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Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico,
November 12, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that the following-
named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim, and
said proof will be made before the Register
or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico, on
January 27, 1905, viz: Stephen W. Gilbert,
Homestead application No. 3089, for the
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -1 Sec. 18 and S $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -4 Sec. 7, T. 18
N. 26 E.
He names the following witnesses to prove
continuous residence upon and cultivation
of said land, viz: Elizabeth M. Rogers, of Ar-
tesia, N. M.; Robert H. Gore, of Artesia, N. M.;
Enos S. Wiedale, of Artesia, N. M.;
Amos C. Marable, of Artesia, N. M.;
Howard Leland, Register.

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Homestead application No. 3089, for the
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -1 Sec. 18 and S $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ -4 Sec. 18, T. 18 S. R.
He names the following witnesses to prove
continuous residence upon and cultivation
of said land, viz: Stephen W. Gilbert, of Ar-
tesia, N. M.; Robert H. Gore, of Artesia, N. M.;
Enos S. Wiedale, of Artesia, N. M.;
Amos C. Marable, of Artesia, N. M.;
Howard Leland, Register.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico,
December 14, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that the following-
named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim, and
said proof will be made before the Register
or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico, on
January 27, 1905, viz: Charles E. Drollinger, upon
Homestead application No. 4014, for the South
Quarter of Section 12, T. 18 S., R. 25 E.
He names the following witnesses to prove
continuous residence upon and cultivation
of said land, viz: James O. Gifford, of Artesia,
N. M.; Henry M. Hayden, of Artesia, N. M.;
Charles L. Hayden, of Artesia, N. M.; Chas-
les H. Hayden, of Roswell, N. M.;
Howard Leland, Register.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico,
December 3, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that the following-
named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim,
and said proof will be made before the Reg-
ister or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico,
on January 9, 1905, viz: Henry M. Roberson,
Homestead application No. 3480, for the
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -2 of Section 22, T. 17 S., R. 26 E.
He names the following witnesses to prove
continuous residence upon and cultivation
of said land, viz: George P. Cleveland, of Ar-
tesia, N. M.; William Hale, of Artesia, N. M.;
Henry Hale, of Artesia, N. M.; Charles
Cleveland, of Artesia, N. M.;
Howard Leland, Register.

Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
LAND OFFICE AT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO,
December 3, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that the following-
named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim, and
said proof will be made before the Reg-
ister or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico, on
January 19, 1905, viz: Ethelbert A. Clayton,
Homestead application No. 2991, for the
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -1 Sec. 21 and N $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ -4 Sec. 22, T.
18, R. 26 E.
He names the following witnesses to prove
continuous residence upon and cultivation
of said land, viz: George P. Cleveland, of Ar-
tesia, N. M.; Gayle Talbot, of Artesia, N. M.;
James F. Rhodes, of Artesia, N. M.; John
Hodges, of Artesia, N. M.;
Howard Leland, Register.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico,
December 19, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that the following-
named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim, and
said proof will be made before the Reg-
ister or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico, on
January 2, 1905, viz: James B. Barnes upon
Homestead application No. 4096, for the North
Quarter of Section 29, T. 18 S., R. 25 E.
He names the following witnesses to prove
continuous residence upon and cultivation
of said land, viz: Robert B. Barnes, of Ar-
tesia, N. M.; Silas C. Barnes, of Artesia, N. M.;
Joseph S. Harris, of Dayton, N. M.;
J. I. Corn, of Dayton, N. M.;
Howard Leland, Register.

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior,
S. Land Office, Roswell, N. M.,
November 2, 1904.
A sufficient contest affidavit hav-
ing been filed in this office by Ory A.
Pompton, contestant, against home-
stead entry No. 3650, made January
1903, for E $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and
W $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 18
Range 25 E., by Alexander Bruce
Contestee, in which it is alleged that
Alexander Bruce has wholly
abandoned said tract and changed
residence therefor for more than
six months since making said entry
and next prior to the date of said af-
fidavit, that said tract is not settled
on and cultivated by said party as
required by law, and that said alleg-
ation is hereby notified to appear,
respond and offer evidence touching
said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on
January 6, 1905, before the Register
and Receiver at the United States
Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.
The said contestant having, in a
proper affidavit, filed November 30,
1904, set forth facts which show that
due diligence personal service
of this notice can not be made, it is
hereby ordered and directed that
this notice be given by due and
proper publication.

