

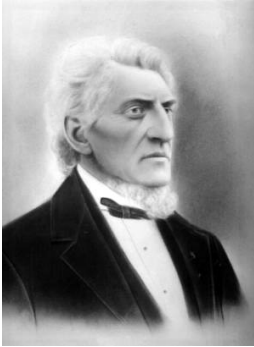





## Hispanic Political Involvement around 1900: Primary Source Set

<p>View of a trial in the Costilla County Court House in San Luis, 1917. The Mexican American jury is at the center back</p>	<p>Hispanic American men pose in front of the first permanent Costilla County Courthouse built in 1884, San Luis in 1910. The courthouse on the National Register of Historic Places</p>	<p>Juan Antonio Baca of San Luis (Costilla County), 1880-85. Mr. Baca was elected to the Colorado General Assembly as Senator for Costilla County.</p>	<p>Mexican political meeting and dance held at opera house in Alamosa</p>	<p>Current County Commissioners less capable than their Mexican predecessors</p>
			<p>A Mexican political meeting and dance was held at the opera house last night.</p>	<p>Our "economical" and "financial" board of county commissioners, presided over by the astute, veracious economist, Jas. Schultz, appear to have very good reasons for desiring to bond our county indebtedness, so as to forever bury all signs of their own incapacity and shortcomings. Their Mexican predecessors showed themselves far superior in capacity to the present board.</p>
<p>From Auraria Library Digital Collections</p>	<p>From Auraria Library Digital Collections</p>	<p>From Auraria Library Digital Collections</p>	<p>From <i>Alamosa Journal</i>, November 4, 1904, p.5</p>	<p>From <i>Alamosa Journal</i>, May 22, 1884, p.2</p>
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<p>Democratic and Republican candidates are button-holing all voters, including Mexicans</p>	<p>Colorado Sheriffs in 1904, location unknown. Some of those from the SLV and Las Animas/Huerfano Counties may have been Hispanic</p>	<p>Republicans claim to have all Mexican votes in their vest pocket, but Mexicans do not vote like sheep</p>	<p>José Victor García, a rancher in Conejos County, 1890s, who served in the Colorado Territorial Legislature and held many political appointments.</p>	<p>José Julián "J.J." Lobato poses beside his Ford Model T touring car near San Luis (Costilla County), later 1920. Jose Lobato served as Costilla County Treasurer and as a Costilla County Judge.</p>
<p>The candidates, both democrat and republican, are making all the use possible of the short time between conventions and the election. Every Mexican, Mormon, maverick, burro and all else odd enough to vote have been button-holed, at sundry times and in divers places and compelled to listen to the why and wherefores of all sides of the question. Truly, the ways of politics are marvelous and deep; the candidate discovers in himself qualities of imagination and an expansibility of conscience never before dreamed of, and each and every voter learns that he is the most important personage in his community. All can work and all may hope, but the end of the whole matter no man knoweth 'till after election.</p>		<p>The Republican fusion machine claims to have all the Mexican votes in its vest pocket. The Journal cannot grab such rot. The Mexican people are human and cannot be voted like a bunch of sheep as the Republicans would have you believe. Show the Journal what the Republicans in Alamosa have ever done for the Mexican people except give them the worst of it? The Republican fusion machine in claiming all the Mexican vote is like claiming all the saloon vote—it will get neither solid. In fact this narrow contracted bunch all-hog politicians are made up principally of claims and promises.</p>		
<p>From <i>San Luis Valley Courier</i>, October 30, 1889, p.1</p>	<p>From Tori Martinez, Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, 2018</p>	<p>From <i>Alamosa Journal</i>, October 29, 1914, p.8</p>	<p>From Auraria Library Digital Collections</p>	<p>Auraria Library, Denver, Digital Collections via Denver Public Library</p>
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