HON. BENIGNO C. HERNANDEZ
The Standard-Bearer of the Republican Party for Representative to Congress

Today we adorn the columns of La Revista with the portrait of our candidate for Representative to Congress Don Benigno C. Hernandez, one of the most congenial figures in the present political fight and who without doubt will be elected this November as a member of Congress.

Recently Don Benigno has been the victim of every kind of slander on the part of the yellow press, by way of securing votes for the inefficient and distracted representative H.B. Fergusson, but for Taoseños and other county residents who know the merits of Mr. Hernandez’s honesty and efficiency, these slanders will not make a dent in the carefree and impartial minds of our citizens, and to the contrary, these calumnies serve once again to give unanimous support to this gentleman who represents the most sacred rights of the people of New Mexico, and, his cowardly enemies seeing that the masses will bring him a signal victory, they resort to the ignoble weapons of slanders in the yellow press to see if by this method they can put off the inevitable, which is the defeat of their “Holy Patron” Mr. Fergusson.

A vote in favor of Hernandez is a vote in favor of an American, a native of New Mexico and of the beautiful valley of Taos, who will represent in Congress the rights of his people with honor and wisdom.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Don Benigno C. Hernandez was born in the town of Taos on February 13, 1862, his parents being Juan Jose Hernandez and Manuela C. Hernandez.

He received his primary education in private schools in this town and later attended the Colegio de San Miguel (St. Michael’s High School), Santa Fe, until completing his studies and graduating.

In 1889 he moved from Taos to Ojo Caliente, where he dedicated himself to commercial life in the same business now run by his brother Carlos A. Hernandez. In 1895 he sold the business and moved to Lumberton, Rio Arriba County, where he occupied the following positions: Clerk of the Civil Court until 1905; Sheriff from 1905 to 1907; County Treasurer from 1909 to 1911. The national administration named him to the post of Receiver of Public Moneys in the Land Office, Santa Fe, which position he kept from August 1, 1912 until March 1914 when tendered his resignation.

In a word: Don Benigno is an honest man, capable and intelligent, as they say, “a self-made man,” son of poor and humble parents, but of the old noble breed that taught their children the right and honorable path that leads to a bright future and that honors the lineage from which they come.”
NOTABLE DEATH OF MRS. HERNANDEZ

By private letter from our friend Don C.A. Hernandez of Ojo Caliente, we learn of the death of his mother the esteemed Taoseña Doña María Manuela de los Reyes Cárdenas de Hernandez, which took place at 11 p.m. Thursday the 5th in her residence in Ojo Caliente, this county.

The late woman was 74 years and seven months old, leaving behind to mourn her passing from this earth her dear sons Jesus Hernandez, who lives in El Paso, Texas, Benigno Hernandez, the current Congressional representative, Carlos and Federico, and her only daughter Sister Loyola of the Loretto Convent, Santa Fe.

Mrs. Hernandez lived in Taos until 1895 when her son Carlos brought her to settle permanently at his side and in his care at Ojo Caliente. Also left behind to feel her death is her brother Don Andrés Cárdenas of El Prado in Taos and a number of nieces and nephews and acquaintances among people her own age.

The late Taoseña was a woman of high reputation and merit. Although from a humble working family, she always knew how to maintain that precious knowledge that the name of wife and mother imparted to her; she taught her children the right path of work and good breeding, whose fruit was sown in the sanctuary of the home from the cradle, the good woman living to see her children laden with honors from industry and labor, which always produces the complete satisfaction of a good mother. She helped her children to the best education possible in the public and private schools that then existed in Taos; she guided them on the path of honest work, good bearing and good breeding that starts at home, and the result was that in her last days she saw all her sprouts dedicated to business and honest work, making her children useful citizens that today honor and credit the state.

The late lady was, truly, a model of the virtues that could well serve as an example to many of our female compatriots to realize the importance of education and a good upbringing for children so that in the future they will be the satisfaction of the duty fulfilled by their parents.

Her funeral rites will take place next Saturday with a mass with the body present in the church of Ojo Caliente followed by burial in the Ojo Caliente cemetery, a numerous contingent of relatives and neighbors following the coffin.

Her sons Don Benigno, Carlos and Federico will attend the funeral.

La Revista sends the children, brother and other kin of the late woman sincerest condolences in these their hours of affliction.”
Carlos A. Hernandez, Prominent Ojo Caliente Resident, Dies Aged 72

Don Carlos A. Hernandez, merchant and prominent citizen of Ojo Caliente, Taos County, died Wednesday at his home, after a year's illness, his brother B. C. Hernandez, 608 North Eighth, was informed by wire.

Mr. Hernandez was postmaster at Ojo Caliente for many years, and was in the mercantile business for nearly half a century. He was 72 years old. He leaves his wife and several sons and daughters. Other survivors are former Congressman Hernandez here; another brother, Fred Hernandez of Ojo Caliente; and a sister, Sister Mary Loyola of Santa Fe.

B. C. Hernandez left Wednesday night for Ojo Caliente to attend the funeral.