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior,
S. Land Office, Roswell, N. M.,
November 2, 1904.
A sufficient contest affidavit hav-
ing been filed in this office by Ory A.
Pompton, contestant, against home-
stead entry No. 3650, made January
1903, for E $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and
W $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 18
Range 25 E., by Alexander Bruce
Contestee, in which it is alleged that
Alexander Bruce has wholly
abandoned said tract and changed
residence therefor for more than
six months since making said entry
and next prior to the date of said af-
fidavit, that said tract is not settled
on and cultivated by said party as
required by law, and that said alleg-
ation is hereby notified to appear,
respond and offer evidence touching
said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on
January 6, 1905, before the Register
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Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.
The said contestant having, in a
proper affidavit, filed November 30,
1904, set forth facts which show that
due diligence personal service
of this notice can not be made, it is
hereby ordered and directed that
this notice be given by due and
proper publication.

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, Roswell, N. M.,
November 2, 1904.
A sufficient affidavit having been
filed in this office by Joseph L. Davis
contestant, against homestead entry
No. 2221, made December 23, 1901,
for S $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 19, and N $\frac{1}{4}$ of
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 17 S.,
Range 23 E., by James T. Meek,
Contestee, in which it is alleged that
said James T. Meek has wholly
abandoned said homestead and
changed his residence therefor for
more than six months since making
said entry and next prior to date of
said affidavit, and that said alleged
absence from the said land was not
due to his employment in the Army,
Navy or Marine Corps of the United
States, in time of war; said parties
are hereby notified to appear, re-
spond and offer evidence touching
said allegation at 2 o'clock p. m. on
January 13, 1905 before the Register
and Receiver at the United States
Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico,
The said contestant having, in a
proper affidavit, filed November 29,
1904, set forth facts which show that
after due diligence personal service
of this notice can not be made, it is
hereby ordered and directed that
such notice be given by due and
proper publication.

Contest Notice.

Howard Leland, Register.
David L. Geyer, Receiver.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico,
December 3, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that the follow-
ing-named settler has filed notice
of his intention to make final proof
in support of his claim, and that said
proof will be made before the Reg-
ister or Receiver at Roswell, New Mex-
ico, on January 20, 1905, viz: Hay-
den L. Vanderwork, upon Homestead
application No. 3633, for the W $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 1 and W $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 19 S., R.
26 E.
He names the following witnesses to
prove his continuous residence
upon and cultivation of said land
viz: William E. Thompson, of Mc-
Millan, N. M.; John A. Fuller,
of McMillan, N. M.; Fred Vanderwork,
of McMillan, N. M.; Benjamin Van-
derwork, of McMillan, N. M.;
Howard Leland, Register.

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, Roswell, N. M.,
Nov. 4, 1904.
A sufficient contest affidavit hav-
ing been filed in this office by Ster-
ling P. Rogers, contestant, against
desert-land entry No. 1544, made
June 28, 1904, for the West Half of
Section 9, T. 16 S. Range 25 E., by
John A. Green, Contestee, in which
it is alleged that said John A. Green
filed said entry for the sole purpose
of speculation, and not in good faith
for the purposes as set out in his en-
try papers, as by law required; said
parties are hereby notified to appear,
respond and offer evidence touching
said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on
January 14, 1905 before the Register
and Receiver at the United States
Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

Contest Notice.

The said contestant having, in a
proper affidavit, filed Dec. 6, 1904,
set forth facts which show that after
due diligence personal service of this
notice can not be made, it is hereby
ordered and directed that such notice
be given by due and proper pub-
lication.

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of his intention to make final
proof in support of his claim, and
that said proof will be made before
the Register or Receiver at Roswell,
New Mexico, on January 18, 1905,
viz: John L. Stovall, upon Home-
stead application No. 2141, for the
North West Quarter of Section 8, T.
19 S., R. 25 E.
He names the following witnesses to
prove his continuous residence
upon and cultivation of said land,
viz: Jason Benton, of McMillan, N.
M.; Jonah Wallace, of McMillan, N.
M.; George McDonald, of McMillan,
N. M.; Joe Baker, of McMillan, N. M.;
Howard Leland, Register.

Watered land for rent, two miles
west of Dayton. For particulars ap-
ply to W. N. Enos, Dayton.

