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LOCAL DASHES.
The "Yankee Detective" will
be given at the court house again
Saturday night.
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church are requested to meet at
the church on Wednesday, Janu-
ary 9.

H. M. Ford has purchased the
Eagle saloon from G. C. Johnson.
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gentleman, a good business man
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The "Yankee Detective" was
played at Texico last Saturday
night by the Portales High school
boys and girls. They had as
good a crowd as could be expected
owing to the condition of the
weather.

G. C. Johnson will leave Sat-
urday for El Reno, Oklahoma,
where he will join his wife, who
is there visiting. Then they will
both go to Huntington, Tennessee,
where they will visit about thirty
days.

The regulation Christmas festi-
vities were held in Portales.
The Sunday schools of the Pres-
byterian and Methodist churches
held exercises and distributed
presents to the Sunday school
pupils. A union Christmas tree
was given at the court house,
where a large number of presents
were distributed. Portales is
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ple, as a number of little boys
and girls whose parents are poor
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Marriages.

Mr. Ralph R. Gore and Miss
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Mr. Teel McClanahan and Miss
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were married in Portales, Christ-
mas day, Judge Compton officiat-
ing.

Marriage license was issued
December 23d, to Mr. J. W.
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Alfalfa in the Southwest.

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Mr. Smith has developed from a practicing lawyer to a great alfalfa grower in a period of thirteen years. He began his first experiment of planting alfalfa in 1894, at that time there was little known of this plant in Texas. He sowed five acres with the seed. It thrived so well that he met with a difficult problem in keeping it cut. It was a new thing to him and afforded him an opportunity to begin the study of that particular branch of agriculture with a closeness of application that in a few years caused him to be known the country over as an authority upon the subject of alfalfa growing. The growing and harvesting of the crop were not the only things to be studied and investigated. He conducted a long series of experiments of the best method of feeding and fattening stock upon it. He made many new discoveries which have been of the greatest value in utilizing the product and his income from the hogs and other live stock which feed upon it amounts to many thousands of dollars annually in addition to the enormous sum which the alfalfa crop brings directly to him.

When the first five acres enlightened Mr. Smith as to the possibilities of alfalfa he began to increase the acreage year by year. Even when he had reached the point when he had one hundred acres in the feedstuff he was looked upon as the king of alfalfa growers in the southwest. That was a number of years ago and since then many farms in the country have had a larger acreage of alfalfa than that. Two years ago he had increased his acreage to one thousand and his income for that year was \$78,000. Since then four hundred more acres have been added. Mr. Smith has placed no limit upon the acreage that he may ultimately reach. He has a big farm and there are several hundred acres still available for alfalfa.

The marvelous thing about Mr. Smith's alfalfa farm is that it is a dry land proposition. The crop is grown without irrigation. Practically all of the other alfalfa that is grown in the southwest is by means of irrigation. By the cultivating methods used by Mr. Smith he is able to obtain as many cuttings and as large yields as is usually obtained upon the irrigated farms. The old theory that alfalfa will thrive only on bottom lands is disproved by Mr. Smith. It is growing in the valley and upon the hills on his farm. The highest hills in this part of Texas are in this 1,400 acre alfalfa field. The crop which grows upon their summit is equal to that which grows in the valleys. The plant enriches the soil marvelously and after the first planting it is not long until the most barren spots are thickly carpeted. One of the hills in the big alfalfa field is called Mt. Nebo and from its summit every part of the 1,400 acres can be plainly seen.

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An excellent program is being prepared for the night following the last day of school at Carter.

Harley Watkins lost the first joint from two fingers trying to straighten a dynamite cap.

The debate on "Woman Suffrage" at the literary last evening, was very interesting. Those having the affirmative were Howard Edmonds, Mrs. W. E. Marsh, Miss Lockey Bennett and Mrs. Seyphard; for the negative, Jas. Walker, Louis Anderson, Mose Bennett, S. F. Anderson and A. J. Maples. The judges rendered a unanimous opinion for the affirmative.

