

Zion Has Lowest Tax Rate in the County

The city of Zion has the lowest tax rate of any city in its population class in the entire state, according to the official state list. The fact is partially explained by the fact that about half of the school children in the town attend the private school maintained by the Voliva faction and supported by funds derived from the church.

Since everyone is equally taxed for the support of the public schools, the tax rate is relatively low. One half of the population educates its children at a low tax rate, while the other half pays on two counts, the private school for its own children and the public school for those of its neighbors.

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Two Thousand Persons Living There 400 Years Ago; Few Now

If one were to ask the next ten people he happened to meet, what was the largest settlement within the present boundaries of the United States four hundred years ago, he would probably get many and varied answers. The correct answer is given by Louis H. Warner, chairman of the Pueblo Lands board, in an interesting article on the great Southwest in the current issue of the National Republic. The settlement was Pecos, and there are ruins in New Mexico of many other ancient settlements. Writing of Pecos, the historic, Mr. Warner says, in part:

Oldest of All
 "Pecos, the historic, we know was the largest settlement within the present boundaries of our country four centuries ago. All the Spanish explorers of our Southwest knew of its existence. Coronado wrote of it in 1540. Oñate visited it in 1598. De Vargas sought its allegiance in 1693. Here one of the first Franciscan martyrs died. Today it is but a shell, former greatness gone, where once 2,000 inhabitants lived and prospered. Today not a person even remotely related to the former grantees dwells there. Bits of excavated buildings alone mark the spot.

"The area originally granted the Pecos pueblo by Spain in 1689 comprised 18,643 acres. This claim was more or less recognized by Mexico. It was confirmed in its entirety by the Congress in 1858 and patent issued thereon. Now the area is largely occupied by the ranch of a well known rodeo promoter. There are two good sized Mexican villages upon it; a transcontinental railway and an ocean to ocean highway cut it; a small section where the village stood is being excavated under the direction of eminent archaeologists; parts are occupied by modern tourist ranches.

Story of Fall
 "The story of the fall of this pueblo from former greatness is pathetic. It is however not unlike many others on or near the Rio Grande. Where these people came from when they settled there, history does not say. They were unquestionably ancient. They spoke the same tongue and were of the same basic stock at the occupants of Jamez Pueblo, sixty miles or more to the west. Pecos was located well to the east and on the edge of the buffalo country. It was in a constant struggle with the roving bands of Comanches, Apaches, Utes and Navahos; the ravages of sickness wore it down."

Plan T. B. Addition to County Hospital

Plans for a new addition to the care for tubercular patients exclusively, will be worked out by executives of the Lake County Tuberculosis association and the county hospital committee, following a plea to the board of supervisors yesterday for more adequate facilities.

The appeal for relief of the overcrowded tuberculosis ward at the hos-

pital was made by W. T. Hardie, secretary of the association, Dr. F. A. Besley and Theada Waterman, county nurse. They told the supervisors of the hopeless housing situation at the hospital, and asked that immediate steps be taken to bring about a tax levy for the construction of a new wing at the institution.

The board authorized the representatives of the association to confer with the hospital committee to devise a feasible plan to bring about the necessary improvements.

County Board Makes Grant to War Veterans

The American Legion posts of the county were granted \$1,000 and the Spanish war veterans \$500 by the county board yesterday under the Bogardus act, which allows for the care of veterans and families of veterans in poor circumstances.

We'll bet that if the Wall Street magnates ever invite Senator Brookhart to another dinner they won't even serve catsup.

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