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LOCAL SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD FORMED

Vigorous extension policies of the Salvation Army were announced as a part of the 1920 social service program by E. F. Bandy, field representative from Salvation Army headquarters at Albuquerque, who visited Portales this week for the purpose of assisting in the organization of an advisory council for the Salvation Army in Roosevelt county.

The Salvation Army has decided to extend its field of service to every county in the western states according to J. B. Priddy, who has been elected president of the Roosevelt county advisory board. This means that Roosevelt county will be afforded in an indirect manner all the advantages of Salvation Army skill and experience in the handling of problems growing out of social and moral ills.

The institutions, bureaus and facilities of the Salvation Army will be placed at the service of the people of Roosevelt county through the local county advisory board and the assistance of the Salvation Army assured in handling of juvenile delinquents, missing people, social unrest, poverty and illegitimacy according to Mr. Priddy.

Those who constitute the Roosevelt county advisory board and who will supervise the administration of remedial measures are as follows: J. B. Priddy, president; Ex-Governor W. E. Lindsey, vice-president; Frank Campbell, secretary; E. E. Hoagland, treasurer; Coe Howard, W. B. Oldham, Seth Morrison and C. V. Harris.

"Zeph" Sandefer arrived the first of the week from Ranger, Texas, and will spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sandefer.

MR. VOTER

On April 3rd you are called on to nominate county officers for Roosevelt county.

I am asking you for consideration in behalf of myself for the office of Sheriff and I believe that you should know my platform.

I believe that any office holder who is elected by the people should be a servant of the people and not a master. If elected to this office I will serve the people on equal rights to all and will not keep down the people.

I can keep down the people if I am elected and work to the best of the people and of the county.

Most of the people are not in my canvass and some voters away from me and I wish to say to you that I have not been able to get to you. I did not pass them. I am running for your consideration.

My name and support, I leave it to you. My decision on April 3rd.
E. O. G. HENDERSON,
Portales, N. M.

LET'S ENTERTAIN

Monday, March 21st, Mrs. Mary Smith entertained at luncheon at her home. Mrs. M. C. Smith of St. Louis, Mrs. M. C. Smith of St. Tennessee, and Mrs. H. Jones of Joppa, Mo. Also on the same evening Mrs. Bell entertained at a dinner in honor of the ladies. Mrs. Smith is the mother of Mr. E. N. Smith, Mrs. Nora Morris, and Mrs. E. N. Smith. Mrs. Smith and James Smith and Mrs. Jones and Mrs. E. N. Smith. The day was spent in old fashioned southern and friendly, is mild.

Who Was There.
The Valley News is in advance.

HONOR ROLL FOR PORTALES SCHOOLS

High School—Thelma Campbell, Lillian Hatch, Elizabeth Priddy, LaVon Brown, Dorothy Ham, Florence Nelson, Emogene Troutt, Herbert Rickhard, Ruth Bostick.

7th Grade—Lois Oldham, Iris Ribble, Nell Dezonka, Robbie Jones, Myrtle Spurlock.

6th Grade—Grace Williams, Irva Taylor.

5th Grade—Lillian Bedinger, Laura Turner, Tom Davis, Lillian Bell, Marie Wolford, Douglas Stone, Marion Jones, Gladys Holmes.

4th Grade—Adele Oldham, Bonnibel Taylor, Juanita Hancock, Lucile Williams, Ola Pinson, Lola Pinson, John Holman, Roy Forbes, Creta Herndon, RoJean Herndon, Lorene Yoachum, Loveta Mauldin.

3rd Grade—Carroll Brooks, Mildred Bramlett, Helen Compton, Georgia O'Sullivan, Merlin Anderson, Rosamond Deen, Dorothy Hammett, Mabel Brummett.

2nd Grade—Jack Osborne, Wilma Wallace, Stuart Long, Jones Smith, Hugh Meridith, Willie Vale Oldham.

1st Grade—Alta Mae Hammett, Lois Starnes, E. J. Watson, D. G. Hill.

Primary—Elizabeth Meridith, Ruby Osborne, Phelps Armstrong, Kenneth Jones, Woody Johnston, Nathaniel Hancock, Milton Chavers, Garnie Atkinson.

Lloyd Horney is back in town again this week after a two weeks stay at the ranch.

COTTON GROWING

(Rupert L. Stewart, in New Mexico Farm Courier)

The abnormally high prices being paid for cotton have stimulated the growing of this crop in many sections of the country. The Experiment station has been running some very extensive tests with this crop for the past four years and the results secured indicate that this crop can be grown at a profit in this valley.

The growing season is sufficiently long to mature the crop and the soils are rich enough to produce plants that fruit heavily. This, coupled with the fact that irrigation water is plentiful, gives promise of cotton becoming one of the staple crops in Mesilla valley.

The trials have been largely confined to the Durango variety because of the fact that this cotton, owing to its excellent staple, usually brings a premium of fifteen to twenty cents a pound over the ordinary short staple varieties. Some work has been done with the shorter staple varieties with very good results.

Bulletin No. 120 of the New Mexico Agricultural Experiment station will soon come from the press. This bulletin will contain the results of the experiments with cotton at the station and also contain an article on cotton growing in the Carlsbad district, Eddy county, New Mexico.

All those desiring copies of this bulletin should send their names to the Experiment Station.

Establish Orphanage in Rome.

By reason of the liberal response from the native Christians in the various mission fields to the 75 Million Campaign, many improvements on these fields have been made possible. Among the enlargements already provided for are an orphanage in Rome, the addition of a girls' department at Rio College in Brazil, and land for a girls' school at Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Song of 10,000 Lines Being Written for India's Pariah Water Drawers

Missionaries encounter strange problems in their work of spreading the doctrine of Christianity. But generally they are able to work out a good solution.

For centuries the Pariah water drawer of India has measured the number of buckets of water he draws by means of a song of 10,000 lines. Unable to count, much less to add or subtract, the water drawer had to be given some method of measurement. So this song was adopted. It runs:

"Three Hundred and Thirty Million Gods have I,
"Right have I."
and so on for 10,000 variations.

The employer desiring a certain number of buckets to be drawn, tells the water drawer to stop his song at such a verse or lines. The drawer pulls up one bucket for each line of the song and stops at the appointed place. He will have exactly the number wanted.



An East Indian Water Drawer at His Primitive Well Pump, Which Has Not Been Improved Since the Days of the Pharaohs

THE FORK IN THE ROAD

Shall Roosevelt County Continue Its Progress or Let Some Other Field Grasp the Prize from Our Hands?

The new board of directors of the Nu-Mex Company is doing everything in its power to hasten the resumption of drilling. The Nu-Mex well means so much to Roosevelt county that it is to be hoped that nothing will come up to cause further delay. The interests of every citizen are concerned, for in the minds of the people in other sections of the country, Nu-Mex has been prominently fixed as the index of oil developments in this part of the state, and it would react disastrously in the way of new operations should the work be held up.

The Chicago people putting up the money to finish the well have asked for a short extension of part of the leases, due to the time lost during the winter on account of the coal strike and the breakage and loss of tools. For this extension they agree to continuous drilling until the well is completed and also put the control of their interests absolutely in the hands of the board of directors.

Now is the time for the landowners to decide whether Roosevelt county shall go forward and retain its advantage as the most prominent oil development region in New Mexico or forfeit the tremendous advantage already secured by reason of the widespread publicity given this field all over the country.

The Nu-Mex Company has already spent over \$25,000 on its well and all the big companies are watching it as the key to the situation. The question now is, shall Roosevelt county continue its progress or shall we stop and let other parts of the state get the cream resulting from further oil developments. Oil history is made rapidly. Nothing moves faster than an oil boom and millions of dollars are often poured into a new field on the first favorable showing. It would be a pity, almost criminal carelessness, for Roosevelt county to give up its present advantageous position.

The present and future of every man, woman and child of our community are affected. Let's get together and give the companies ready to spend their money our complete support. The geologists and wise operators say the

oil is here; let's go and get it and make Portales the biggest city in New Mexico.

OIL NOTES

A. H. McClaskey, president of the United States Auto Road Information Company, was in Portales this week in the interest of highway development. He said that he had been reading about Roosevelt county for the past six months and expected to find Portales another Wichita Falls. He also said he had talked with oil men in many places and they all predicted big things for this field when the drill went down.

The Roosevelt Oil Company is making fine progress in its well. The 15½-inch casing has been bought and will be put in the hole when it is needed. Oil men are watching this work with deep interest.

A sign in the Nu-Mex office reads as follows: "Watch the value of leases go up when we resume drilling." Judging from the advance in Carlsbad acreage during the past week, no prophet is needed to tell what will happen here when we strike oil.

Charles J. Hagerling, editor of the Oil Digest, is in Amarillo this week in the interests of his paper. Charlie is one of the original boosters of Roosevelt county, and is more firm than ever in the belief that this field will show gusher production.

Who will be the richest person in Portales a year from to-day? We can't give the name but it will be the man or woman who owns the best oil lease in Roosevelt county. Never was a better chance offered to lay the foundation for a big fortune than is presented today in securing a lease near one of the wells in this region.

E. M. Billings returned the first of the week from California, where he has been for the past several months. Mr. Billings says that California looks mighty good at this time. He is making arrangements to return within a short time to make that his home, where he will take care of his father.

Prof. J. S. Long returned the first of the week from Pecos, Texas, where he has been for the past several days looking after some land interests.

CAN THE CASH CROPS BE PRODUCED AT PROFITS?

Are the crops and livestock the farm is producing for sale to the nonproducers of the community or for export to other communities such as can be made profitable when produced and sold locally or exported?

The best guide here, says the United States Department of Agriculture, is the practice of the community; enterprises should be adopted that are found generally on its farms. A limited demand from the nonproducers of the community for some product not generally grown locally, and for which many local farms are not adapted, will sometimes afford a few farms opportunity for expansion.

For instance, the plan suggested by the department for providing dairy products should, if followed, produce enough surplus calves to develop here and there cattle-raising and cattle-feeding farms. Some farms will be specially adapted to this purpose by having an abundance of suitable but unsalable by-products, cheap pasture, or pasture land unadapted to cropping. Other farms may develop a considerable business in the production of pork, or of pigs for supplying farms where brood sows are not kept. An occasional farmer will develop a business of producing seeds of some particular farm crop or crops to meet the needs of those lacking suitable skill and experience for such production.

CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS CONVENTION MONDAY

Roswell, N. M., March 24.—Reports form all over New Mexico and west Texas indicate a large attendance at the annual convention of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers Association, which begins here next Monday. It is expected that the attendance from eastern New Mexico will be especially large.

Everything is set in Roswell for the opening of the convention. New features have been added to the entertainment program and not only will the visitors have a profitable session of the association to enjoy but there will be something of interest every day aside from the convention. Rooming headquarters will be established during the convention at the Chamber of Commerce and those who are not provided for in regular rooming houses and hotels will be taken care of in private homes.

The program has been completed and is the best the association has ever had.

G. L. (Lonnie) Bilberry

I was born and raised in Texas, have a common school education and a practical business training, was postmaster and manager of a general mercantile establishment for eight years, moved from Texas to Redland, New Mexico, where I homesteaded a farm and raised stock for seven years, moved to Portales for better school facilities for my children, and since that time have been running a wagon yard and feed store.

Should you choose me for your next tax assessor I will promise you to make life a burden for the tax dodger, striving always to see that all the property of the county is listed for taxes at its real taxable value, and in arriving at the true value where doubt exists, to make such inquiries and get such information bearing on the matter as will enable me to make an assessment that will be fair to the county and the taxpayer, alike. If this kind of a tax assessor will be agreeable to your way of thinking, I will appreciate your vote and your influence.

G. L. BILBERRY.

The News is \$1.50 per year.

