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DEPT. HOTEL.

President Ripley Meets the City Council.

Proposition for the Building of Viaduct Submitted.

Location of the Depot, Hotel and Adjoining Park.

SUPERINTENDENT HURLEY INTERVIEWED.

President E. P. Ripley and Division Superintendent H. Hurley in their Santa Fe railroad private coaches arrived last night attached to passenger train No. 1 from the north.

Upon the arrival of the train Major Marston and members of the city council except Aljerman McKee and Hoping, entered the private car of President Ripley and held a rather lengthy session.

No time was lost, and that most important piece of news—the building of the Coal Avenue viaduct—occupied the attention of the railroad officials and members of the council.

A proposition was suggested by Mayor Marston for the city to pay 25 per cent of the cost of the building of the viaduct, pay for its maintenance, and be responsible for any and all damage suits which might occur.

This suggestion did not meet the hearty approval of the present city council, and a member of the council then stated that probably the city could afford to pay 50 per cent of the cost of the viaduct.

President Ripley, knowing the financial condition of the city said he did not expect the city to accomplish impossibilities, and that the 50 per cent proposition was not an unreasonable one and that he would give a definite answer in a few days, possibly a week.

Division Superintendent Hurley then stated to the council that he would have the company's viaduct engineer at Las Vegas, E. W. Grant, to come to Albuquerque and make surveys and estimates as to the cost of the construction of the viaduct free of cost to the city.

From the consultation, it is apparent that the railway company is ready to give free work at once in a proposed new depot and hotel, but that they are desirous of reaching a satisfactory conclusion regarding the viaduct across Coal Avenue.

At the present cost of iron the construction of the viaduct was estimated at about \$25,000, and Mr. Ripley stated that he thought the price of iron was now as high as it would go.

It was thought if the terms were agreed upon that work on the viaduct would not commence until August at the earliest, and by that time the price of material would be much lower.

When the president decided on the 50 per cent proposition, the proposal will be submitted to the voters of this city for final action.

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President Ripley, who is accompanied by his brother, J. T. Ripley, Abolish Nathan and A. A. Hovey, of Chicago, and H. D. Mack, of Rock Island, remained in the city until early this morning and then continued on west to California, leaving here.

Superintendent Hurley, who is spending the day in the territorial metropolis.

The citizens representative met Mr. Hurley this morning and the gentleman gave out the following important facts:

"The proposed new depot will occupy the ground now used by the express company at the depot and will extend out, as convenient, into the street toward the Army building. The structure will be of modern design and large enough for present and future needs."

"Now for the hotel," remarked the reporter.

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NEW MEXICO NOTES.

SILVER CITY.

From the Enterprise.

McKee's flock, sold 2,500 head of sheep this week to Chas. Chadwick, the Albuquerque broker.

A company of Knights Templar, the highest degree of the order, was in Masonry, was organized last Wednesday night in Silver City.

Hon. C. M. Foraker, who was in town on official business the latter part of last week, remained over Saturday and participated in the meeting of the committee.

The three Chinamen who were last week reported by Commissioner McKee to have, by their attorneys, taken an appeal to the United States court at Las Cruces.

Hon. John W. Fleming, coal mine inspector for the territory, arrived Wednesday from his monthly tour of inspection. The inspector went by way of El Paso and inspected the coal fields near Alamogordo and at Capitan. The coal fields throughout the territory were found in excellent condition by the inspector.

If the report is true that the Silver City smelter works have been sold to the Hearst estate, the great smelter trust that owns the works at El Paso, for the purpose of closing them down to prevent competition in the purchase and treatment of ores, it will be a severe blow to the rapidly increasing prosperity of Silver City, and the mining interests of Grant county.

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PARAGRAPHS FROM ESPANOLA.

A Denver & Rio Grande Town Written up in Small Items.

Espanola, March 8.—Conductor Lockman had in charge twenty stout looking passengers today.

Judge Lucero went to Santa Fe today. He will open probate court Tuesday.

Hon. Augustin Mestas, one of the county commissioners, went to Santa Fe on a business trip.

Mrs. Tony Windsor, wife of the conductor from Santa Fe, who has been here on a visit to her husband, who is doing some carpenter work for Bond Bros., returned home today.

Mercedino Martinez, from Los Truchas, moved to Espanola, and found Judge Lucero's store building formerly occupied by the postoffice, and opened a general merchandise store.

Father Hasterman, of Santa Cruz, spent Sunday afternoon in town. He returned from a visit to the county seat. The new Denver & Rio Grande line card went into effect today.

Espanola is the dinner station now for north bound passengers. Mrs. O'Brien, the proprietor of the section house is giving good satisfaction and her cooking is receiving much praise along the road.

Frank Becker, who has been in the general merchandise business at Santa Cruz for many years, sold out his entire stock last week to Bond Bros., and the same has been removed to their big store here. Mr. Becker has not yet decided what business he will go into.

Pablo Martinez is making preparations to move his flour mill from its present site near Santa Cruz, to the Rio Grande at the Glendon mine, at the depth of 300 feet. A large amount of money has been expended by the Crescent Coal company in hauling water from the mine.

Jimmy, the bright and lovable son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Brown, died on Wednesday last at the home of his parents after several months' sickness following typhoid. He was three years old and was unusually bright.

J. B. Seales, ex-marshal of Creede, Colo., who is recommended by Messrs. John Simpson and Joe Kerkick, is interviewing the business men of the town with a view of getting the position of merchants' policeman. He is a move in the right direction.

Water cars are now running on every freight train between Gallup and Rio Puerco. No water at Dewey, Grants or Bluewater.

Postmaster Rice has prepared his house for the reception of Mrs. Rice and son, who are expected home from Chicago in a few days.

Thirty-four Indian trading stores within fifty miles of Gallup show that business is doing as prosperously as draying in Gallup. We understand that the draymen have organized a trust with regular officers and that a dividend is declared every Saturday night.

LOS CRUCES.

From Dona Ana County Republican.

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