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EIGHTEENTH YEAR

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1910

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NEIGHBOR GAYLE DEAD

Had Lived in Roswell Possibly Longer Than Any Other Citizen—Well Known in Territory.

Fred P. Gayle, better known to the public as "Neighbor Gayle," died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John C. Peck, in this city last Sunday morning. At the time of his death, Mr. Gayle was 63 years and seven months old. He had been in very feeble health for some time, and a good part of last summer and fall was spent in California, thinking that he might be benefited. After returning, he saw there would be none only for a lingering illness, and death was finally a relief.

Neighbor Gayle, as he was commonly known, was born in Mobile, Alabama, and lived most of his boyhood life in that country. He later moved with his parents to the Lone Star state, where he spent his young manhood. More than forty years ago, he was married to Miss Mollie Moffett, and to this union was born one son, R. P. Gayle. Soon after this his first wife died, and he later was married to Miss Laura Ferguson, who died in this city about three years ago. To their union were born seven children, four girls and three boys, which made a family of eight children, all of which were present at the time of his death. There were present at the funeral Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Gayle of Clovis, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gayle of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Peck of Roswell, and Mrs. Ed. A. Albin of Chickasha, Okla. His two youngest sons, Fred P. and George Curry Gayle, were also present, which made the whole number of children present, which is unusual for one of his age.

Neighbor Gayle came to Roswell in the latter part of 1881 and has lived here continuously since that time, which is possibly the oldest continual resident in the city. He first reached the city, and saw the town in its infancy. In the year 1894 he was elected probate clerk and ex-officio recorder, which office he held until his death. During all these years he was one of the most faithful officers, and his obliging nature made for him friends by the thousands during these years. It was his delight to be able to accommodate any one, and while he was in the employ of the county, yet he gave away hundreds of dollars of valuable information as to the abstract business, that he had just as well have had pay for.

It was the nature of Neighbor Gayle to be a kind friend, a loving husband, and a good father, and no one loved his children more than he, and since the death of his last wife, his highest joy, and seemingly chiefest delight was to be in the immediate presence of his children, and in taking drives each Sabbath afternoon with his youngest son, George.

The funeral services were held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, from the home of his son-in-law, John C. Peck, on South Pennsylvania Avenue, and like the life he had lived before the people here, it was unostentatious, but very impressive.

A quartette choir composed of Miss Emma Stone, Mrs. Mary P. Coburn, Mr. W. E. Bryerly and Mr. J. S. Kirby, sang "Rock of Ages, Chief for Me" and "Nearer My God to Thee" in the still quietness of the hour and this without the piano. These were among the hymns that he liked best and were rendered softly, which seemed to have an effect over the whole number of friends who had gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to their friend.

Rev. C. C. Hill read the scripture lesson taken from the 50th Psalm, after which he read the 23rd Psalm. Dr. George Fowler, pastor of the Christian Church, then led the prayer, after which there were no remarks, as the life of this one of the best citizens that has ever been in the city spoke out for itself in language better than could be addressed by man.

The Elys Lodge, of which he was a member, attended of which he was a member, and more than forty were present at the house, many of whom went to the South Side Cemetery, where the remains were laid away to rest, and the services were concluded there by their ritual.

The pall bearers were E. A. Calhoun, J. S. Lea, W. S. Prager, C. L. Ballard, L. K. McGaffey and W. M. Atkinson, all of whom had known the deceased for a number of years, and had lived with him in the Valley through the dark hours when they were all making a strong fight for a better government, and a better class of citizenship, in whom there was none more staunch to help than Neighbor Gayle.

His life was one of the most quiet, unassuming and yet firm, of any that has lived here since his coming, and like the quiet life he lived, the end came to him peacefully last Sunday morning.

"With a smile of good cheer,
And a wave of the hand,
He wended his way
To the unknown land."