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Extenuating Circumstances

A Christmas Story

By ANDREW D. GRANGE

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"It was an unpardonable liberty," said Kitty.
 "The temptation—" I began. She cut me short with an angry little frown.
 "That has nothing whatever to do with it," she remarked icily.
 "On the contrary," said I, "it palliates the offense, if it does not altogether excuse it. Let us consider the facts of the case. You were spending Christmas with your aunt, Mrs. Glen-torrison, in the country. One evening, as you were passing along a darkened corridor, on the way to your room, you met a certain gentleman—"
 "He wasn't a gentleman," she interposed quickly.
 "Oh!" I exclaimed. "I certainly thought that your aunt's guests—"
 "He wasn't a true gentleman," she added disdainfully, "or he wouldn't have acted as he did."
 "A discourteous gentleman, then— who taking advantage of the darkness, deliberately kissed you upon—"
 "Don't be ridiculous!" she snapped. "I asked you to help me."
 "I am endeavoring to do so," said I. "Then do it properly!" I assumed an air of profound gravity. Kitty regarded me thoughtfully out of a corner of her deep blue eye. "You see," she continued, "I don't know who it was—and—well, you know, it makes it rather awkward for me."
 "Didn't you see his face?" I asked.
 "No," she answered. "He came up behind, and—and it was all over in a second." She shuddered prettily. "It was quite dark," she added, "and I



Deliberately Kissed You.
 only saw his shirtfront. He was in evening dress, you know."
 "But were there no distinguishing features, such as a shirt stud, or—a moustache?" I suggested.
 "Oh, yes!" she responded quickly, "he had a moustache; and I think he was tall, because he had to bend down when—when he did it. His shirt stud was a plain gold one, I believe."
 "Well," said I, "how many tall men were there in the party who possessed moustaches and plain gold shirt studs?"
 "Let me see," she mused; "there was Capt. Jack Harland, Mr. Porter, and your nephew Jack."
 "Jack," I said, "is quite capable of behaving in such a disgraceful manner."
 "Yes," she assented, almost cheerfully; "but I don't think it was Jack. At least," she added with a bright smile, "I want you to be a dear old—I mean, a good, kind-hearted person, and find out for me."
 "It shall be done!" I cried, rising both to the occasion and to take my leave.

II.
 It is one thing to make a promise in all the glow of a generous moment, and another thing to keep it in the cold, practical light of after-reasoning. However, I did the best that I could. In the first place I wrote to Jack, who was then at Harvard, and, without divulging the source of my information, stated briefly what had come to my knowledge, and asked him if he could throw any light on the matter. It was some two or three days before I received his reply which was characteristically brief and ran:
 "Dearest Uncle—I received your



Christmas Eve Good Night

letter containing a vivid description of what you term the 'shameful outrage.' Now, I don't mind confessing to you that I am the culprit, because you have been young yourself (once), and know that the path of youth is strewn, etc. Besides, there were extenuating circumstances in this case. Like the decent old sort you are, make it right for me with the girl, and for ever earn the gratitude of, Your affectionate nephew, Jack Owen.
 "P. S.—I don't know that I wouldn't do it again if I got the chance."
 I folded the letter and sat in my armchair, staring savagely at the fire. Here had I got myself into no end of a mess, and most probably lost two good friends, at least, not to mention making myself utterly ridiculous, over this confounded business, and all the time I might have guessed who was the real offender. I wished now that I had waited before casting suspicions upon the hospitable captain and the influential Mr. Porter, both of whom would doubtless cut me dead in the future. But, alas! when a man is in my condition, he— Suddenly an idea occurred to me.

