7,302 visitors to the seven monuments last month, as against 17,304 in June, 1938. Visitors to the seven monuments fell from 61.4 per cent of all monument visitors a year ago to 38.1 per cent.

He said weather and road conditions in June were good and added:

"The state inspection stations tell us that travel was heavier than last year, but if this be true the travel is sticking more to the pavements."

White Sands National Monument near Alamogordo showed the greatest decline in visitors last month, Pinkley's figures showed, dropping to 2,429 from 10,039 in June, 1938.

He listed total attendance at the other Southwestern monuments as follows, 1938 attendance first, 1939 second:

Bandelier, N. Mex., 1,738 and 1,709; Montezuma, Ariz., 1,121 and 700; Aztec Ruins, N. Mex., 1,873 and 1,086; Casa Grande, Ariz., 1,794 and 707; Chaco Canyon, N. Mex., 903 and 221; Tucuman, Ariz., 856 and 369.

The Rev. S. S. Perry, father of Mrs. J. C. Wyman, will preach Sunday morning at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Sarah Walton returned from Rock Island, Ill., where she had been called by the serious illness of her sister-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Mehlop were in town Friday evening from their home in Dexter.

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