PENALTY ON MOTOR CAR LICENSE ON APRIL 1ST

An April fool's hoax is planned by Secretary of State Manuel Martinez for automobilists who haven't gotten their licenses by April 1st. He doesn't want to spring it unless he has to, so he gave warning today. Now they can't blame him if they get caught. It will be their own fault.

The secretary of state is directed by the new automobile law to charge a penalty of 25 per cent on delinquent license fees, and Mr. Martinez announced that the penalty would go into effect by April 1st. His office has been swamped under applications since the first of the year and he didn't want to put the penalty into effect until it was cleared.

Now the office has caught up, so there's no excuse for delinquency. The office can issue licenses as fast as applications come in.

So far the secretary of state has issued 15,500 licenses, little more than 3,000 less than the total number issued for last year. The total for 1919 was 18,870.

TO THE VOTERS OF ROOSEVELT AND DE BACA COUNTIES

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of State Senator for the twenty-first Senatorial District of the State of New Mexico.

You may not doubt that I am a little late in making my announcement, but upon solicitation of numerous friends I decided to "spud in" the Senatorial race on March 15th, and I hope the old saying "better late than never" will hold good in this case.

I was born in the State of Texas in the year 1874, so I am a Texan by birth and a Democrat by choice; I came to what is now Roosevelt County (then Chaves), New Mexico, in 1895, and have resided here continuously (except one year) since that time, I have seen our county change from an open range, free grass country to what I consider one of the best farming sections in the southwest; of course we have our disadvantages, droughts and hard knocks, but what country does not?

I have been through all the ups and downs with the balance of you, and feel that my residence here for that length of time, puts me in touch with the wants and needs of the people.

Most of my education was received in the School of Experience and I graduated at the college of "Hard Knocks."

My experience as County and District Clerk has brought many measures to my attention that could possibly be introduced and passed at the next State Legislature, which would not only be a benefit to the twenty-first Senatorial District, but to the State at large.

Now I am not promising that I will reform the State of New Mexico, nor the State Legislature, nor do I promise to materially reduce the tax rate of our county, but I do promise to use my best efforts in securing legislation that will be to the best interest of the people and to oppose any legislation that will be a detriment to them, and if I am successful in this I will feel that my efforts have not been in vain.

I am for the people first, last and all the time, that's me.

Your support and influence will be appreciated. May I have it!

SETH A. MORRISON.

A CORRECTION

The News printed some sale bills for Mr. Etna Watts this week and made a little mistake in describing where Mr. Watts lives. We stated that it was 2 miles east and three miles south of Longs, when it should have been 2 miles WEST and 3 south of Longs. We gladly make the correction.

"GLAD I DIDN'T TAKE CALOMEL"

You Never Wake Up Weak, Grippy or Sickened After Taking "Dodson's Liver Tone"—Listen!



Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you lose a day.

TOO QUICK IN CONDEMNATION

Billy Grimes Might Have Been a Little Less Hasty in "Bawling Out" the Doctor.

"The opponents of strong drink," said a politician at a dinner in New York, "are too ready with their accusations—accusations of drunkenness and what not—against all who don't share their views."

"Sometimes I think they are as bad as Billy Grimes."

"Billy's doctor had bought a fine new pair of acetylene lamps for his automobile, and one evening the water reservoirs of both lamps got empty, and so, of course, the lights went out."

"The doctor, halting in front of Billy's shack, shouted:

"Hi, Billy, can you let me have some water for my lamps?"

"Billy came forth. 'Water?' he said. 'I guess ye mean oil, don't ye, doc?'"

"'No, I don't,' said the doctor; 'I mean water.'"

"'Billy looked at the doctor, then he shook his head sadly.

The Wise Agent.

The agent for the Useless Dingus he was selling was a smart man. He rang the doorbell and a maid opened the door.

"'Good morning,' smiled the agent. 'I am trying to find a married lady whose name I can't remember just now. I think this is her home. She is a woman easily described. Perhaps you know her. She is a handsome woman, with a perfect complexion, beautiful hair and teeth, lovely eyes and an ideal figure. I thought—'"

"'Mary?' called a voice from the top of the stairs, "tell the gentleman I will be right down!"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Its Nature.

"What do you think of that free seed business in congress?"

"I think it is a plant."

So It Is.

"What is the center of gravity?"

"The letter V"—Boys' Life for February.

sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous, go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of Calomel because it can not salivate or make you sick.—Adv.

If all we had to do to get rich is to buy oil stock none of us would have to work.

EASIER FOR HER TO DYE THAN TO BUY "Diamond Dyes" Turn Faded, Shabby Apparel Into New.

Don't worry about perfect results. Use "Diamond Dyes," guaranteed to give a new, rich, fadeless color to any fabric, whether it be wool, silk, linen, cotton or mixed goods.—dresses, blouses, stockings, skirts, children's coats, feathers—everything!

Direction Book in package tells how to dye with ease over any color. To match any material, have dealer show you "Diamond Dye" Color Card.—Adv.

"Movies" in Education.

Prof. Giacomo Boni, noted Italian archeologist, has suggested to the government the use of moving pictures to promote the study of history in the schools and among all classes of the people.

He declared that moving pictures were better than books or lectures, and recalled that after the Roman peace the Emperor Augustus, wishing to induce the people to return to the land, called upon the poets to sing of agriculture, and Virgil wrote the "Georgics."

Moving pictures, according to Professor Boni, must be employed in a similar manner to educate the people to a knowledge and appreciation of Italian history.

The Deed Was Done. With our baskets full of goodies, a crowd of us enjoy going from house to house and having "picnic" dinners. At our last meeting place our hostess was noted for making weak coffee. This worried my husband, who likes his strong. To please him I promised to go early and offer to make the coffee. Luck was against me, for when I arrived, she had already made it. My husband, thinking of course, that I had done the deed, looked across the table at me, and bellowed before them all: "This coffee is simply rotten."—Exchange.

Many a man has accidentally lost his best umbrella by coming in contact with the owner.

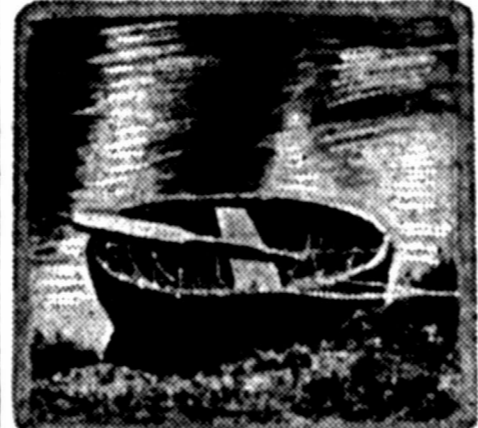


WHERE ST. PATRICK LIES AT DOWNPATRICK The huge uncarved stone was two years ago drawn from the neighborhood hills and placed over the supposed grave of St. Patrick. It bears a cross and the word "Patrick" in Irish capital letters. It weighs seven tons. Part of the present Downpatrick cathedral is shown in the background.

ST. PATRICK'S PURGATORY ON LOUGH DERG

LOUGH DERG, environed by hills, in the southern part of County Donegal, also claims the distinction of having an island on which is St. Patrick's purgatory. In the middle ages the place had a European reputation and pilgrimages were made to it from various parts of the continent. Between June 1 and August 15 the legendary site of St. Patrick's purgatory is still visited by 3,000 or 4,000 pilgrims annually. This lough, much smaller than another one similarly named, is studded with islands, delightful in themselves and rendered still more attractive by a picturesque environment in which beauty and a measure of sublimity are commingled.

Giraldus Cambrensis, a Welsh writer of the twelfth century, who resided



BOAT OF ST. PATRICK'S TIME

This ancient type of boat dates from St. Patrick's time. This one is still in use on the Boyne river near Slane. It has a wattle framework and is covered with hide. It is singularly like one of the round boats on the Tigris.

for some time in Ireland, wrote at some length about St. Patrick's purgatory on the Donegal Lough Derg island. "The island in the lake," he wrote, "is divided into two parts, on one side being a church of great sanctity, amid scenes of wondrous beauty, its charms heightened by the frequent visits of angels and local saints. The other side of the island is rugged and hideous and is reputed to be the resort of demons and the haunts where evil spirits perform their dreadful orgies. This portion of the island has nine pits and if any person dares to pass a night in one of them he or she is seized by malignant spirits and tortured. Whoever has borne these agonies in discharge of penance will not undergo future punishment in hell, unless persisting in sinning worse than before."

In this manner the Welsh historian writes of the other St. Patrick's purgatory. Long before his day, however, legend and myth had cast their glamour over a lovely spot which was, without doubt, at one time sanctified by the presence and the ministrations of the apostle of Ireland. It was a credulous age in which Giraldus Cambrensis lived and his narration is as a matter of fact in which he himself believed.

The simple-minded people of the Donegal hills are not much harassed by speculative doubts, and to them generally the traditions attached to Lough Derg and St. Patrick's purgatory appeal as strongly and make no greater demands upon belief than are made by matters regarded as still more essential.

The first mention of St. Patrick's purgatory in literature was made by a monk, Joceline of Furness, in his "Vita Sancti Patricii," written about the year 1183. Giraldus Cambrensis' reference to it was made two years later, but neither he nor Joceline advanced the idea that the purgatory was an entrance into the other world. This development of the legend first

appears in a work written in Latin in 1188 by a monk, Henry, belonging to a Cistercian abbey in Huntingdonshire, England. The book relates the experience of an Irish knight named Owain, who descended into the cave of St. Patrick's purgatory to do penance for his sins. He was led alternately through hell and the terrestrial paradise and was finally permitted to view the glowing portals of the celestial paradise. Henry's book made St. Patrick's purgatory famous throughout Europe, and accounts of other descents into purgatory followed his in quick succession. The story spreading to Spain and Italy furnished the subject of a drama to Calderon and doubtless contributed ideas utilized by Dante in the "Divina Commedia."



STOOD FIRMLY FOR LIBERTY

How Irishmen in Revolutionary Days Contributed to the Sacred Cause of Freedom.

The following is an extract from an Irish-American almanac: In the crisis of the Revolutionary struggle, a little band of Irishmen in Philadelphia advanced the money that enabled Washington to keep his forces together in that terrible period.

The names of these generous donors for the achievement of American freedom, and the amounts given by each (which, in their purchasing value, represent nearly four times the present value of our money), were as follows:

B. McClenahan, \$10,000; John Patton, \$12,000; J. M. Nesbitt & Co., \$5,000; Benjamin Fuller \$2,000; Richard Peters, \$5,000; George Meade & Co., \$2,000; James Mease, \$5,000; John Donaldson, \$2,000; Thomas Barclay, \$5,000; Henry Hill, \$5,000; Hugh Shell, \$5,000; Keane & Nichols, \$4,000; John Dunlap, \$4,000; James Caldwell, \$2,000; John Nixon, \$5,000; Samuel Caldwell, \$1,000; George Campbell, \$2,000; John Shee \$1,000; John Mease, \$4,000; Sharp Delaney, \$1,000; Banner, Murray & Co., \$8,000; Trench Francis, \$5,500; Samuel Meredith, \$5,000.

These Irishmen, by their generous donations, helped Washington to carry out his plans, to secure volunteers,



ST. PATRICK'S HOLY WELL

This holy well, known as the "Eye" well, is situated at Struell Hill near Downpatrick, and close to it are two others known as the "Bathing" and "Drinking" wells.

clothing for the men, and munitions of war, without which America might still be a British colony.

It is also shown that the Irish also participated in all the great events of history during the Revolution.

Fulton, the inventor of the steamboat, was an Irishman, O'Reilly brothers, the inventors of telegraphy, and McCormick of the reaping machine fame were Irish.

The first history of the United States was written by an Irishman by the name of Ramsey, and thus we might go through every avenue of war, commerce, science, literature, invention and discovery, and still find Irishmen occupying prominent places in the van of each.