III.
 Miss Mainwaring was at home. I made my way up to the dainty blue-and-white shrine in which Kitty received her most devoted worshippers.
 "Ah," she exclaimed, running to meet me, "I am glad you have come!"
 "Not more so than I am," I replied, pressing her hand warmly.
 "Oh, heaps!" she said gaily. "I am just dying to hear the news. Have you discovered anything?"
 "I have," said I, taking a seat by the teatable. "I have discovered everything."
 She clapped her hands delightedly. "You dear old thing!" she cried. "I knew you would. Who was it?"
 "It was that misguided nephew of mine," I announced gloomily.
 For a moment I thought she was going to get up and dance round the room. Then suddenly she became grave, and the light died out of her eyes.
 "Oh!" she remarked, "it was Jack, was it?"
 "Yes," said I, "it was Jack."
 She poured out a cup of tea and passed it to me, keeping her eyes fixed on the tea-cosy the while.
 Then we talked about other matters until it was time for me to go.
 "Good-bye," she said; "and thank you for taking so much trouble."
 "It was no trouble," I assured her. One must do the polite thing, you know, at any cost.
 "I can only hope," I continued, "that in time you will be able to forgive my nephew for such an act of gross impertinence."
 "Ah, yes!" she answered warmly. "I think—yes, I am really very glad it was Jack."
 "Oh!" I ejaculated sharply.
 "Rather than one of the others," she concluded hastily.

IV.
 I wandered disconsolately in a less-frequented part of the avenue trying

to think things out. It was some time upon a month's ride my last acquaintance with Kitty, and during that time I had never once been able to catch her alone. Indeed, on most of the occasions when I called she was out, a piece of bad luck I had not hitherto been accustomed to; and when I did find her in, she was either surrounded by friends, or engaged in elaborate sewing operations which necessitated the constant attendance of her maid. Once or twice, too, I caught sight of Muster Jack in town, when by the calendar he ought to have been pursuing his studies; and the circumstance, coupled with his obvious anxiety to avoid me, filled my mind with a vague foreboding.

"What the deuce does it mean?" I asked myself, as I strode along with eyes thoughtfully bent upon the ground, regardless alike of passers-by and the people who would have passed by had I not collided with them.
 I cannoned off an eminent dignitary of the church, and ran full tilt against a smartly dressed couple who were dodging round the episcopal back. (I could only see the billowy edging of a dainty skirt—and what not—above a still daintier ankle, and the bottoms of a pair of immaculately creased trousers.) My murmured apology was cut excessively short as I raised my hat and my eyes at the same time. It was Jack and Kitty, looking very spic and span, and no little pleased with themselves.

"Eh? What!" I gasped, taken somewhat aback.
 Kitty's smile was as the wine of Oporto in its intoxicating sweetness.
 "Oh," she cried, "it is Mr. Walker!"
 "It is," said I, frowning at her levity. I was feeling in no particularly light mood myself just then.

She pouted and turned to her companion.
 "Don't you think, Jack," she said, "you ought to tell your uncle about—about it?"
 "Certainly," responded that young hopeful. "You will, my dear uncle, be delighted to learn that I have just obtained Mrs. Mainwaring's consent to my engagement with Kitty here."
 "Hum—ah—exceedingly delighted—pray accept my congratulations," I stammered.
 "Thanks!" said Jack. "I thought you would be pleased." The young vagabond actually winked as he said this.

"Ah, yes—of course," said I, with a fable attempt at dignity. "Kitty is a charming—that is, you will both be—er—very happy."
 "We mean to be," he asserted stoutly. "Don't we, little woman?"
 "Yes," she whispered softly, pressing his arm with her daintily gloved hand. Irony of ironies! I had bought those gloves!
 "I'll look you up this evening at your club," said Jack, making as if to move on.
 "Yes—do," said I.

They departed in a blustering gale of laughter, two young, handsome, perfectly mated creatures, and I—

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Try Brown's cash store for fancy groceries at the Yellow Front.

Mrs. W. T. Whitlatch went to Tiaban Monday to visit her sister a few days.

Mrs. F. T. McDonald and children left Saturday to visit relatives at Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Connell left Sunday for Waco, Texas, to visit relatives during the holidays.

J. F. Tompkins and family left Saturday to visit his parents at Brownwood, Texas, a couple of weeks.

Gilbert Drennen returned Sunday from a trip to Texas, where he has been the past two or three months.

W. T. Whitlatch has wound up his business in Oklahoma and has returned to his home on his farm near Portales.

Ten per cent discount on all harness and saddles sold for cash until the 10th of January. H. G. Justice & Sons.

J. S. Bushong left Saturday to visit his daughter at Tulia, Texas, a few days, and will go from there to Lockney on some legal business.