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of his intention to make final
proof in support of his claim, and
that said proof will be made before
the Register or Receiver at Roswell,
New Mexico, on January 16, 1905,
viz: Ezra C. Higgins, upon Home-
stead application No. 4025, for the
S $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sect. 27, T. 18 S., R. 26 E.
He names the following witnesses
to prove his continuous residence
upon and cultivation of said land,
viz: John T. Gillett, of Dayton, N.
M.; Thomas J. Grubb, of Dayton, N.
M.; Joseph G. Welsh, of Artesia, N.
M.; George U. McCrary, of Artesia,
N. M.
Howard Leland, Register.

Notice For Publication.

(Desert Land, Final Proof.)
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, Roswell, N. M.,
December 3, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that James
B. Barnes of Artesia, Eddy County,
New Mexico, has filed notice of in-
tention to make proof on his desert-
land claim No. 1077, for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Sec. 24, T. 18 S., R. 25 E. before the
Register or Receiver at Roswell, New
Mexico on Wednesday, the 18th day
of January, 1905.
He names the following witnesses
to prove the complete irrigation and
reclamation of said land: John P.
Corn of Dayton, N. M.; Joseph G.
Harris of Dayton, N. M.; Robert B.
Barnes of Artesia, N. M.; Silas C.
Barnes of Artesia, N. M.
Howard Leland, Register.

Notice For Publication.

(Desert Land, Final Proof.)
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office Roswell, N. M.,
December 3, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that Adele
O. Smith of Artesia, Eddy county,
New Mexico, has filed notice of in-
tention to make proof on her desert
land claim No. 984 for the S $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec.
29, T. 17 S., R. 26 E., before the
Register or Receiver at Roswell, New
Mexico on Tuesday, the 17th day of
January, 1905. She names the fol-
lowing witnesses to prove the com-
plete irrigation and reclamation of
said land: George P. Cleveland of
Artesia, N. M.; John Richey of Ar-
tesia, N. M.; John R. Blair of Ar-
tesia, N. M.; Louis T. Sholars of Ar-
tesia, N. M.
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S $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec.
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tesia, N. M.; John R. Blair of Ar-
tesia, N. M.; Louis T. Sholars of Ar-
tesia, N. M.
Howard Leland, Register.

McCreary-Duckworth.

George Underwood McCreary a well
known attorney of this city, and Miss
Lucile Elizabeth Duckworth were
united in marriage Thursday even-
ing at the residence of the brides par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Duckworth
corner Missouri avenue and Fourth
streets. A number of invited friends
were present and the parlor was taste-
fully arranged to receive the bridal
party at 5:30 the bride and groom
entered attended by Mr. E. C. Hig-
gins and Miss Mitchell, and
took their positions before the min-
ister as Mendelssohn's wedding
march was played by Mrs. Gayle
Talbot. Rev. R. H. Gore, in a few
well chosen words, performed the
ceremony.

Will Be Closed Monday.

As Christmas comes on Sunday, we
the undersigned will close our places
of business on Monday, December
26, in order to give our employes the
advantage of another holiday:

- Joyce-Fruit Co.
- First National Bank.
- U. S. Postoffice.
- Logan & Dyer.
- Walling & Son.
- Hoffman Hardware Co.
- Pecos Valley Drug Co.
- Miss May Bishop.
- E. S. Howell.

Miss Allie Bee Clayton is expected
to spend the holidays with home
folks. She is attending school at
Waxahachie, Texas.

A TRIP TO THE PECOS VALLEY, N. M. Walter Morris of Wichita, Kansas, On November 15, Visits the Pecos Valley Country.

Our train was made up at Wichita,
Kansas, and we secured in this way a
pleasant seat. The engine stood
quietly emitting smoke and steam
and at the same time gathering to it-
self power to glide over the plains
with its burden, with the same ease
and grace that the eagle scales the
mighty heights of the mountain
peaks or swoops down into the deep
gorges below.

In traveling we came in contact
with five distinct classes. The first
class, bum or beat their way over the
road in freight cars and on top or be-
neath passenger coaches. Next to
this is the second class ticket, and be-
low Amarillo Texas this ticket is not
much better than no ticket at all, for
each coach is partitioned off and a red
card tacked up, "For Negroes", "For
Whites". Then comes the great mid-
dle class who pay their way and ride
in common coaches, while others take
the sleeper, and last as well as least
in number, the class that own and
ride in their own private car. We
had a good opportunity while mak-
ing this trip to study all these classes,
and found much interest in them
all.