This Medicine Recommended by a Doctor



DR. J. H. WAGNER

When a doctor uses a medicine himself besides prescribing it to his patients, he must know that it has merit. This is what Dr. J. H. Wagner, a prominent physician of State, Kentucky, has to say about Dr. Hartman's well-known remedy, PE-RU-NA: "I have used PE-RU-NA myself for catarrh, and have given it to others for catarrh, bloating after eating and other ailments. It has proved a success in all cases with old and young men and women. All speak well of PE-RU-NA. It is the best of all tonics."

Dr. Wagner, out of the fullness of his own personal experience, for the good of all sick and suffering, recommends a medicine which he knows to be good. You may be sure a doctor would not endanger his professional reputation by endorsing PE-RU-NA unless satisfied beyond a doubt of its value.

Whether your trouble be a cough or a cold, or a more subtle catarrhal affection of the stomach, bowels or other organs, give PE-RU-NA a trial. The immediate improvement which you will see will satisfy beyond a doubt that PE-RU-NA is what you need. PE-RU-NA may be purchased anywhere in tablet or liquid form.

WINTERSMITH'S CHILL TONIC

SOLD FOR 50 YEARS For MALARIA, CHILLS and FEVER Also a Fine General Strengthening Tonic. MADE BY ALL FINE STORES

Neuralgia The powerful, healing warmth of Hunt's Lightning Oil gives instant relief to neuralgia, sciatica, rheumatism, etc. It is the best remedy for all these ailments.

HUNT'S LIGHTNING OIL BILIOUSNESS Caused by Acid-Stomach

If people who are bilious are treated according to these directions they will get very much better. Whatever relief is obtained is usually temporary. These biliousness is its source and remove the cause and the chances are that the patient will remain strong and healthy.

INFLUENZA starts with a Cold Kill the Cold. At the first sneeze take MILL'S CASCARA BROMIDE QUININE

Standard cold remedy for 20 years—in tablet form—safe, sure, no opiate—breaks up a cold in 24 hours—relieves grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. The genuine box has a red top with Mr. Hill's picture. At All Drug Stores.

QUEUE IS SIGN OF BONDAGE BELIEF IN "LUCKY PIECES"

Remarkable That Chinese Have Come to Look Upon It With a Degree of Pride. Superstition That Seems More General Now Than in the Days Before the Great War.

"That is my lucky piece," a veteran said, as he pulled a shapeless little bit of metal out of his pocket with his regular small change. "That's a bullet that just grazed my ear and burrowed into a wall right behind me."

"What sort of luck has it brought you?" He laughed. "Six months in hospital from another bullet the very next day. . . . But I married the nurse, and she's a bit of good luck, you bet! I got into the habit of carrying this about; most all the boys carry a pocket piece of some kind for luck whether they believe in luck or not."

No Leisure for Amusement. "You never mention the high cost of living any more." "Too busy to talk about it! Hustling for the price!"

A Morning Dish Of Grape-Nuts

certainly does hearten one up for the day. Why shouldn't it? Grape-Nuts is ready-cooked, ready-sweetened, and contains just those good elements nature requires for the strength to do things. Make Grape-Nuts your home cereal "There's a Reason"

Advertisement for Postum cereal featuring the headline 'If You Hear Anybody Talking about coffee prices or coffee troubles, tell them to quit coffee and try Instant Postum' and 'There's a Reason'.

Advertisement for Grape-Nuts cereal.

WORE NO SHOES FOR TWO YEARS

Los Angeles Woman Lived in Bed and Pillowed Chair Until She Started on Tanlac

"I had to be cared for just like a baby before I began taking Tanlac," said Mrs. Alice Murphy, of 1501 Pennsylvania Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

"Two years ago I had a very severe attack of muscular rheumatism," she continued, "and no one knows the pain and torture I have suffered since. My hands swelled until I could hardly work my fingers and I haven't been able to put on a pair of shoes because my feet were swollen so. I had sharp pains through my back so bad that at times I simply could not keep from screaming. Sometimes I got so dizzy everything seemed to spin around and then I would have sharp pains and a chilly feeling afterwards. I was so helpless that I lived propped up with pillows in a chair or in bed all the time and had to be helped from one place to another.

"I tried every medicine or treatment we could hear of but it was money thrown away and I got so blue I did not care to live. Then my husband read in the papers about Tanlac and by the time I had taken it four or five days I saw it was helping me. Now, after taking several bottles, I can't praise Tanlac enough. My nerves are so much better I sleep like a child all night long. I am already doing my housework again and it is the first time in two years I have been able to get around at all and wear my shoes."

Tanlac is sold in Portales by Ed J. Neer.

S. F. Myles, of the Cash Bargain Store, Elida, N. M., who was in St. Louis and Kansas City markets buying spring goods, has returned after an absence of two weeks, says that he was there during the recent blizzard, and saw plenty of rain and some snow and cold weather, and reports the wheat crop in Kansas and Missouri as being very backward. Although he found goods high and many goods scarce, with no prospect of declines in sight, he bought quite a stock to replenish his various lines and when his goods get in will have the largest stock he has ever carried and will have many good bargains to offer his customers. It will be to your interest to watch for his ads which will appear later in these columns. He makes special mention of Ready-Made Clothing, Dress Shirts, Neckwear, Furniture and the Roberts-Johnson & Rand line of shoes and oxfords, now in transit. 2t

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MILT POWELL
R. F. HENDRIX
B. F. BENNETT

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M., March 19, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that James E. Nickle, of Red Lake, N. M., who, on March 28, 1915, made original homestead entry No. 011640, for N. W. ¼ Sec. 7 T. 5 S. R. 34 E., and on Sept. 27, 1915, made additional homestead entry 013006, for NE ¼ section 12, township 5 S., range 33 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before R. H. Grissom, U. S. Commissioner, in his office, at Elida, N. M., on the 28th day of April, 1920. Claimant names as witnesses: Lee Evans, of Red Lake, N. M.; James R. Dutton, of Red Lake, N. M.; Thomas L. Park, of Red Lake, N. M.; William J. Ball, of Elida, N. M. W. R. McGILL, Register. Mar. 25-Apr. 22.

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

The State of New Mexico to Mrs. S. E. Payne, William A. Payne, Henry O. Payne, Fred L. Payne, George A. Payne, and Lee Ward Payne, defendants, Greeting:

You and each of you are hereby notified that J. A. Matheson has filed a suit in the District Court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, and numbered 1550 on the civil docket of said court, on March 17th, 1920, wherein he is plaintiff and you are defendants.

The general objects of said suit are to obtain judgment on three certain notes, each for the sum of \$222.00 and dated Nov. 24th, 1917, and due in one, two and three years after date, respectively, with 8 per cent per annum interest, payable annually, from date of notes until paid, and ten per cent additional on the amount due thereon as attorneys fees, and to foreclose the mortgage executed to secure the due payment of said notes, and covering the following described lands, in Roosevelt county, New Mexico, to-wit: "The west forty acres of that part of the northeast quarter of section 19, township 1 south, range 35 east N. M. P. M., lying south and east of the public highway adjoining the southeast line of railway right of way," said notes and mortgage securing same, being executed by one J. I. Payne, now deceased, and his wife, said Mrs. S. E. Payne, to one W. G. Barton, and by said Barton duly sold and assigned to one C. W. Ryan, and by said Ryan duly sold and assigned to this plaintiff, who is the owner thereof.

Plaintiff's attorney is T. E. cMars, whose postoffice and business address is Portales, New Mexico; and you, said defendants, are notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 6th day of May, 1920, judgment will be rendered therein against you by default and the plaintiff awarded the relief to which he is entitled, as demanded in his complaint.

Given under the seal of the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, and the hand of the clerk thereof on this 17th day of March, 1920.

(seal) SETH A. MORRISON,
County Clerk.
By A. J. Goodwin, Deputy.

In the Probate Court of Roosevelt County, State of New Mexico
In the matter of the last will and testament of) No. 191.
W. A. Marrs, deceased)

NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE SET FOR HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY THEREON

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that a petition for the probate of will of W. A. Marrs, deceased, and for the issuance of letters testamentary thereon to Thomas J. Mullins have been filed in this court and that Monday, the 3rd day of May, 1920, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the Court Room in the Court House of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, have been set as the time and place for the hearing of said petition, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same and show cause, if any they have, why said petition should not be granted.

Dated at Portales, New Mexico, this 18th day of March, 1920.
(Seal) SETH A. MORRISON, Clerk.
By A. J. GOODWIN, Deputy Clerk.

El Corte Probate, Del Condado Roosevelt de Nuevo Mexico
En el asunto del testamento)
ultimo del Senor W. A.) No. 191.
Marrs, defuncto.)

AVISO DEL TEMPO Y EL SITIO PUESTOS PARA OIR LA PETICION PARA PROBATE DEL TESTAMENTO Y PARA PUBLICAR LAS CARTAS TESTAMENTARIAS

Al que se importe:
Aviso es dada par esto se la que una peticion par el probate del testamento del Senor den W. A. Marrs, defuncto y para publicar las cartas testamentarias a don Thomas J. Mullins, ha sido enhiado en este corte y de lo que el lunes, el 3 de Mayo de 1919, a las diez de la Mauano del dieho dia, a la sola de corte de la Casa en el condado Roosevelt, ha sido puesto como el tiempo y el sitio para oir la dicha peticion, a que hora y donde alquien interesado pueda manifestarse y disputar el mismo y indicar la razon, si tengo razon, porque no deles ser concedido la dicha peticion.

Fecha a PPortales, Nuevo Mexico, este, el 18dt Marzo de 1919.
(Seal) Seth A. Morrison, Clerigo.
Par A. J. Goodwin, Escribiente.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

In the Probate Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

In the matter of the Estate of B. T. Neat, Deceased, No. 188.

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of March, 1920, Claude E. Neat whose business and postoffice address is Clovis, New Mexico, was duly appointed administrator of the estate of B. T. Neat, deceased, by the Probate Court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, and that he is now the duly qualified and acting administrator of said estate.

Notice is further given that all persons who have claims against said estate are required to present the same to said administrator, within the time prescribed by law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 6th day of March, 1920.

(seal) SETH A. MORRISON,
County Clerk and Ex-Oficio Clerk of the Probate Court.
By A. J. Goodwin, Deputy. 19-4f

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Let "Danderine" save your hair and double its beauty. You can have lots of long, thick, strong, lustrous hair. Don't let it stay lifeless, thin, scraggly or fading. Bring back its color, vigor and vitality.

Get a 35-cent bottle of delightful "Danderine" at any drug or toilet counter to freshen your scalp; check dandruff and falling hair. Your hair needs this stimulating tonic; then its life, color, brightness and abundance will return—Hurry!—Adv.

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RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 4 oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and will make harsh hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off.—Adv.

One has to be able to reason somewhat in order to know when he is unreasonable.

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CONCERNING NEW PASTIME CLOTHES



SUITS for outing, or general sports wear have never been as much in demand as they have been by southern tourists this year. We need a new name by which to describe these very smart clothes that retain a flavor of sport attire, even when they are made of rich materials. "Pastime clothes" has been offered and comes more close to fitting their character than any other term suggested. No matter how handsome these pastime clothes they must continue to remain informal. They are here to stay, for they are very becoming, they succeed in shaving off years in the appearance of older women—and everyone wears them.

The sweater, the sweater coat, and specially designed millinery play most important roles in pastime clothes, but one may be outfitted in this sport wear and leave a sweater out of the reckoning, for there are substitutes

for it. Wide scarfs and capes of angora and coats of this and other materials are among them. A clever sport costume, shown in the picture above, includes a skirt of cross-bar silk worn with a plain blouse and a velvet coat—lined with silk like the skirt. Black and dark blue are the colors liked for these coats. Dark blue cloth coats with plain white skirts, find a good many admirers among women who borrow this crisp combination from the men who wear, with one accord, dark blue coats with white trousers in their outing suits.

