

VELASCO, CARLOS Y _____, born in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, July 30, 1842; son of Jose Francisco and Maria del Carmen (Noriega) Velasco; married Beatriz _____ at Saric, Sonora, _____, 1862; children, Frank J., Charles J., Lola (Mrs. _____ Carrillo) Carmen (Mrs. _____) and Dolores (Mrs. _____) and five others

Studied law and said to have served as Judge in the District of Altar, and as a member of the Sonora Legislature; came to Arizona in 1865; listed, U. S. Census, 1870, at Tucson, age 28, occupation, Clerk in Store; conducted a general merchandise store in Tucson which he sold to engage in publication of El Fronterizo, a weekly newspaper, the first issue of which was printed on a Washington press, September 29, 1878; on May 9, 1879, the following appeared in the Arizona Citizen:

"It is with the greatest satisfaction that we have noticed the rapid progress and the marked degree of success attained by this young journal. Only a trifle over six months ago "El Fronterizo" made its first appearance in our city, and already it has outgrown its first measure. Its next issue will appear in a new dress, an enlarged form, and with a corresponding additional amount of general news and practical information. It is far the superior of any Spanish paper we have ever seen on the frontier, and is the recognized exponent of the popular sentiment of loyal Mexicans both here and in Sonora, and is by them well appreciated and liberally supported. Its success is mainly due to the energy, popularity and enterprise of its able editor, Senor Carlos Y. Velasco, who is ever studying the best interests of his journal and of the people he represents."

An extract from Barter's Tucson City Directory, 1881, reads:

"EL FRONTERIZO. This is a seven-column weekly newspaper, published in Spanish, and ably edited by its proprietor, Don Carlos Y. Velasco. It is issued every Friday, has a large circulation in Arizona and Sonora, and is every way in a -prosperous condition. Office, No. 621 Stone Avenue."

That he made a further venture as a publisher is shown by this item taken from the Arizona Daily Star of June 16, 1889:

"El Hijo del Fronterizo" is the name of Carlos Y. Velasco's new paper at Phoenix. It is printed partly in English and partly in Spanish; contains twenty columns of reading matter, and is well gotten up, mechanically. The new Hispano-American sheet has the best wishes of the Star office."

Ben Heney, ex-mayor of Tucson, became interested in the business and with the purchase of better equipment El Fronterizo became a daily newspaper, printed in both English and Spanish on _____, 189____; the partnership was later dissolved and Velasco continued as publisher until his death.

On January 14, 1894, he founded the Alianza Hispano-Americano, a fraternal insurance society. From a charter membership of 40 that organization has grown to _____ members at the close of 1944 and by that time had paid benefits amounting to a total of \$ _____; he was a public spirited man, active in civic affairs and noted as a delightful speaker at public functions; member Arizona Pioneers Historical Society.

Died at Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, October 6, 1914, aged 72; buried _____ Cemetery in Tucson.

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