Richard F. Ballard, who is a son-in-law of the late Fred P. Gayle, was this morning appointed ex-officio recorder and probate clerk, by the county commissioners. Since the failing health of Mr. Gayle, it was known he could not live long, and for some time it has been known that Mr. Ballard would be appointed as his successor,

and this would have been done some two weeks ago, only for failing health of Mr. Gayle, and it was thought that a move of this kind would hasten the end.

Mr. Ballard is a young man and has been the chief deputy of Mr. Gayle for a number of years, and knows the workings of the office better than any one in the county. He with his father and his father's family, is one of the oldest residents of Chaves county, but had not lived in Roswell as long as Mr. Gayle, as they lived for a time in Lincoln county.

Mr. Ballard was born in Ft. Griffin, Texas, October 14, 1877, which makes him thirty-two years of age. He moved with his parents to this county in his early youth, and has lived in New Mexico all his life. He followed the cattle business here for a number of years, after which he went into the probate clerk and recorder's office under Mr. Gayle, and has held that position ever since. Mr. Ballard was married in the year 1900 to Miss Laura Gayle, daughter of Fred P. Gayle. There has been born to this union two children. Mr. Ballard comes from one of the old democratic families of Texas, and like his parents knows the worth of true democracy. He is one of the young business men of this section, who knows no such word as enemy, as the entire Pecos valley is his friend.

The county commissioners met this morning at ten o'clock and made the appointment, which is an entire satisfactory one to the citizens of Roswell and the entire county of Chaves.

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TAFT'S RAILWAY BILL.

Provides for Interstate Commerce Court and Arguments.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Representative Townsend of Michigan today introduced in the house a bill amending the interstate commerce law to conform to recommendations of President Taft's recent message to congress.

The Townsend bill provides for an interstate commerce court to be composed of five circuit judges, who are to be assigned to that court by the chief justice of the United States for a term of five years. No two terms are to expire simultaneously.

An order of the interstate commerce commission will not be stayed merely by the filing in the court of a petition of the carrier against it, and an order of the commission can be enjoined only upon notice and hearing except in cases where irreparable damage would result from delay.

The department of justice is to represent the interstate commerce commission in all cases before the special court and for this purpose an assistant to the attorney general is to be appointed.

As recommended by the president, agreements between carriers will be permitted, providing they are made public and filed with the commission subject to the same rules and regulations as to reasonableness as are rates.

Carriers must quote correctly in writing any rate between the place of proposed shipment and any other place on the carrier's line, or any other line with which the original carrier has a traffic agreement.

In case an erroneous rate is given in writing, whereby a shipper is injured, the carrier is subject to a penalty of \$250 to be collected by and paid to the government.

The bill empowers the commission to suspend the carriers' notice of change of rate pending decision as to whether the proposed new rate is just. As to freight, the shipper is given the right "to route his freight," and classifications must be just and reasonable. The commission is authorized to initiate proceedings upon its action.

It is proposed to prevent the issuance of stock and bonds except for legitimate purposes and with the approval of the commission; and as recommended in the special message of the president, it is proposed to prohibit every carrier from acquiring stock in a line of railroad, which, in any way competes with it, except as a court may find that the people are better served by such acquisition.

It is not proposed to compel carriers to dispose of stock they now own in competing lines, and where a carrier now owns a majority of stock of a parallel line it may be permitted to purchase the balance of the stock. If a carrier is now operating a competing line under a twenty-five-year or longer lease, it may purchase such road at the expiration of the lease.

The bill will be presented to the senate tomorrow by Senator Ekins. The Taft was made by Attorney General Wickham after many conferences with Mr. Taft, who had discussed the proposed legislation with members of the interstate commerce commission and with railroad officials. The latter tried vainly to modify many provisions contained in the bill. The final conference on the measure was held this afternoon in the committee room of Senator Ekins, and was attended by the senator, Mr. Townsend and the attorney general. It was agreed this morning by Mr. Ekins and Mr. Townsend that they would exert their influence to have the bill enacted into law without amendment of any character.

Kindly remember the Model Market when it's meat that is needed. Phone 82.