The second suit pictured demonstrates that very handsome fabrics are used with fine judgment in outing clothes. A heavy white silk woven in the effect of corduroy makes the coat and skirt with a crepe silk in a light color, figured with white, used in collar, cuffs, sash, and a wide band on the skirt.

SOMETHING NOVEL IN SUITS



THE pursuit of suits, which has been going merrily on for the past two weeks at a snappy pace has revealed many daring novelties to shoppers. The younger women like these new things that answer their demand for "something different," and they are to be recommended when circumstances allow two or more suits in the spring outfit. But if only one is to be bought it is usually best to select it in conservative rather than unusual style and rely upon accessories to add the spice of novelty to it. However, suits with fancy vests, like those of last spring, are well represented in this season's displays; the young woman, who owns one may furnish it with a new vest in this spring's mode and indulge her vagrant fancy when she buys a new suit.

One of these suits furnished with a handsome vest is shown here. Its important feature is this vest of black satin with applique of silver ribbon and silver embroidery. The vest has a narrow yoke at the top and upturned facing at the bottom of black satin; the narrow girdle is made of it and finished with pendant silver flowers. A vest of this kind works a transformation in a plain suit and the same coat may have a variety of vests of different character.

The oddity of the other suit is its appealing feature. It is a far cry from this coat to the panniere dress,

but the panniere is its inspiration nevertheless. Soutache braid, sewed on edge in a simple pattern, makes a border that finishes all the edges of the coat and the sleeves. It is also put on in three motifs at each side. The very narrow belt of cloth, like the suit, goes once and a half times around the waist and the square buttons that finish the collar and fasten the coat add their part to its pleasing eccentricities.

Julia Bottomley

Spring Hat Comments.

Leather is popular in many of the new hats—leather crowns, leather brims, and, even more frequently, leather trimmings. Satin hats with straw facings or straw crowns or brims are in higher favor than the all-satin hats. Most of the straws this season will be fine, and some of them absolutely unstiffened. All hats show an inclination to rise at the center-front, whether in crown, brim or trimming.

Trimming for Waistcoat.

A black satin waistcoat of a navy blue suit was trimmed with Bulgarian embroidery.

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All American women know of the great success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in restoring to health women who suffered from ailments peculiar to their sex, yet there are some who are skeptical and do not realize that all that is claimed for it is absolutely true—if they did, our laboratory would not be half large enough to supply the demand, though today it is the largest in the country used for the manufacture of one particular medicine.

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FELLOW CITIZENS:

Having waited until almost too late to announce as a candidate for the State Senate to see if any one else wanted to or was going to be candidate for that office, and not hearing of anyone, finally concluded that if the people desired me to again be their Senator, I would be glad to accept the same and endeavor to give them the same best efforts of which I was capable, as I had done in the past, realizing all the time, however, that from a business standpoint, it was a losing proposition for me. I am so constituted that it has always been a pleasure to me to try to get legislation enacted that will benefit the people, and I am sure that anyone who will take the trouble to investigate the journals of the House and Senate, while I have been a member, whether friend or foe, will have to admit that I have always done this. I am proud of my record of service and there is no part of it that I am unwilling for the people to know in full.

When I started in to be a member of your Legislative Body, I laid out certain things to undertake to accomplish, among which "was a law to require the banks to pay interest on county deposits." I had the pleasure of pushing this measure to a law, as you all know is the law at this time.

(2) A law to reduce the fee for recording chattle mortgages from \$1.50, to a filing fee of 25c. This is the law as I introduced it, while my bill did not pass, I was able to use sufficient pressure in the House in 1915 in my first Session, to force the bill to be amended so as to fully cover the ends I wished to meet.

(3) A law to reduce the interest rate on money from a Blue Sky to not exceed 10 per cent. I wish you people could have seen what effort it took to pass this bill which was introduced by me and is now the law, and of which the people have been getting the benefits and protection since the last session of legislature. I introduced this bill when I was in the House in 1915, passed it with almost unanimous vote. It was killed in the Senate. Got it through that body by the hardest kind of work. It was sent to the House and was held up until the last day of the session when I thought there would be no possible way of getting it through, but in the last hours of the session with the help of some Spanish Americans, some newspaper reporters and some Democrats, I was able to get the bill up for passage. The vote stood 14 for and 16 against, and by the strenuous efforts of some of my friends in that body, two members were induced to change their vote from against, to for the bill, and I passed it by a majority of two votes in the House. This, you understand was done by me without any aid from my colleague

or colleagues, during any session in which this bill was up, and had it not been for some good clean work by Mr. Epstine of Chaves county, and some good boosters on the side, this bill would have died in the House.

Another thing, I feel that I should mention in passing. When I went to your Legislature, I found that a very large portion of the school fund was being squandered and improperly expended. I looked into this, introduced a resolution calling for information as to how these funds were being expended and to have an accounting for same, which resulted in putting an end to this squandering and the passage of Chapter 115 of the Laws of 1917, and the protection of this fund, and there is now over \$700,000 in this fund drawing interest, where as there was nothing at the time I started this investigation.

This much merely to state some of the things I accomplished and that I was always on the job. A compliment, I appreciate very highly, but which was perhaps not so intended, was a remark by one of the leading Republicans of the State during the last session of the Legislature, when the Republican politicians were urging him to try to have a certain measure resurrected, after we had defeated it, and which had for its purpose the squandering of a large amount of the people's money, was that he did not want to try it again, "Because," he said "there sits Bryant loaded with information and facts about this thing and he will spring it on us and expose it, if we attempt it."

To anything like properly represent the interest of the people in your legislative body, requires a great deal more than sitting in its halls and voting one way or the other on bills. Little do the gang that tries to control things care for a member who merely does that. He gets nothing and wins nothing. Any one who tries it will find that it's a man's job. I do not have the slightest doubt of winning this election and that my record would be approved by the people when they understand the situation as it exists. I know that many say "That the people do not care, that they had as soon turn down a person who lays himself out and works for them and gets results," but I have too much confidence in the people to believe this, and I believe they will reward faithful service.

At this time, however, I am too busy to bother with trying to make a campaign, and do not care to undertake the time and expense incident to making a campaign. It is a losing proposition financially and the winner is loser from this standpoint. If I had nothing else to do, I would enjoy it and would not hesitate to incur the expense; believing that losing myself financially, I would be well paid, if I should

be able to accomplish, even as much for the people in the future as I have in the past. But as my time is fully occupied, I am glad to step aside, as you have another candidate in the person of Mr. Seth A. Morrison, who is willing to undertake this job, and whom I feel sure will make you a good Senator, and with my best wishes for him and the people of Roosevelt county, who have been my friends, I gracefully stand aside and bid you all God speed.

Very respectfully,
R. G. BRYANT.

AMERICANS ASKED TO STAY AT HOME

SIGHTSEERS SHOULD KEEP OUT OF EUROPE UNTIL PEOPLE GET ON FEET AGAIN.

BAPTISTS ENLARGE WORK

Mission Secretary Will Recommend How Evangelistic, Educational and Benevolent Program Can Be Carried Out.

Americans should keep out of Europe, unless they have important business there, until Europeans have had an opportunity to get on their feet again, declares Dr. J. F. Love, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Love, as chairman of a commission named by the Baptist 75 Million Campaign to visit Europe and make a survey of the mission fields there, has just returned from a five-months' tour of the continent. He says Americans have distributed cash with such a lavish hand in many places on the continent that the people have become convinced that every American has money to throw away and as soon as they spot a citizen from this country they proceed to overcharge him for everything he buys and every service rendered. Unless Americans forego sight-seeing in Europe for a few years a lot of the natives there will become professional beggars, in Dr. Love's opinion.

Baptists Suffered Heavily.

Along with the other religious denominations Baptists suffered heavy losses of property in Europe during the war, Dr. Love reports, but he found that such Baptists as survived the war remained loyal to their convictions and they are now ready to welcome the aid and co-operation of American Baptists in the rehabilitation of their countries and the propagation of the gospel.

From the contact formed with the Baptists of the chief countries of Europe by these representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Love believes there will ultimately be formed a co-operative alignment of the Baptists of the world that will make their larger factors in world evangelization than they have ever been before.

Carry on Relief Work.

While the program which Southern Baptists will carry on in the European countries which they have not occupied before will not be determined until after the commission has reported to the Foreign Mission Board, members of the commission found crying need for money with which to meet cases demanding immediate relief and cabled home for funds to be employed in this connection in northern France and Belgium. This money was promptly forwarded and has been distributed through an agency set up in Paris in conjunction with the Foreign Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Convention. Prior to the visit of this commission, missionary work by Southern Baptists in Europe has been confined to Italy and Bohemia. However, the commission visited England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland and Italy, but found it impossible to get into Czechoslovakia, the Balkans and Russia at this time.

Palestine and Egypt Visited.

After the tour of Europe had been completed, the commission, which included Dr. Z. T. Cody, editor of the Baptist Courier, of Greenville, S. C., and Dr. Everett Gill, formerly missionary to Italy, but now a pastor in Kansas City, went to Palestine to look into the missionary work there, formerly done by the Baptists of Southern Illinois, but recently taken over by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. A trip into Egypt for the purpose of studying the Mohammedan situation was made by the party while awaiting a ship on which to return to Italy. So far, Christianity has made very little inroad on Mohammedanism anywhere, Dr. Love found, though some of the missionary agencies in Palestine have been established for more than a half century. He anticipates a better chance for the Christian religion there, following British occupation of that country.

John Swaggerty was up from Elida the first of the week. He was accompanied home by J. K. Robertson who visited with relatives and friends for a few days.

BASCOM HOWARD

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Below is a few of the many bargains I have for sale, and I am going to insist that you buy now while you can sure get a bargain. I also have small five acre tracts well improved and close in, irrigated lands improved and unimproved, and will be glad to show you any of these places. Office in Exchange Building, next door to Portales Drug Store. Phone 24.

Southeast quarter of section three, township two south, range thirty-five east. \$1000.

Southwest quarter of section fifteen, township five south, range thirty-two east. \$850.

160 acres 3 1/2 miles southwest of Portales, all level, no improvements \$2250.

Southeast quarter of section eighteen township three south, range thirty-three east. \$800.

Three 80-acre tracts out of the old Bob Deen place; good loamy sandy land, each. \$650.

Three-room house, close in and well built—a frame house—well of water and sheds, chicken house and lots. One lot goes with house. Terms. \$800.

320 acres three miles of Mesa Oil well, deed and royalty, good buy; per acre. \$7.50.

160 acres five miles of Nu-Mex well, not leased, all good level land, no improvements but on highway; terms. \$1800.

320 acres shallow water land near Arch postoffice; all fenced and cross fenced and all good level farming land. \$3200.

80 acres north of Causey postoffice, all good level land and a bargain at. \$600.

320 acres six miles south of Richland, good well and wind mill, all fenced and cross fenced, 80 acres in cultivation; \$1000 Federal loan on land, will take, for equity. \$1250.

240 acres near Bethel in the shallow water belt, no improvements except fenced, per acre. \$15.

160 acres southwest of town, four room house, all fenced and cross fenced, well and wind mill, 60 acres in cultivation, good sheds, five miles from town. \$2000.

Good four room concrete house, 2 1/2 acres of land, well improved, high chicken wire fence, fine shade trees, barn and chicken house, fine grape vineyard; in fact well improved. Terms. \$2000.

1434 acrs 26 miles from town, all good farming land and all fenced, five wells and two wind mills, 9 miles of three-wire fence; a fine little ranch, also all good farming land, plenty of water and a bargain. Terms. \$15,000.

Three quarter sections or three sections 17 miles west of town, well improved ranch. Will sell three quarters or all, per acre. \$10.00.

LOTS OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR CATTLE GROWERS CONVENTION AT ROSWELL.