What, we ask, distinguishes the
tramp, who wonders at will over the
country, from the man who rides in
his own private car. Nothing, only
the one has been successful in many
things while the other has been un-
successful in many things while the
other has been unsuccessful in all
things. We took our chances with
the multitudes that come and go in
common coaches, and were crowded
and jostled at times, but were repaid
a thousand times by the lessons we
learned.

The traveling public are becoming
more and more nervous about wrecks
and accidents, and the time is now at
hand when a safer plan for travel
must be inaugurated. The last words
of friends when parting, are the ones
that remain and never forgotten, so
when the kiss was given and the par-
ties remaining behind are hurrying off
the moving train, we could hear them
say, "I hope no accident will hap-
pen".

Sometime in the night near Ama-
rillo Texas, our train struck some-
thing that caused a sudden stop, and
brought forth a cry of fear from some
of the passengers. But the most fear-
ful thing that happened was the small
child on the track near Roswell. The
road was winding and as the engineer
rounded a sharp curve, he discovered
the child so close that it was impos-
sible to stop. He threw on the brakes
then scaled the top of the engine al-
most with a single bound, then down
on the cow-catcher and leaned out as
far as human arms could reach, while
every nerve was strained to its utmost
and the leaders in his arms and neck
stood out like whip cords, and just at
this time the wind blew through his
whiskers.

Some people have a mistaken idea
as to the size of Texas. They think
it is so large that the sun never sets
upon it, but as an eye witness I am
willing to make an affidavit that it
does rise on the plains of Texas and
sets beyond the heights of old El Cap-
tain and the twilight of the rising as
well as the setting is a beautiful sight,
and will have to be seen to be appre-
ciated. Texas, large enough vast
enough, with soil that is rich enough
if only cultivated the products of
which would feed the world, so vast
is its territory.

It contains thousands of acres of
timber and thousands of acres of

plains, and while some portions are
well watered other parts are almost
a desert, with still other parts cov-
ered with gramma grass and Spanish
daggers, which makes it fit for graz-
ing only. It was through this graz-
ing country we passed, and many
times our hearts went out in
sympathy for the pioneer, who has
pitched his lodge in this country and
is striving to live by fanning only.
The soil is good but for water. That
is what the great plains of Texas and
the whole western part of our coun-
try is crying out for. The water for
the cattle is pumped largely by wind
mills, and when the wind ceases to
blow for several days at a time water
becomes very scarce, and often the
stock suffer and die, while the cow-
boy is compelled to drink old stale
water or even worse, as Mr. Bennett,
who drove our carriage one day told
his experience on the range, and how
he had drank from pools that con-
tained several old dead cows, while
the buzzards were perched upon their
carcasses.

Upon reaching the Pecos Valley
New Mexico, we found the question
of water settled in the affirmative,
the country itself being a desert.
The soil, a drift from the mountains
and very fertile.

The Creator in his wonderful good-
ness causes the rain and snow to fall
on the White Mountains, and trickle
down under the artesian rock for
hundreds of miles. Then man is do-
ing the rest by drilling artesian wells
through the rock and letting the life
giving, wealth possessing water from
the mighty hidden lake beneath, flow
out.

This artesian water was discovered
two years ago, and hundreds of blind
fish come up out of these wells, which
proves that they are fed by the moun-
tain streams, and that the under-
ground lake is large enough to sus-
tain them.

The town of Artesia is near the
middle of the valley which is about
sixty miles long and from eight to
ten wide. Towns always keep pace
or ahead of the country, so Artesia is
no exception to this rule as it has
schools, churches, fine stores, water
works and banks.

We visited "Lake Arthur" ten
miles north of Artesia. This town
was just thirty days old on the day of
our visit. The father of the town,
Mr. C. L. Higday was with us and as
we drove in Broadway and turned
south on Main St., he grew quite el-
loquent as he pointed out the various
buildings now up and occupied and
others in course of construction. He
took us into a well equipped real es-
tate office and showed us many things
among them was a safe provided to
hold the money from the sale of town
lots. Artesian water is already flow-
ing down through the streets of this
new town. The sound of the ham-
mer is heard in all directions, while
the Antelope from the plains line up
each morning at the post office to get
their mail.