Mrs. Eppler, who had been here visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Curtis, left Saturday for her home in Amarillo.

Rev. W. A. Turnage, of Canadian, Texas, arrived Monday evening and is conducting a revival meeting at the Baptist church in Portales.

W. O. Young left Tuesday for Bentonville, Arkansas, to visit over the holidays. Mrs. Young and children have been there for the past several months.

By oversight we neglected to mention last week that the stork had visited the home of Rev. and Mrs. Carleton, on Monday, December 16, leaving a fine boy.

L. S. Weeks, his brother, J. E. Weeks, and E. Knox, all of Kansas City, have been here this week and secured claims. They report that they are well pleased with this country. The Weeks brothers are in the transfer business in Kansas City and Mr. Knox is a motorman.

W. F. Osborne, superintendent of the Portales public schools, has been selected as one of the judges in the "The March of Coronado" contest. This honor was conferred upon him by J. E. Clark, territorial superintendent of public instruction. The work of grading these essays was completed and returns made to the territorial superintendent's office December 20.

The lecture delivered last Friday by Charles E. Varney, being the fourth number of the lecture course, was a remarkably interesting and edifying entertainment. If people had realized the real merit of this lecture there would have been a much larger audience to hear it. The lecture had meat in it from start to finish and, at the same time, was given in a way to make it pleasing, provoking continuous up-rolls of laughter on the part of the audience.

If you want good buckskin gloves, get them at cost of R. M. Sanders.



Furniture...

Two car loads of New Furniture have just arrived and been unloaded in our warehouse and we want you to come in and satisfy yourself that we have the best line of goods ever displayed in Roosevelt County. You're the judge.

...Everything for the Housewife...

We believe that this shipment of Furniture far surpasses, in quality and elegance, anything heretofore shown in Portales, or Roosevelt County. Every design is handsome, the workmanship is superior and the effect of the whole is very pleasing and attractive. This shipment contains everything in the furniture line, in all styles and prices, and there is no question but what we can please you. Now, no matter where you have been buying your Furniture, we want you to come in and see for yourself. It costs you nothing to examine these goods and we rely only on the merits of the articles shown for their sale. If you can do better here than elsewhere, it's to your interest, as well as mine, that you buy here.

Where have you been buying your Drugs, Toilet Articles, Varnish and Paints? If you have been buying them here, you know that you have been getting the purest and freshest drugs, the service of a skillful and registered druggist and, at the same time, the advantage of the most liberal prices. We carry a larger stock of pure drugs than any house in the county. Bring your prescriptions to us. In regard to paints, oils and varnish, we handle the Lincoln, the best and cheapest on the market.

I carry at all times a large line of Undertaker's Supplies and, being the only licensed embalmer in Portales can render you service impossible to get elsewhere. No charges for disinfecting and preparing the dead for burial. Calls answered day or night. Telephone No. 16, two rings for residence. Residence near Methodist church.

Neer, Drugs and Furniture

Buy your groceries at Brown's Yellow Front.

S. E. Moore will make stamp photos until January 10th.

No delivery charges to pay when you buy at Brown's Yellow Front.

See J. L. May, manager business college, and secure that \$15 New Year's gift.

R. M. Sanders has a line of good buckskin gloves that he is closing out at cost.

Start a savings account now with the Portales Bank and Trust company. It will pay you interest on your savings account and your money is absolutely safe.

For sale, 100 head of good hogs, all sizes, at Edwards, Texas, eighteen miles from New Mexico line. Address W. A. Kirkland, Edwards, Texas. 12-21-8t

For sale, thirty-two hogs, average weight two hundred pounds also thirty shoats. F. J. Morgan, orchard man, nine miles west and two miles south of Portales. 36-40

A satisfied customer is the man that availed himself of the privilege of renting a Safety Deposit Box from the Portales Bank and Trust company. He no longer worries about the safety of his valuable papers.

Strawberry Plants. Strawberry plants, both early and late, for sale at 50 cents a hundred. JOHN R. HOPPER.

Hogs, Hogs, Hogs. If you want to buy or trade for hogs of any kind, call on Oscar Hill, of the Portales Grain & Coal company.