Roswell, N. M., Mar. 17—In addition to rides through the farms, a review of the New Mexico Military Institute cadets, special entertainment for visiting ladies, and a boxing contest and smoker, all planned by the Chamber of Commerce for the visitors at the annual convention of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers Association here March 29, 30, and 31, the Elks will have two of their now famous open air dances. These events have proven very popular in the past. However all entertainment features will be so arranged that they will in no way interfere with the regular program of addresses and business of the convention.

Interest is increasing in the address of John T. Atwood, assistant attorney general, on the subject "The Packers Deeree." This subject is one in which every stockman is interested and it seems probable that Mr. Atwood will not be the only one who will have something to say on the subject.

Eastern New Mexico stockmen are especially interested in the convention because it is the first one held on this side of the state and it will be the first many eastern New Mexico stockmen have attended.

GEO. T. LITTLEFIELD

OF KENNA, N. M.

Candidate for Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

MY PLATFORM

In order that the voters of Roosevelt county may get the correct slant on my purposes in seeking the office of Commissioner for the Second precinct, I am giving you my real and only reasons for making this race. As you have been told, I am a heavy taxpayer in both Roosevelt and Chaves counties, and am in a position to speak with some knowledge when I tell you that unless some changes are made in the assessment values of our lands we will not be able to give them away in a few years from now. I can, today, rent land for less than the taxes on that land amounts to; this is also true of my land. In the adjoining county of Chaves I have land exactly like what I own in this county, there is absolutely no difference in the two tracts, yet I pay double in Roosevelt what I pay in Chaves. This condition affects every land owner in the county, both the large holder and the small. If elected to this office I will expect to make every possible effort to

have the land values in Roosevelt county adjusted on something near the same basis as those in Chaves, thus eliminating the unjust and burdensome discriminations of the past. The interest of every taxpayer in Roosevelt county is the same interest I have in this matter, no more and no less. Be not led astray in this matter by any statements of "Big cow men and little farmers," they are only made for campaign effects and to becloud the real issue. I want this office for the sole purpose of trying to reduce taxation both for the small holder and for the large holder, and if this purpose can be accomplished I will feel that my efforts have not been expended in vain. If you feel in this matter as I hope you do, I will appreciate your support in the primaries. As to my politics, I am a Democrat, was born in Texas and have lived in New Mexico, in my present home, for the past thirty-six years. For any other particulars, ask anyone who knows me, or of me.

N. A. Ferguson and family, of Sherman, Texas, and Otho Ferguson and family of Carthage, Mo., were in the city today looking after some business matters. They came over from Ralls, Texas, where they had been at the bedside of their father, D. A. Ferguson, who died at his home in Ralls some six weeks ago.

O. S. Strickland left the first of the week for Clarendon, Texas, in response to a telegram stating that his sister was very low with pneumonia. Word from Mr. Strickland states that his sister is much improved and that he expects to be home in a day or so.

Dr. W. A. Price, of Hereford, Texas, was in the city a couple of days the first of the week in the interest of an oil proposition in southwest Texas. He made quite a number of leases to local citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lovelace returned last week from Texas where they have been for the past six months.

Mrs. Roy Connally is over from Fort Sumner visiting with her parents.

A. A. Beeman was a business visitor from Elida one day this week.

On account of our ready-print not arriving last week we have two installments of the continued story this week. Read the first one first.

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For Sale!

Owing to the fact that we are leaving Portales about April 1st we will sell the following:

1 Jersey cow.	Chest and drawers.
1 Thor Electric washing machine.	1 high chair.
1 Refrigerator, 100 lb. cap.	1 kitchen stool.
1 Sanitary cot and mattress.	1 small oil heater.
1 Iron bed and springs.	1 oil cook stove, new.
1 kitchen table.	1 Cole's heater.
1 small table.	2 large crocks.
1 Rocking chair.	1 lantern.
3 porch chairs.	1 gasoline tank.
1 good rug.	A lot of fruit jars and other things.

Call at our residence in the west part of town.

J. B. PETERSEN

EMZY JOTTINGS

The Emzy baseball team met the Lingo team at Lingo last Saturday. The Emzy team was defeated but is willing to meet the Lingo team at Emzy Saturday, April 3rd.

Miss Myrtle Armstrong, of Portales, visited relatives and friends at Emzy last Saturday.

Mrs. Owen Neville entertained the youngsters of the Emzy community last Saturday night, with a dance. Everybody had a nice time.

T. M. Byrd, who has been at Portales for several days, returned home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wilks, of Emzy, made a business trip to Portales last week.

Maril and Nonix Berger, who have been absent from school for several weeks, on account of sickness, returned to school Monday. We are glad to have them in school again.

R. L. Walker and family spent the day in the Roebuck community last Sunday.

Ada, Tom, and Joe Gregory, of Lingo community, had dinner at T. M. Byrd's Sunday; also Pat Johnston. In the afternoon they took a "spin" to the oil rig.

L. E. Wilks' father and brother of Childress, Texas, visited the

former and his family last week. The eighth grade examination, of the state, was held at Emzy last week.

—Johnny J. U.

A BIG PIE SUPPER TO BE AT ROGERS THE 30TH

There will be a big pie supper at the Rogers school house Tuesday night, March 30th. Everybody is invited to come.

FARM for rent—9 miles from Portales, 160 acres in cultivation, 2 silos, cement reservoir, 4 windmills for irrigating truck patch. See C. F. Moon at cream station. 18tf

BAPTISTS LAUNCH BIGGER PROGRAM

\$100,000,000 IN SUBSCRIPTIONS AND \$20,000,000 IN CASH BY MAY 1 IS NEW AIM SET.

WILL SEEK SOULS, ALSO

Evangelistic Campaign Calculated To Reach Thousands of Unsaved Persons is Announced For March and April of This Year.

Now that the subscriptions to the Baptist 75 Million Campaign have passed the \$90,000,000 mark, leaders in all the states composing the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention have resolved to place this sum at \$100,000,000 by the meeting of the Convention at Washington early in May. It is also planned to bring the total of cash offerings by that time to \$20,000,000. The convention at Washington will be the seventy-fifth session of that body and it is deemed appropriate to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the organization with an enlarged subscription and cash sum with which to carry forward the missionary, educational and benevolent work fostered by the convention in all parts of the world.



DR. GEORGE W. TRUETT
Chairman of the Baptist Campaign Commission.

This additional sum will be sought from churches which did not have a part in the original campaign, from members of churches who did not subscribe then and from other persons who made subscriptions in the fall but who feel disposed to increase their subscriptions now. This effort for increased funds will be made during the last week in April so that everything can be completed before the convention meets in Washington May 12.

Returns By the States.
The reports on the original drive for funds in the 75 Million Campaign to date, as made by the several states, follow: Alabama, \$4,100,000; Arkansas, \$2,265,000; District of Columbia, \$250,000; Florida, \$1,370,392; Georgia, \$10,100,000; Southern Illinois, \$830,704; Kentucky, \$7,167,713; Louisiana, \$2,875,000; Maryland, \$907,760; Mississippi, \$4,144,902; Missouri, \$2,062,506; New Mexico, \$732,260; North Carolina, \$7,250,000; Oklahoma, \$3,200,000; South Carolina, \$7,554,772; Tennessee, \$5,010,000; Texas, \$16,560,000; Virginia, \$8,298,488. Returns from the foreign mission fields and other sources not included in the above bring the total subscriptions beyond \$90,000,000.

This vast sum of money was raised at a total expense of three-quarters of one per cent, making this probably the most economically conducted campaign in the history of the country.

Plan Evangelistic Campaign.
Prior to this effort for additional subscriptions and cash, however, a South-wide campaign of evangelism, stewardship and emphasis upon the fundamental doctrines of religion is planned for the month of March and the first three weeks in April, when the churches will employ their organized forces in seeking to win to Christ many thousands of the 20,000,000 people within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention who are not affiliated with any church. A day of prayer in behalf of the success of every item on the Baptist program for the spring and summer of 1920 has been set apart. Many of the states have already got their evangelistic campaigns well under way.

In the hope of arousing as large interest as possible, city-wide, county-wide and associational campaigns of soul-winning have been planned in many places. In other places, especially the rural districts, where the summer months are considered more desirable for evangelistic work, the special program will be deferred until July and August. This will make it possible for city pastors to aid the rural pastors and thus double the evangelistic force of the denomination.

The program of evangelism, stewardship and emphasis upon the fundamental doctrines of religion is calculated to conserve the victory achieved in the campaign for funds. Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Dallas, Tex., is chairman of the campaign commission, while Dr. L. R. Scarborough continues in the capacity of general director.

City Girl's Gold Tipped Cigarette Has "Snuff Stick" Rival in South



This Young Mountain Macon is Enjoying Her Afternoon Chew While Her Husband Smokes His Favorite Pipe

Here is an unusual picture of marital felicity. It was snapped by a worker for the Interchurch World Movement during a survey of living conditions in the Tennessee Mountain district. The young woman in the picture, a bride of a few weeks, is using the mountain substitute for the cigarette, a "snuff stick"—a stick coated with snuff and industriously chewed. The habit has two advantages over the gold-tipped cigarette of the city girl. It is more economical and it lasts longer—a well made "snuff stick" having only one rival for longevity—the "all day sucker" of school days.

The Interchurch World Movement finds distressful ignorance and poverty among these mountain folks and suggests a new religious program—to couple the Bible with practical instruction in agriculture, carry it out on model farms, with schools, good roads and other community needs as the ultimate goal.

DELPHOS ITEMS

The Delphos school started Monday with a full attendance.

Fruit buds are holding back well so far; a few plums of the Japanese varieties will be in bloom in a few days.

this community the past week.

McNutt's thresher has been in. The many Delphos friends of Rob Poindexter are glad to learn that his health is gradually improving.

Mrs. Baker and Miss Florence McAllister spent the week-end with home folks.

Misses Alma Austin and Macy Morris went to Portales shopping Monday.

Mrs. Austin entertained a number of young people last Friday night with a leap year party.

The Delphos garage seemed to be quite busy last Sunday.

Mrs. G. A. Chumbly was shopping in Portales last week.

Miss Macy Morris and her brother Morion visited with Mr. McAllister's family Sunday.

C. W. Thornton moved a house from Delphos Monday, that he purchased from A. O. Higgins.

Cattle here have gone through the winter in good shape with little or no feed. This spring's calf crop will be the largest for a number of years.

Most of the farmers are plow-

ing, getting ready to put in big crops this year.

ROEBUCK ITEMS

After neglecting to write for some time we are here with some more news.

The ground in this section is getting a little dry on top, but the farmers have a job hauling their grain to market.

Little Derwood Robinson is better after a severe case of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are expected home this week, after quite a stay in California with their daughter, Mrs. Claude Cunningham.

Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Harding went to Rogers shopping last Saturday.

The Roebuck community is planning to go to Mrs. J. H. Johnson's Easter Sunday, for dinner and an Easter egg hunt.

Bro. D. Z. Little and family visited Roebuck Sunday.

The candidates of the county are invited to Roebuck on the night of April 1st. The school will render a program. All the citizens of the surrounding communities are also invited.

FOR RENT—Field of about 45 acres, alone or with two large rooms. For particulars see Mrs. Charles R. Salter, or address Box 95, Portales, N. M. 17-t

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Farmers—List Your Leases With Us

We can find a buyer if you list your lease with us. We have inquiries from every section of the country. Bring in your leases and get quick action.

NEW MEXICO OIL LEASE COMPANY

H. B. GUTCHES, Manager
NU-MEX BUILDING PORTALES, N. M.

FLOYD ITEMS

The box supper at Floyd consolidated school last Saturday night was a success in every particular. The program rendered by the children was well received by the audience. The music by the Portales band was pleasing the great crowd that had come from far and near. The speeches by the many candidates present were timely and to the point.

We were very much pleased to see so many people out from Portales. They not only came but the ladies brought well filled baskets and the men pocketbooks running over.

Messrs. Campbell and George acted as auctioneers and succeeded in extracting \$225.00 from the pockets of those present.