There is and ever has been a fever-
ish restless desire to push westward.
The public lands are almost all taken
and the few remaining valleys in the
far west will soon be settled. The
railroads are reaching out and carry-
ing civilization into every dark cor-
ner of the earth. Our Grandfathers
came west to Ohio from Virginia
carrying their packs on their backs
and settled in a swampy, timbered
country. It took them twenty-five
years to improve a farm while the
same work can be done in the Pecos
Valley in one year. My authority
for this statement is Mr. R. W. Ter-
rell of Dexter, who says he raised a
good crop this year that produced the
following:—Indian corn 75bu per
acre, Kaffir corn 60bu, Milo Maze 50
bu, and other crops in proportion
such as watermelon, cantelope, mex-
ican bean, pumpkins and garden vege-
tables, while he had alfalfa in the
stack within 85 days from time of
sowing.
Walter Morris.

Now for Our New Seed Catalogue For 1905. All Kinds of Field and Garden Seed. Roswell Produce & Seed Co. ROSWELL, New Mexico

Made Big Money on Election.

One of the heaviest Eastern winners by the Republican victory of Tuesday is Timothy L. Woodruff, ex-lieutenant governor of New York State, whose bank account has been swelled by about \$30,000. Of this amount \$20,000 was wagered with Senator McCarron and his friends that Parker would not have 25,000 plurality in Kinks County, \$10,000 that Roosevelt would carry the State and \$500 even that Higgins would be elected. The bet on the State was made at 2 to 1. The morning of election Mr. Woodruff sent word to the McCarron people that he had \$20,000 more to bet that Parker would not get 25,000 in the county. He could not place the money. Congressman Tim Sullivan backed Parker and is a heavy loser on the result.

Nearly every great achievement of humanity was evolved from crank's theory.

"WHACKS"

And What They Mean.

When Old Mother Nature gives you a "whack" remember "there's a reason," so try and say "thank you," then set about finding what you have done to demand the rebuke, and try and get back into line, for that's the happy place after all.

Curious how many highly organized people fail to appreciate and heed the first little, gentle "whacks" of the good old Dame, but go right along with the habit whatever it may be, that causes her disapproval. Whiskey, Tobacco, Coffee, Tea or other unnatural treatment of the body, until serious illness sets in or some chronic disease.

Some people seem to get on very well with those things for a while, and Mother Nature apparently cares but little what they do.

Perhaps she has no particular plans for them and thinks it little use to waste time in their training.

There are people, however, who seem to be selected by Nature to "do things." The old Mother expects them to carry out some department of her great work. A portion of these selected ones oft and again seek to stimulate and then deaden the tool (the body) by some one or more of the drugs—Whiskey, Tobacco, Coffee, Tea, Morphine, etc.

You know all of these throw down the same class of alkaloids in Chemical analysis. They stimulate and then depress. They take from man or woman the power to do his or her best work.

After these people have drugged for a time, they get a hint, or mild "whack" to remind them that they have work to do, a mission to perform, and should be about the business, but are loafing along the wayside and become unfitted for the fame and fortune that waits for them if they but stick to the course and keep the body clear of obstructions so it can carry out the behests of the mind.

Sickness is a call to "come up higher." These hints come in various forms. It may be stomach trouble or bowels, heart, eyes, kidneys or general nervous prostration. You may depend upon it when a "whack" comes it's a warning to quit some abuse and do the right and fair thing with the body. Perhaps it is coffee drinking that offends. That is one of the greatest causes of human disorder among Americans.

Now, then, if Mother Nature is gentle with you and only gives light, little "whacks" at first to attract attention, don't abuse her consideration, or she will soon hit you harder, sure.

And you may be sure she will hit you very, very hard if you insist on following the way you have been going.

It seems hard work to give up a habit, and we try all sorts of plans to charge our ill feelings to some other cause than the real one.

Coffee drinkers when ill will attribute the trouble to bad food, malaria, overwork and what not, but they keep on being sick and gradually getting worse until they are finally forced to quit entirely, even the "only one cup a day." Then they begin to get better, and unless they have gone long enough to set up some fixed organic disease, they generally get entirely well.

It is easy to quit coffee at once and for all, by having well made Postum, with its rich, deep seal brown color which comes to the beautiful golden brown when good cream is added, and the crisp snap of good, mild Java is there if the Postum has been boiled long enough to bring it out.

It pays to be well and happy for good, old Mother Nature then sends us her blessings of many and various kinds and helps us to gain fame and fortune.

Strip off the handicaps, leave out the deadening habits, heed Mother Nature's hints, quit being a loser and become a winner. She will help you sure if you cut out the things that keep you back.