Might Have Been. When Shakespeare said: "Aye, there's the rub," we do not know for certain he was thinking of the itch. But one thing we do know—and know it twenty years' worth—Hunt's Cure will absolutely, infallibly and immediately cure any itching trouble that ever happened to the human outclet. It's guaranteed.

Dewberries, Blackberries, Grapes.

I have a quantity of one year old, well rooted vines of Austin Dewberry, Dallas Blackberry and Plains Grown Grapes which I desire to trade for corn. Call on me first block west of C. O. Leach's, in Portales. G. W. WOOD.

The finest coffee substitute ever made has recently been produced by Dr. Shoop, of Racine, Wis. You don't have to boil it twenty or thirty minutes. "Made in a minute," says the doctor. "Health Coffee" is really the closest coffee imitation ever yet produced. Not a grain of real coffee in it either. Health Coffee imitation is made from pure toasted cereals or grains with malt, nuts, etc. Really it would fool an expert—were he to unknowingly drink it for coffee. Pearce & Dobbs.

Notice of Offered Reward.

The undersigned will pay \$250.00 to any person or persons furnishing evidence leading to the arrest and conviction in any district court in New Mexico, of any party or parties stealing or wilfully and maliciously killing, maiming, disfiguring or knowingly selling, leading or riding away any horse or horses or cattle belonging to the DZ and Diamond Tail ranch, in "Roosevelt and Chaves counties, New Mexico. J. O. CURTIS, Manager.

A tickling cough, from any cause, is quickly stopped by Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. And it is so thoroughly harmless and safe that Dr. Shoop tells mothers everywhere to give it without hesitation even to very young babes. The wholesome green leaves and tender stems of a lung healing mountainous shrub, furnish the curative properties to Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. It calms the cough and heals the sore and sensitive bronchial membranes. No opium, no chloroform, nothing harsh used to injure or suppress. Simply a resinous plant extract, that helps to lead aching lungs. The Spaniards call this shrub jing. Always demand Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Pearce & Dobbs.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, land office at Roswell, New Mexico, November 25, 1907. Notice is hereby given that Y. Levi Boulter, of Arch, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: homestead entry No. 2859, made September 3, 1902, for the northwest quarter of section 27, township 2 south, range 26 east, and that said proof will be made before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Portales, New Mexico, on January 8, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: John H. Lott, of Portales, New Mexico; William H. Williams, Jesse J. Williams, David F. English, all of Arch, New Mexico. HOWARD LELAND, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, land office at Roswell, New Mexico, November 26, 1907. Notice is hereby given that Sarah A. Stanford, formerly Sarah A. Skinner, of Portales, New Mexico, has filed notice of her intention to make final five year proof in support of her claim, viz: homestead entry No. 3510, made January 2, 1903, for the north half of the northwest quarter, the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 13, township 2 south, range 26 east, and that said proof will be made before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Portales, New Mexico, on January 9, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: Darrington A. Parrish, Lon D. Young, Henry A. Counts, Jacob W. Cleendenn, all of Portales, New Mexico. HOWARD LELAND, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, land office at Roswell, New Mexico, November 25, 1907. Notice is hereby given that Franklin B. Hearn, of Portales, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: homestead entry No. 2317, made February 13, 1902, for the south half of the northwest quarter and north half of the southwest quarter of section 12, township 1 south, range 22 east, and that said proof will be made before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Portales, New Mexico, on January 6, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: Enoch F. Dunham, Joseph T. McGlothlin, both of Portales, New Mexico; George E. Scott, Herbert E. Johnston, both of Floyd, New Mexico. HOWARD LELAND, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, land office at Roswell, New Mexico, November 25, 1907. Notice is hereby given that Allen E. Hoover, of Portales, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: homestead entry No. 3503, made December 1, 1902, for the southeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 25, township 2 south, range 35 east; east half of northwest quarter and southwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 30, township 2 south range 36 east, and that said proof will be made before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Portales, New Mexico, on January 8, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: Abner C. Wimberly, William O. Davis, George W. Lott, William E. Beauchamp, all of Portales, New Mexico. HOWARD LELAND, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, land office at Roswell, New Mexico, November 25, 1907. Notice is hereby given that David F. English, of Arch, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: homestead entry No. 3440, made December 23, 1902, for the south half of the northeast quarter of section 34, township 2 south, range 36 east, and that said proof will be made before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Portales, New Mexico, on January 8, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: Abner C. Wimberly, Allen R. Hoover, John H. Lott, all of Portales, New Mexico; George Byars, of Arch, New Mexico. HOWARD LELAND, Register.