The boxes sold for \$2.50 to \$13.50 each.

Everyone present seemed to enjoy the supper very much.

The proceeds of this sale will be used to finish paying for our piano, to help our athletic association, and otherwise to benefit the school. Our school and community appreciate very much the assistance given by the different candidates and citizens from a distance. We especially appreciate the help given by our county agent, Mr. J. B. Petersen, who was one of the committee on arrangements. We are sorry to have Mr. Petersen resign his work as county agent. He shows progressive spirit not only along agricultural lines, but all kinds of school work.

Our people are getting over the measles scare and nearly all the children are back in school.

There will be an Easter service here by the Sunday school on the fourth of April, and a special Easter sermon in the afternoon by Rev. D. B. Jackson, of Melrose.

SHELBY SCHOOL

Following is the honor roll for March:

Elsie Harris, eighth grade; Nathanael Hawes, third grade; Bentley Bostick, third grade.

The Cash Bargain Store of Elida, has received another car of "Gold Bond" flour and feed, and can supply you at right prices as well as with other feed and coal.

WORKING BETTER AS A LAXATIVE

Asheville Lady Finds Black-Draught An Effective Remedy in Her Family for Common Ailments of the Digestive Organs.

Asheville, N. C.—Mrs. A. K. Jarvis, 44 Woodrow Avenue, this city, says: "I have used and heard of Theford's Black-Draught for years, and I certainly have found it splendid for headache, sour stomach, indigestion and other ills that come from a deranged liver."

"My husband and I keep Black-Draught in the house and think it is splendid to keep off sickness. I have used it in small doses as a laxative, and there is nothing better."

"Black-Draught is a mild liver medicine . . . any child can take it. I have found it splendid with them for colds."

Theford's Black-Draught has benefited thousands in relieving liver ailments. It helps to drive bile poisons and other unwholesome matters out of the system.

Black-Draught is a stand-by in thousands of family medicine chests. It should be in yours. Its use should help to keep the whole family well. Prompt treatment is often half the battle against many ailments.

Get some from your druggist today.—Adv.

Nothing in a Name.

A little boy on the north side who passed recently into a new room at school was told by the teacher that her name was Miss Crane. The other day his mother thought she would send a note to the teacher, inquiring about the lad's progress in his studies. She asked John the name of his teacher, and he puzzled and stammered a minute, and then replied: "Why, it is Miss Chalk, mother."—Indianapolis News.

URIC ACID IN MEAT CLOGS THE KIDNEYS

Take a Glass of Salts if Your Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush out the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.—Adv.

Needn't Economize.
"Is your daughter going to make her debut this season, Mrs. Comeup?"
"No, ma'am; we ain't so hard pushed yet that we have to have anything homemade."

DON'T FEAR ASPIRIN IF IT IS GENUINE

Look for name "Bayer" on tablets, then you need never worry.

To get genuine "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" you must look for the safety "Bayer Cross" on each package and on each tablet.

The "Bayer Cross" means true, world-famous Aspirin, prescribed by physicians for over eighteen years, and proved safe by millions for Colds, Headache, Earache, Toothache, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Neuritis, and for Pain in general. Proper and safe directions are in each unbroken "Bayer" package.

Handy tin boxes of 12 tablets cost but a few cents. Druggists also sell large "Bayer" packages. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacturing of Monochloroacetic acid of Salicylic acid.—Adv.

Poor Peck!
Friend—Is your brother still the level-headed, sensible fellow he used to be?"
"Peck—Yes, he's still a bachelor,—Boston Transcript."

Most women are generous to a fault but not one of their husbands.

The Harmonica Mystery
By F. G. WOODHOUSE

"D—N YOUNG FOOL!"
Synopsis—Captain Gunner, resident of Mrs. Pickett's Excelsior boarding house, is found dead in his bedroom, under circumstances that point conclusively to suicide or murder. Paul Snyder, veteran head of a highly successful detective agency, is appealed to by Mrs. Pickett to endeavor to solve the mystery. On his staff Snyder has a young man, Elliott Oakes, for whom he sees a promising future if his abnormal self-confidence and egotism can be eliminated. He turns the case over to Oakes.

CHAPTER II—Continued.

"What?"

"It's the literal truth. The medical examination proved that the fellow had been killed by snake poison. To be exact, the poison of a snake known as the krait. In this Long Island boarding house, in a room with a locked door, this man was stung by a krait. It's a small snake, found principally in India."

"To add a little mystification to the limp simplicity of the affair, when the door was opened there was no sign of any snake."

"It couldn't have got out through the door, because the door was locked. It couldn't have got up the chimney, because there was no chimney. And it couldn't have got out of the window, because the window was too high up, and snakes can't jump. So there you have it."

He looked at Oakes with a certain quiet satisfaction. It had come to his ears that Oakes had been heard to complain of the infatigable simplicity, unworthy of a man of his attainments, of the last two cases to which he had been assigned, and had said that he hoped some day to be given a problem which should be beyond the reasoning powers of a child of six.

It seemed to Mr. Snyder that he had got what he wanted.

"I should like further details," said Oakes a little breathlessly.

"You had better apply to Mrs. Pickett, who owns the boarding-house. It was she who put the case in my hands. She convinced me that it is murder. But, excluding ghosts, I don't see how any third party could have taken a hand in the thing at all. However, she wanted a man from this agency, and was prepared to pay for him, so I said I would send one. It's not for me to turn business away."

"So, as I said, I want you to go and put up at Mrs. Pickett's Excelsior Boarding-House and do your best to put things straight. I would suggest that you pose as a ship's chandler or something of that sort. You will have to do something maritime or they'll get on you."

"And if your visit produces no other results, it will at least enable you to make the acquaintance of a very remarkable woman. I commend Mrs. Pickett to your notice. By the way, she says she will help you in your investigations."

Oakes laughed shortly. The idea amused him.

"Don't you scoff at amateur assistance, my boy," said Mr. Snyder in the fatherly manner which had made a score of criminals refuse to believe him a detective until the moment when the handcuffs snapped on their wrists. "Detection isn't an exact science. It's a question of using common sense and having a great deal of special information. Mrs. Pickett probably knows a great deal which neither you nor I know, and it's just possible that she may have some trivial piece of knowledge which will prove the key to this mystery."

Oakes laughed again.

"It is very kind of Mrs. Pickett, but I think I prefer to trust to my own powers of deduction."

"Do just what you please, but recollect that a detective is only a man, not an encyclopedia. He doesn't know everything and it may be just some small thing which he does not know which turns out to be the missing letter in the combination."

Oakes rose. His face was keen and purposeful.

"I had better be starting at once," he said. "I will mail you reports from time to time."

"I shall be interested to read them," said Mr. Snyder genially. "I hope your visit to the Excelsior will be pleasant. If you run across a man with a broken nose, who used to rejoice in the name of Horse-Face Simmons, give him my best. I had the pleasure of sending him up the road some years ago for highway robbery, and I understand that he has settled in those parts. And cultivate Mrs. Pickett; she is worth while."

The door closed, and Mr. Snyder lighted a fresh cigar.
"D—n young fool," he murmured, and turned his mind to other matters.

CHAPTER III.

Flat Up Against It.
A day later Mr. Snyder sat in his office reading a typewritten manuscript. It appeared to be of a humorous

nature, for as he read chuckles escaped him. Finishing the last sheet, he threw back his head and laughed heartily.

The manuscript had not been intended by its author for a humorous effort. What Mr. Snyder had been reading was the first of Elliott Oakes' reports from the Excelsior. It was as follows:

"I am sorry to be unable to report any real progress. I have formed several theories, which I will put forward later, but up to the present I cannot say that I am hopeful."

"Directly I arrived here I sought out Mrs. Pickett, explained who I was, and requested her to furnish me with any further information which might be of service to me."

"She is a strange, silent woman, who impressed me as having very little intelligence. Your suggestion that I should avail myself of her assistance in unraveling this mystery seems more curious than ever now that I have seen her."

"She is a hard-working woman, who certainly conducts this boarding house with remarkable efficiency, but I should not credit her with brains. She never speaks except when spoken to, and even then is curt to the point of unintelligibility."

"However, I managed to extract from her a good deal of information, which may or may not prove useful."

"The whole affair seems to me at the moment of writing quite inexplicable. Assuming that this Captain Gunner was murdered, there appears to have been no motive for the crime whatsoever."

"I have made careful inquiries about him, and find that he was a man of fifty-five; had spent nearly forty years of his life at sea, the last dozen in command of his own ship; was of somewhat overbearing and tyrannous disposition, though with a fund of rough humor; had traveled all over the world; and had been an inmate of the Excelsior for about ten months."

"He had a small annuity, and no other money at all, which disposes of money as the motive of the crime."

"In my character of James Burton, a retired ship's chandler, I have mixed with the other boarders, and have heard all they have to say about the affair."

"I gather that the deceased was by no means popular. He appears to have had a bitter tongue, and was not sparing in its use, and I have not met one man who seems to regret his death."

"On the other hand, I have heard nothing which would suggest that he had any active and violent enemy. He was simply the unpopular boarder—there is always one in every boarding house—but nothing more."

"I have seen a good deal of the man who shared his room. He, too, is a sea-captain, by name Muller. He is a big, silent German, and it is not easy to get him to talk on any subject."

"As regards the death of Captain Gunner, he can tell me nothing. It seems that on the night of the tragedy he was away at Brooklyn with some friends. All I have got from him is some information as to Captain Gunner's habits, which leads nowhere. The dead man seldom drank except at night, when he would take some whiskey. His head was not strong, and a little of the spirit was enough to make him semi-intoxicated, when he would be hilariously and often insulting."

"I gather that Muller found him a difficult roommate, but he is one of those placid Germans who can put up with anything. He and Gunner were in the habit of playing checkers together every night in their room, and Gunner had a harmonica which he played frequently."

"Apparently, he was playing it very soon before he died, which is significant, as seeming to dispose of the idea of suicide."

"But if Captain Gunner did not kill himself, I cannot at present imagine who did kill him, or why he was killed, or how."

"As I say, I have one or two theories, but they are in a very nebulous state. The most plausible is that on one of his visits to India—I have ascertained that he made several voyages there—Captain Gunner may in some way have fallen foul of the natives."

"Kipling's story 'The Mark of the Beast' is suggestive. Is it not possible that Captain Gunner, a rough, overbearing man, easily intoxicated, may in a drunken frolic have offered some insult to an Indian god?"

He wrote his assistant a short note.

"Dear Oakes:
"Your report received. You certainly seem to have got the hard case which, I hear, you were pining for. I wish you luck."

"Don't build too much on plausible motives in a case of this sort. Fauntleroy, the London murderer, killed a woman for no other reason than that she had thick ankles. Many years ago I myself was on a case where a man murdered an intimate friend because of a dispute about a ball-gown."

"My experience is that five murderers out of ten act on the whim of the moment, without anything which, properly speaking, you could call a motive at all."

"Yours,
"Paul Snyder."

"P. S.—I don't think much of your Pickett theory. However, it's up to you. Enjoy yourself."

CHAPTER IV.

Baffling Clues.

Young Mr. Oakes, however, did not enjoy himself.

For the first time in his life he was beginning to be conscious of the possession of nerves. He had gone into this investigation with the self-confident alertness which characterized all his actions. He believed in himself thoroughly.

The fact that the case had the appearance of presenting unusual difficulties had merely stimulated him. He was tired of being assigned to investigations which offered no scope for the inductive genius which he considered that he possessed.

Hitherto he had been a razor cutting wood. Now, however, he told himself, he could really show Mr. Snyder the difference between modern methods and the stupid rule-of-thumb which seemed to be the agency's only form of mental expression.

This mood had lasted for some hours. Then doubts had begun to creep in. The problem began to appear insoluble.

True, he had only just taken it up, but something told him that, for all the progress he was likely to make, he might just as well have been working on it for a month. He was baffled.