STATEHOOD REJECTED

The Statehood Bill Which Passed the Lower House, is Killed in the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 10.—No new stars will be added to the American flag before the summer of 1911 according to the plan under consideration by the senate committee on territories. This program is said to have the endorsement of President Taft.

It will provide for the reporting of an entirely new statehood bill for New Mexico and Arizona. The Hamilton bill passed by the House is declared to be objectionable to the senate committee on two grounds. First, because it does not provide sufficiently for the adoption of a constitution and the election of state officers and members of the senate and representatives. The other objection relates to the protection of the public interests in relation to the existing and proposed land grants.

The new bill will authorize New Mexico and Arizona to hold elections for the adoption of constitutions but no election for state officers and members of congress could be held until after the constitutions have been approved by the president and congress. The effect of this provision is to permit the territories to hold constitutional conventions and elections for the adoption of constitutions during the present year, but these constitutions could not be ratified until congress meets next December.

After the ratification state elections could be held.

Under the terms proposed in the senate bill the two territories could not possibly be admitted before the summer of 1911.

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NEW MEXICO'S LIVE STOCK.

Ten years ago the livestock census of New Mexico was taken by special agents. The result was very unsatisfactory and a grave injustice was done the territory in the matter. Naturally, each commonwealth wants to make the best showing possible as to the wealth within its boundaries. The sheep, cattle, goats and horses in New Mexico comprise in the aggregate a large portion of the entire wealth and it is important that the territory be given credit for every head of livestock grazing within its bounds. The census bureau has therefore decided that the counting of livestock in this territory shall be entrusted to the supervisor of the census at Santa Fe. He will ask the co-operation of stock growers so that the census may be complete and accurate. Assurance is given that all information will be treated as absolutely confidential; that neither assessors nor forest officials will have any access to it, in fact that the law provides a severe penalty for those who will divulge any information they may gain while taking the census. Lists will be made of the livestock owners of the territory, the lists being obtained from the bureau of animal industry, the forest officials, the sheep and cattle sanitary boards and assessment rolls, and these lists will be compared with the schedules returned by each enumerator who will be supposed to enumerate every herd and flock within his district. It is to be hoped that the census will demonstrate that New Mexico stands second to no other state or territory in the public spirit that is so essential in assuring the success of the census.

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Taught in the Rain

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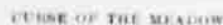
How to Stop Their Ravages of Groves and Orchards.

The annual damage caused by field mice to crops, nurseries and orchards in the United States has been estimated by the agricultural department at over \$3,000,000. There are fifty species of mice.

With few exceptions the short tailed field mice are readily distinguishable from other mice by their stout, stumpy bodies, short legs, short, round tails, blunt muzzles, short ears and rather small eyes. The species shown in the cut are dark brownish or grayish brown in color and considerably larger and heavier than the common house mouse.

They live almost everywhere in damp meadows, where their workings may be detected among the grass and weeds by small, well defined, crooked trails, along which at intervals are little heaps of fresh grass or other herbage. In alfalfa or clover fields their numerous burrows are usually in colonies. As a rule, they appear first along ditches or about damp areas, where dead plants are almost certain evidence of their work.

In the past many methods of destroying field mice have been tried, yet the records describe no instance in which well-established plagues have been successfully suppressed. Failing to recognize the early stage of the plague, the people in stricken districts did not usually adopt vigor-



ous measures until after the fields were swarming with mice. The failure, then, has been due partly to lack of cooperation and partly to lack of knowledge of quick, cheap and effective measures. Without witnessing such a plague one can hardly form a conception of the almost incredible numbers of mice and of the magnitude of the task of destroying them.

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AMOUNTS LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS

The delinquent tax list of known and unknown owners of land, real estate, and personal property of Value, Taxing, New Mexico, as listed and assessed against said property for the year 1908, now due, is, you are advised, attaching to the accounts in such case to, less than, Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars.

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To Roswell Monday, Jan.
24th to Sembrich Concert
FARE \$3 FOR ROUND TRIP
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