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INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

E. M. Johnson, of Denver, States Some Solid Facts.

HIS VISIT TO NEW MEXICO

Last evening at 8:30, E. M. Johnson, who had spent the day in the city, was visiting to find the "Pioneer" editor. He was a man of about 40 years of age, with a high forehead, and a very pleasant expression. He was dressed in a suit and tie, and was very well groomed. He was very polite and very interesting. He was very well informed on all matters relating to the state of New Mexico, and was very willing to talk. He was very well liked by all who met him. He was very well informed on all matters relating to the state of New Mexico, and was very willing to talk. He was very well liked by all who met him.

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THROWN OUT OF COURT.

Martin's Case, Owing to Error, Did Not Go to Jury.

THE MURDERER AGAIN ARRESTED.

Just as the attorneys in the case of the Territory vs. Melquiades Martin were about to commence their address to the jury this morning an error was discovered in the indictment and the case was thrown out of court. The word "then" in the indictment was written almost identically like the word "there," and Judge Collier considered it unsafe to permit the case to go to the jury. The case will now come up for trial at the next term of court.

Horace Moore is one of the new and young members of the bar here. He is a native of New Mexico, and is a very capable lawyer. He is a native of New Mexico, and is a very capable lawyer. He is a native of New Mexico, and is a very capable lawyer.

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WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

The week ending April 12 could not be considered favorable to the growth of vegetation.

NOTHING OCCURRED TO PERMANENTLY INJURE CROPS.

Nothing occurred to permanently injure crops, but the cold nights and frequent high dry winds retarded their growth. A little rain and snow fell in the northern part, but in the southern area the ground, however, is in fair condition yet, and a few days of favorable weather will bring everything forward in good shape. With the exception of a few localities where the peach and apricot was injured by the freezing weather in March, the outlook for fruit is better than usual.

In most sections the grass on the range is starting up nicely, and stock are in good condition for the time of year. There is an abundance of water for irrigation and immense quantities of snow in the higher mountains to keep up the supply.

The following extracts from a few of the reports received at this office will be of interest:

Bernalillo: Brother Gabriel. High winds during the greater part of the 7th and 8th, but the crops are in good condition. Apples and pear crop quite fair; grapes advancing very slowly yet; vegetables growing slowly on account of high winds and cold nights. Alfalfa doing fairly well.

Clayton: G. W. Guyer. High cold winds generally for this week, which are drying up the ground, though it is in good condition yet. Grass starting nicely and farming has begun. Alfalfa is coming in better condition than last season of the year has found them for years previous. General outlook fair.

Kanabos: Jim Curry. Wind and sand storms on the 7th and 8th. About Kanabos apricots are killed, peaches half, other fruits uninjured. Higher up the river, at Alcide, Verde and Lincoln, fruits of all kinds promise a full crop. Blooms are two weeks later than last year. Wheat is coming up. No new grass on the range.

Gallinas Springs: J. K. Whitmore. Peaches and apricots here will be few, freeze in March destroyed most of them. The ground is in fair condition for planting, but it is too cold nights for things to grow. Grass coming forward slowly. A great many are planting corn and sugar cane. I sowed alfalfa and rye in March and it has taken fine root.

Hillsboro: R. A. Nickle. Farmers and ranchers on the river report double the acreage of wheat sown this spring over last year. Plenty of grass on the range. Las Cruces: Chas. C. Mead. This week has been very agreeable, all days except the 7th have been calm and clear. No frost to damage the fruit during the week and so far a large crop is anticipated. Alfalfa will average about six inches in height and looks exceedingly well.

Los Alamos: Wm. Frank. Rather cold and windy all part of week. Oats and wheat are all up. The ground and wheat coming up nicely. Alfalfa growing well. Trees and shrubs are backward which for this place is an indication of a good fruit crop.

Ortiz: E. M. Conner. Just beginning to plant. Soil in excellent condition. Grass starting nicely. Stock in fair condition. Fine prospects for stock and agriculture.