Stamp photos are cash, no exception to rule. S. E. Moore.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, land office at Roswell, New Mexico, November 25, 1907. Notice is hereby given that Mollie E. Hornay, widow of Edwin E. Hornay, deceased, of Portales, New Mexico, has filed notice of her intention to make final five year proof in support of her claim, viz: homestead entry No. 2566, made May 26, 1902, for the southwest quarter of section 18, township 2 south, range 26 east, and that said proof will be made before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Portales, New Mexico, on January 7, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: George W. Lott, William O. Davis, Marcus L. Ryan, all of Portales, New Mexico; Gibbs W. Dyer, of Arch, New Mexico. HOWARD LELAND, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States land office, Roswell, New Mexico, October 21, 1907. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Joseph H. Robertson, of Longs, New Mexico, contestant, against homestead entry No. 6796, made August 30, 1906, for northeast quarter of section 32, township 4 south, range 35 east, by John F. Nance, contestee, in which it is alleged that said John F. Nance has wholly abandoned the said tract; that he has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date of said affidavit; that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law; and that his said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on January 4, 1908, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Portales, New Mexico, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on January 14, 1908, before the Register and Receiver at the United States land office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed December 2, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States land office, Roswell, New Mexico, October 29, 1907. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Lula M. Anderson, contestant, against homestead entry No. 2546, made May 20, 1902, for lots 5, 6, 11 and 12, section 2, township 1 south, range 33 east, by John H. Yates, contestee, in which it is alleged that said John H. Yates has wholly abandoned said tract; that he has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date of said affidavit; that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law; that his said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 2 o'clock p. m., on January 8, 1908, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Portales, New Mexico, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on January 16, 1908, before the Register and Receiver at the United States land office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed November 11, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by proper publication.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States land office, Roswell, New Mexico, October 29, 1907. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by William R. Floyd, contestant, against homestead entry No. 10061, made November 6, 1906, for the southwest quarter of section 20, township 1 north, range 28 east, by John Lowe, contestee, in which it is alleged that said John Lowe has wholly abandoned said tract; that he has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date of said affidavit; that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law; that his said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 2 o'clock p. m., on January 10, 1908, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Portales, New Mexico, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on January 20, 1908, before the Register and Receiver at the United States land office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed December 16, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States land office, Roswell, New Mexico, October 24, 1907. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Joseph Hardy, contestant, against homestead entry No. 8825, made August 22d, 1906, for southwest quarter of section 24, township 1 south, range 30 east, by James D. Miller, contestee, in which it is alleged that said James D. Miller has wholly abandoned said tract; that he has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date of said affidavit; that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law; that his said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m., on January 14, 1908, before W. E. Lindsey, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Portales, New Mexico, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on January 24, 1908, before the Register and Receiver at the United States land office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed December 10th, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

CONTEST NOTICE.

In the district court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico. Henry Gates, plaintiff, vs. Sam Davidson, defendant. No. 232. NOTICE OF SUIT. To Sam Davidson, defendant in the above entitled cause: You are hereby notified that suit has been commenced against you in said cause, in the district court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, for the purpose of trying the title of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 8, township 3 south, range 36 east, N. M. P. M., and removing the cloud from plaintiff's title to said property; that said plaintiff alleges that said tract is to said property and that you make some adverse claim to plaintiff's title therein. You are hereby notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 10th day of February, 1908, judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. The name and postoffice address of the plaintiff's attorney is G. L. Rees, Portales, New Mexico. Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 9th day of December, 1907. By R. Y. GREGG, Deputy. 12-14-5.