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## The New Count

There is scarcely any doubt but what the new county of De Baca will become a reality at this session of th legislature, and that despite the protest and opposition of more than two-thirds of the actual citizens affected by the change. There has never been any demand by the tax payers, the farmers and the citizens proper for a new Guadalupe: It is true that real estate sharks and politicians of Fort Sumner and some of the other towns who have been led to believe that they had some chance for a county seat, and have been clamoring at each session of the legislature for a new county with the temporary county seat located in the sand dunes of Fort Sumner, but country, have failed, thus far to demonstrate any hanker ing after a new county. While this bill creating De Baca county passed the senate unanimously, it did not represen the unanimous sentiment of the members of the senate nor will it meet with the encouragement from the farmers and business men as a rule. It was a compromise meas ure; one that represented what the members of the senat believed to be the best they could get from a bad bargain. It is not satisfactory to any considerable number of people living in the two counties that have been touched for ter ritory to bring this illegitimate spawn of political chicanery do not like it and the apparent unity of the senate stands for nothing but the effects of the anaesthetic administered by those who had this iniquitous measure in charge. High taxation has always been and will continue to be the curse of the sunshine state, and yet each succeeding legislature, instead of trying to reduce our burdens, are continually adding to them. This new county means increased tax ation for Roosevelt county, for Guadalupe county and for from the expenditure. However, the taxpayers state can not hope for much improvement along these lines antil such time as they begin to take an active interest in politics Instead of apathy they must come alive, get in the game and send the very strongest men to the legislature; men of ability and integrity; men of staading in the communities in which they live; men whose affairs will be losely affected by the acts of the legislature. When this as the one creating the new county of De Baca.

## Oil the Streets Around the Square

The movement to put oil on the streets around the square is a good one and should not be allowed to die from ennui. Spring and the attendant gentle zephyrs are not ar distant and when that time arrives you will be using lang in splendid condition and with a These streets ar of crude oil, they will stay in that condition. A poating been found to get this oil for a mere pittance and the op portunity should not be allowed to pass. The entire expense will not exceed one hundred dollars. With these streets taken care of, the money available from the three dollars road tax could be expended on other streets for the city. An appeal will be made to the city council to authorize this expenditure, or so much of it as is necessary and have the work attended to at the earliest possible minute. Oiled streets are no longer an experiment. They are a scientific fact and have proved their worth wher ever tried. Many of the cities of the east and north hav adopted this manner of holding their thoroughfares good condition when paving was the only alternative Portales is not able at this time to pave her streets but she can do the next best thing, and that is, oil them.

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JOHN W. BALLOW,
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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