Springer: Dr. L. Hines. Past week very windy. Temperature considerably below the normal. Fruit held back by cold nights.

Valley Ranch: H. M. Strong. Fine weather for oats and wheat; ground in splendid condition for planting. Fruit trees have not commenced to bud yet, which is very good, as we have had frost nearly every night. Cattle in the mountains in rather poor condition. Plenty of snow in the mountains yet.

Report to Reporters—Please mail your reports so that they will reach Santa Fe by Monday morning. More reports are desired and postal cards for sending same will be furnished on application to the section director at Santa Fe.

H. B. HENRY.

Section Director, Santa Fe, N. M.

Frank is all right.

Don Frank Sturges, who accumulated his first few hundred dollars and married

Thos. Harwood.

LAND RECLAMATION PROJECT.

The N. M. Field Notes, Etc. of the Blue Water Land & Irrigation Co., Approved.

AN IMMENSE IRRIGATION ENTERPRISE.

The United States land office in Santa Fe has been notified that on March 22 the secretary of the interior approved the survey, maps, field notes, etc., relating to the project of the Blue Water Land & Irrigation company, located on the line of the Atlantic & Pacific railway and about 100 miles west of this city.

The project is one of the largest single irrigation and land reclamation schemes in New Mexico, and is of great importance to the section directly affected, and to the territory in general. In brief, this project contemplates the reclamation of from 25,000 to 30,000 acres of desert land located near the line of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad, about 100 miles west of Albuquerque. The reservoir site is near Blue Water, a station on the Atlantic & Pacific, exactly 100 miles west of Albuquerque. The company has already 2,000 acres under cultivation, which produces alfalfa and all kinds of grain. Thus far the produce has found a market at Fort Wingate, to which point 75 car loads of alfalfa were shipped during the past season. At the present time the company is using a 4-foot dam, which is to be raised to 30 feet during the coming summer, thus giving a natural overflow over a 1000 acre tract at 45 feet. The reservoir when completed will store 75,000 acre feet of water, sufficient for all purposes at the present time in contemplation of the company's heavily capitalized, and the success already attained is substantial encouragement for those interested in carrying the project to its fullest consummation. The project is no longer an experiment, but is in actual operation in all its details. The proposition now is to extend the scope of the scheme along already a demonstrated success. The next step will be to increase the capacity of the reservoir in order to furnish water for a greater acreage. A few hundred acres will be added each year until the whole tract is under cultivation. John Norton, of Los Angeles, is president of the company engaged in the work above outlined, and among the stockholders are such well known capitalists as W. E. McLaughlin, J. E. Wengert, and J. S. Van Dine, of Los Angeles. The last named is a resident of this city.

The land included in the tract which is being reclaimed, up to the time that this company took hold of it was not worth a cent an acre for any purpose. No more worthless or barren land has ever been imagined, and the transformation now going on is indeed a miracle. But white absolutely worthless, and produce nothing at all in the shape of vegetation under the old order of things, this land is just the same, as rich as any to be found in the world. The site is made up of a primeval forest, washed down from the mountains, and under irrigation will produce anything under the sun. It is particularly well adapted to the production of grain and alfalfa. Fruit also does well in certain localities on this extensive tract, which will develop into one of the richest agricultural sections in New Mexico, within a few years.

There is a further consideration. A license is to be secured, between the territory and the licensee, it may be revoked or its terms modified at the will of the legislature. Being a mere permit, the licensee takes a subject to the will of the legislature. The license issued by the legislature would not, after July 1, 1907, constitute a defense to the penalty of the act in question, since that law specifies that the license shall be in force for a period of one year, and shall be subject to the will of the legislature. The license issued by the legislature would not, after July 1, 1907, constitute a defense to the penalty of the act in question, since that law specifies that the license shall be in force for a period of one year, and shall be subject to the will of the legislature.

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