And every moment which he spent in the Excelsior boarding house made it clearer to him that that infernal old woman with the pale eyes thought him an innocent fool.

It was this, more than anything, which had brought to Elliott Oakes' notice the fact that he had nerves. Those nerves were being sorely troubled by the quiet scorn of Mrs. Pickett's gaze.

He began to think that perhaps he had been a shade too self-confident and brusk in the short interview which he had had with her on his arrival.

She had struck him as a thoroughly stupid old woman, and his manner had shown it.

He had been keen and abrupt during that interview. He had cut in on her remarks. He had examined her with regard to the facts which he needed to supplement those which he had had from Mr. Snyder with a curt superciliousness which now he was beginning to regret.

Such an attitude as he had assumed could only be justified by results, and the fear was creeping over him that he could not produce those results. Failure was staring him in the face. Since his arrival he had not ceased to brood over this problem, but he could see no light.

Mrs. Pickett's pale eyes somehow made him feel very young.

Elliott Oakes' first act after his brief interview with the proprietress had been to examine the room where the tragedy had taken place. The body had gone, but, with that exception, nothing had been moved.

Oakes belonged to the magnifying-glass school of detection. The first thing he did on entering the room was to make a careful examination of the floor, the walls, the furniture, and the window-sill.

Southwest News
From All Over
New Mexico
and Arizona

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
MISS MARY DEE MUIR.



Miss Muir, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Muir of Lordsburg, New Mexico, was chosen by the secretary of the navy to christen the ship "City of Lordsburg," when it was launched at Mobile, Ala. Lordsburg drew this honor for its superior planning and execution of work during the war period.

Prof. Lee A. Wolford has resigned his position as head of the commercial department of the New Mexico Normal University. He has been associated with the normal for a number of years.

Henry O'Brien, former British soldier, was found guilty by a jury in Federal Court at Phoenix of violation of the immigration laws in bringing Vera Mort, a war worker, to this country from England for alleged immoral purposes. The jury recommended leniency.

The citizens of Clayton, New Mexico, are going to be asked to vote bonds, amounting to \$90,000 at the general election to be held on April 6. The purpose of the bonds is to take care of the light and power plant, which is badly in need of repairing and of increased equipment.

The mess hall at the Silver King mine at Superior, Ariz., together with its contents, was totally destroyed by fire. The blaze is supposed to have originated from an oil range, which was lighted about an hour before the fire was discovered. The loss is placed at about \$1,500, with no insurance.

The New Mexico State Highway Department has received notice that project statement No. 45 has been approved by the secretary of agriculture. This involves 5.88 miles of road in Luna county to cost \$38,000. It is a continuation eastward of project No. 19 and is a section of the Borderland route.

An organization is being created for the survey of the lower Pecos river section in New Mexico, according to George M. Neel, assistant state engineer, after his return from Carlsbad and other points. Mr. Neel is preparing to begin the hydrographic survey which the state engineer will do for the court in the suit of the government to adjudicate all the rights to water from the Pecos river from Cowles near its source to the Texas state line.

Carlsbad, New Mexico, will have B troop of the state's first cavalry squadron, and Albuquerque will have the machine gun troop, Adj. Gen. James Baca announced. These are the only assignments made so far, although several other places are organizing troops. Those still unassigned are A, C and D troops.

The State Highway Department of New Mexico received \$1,145 from Taos county to apply on improvement of road No. 8. This is the last payment for the improvement of about six miles in the Rinconada section. Three miles of this was heavy construction along a steep and rocky hillside. The total cost of the work was around \$15,000.

Blackbirds are seriously interfering with the trapping of quail in the Mesilla valley, N. M., according to reports received at the state game warden's office. Quail are being trapped for the purpose of restocking the northern districts of the state. The blackbirds have become a pest in the Mesilla valley and are taking the bait in the traps used for quail. The farmers also complain that the blackbirds are doing serious damage to the fields of winter wheat.

The election of the president of the New Mexico State College will be held on March 21. The report that Prof. Luther Foster, former president of the institution, had been elected president at interim, was confirmed. He will hold the presidency until the board of regents make their permanent choice which it is expected will be made on March 21.

A group of citizens have subscribed about \$4,000 towards the purchase of machinery and equipment for installing a new electric light plant in the town of Gallup.

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Sighting the Description.

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His Bride—Let's see. "Had gray eyes, brown hair, light complexion." Why, Edwin, that's horrid. It doesn't say a word about those dear amber glints in your eyes, nor that soft, tempting wave of your hair, nor your simply adorable complexion.

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THE CONFESSIONS OF AN UNDERTAKER

Interesting Facts Related by One Who is in a Position to Know.

Many things originate in Kansas. The latest is a timely discussion of the observances in connection with death and burial, cost of funerals, etc.

In a book entitled, "The Confessions of an Undertaker," the author, Charles W. Berg, who was for many years engaged in the undertaking business, tells such that is interesting as well as instructive.

The operation of embalming is graphically described. Valuable information is given regarding caskets and other funeral goods; their variety, design, and their cost; funeral customs, military and fraternity funerals, earth-burial, cremation; and authoritative and correct information regarding funeral requirements.

The book, which conveys a message of interest to every adult person, is very complete, handsomely bound in cloth, and is now ready for distribution.

A doctor who tells you your symptoms before you can tell them wins your eternal faith.

What causes Indigestion

An excess of acid in the stomach sours the food and starts fermentation. Distressing gases form. Your meals don't digest but lay like lumps of lead.

He had no difficulty in making them talk. Nothing like the death of Captain Gunner had ever happened among them, and the difficulty would have been to start successfully any other topic of conversation.

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The theories of the others ranged from heart-disease—in spite of the doctor's definite statement to the contrary—to the ingenious suggestion from one of the party that Captain Gunner had been bitten by a snake at some previous date, several years before, and that the poison had lain dormant in his system until this moment.

The theorist claimed to have known a man who had made a voyage with a man to whom a precisely similar experience had happened.

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The Harmonica Mystery

By P. G. WODEHOUSE

CHAPTER IV—Continued.

He discovered what probably, in his heart, he had expected to discover—nothing. There were particles of dust on the floor, but they conveyed nothing to him.

He rose, a little flushed, and, abandoning the magnifying-glass, made a comprehensive survey of the room from a position near the door.

He discovered nothing, his discoveries were entirely negative, and served only to deepen the mystery of the case.

As Mr. Snyder had said, there was no chimney, and nobody could have entered through the locked door.

There remained the window. It was small, and apprehensiveness possibly on the score of burglars had caused the proprietress to make it doubly secure with an iron bar.

After a quarter of an hour he left the room, locking the door behind him. No more unsatisfactory preliminary investigation could ever have been made.

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It was in his room that he first snatched at the avenging Indian theory as a possible solution, and, if he had been honest with himself he would have admitted that there was a good deal of the emotions of the drowning man toward the straw in his attitude toward it.

Nothing supported the theory except his active imagination. Captain Gunner had certainly visited India in the course of his wanderings, but there the trail stopped.

In his rambles along the water-front he had frequently met Indians, but he had betrayed no nervousness. On the contrary, if they happened to get in his way, he had usually kicked them.

Oakes was bound to admit that his confidence in the Indian theory was not very robust. He had put it to Mr. Snyder in his report more as an evidence of good faith, as a proof that he was bringing a laudable nimbleness of imagination to the quest, than because he really believed it.

His innuendo against Mrs. Pickett was pure spite. The woman irritated him profoundly, and it soothed him to fancy himself even for a moment watching her like a hawk, and causing her uneasiness by his relentless pursuit.

He was a detective, but he was human. Certainly Elliott Oakes was not enjoying himself. The man of all others whom he had admired and revered most intensely all his life—Elliott Oakes, to wit—was beginning to show signs of not being so tremendous as he had always pictured him.

He was being tried and found wanting.

He wished Mrs. Pickett would not look at him like that. It hurt his self-esteem.

CHAPTER V

The Mystery Solved?

Two days later Mr. Snyder sat in his office. There was a telegram before him.

It ran as follows: "Have solved Gunner mystery. Returning."

Mr. Snyder rang the bell. "Send Mr. Oakes to me directly he arrives," he said.

He put his feet up on the desk, tilted his chair back, and frowned at the ceiling. He was pained to find that the chief emotion with which the telegram from Oakes had affected him was annoyance.

The swift solution of such an apparently insoluble problem would reflect the highest credit on the agency, and there were picturesque circumstances connected with the case which would make it popular with the newspapermen and lead to its being accorded a great deal of publicity.

On the whole, no case of recent years promised to give the agency a bigger advertisement than this one. Yet, in spite of all this, Mr. Snyder was annoyed. It was ridiculous and unprofessional of him to be annoyed, but human nature was too strong for him.

He realized now how large a part the desire to reduce Oakes' self-esteem had played with him. Looking at the thing honestly, he owned to himself that he had had no expectation that the young man would come within a mile of a reasonable solution of the mystery; and he had calculated that his failure would prove a valuable piece of education for him.

For the professional in Mr. Snyder's attitude toward his assistant. It was not only as a private individual that he had hoped to see Oakes reduced to humility by failure; he also believed that failure would make Oakes a more valuable asset to the agency.

Oakes had intelligence. That he had never denied. Mr. Snyder's grievance against him was that he had only about half the intelligence with which he credited himself.

His aggressive belief in himself impaired his utility as a detective. He needed breaking in, and Mr. Snyder had looked to this case to effect this end.

And here he was, within a ridiculously short space of time, returning to the fold, not humble and defeated, but with flying colors.

Mr. Snyder looked forward with apprehension to the young man's probable demeanor under the intoxicating influence of victory. His apprehensions were well grounded. He had barely finished the second of the series of cigars which, like milestones, marked the progress of his afternoon, when the door opened and young Mr. Oakes entered, rampant.

Mr. Snyder could not repress a faint moan at the sight of him. One glance was enough to tell him that his worst fears were realized.

Few people in the history of New York could have been so pleased with themselves as Oakes obviously was at that moment. He diffused self-satisfaction like a scent. In some mysterious way he seemed to have grown bigger.

He was still tense, but his tenseness now was that of the leopard returning from some important kill, announcing his magnificence to the rest of the jungle.

He sat down before Mr. Snyder had time to invite him, and the older man looked with dismay at this significant sign of his increased importance.

"I got your telegram," said Mr. Snyder. Oakes nodded. "It surprised you, eh?" Mr. Snyder resented the patronizing tone of the question, but he had resigned himself to be patronized and gave no sign of resentment.

One of the old man's chief virtues, which had compensated him for a certain lack of genius in his make-up, was his level-headedness and his ability to allow nothing to disturb him seriously. His sense of humor had saved him in a hundred difficult situations, and it saved him now.

He realized that Oakes could no more help being patronized at this moment than a dog could help barking after retrieving its master's walking-stick from a pond.

"Yes," he replied, "I must say it did surprise me. I didn't gather from your report that you had even found a clue. Was it the Indian theory that won out, or did you catch Mrs. Pickett with the goods?"

Oakes laughed tolerantly. "Oh, that was all moonshine. I never really believed that truck. I put it in to fill up. I hadn't begun to think about the case then—not really think."

"No?" "No. I was just looking around it—giving it the once over."

"And having given it the once over?" "Why, I took my coat off and waded in."

from outside. But I had better trace my reasoning from the start.

"That's right. It spoils a story knowing the finish. Go to it."

Oakes let the ash of his cigar fall delicately to the floor, another action which seemed significant to his employer. As a rule, his assistants, unless particularly pleased with themselves, used the ash-tray.

"My first act on arriving," he said, "was to have a talk with Mrs. Pickett. A very dull old woman."

"Curious, she struck me as rather intelligent."

"Not on your life. She doesn't know beans from buttermilk. She gave me no assistance whatsoever."

"I then examined the room where the death had taken place. It was much as you had described it. Locked door. Window high up. No chimney, I'm bound to say that, at first sight, it looked fairly unpromising."

"Then I had a chat with some of the other boarders. They had nothing to tell me that was of the least use. Most of them simply gibbered."

"I then gave up trying to get help from outside, and resolved to rely on my own intelligence."

He smiled complacently. "It is a theory of mine, Mr. Snyder, which I have found valuable, that in nine cases out of ten, remarkable things don't happen."

"I don't quite get that."

"I mean exactly what I say. I will put it another way if you like. What I mean is that the simplest explanation is nearly always the right one."

"Well, I don't!" "I have tested and proved it. Consider this case. Was there ever a case which was more entitled by rights to a bizarre solution? One was almost inclined to believe in the supernatural. It seemed impossible that there should have been any reasonable explanation of the man's death. Most men would have worn themselves out guessing at wild theories. If I had started to do that, I should have been guessing now."

"As it is—here I am. I trusted to my belief that nothing remarkable ever happens, and I won out."

Mr. Snyder sighed softly. Oakes was entitled to a certain amount of gloating, but there was no doubt that his way of telling a story was a little trying.

"I believe in the logical sequence of events. I refuse to accept effects unless they are preceded by causes. In other words, with all due deference to you, Mr. Snyder, I simply decline to believe in a murder unless there is a motive for it."

"The first thing I set myself to ascertain was what was the motive for this murder of Captain Gunner? And, after thinking it over and making every possible inquiry, I decided that there was no motive. Therefore, there was no murder. It was like an elementary sum."

Mr. Snyder's mouth opened, and he apparently intended to speak, but he changed his mind and Oakes proceeded: "I then tested the suicide theory. What motive was there for suicide? There was no motive. Therefore, there was no suicide."

This time Mr. Snyder spoke. "Say, my boy, you haven't been spending the last few days in the wrong house by any chance, have you? You will be telling me next time there wasn't any dead man."

Oakes smiled. "Not at all. Captain John Gunner was dead as mutton, and, as the medical evidence proved, he died of the bite of a krait."

Mr. Snyder shrugged his shoulders. "Go on," he said. "It's your story. I'm listening."

"Well, I won't keep you long. Captain Gunner died from snake-bite for the very excellent reason that he was bitten by a snake."

"Bitten by a snake?" "By a krait. If you want further details, by a krait which came from Java."

Mr. Snyder stared at him. "How do you know?" "I do know."

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Admiral Mark Kerr said at an airman's wedding: "Women often marry men to reform them, and oftener than people think, the women succeed in this.

The Reformation. The reformed husbands, however, are seldom very grateful. "My wife married me to reform me," a man said bitterly on a sea voyage.

"Did she succeed?" asked another man. "You bet she did!" said the first one. "Why I wouldn't marry again if I lived to be as old as Methusalem!"

Accommodating. "Will you do me a favor?" asked the shabby-looking visitor. "No, I won't," growled Mr. Grumpson. "I presume you want money."

"Well, I'd be glad to do you a favor," replied the visitor as he edged toward the door. "I'd be so tickled to act as your palbearer that I'd even provide my own white gloves."

Age Quickly. A visitor going through a rug factory stopped beside an Armenian who was busy plying his shuttle. "You make antique rugs, too?" he inquired presently.

"Oh, yes," was the grinning reply. "Dis rug when hees finished is 200 years old."—Boston Transcript.

NOTHING WRONG IN GOSSIPING

Word is Loosely Used as a Term of Reproach, but That is Not its Real Meaning.

Are your neighbors gossips? Yes, certainly they are. But before telling Mrs. Brown across the way that she is a gossip you had better insure yourself against accidents.

Originally there was no sinister meaning in the word "gossip." It was good old English for a sponsor in baptism, from God and "sib," meaning "related." Later a gossip came to mean a relative or neighbor.

And, since relatives and neighbors usually talk when they meet together, the verb "to gossip" was coined.

"Who, to be quite accurate, can be rightly described as a gossip? You turn the corner of Love Lane and come upon two stout women standing at their cottage doors talking. Are they gossiping?"

Even if you stand and listen—which is bad manners and may lead to serious consequences—I defy you to answer that question, says a writer in London Answers. "Gossip" is loosely used to include all talk that is idle and useless. If all talk that could not be justified on the grounds of usefulness were banned some of us would never open our mouths.

But there is another side to talk besides, more utility. It does people good. If you have just been defrauded of sixpence it makes you feel better to tell somebody about it. Preferably the person who defrauded you. But, falling him, someone else.

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Why not get it in time for that Good Day? Many new arrivals in "Kirschbaum" suits await your inspection. We have your size and invite you to try them on whether you want a suit or

not. You will be agreeably surprised at the values we have at \$35.00, \$50.00, and \$60.00. A big lot of famous "Kirschbaum" blue serges have just arrived, priced at \$60.00.

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Would be a wise "top-off" to your Easter attire.

A FLORSHEIM SHOE

would give you a good foundation.

A PAIR OF "INTERWOVEN" SILK SOCKS

will give you a well groomed sense of luxurious comfort.

MEN! Dress up for Easter.



LIST OF POLLING PLACES FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

The following is a list of the judges and clerks of the voting boxes for the Democratic primary to be held April 3rd, 1920:

1. Sanders—C. V. Harris; clerks, Lee Carter and Bascom Howard—at court house.
2. Elida—R. S. Walker, T. E. Holder, Ed Wall; clerks, Silas Bridges and W. M. Moore—at place to be named by judges.
3. Dereno—Thomas Hendley, J. B. Chapman; clerks, Jas. H. Core.
4. Floyd—L. H. Tolliver and W. C. Borden; clerk, J. E. Spears—school house.
5. Tolar—H. C. Scruggs and George Baxter; clerk, T. L. Bell—school house.
6. Mince—J. L. Swafford and A. E. Herndon; clerk, Hance Arnold—Shady Grove school house.
7. Arch—H. T. Ward and Joe Bradley; clerk, L. W. Whitfield—school house.
8. Cromer—Lee Evans and W. S. Bates; clerk, A. J. Burkett—Bailey school house.
9. Milnesand—J. W. Williamson and F. M. Parkinson; clerk, L. L. Bow—at store.
10. Valleyview—E. C. McCowan and Jack Berry; clerk, Ed Rickard—Valleyview school house.
11. Rogers—W. O. McCormack and W. W. VanWinkle; clerk, Lem Miller—school house.
12. Dora—J. W. Thompson and Lester Robinson; clerk, Clarence Venable—Plainview school house.
13. Midway—D. L. Harding and T. A. Boone; clerk, Thomas Davidson—school house.
14. Nobe—A. R. Self and W. J. Ball; clerk, W. E. Findley—at residence A. R. Self.
15. Causey—G. W. Jones and J. G. Cox; clerk, Robert Little—school house.
16. Inez—W. H. Cushenberry and S. A. Clark; clerk, B. B. Greathouse—school house.
17. Redlake—D. A. Lee and J. A. Pariah; clerk, C. C. Price—at Price's store.

18. Upton—W. G. Upton and Horace Cowart; clerk, A. J. McNutt—at residence of J. W. Russell.
19. Macy—J. E. McCall and John Duke; clerk, Rhea Robins—school house.
20. Ingram—J. G. Greaves and L. L. Mason; clerk, Thos. Reeves—school house.
21. Benson—J. O. Benson and Paul Hudson; clerk, J. B. Hamlett—school house.
22. Perry—W. P. Witt and W. J. Morgan; clerk, Sim Wright—school house.
23. Painter—Mit Price and P. J. Keeter; clerk, T. E. Feland—at T. E. Feland's residence.
24. New Hope—John B. Creech and S. A. Moreman; clerk, Preston Williams—school house.
25. Delphos—T. A. Higgins and E. C. Cummings; clerk, Watt Williams—at school house.
27. Kermit—O. Q. Hawks and John Cox; clerk, Arthur Bird—school house.
28. Emzy—J. F. Keller and G. W. Pruitt; clerk, J. A. Ray—at Pruitt's store.
29. Kenna—Frank Good and A. C. White; clerk, W. A. Fry—to be designated by judges.
30. Richland—A. O. Young and J. W. Stegal; clerk, Add Hobbs—at Add Hobbs' store.
- Sunshine—J. H. Clark and W. H. Catt; clerk, J. D. Payne—at Sunshine school house.
- Eagle Hill—L. P. Graves, B. N. Burnett; clerk, H. L. Thomas—at Graves' store.
- Lingo—R. O. Rogers and H. C. Boteler; clerk, W. E. Elder—to be designated by judges.

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PLAINVIEW ITEMS

Most of the farmers are very busy preparing the soil for bouncing crop to be raised this year. "Chicken" Lott is having some new repairing done to his new house. Miss Myrtle Small purchased herself a new jitney and departed for Amarillo, Texas Friday, to "try it out." The Greathouse grain thresher is in our community this week. Harmon Watkins, who has been cripple for the past week, is able to be up again. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stokes, of Portales, were visiting in the home of Mrs. Stokes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McRae, Sunday. Rev. Slaughter preached at Plainview Sunday morning and at Carter Sunday afternoon. Quite a number from Plainview attended the afternoon sermon. A number of friends surprised Miss Lucile Lackey Saturday night with a party. Jimmie Littlejohn is suffering from a sprained ankle, sustained a few days ago while threshing.

E. & A. RAILWAY TRAIN NO. 1 RUNS ON HIGH SPEED

Train No. 1 on the Elkin & Alleghany line between Elkin and Doughton, N. C., at the foot of the Blue Mountains is a Ford one-ton truck fitted with an improvised four wheel truck in front and flanged railroad rims in the rear. The body is enclosed and seats nineteen passengers and driver, and a trailer carries mail, express and baggage. The railroad people are so well pleased with th improvised train that they intend putting on train No 2 next spring.

On one of No. One's trips this winter, it carried twenty-nine passengers, 1187 pounds of mail, and 940 pounds of express or a total of approximately 6165 pounds up a 2½ per cent grade on high speed.



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U. D. C.

One of the most events of the season which the Chapter, United I. Confederacy gave the elegant new Howard, on Tuesday. Mrs. Ellen Jones, Mrs. W. B. Oldham of the program.

The decoration peas in pink and ter's colors. Confederate flags were here.

Mrs. S. F. Cull of Portales, now one of the founders of the "Women of the South." Valor, patriotism were recounted of women during the war was in.

Their patriotism has never dimmed present war, the knew no North or a part of the great success. The hospitality of their chivalry was by Mrs. Culbertson. Dixie were floating her speech. Mrs. sey recited "The ner" with the draped. She was Miss Leta Smith with Old Folks Dixie.

Mrs. T. E. Mea on "Women of the row in the South. Miss Elizabeth Allie Warnica Southern Home."

The refreshment and white, consist and cake with co. Several guests present including Humphrey, who this Chapter.

The occasion very many enjoyable daughters know.

The following guests: Mrs. S. F. Lande; Mrs. F. Clovis; Mrs. Robe Clovis; Mrs. Dee Clovis; Mrs. Noll and Mesdames T. May, A. A. Roger, Frank Camp, Compton, Harold Young, P. M. Greman, J. P. Stone, J. W. McMinn, F. Luper, A. F. Jones, Rose McDowell, J. V. Harris, T. E. Leake, C. J. W. Jones, J. B. Priddy, C. L. Carter, J. E. Campbell, W. E. Jones, Coe Howa Dehoney, Emogen Stone, Pearl Storey, Leta Smith, Warnica, Elizabeth Carrie Burns, of

Gail Hamilton, for the telephone place, will leave week for Artesia transferred to Hamilton has about eight months a host of friends lose him from father and sister until about the time to get every move. Mr. Hamilton lived here by A. Jones who arrive and will enter up once. Mr. Jones' duction to the place he was managed time prior to his United States Army.

Joyce-Pruit Co. a mighty good example in a car of storage. G. L. Hatcher, of bought his storage. Coal Company.