"There's a reason" and a profound one.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

The Road Proposition Won't Down

There is one question Tuesday's election has not settled—a question of vital importance to the citizens of Van Zandt. "What shall we do with our roads?" Under our road law a man subject to road duty may either work five days on the public road or pay \$3 in money into the county treasury before the first day of February. The oft-repeated report is that those who put in their time on the road do not work and the overseer excuses himself by saying that they are all his neighbors and friends and if he undertakes to apply the law and make them put in full time and good time he makes enemies of them and probably brings upon himself untold troubles. As to whether or not this position is correct is not our purpose here to discuss, but that it is the case and that the roads are not worked is a fact admitted by all. Something must be done. Here is a suggestion we have made before: Cut down the number of overseers. Give one man a long section of road; for instance, from Wills Point to Canton, and pay him for all the time he puts in more than his own. This will remove to a large extent the sentiment about making hands work as they would at any other job, besides putting an experienced man on the entire road to supervise the work. Then let the county furnish the necessary implements in the way of scrapers, plows, etc., to be in charge of one overseer and used on the entire road. As a result of this plan it would not be long till the majority of hands would pay in their \$3 and when they do this we can have good roads. We must have better roads. Have you a practical plan to offer?—Wills Point Chronicle.

Gen. Joe Wheeler's View

General Joe Wheeler says the army maneuvers are a necessity. In former times the troops learned to shoot in the mountains and on the plains of the West, but this old school is now closed to the army, hence they must learn in the new school of army maneuvers. The United States army must be taught the use of fire-arms, and this is the only way left for them to learn. We must have educated soldiers in order to keep pace with the armies of other nations. Gen. Wheeler says in the civil war generals who had time to maneuver their troops won victories. He thinks Shiloh was lost because of the undrilled condition of the troops. He hopes the maneuvers will be repeated next year on a larger scale.—Greenville Banner.

Don't Depend on Cotton.

Most of the land planted in cotton this season made a very good yield per acre, and if our own territory had planted the usual acreage, Mexico would, in all probability have reached the 18,000 or 20,000 mark, but are we not about as well off? Was not that land, not planted in cotton, planted in something else which produced as good, if not better results? Because we made a good yield this year is no reason we can or will do as well next year. The weather this season was all we could ask for and just the kind the boll weevil does not like and can not do very much harm in. We may not have as good next year so do not plan to put in a big cotton crop, but rather, less than last year and more of something else.—Mexico Messenger.

That's the Gospel Truth.

We are tired of seeing notices about people "accepting" positions. Men are not offered positions in one case in a hundred. When there is a vacancy there is usually a mad rush to get the job. When employers have an opening they conceal the fact in order to avoid being annoyed by applicants. For every person who "accepts" a position, dozens who tried to "accept" it were beaten to it.—Denison Gazeteer.

The Signal cut out the "has accepted position" notices several months since. It learned a long time ago that the only positions that are "accepted" are in the lodges and churches. Any job with a salary attached is rustled for.—Honey Grove Signal.

A. Frash, a German farmer of Falls County, dropped dead while gathering corn in the field a few days since.

Hard Work and Poor Pay.

In the city of Canton, China, with more than 4,500,000 inhabitants, there are slightly over 700 shoemakers' shops wherein shoes are made and sold. These shops employ 8,000 male operatives and 20,000 females. Quite a number of children are also employed, and their pay averages 2 to 4 cents a day, with rice. The wages of the males range, according to skill, from \$2.64 to \$5.28 a month. The workmen living in the shops where they are employed and receive their "chow" or food, from their employer, in addition to their stated wages. Their food consists of rice, partaken of twice a day, with now and then a few vegetables or pieces of salt fish or pork as a relish. Tea is also furnished to them in unlimited quantities. They begin work as soon as daylight appears and continue until between 8 and 9 o'clock at night, the recent introduction of kerosene oil lengthening their hours of labor. The workman eats and sleeps in the shop where he is employed, and his garments consist solely of a jacket or blouse, and a pair of trousers, both made to fit very loosely. The females who do the needle work on the shoes work in their own homes and receive on an average 6 cents a day without "chow," or food.

Labor Troubles in China.

In China the male workers have trade unions or guilds of their own, as have also the employers. To these guilds are referred all disputed questions of labor and food, which, as a rule, are amicably settled. Rarely, if ever, occurs a dispute over the hours of labor, the operatives seeming to take it for granted that their employers can properly claim every moment of their time from early morning until night unless about thirty minutes set apart for each meal of rice and vegetables be excepted. When the two guilds fail to arrive at a satisfactory settlement of a dispute, the employers simply close up the working ends of their shops and give their employees to understand that they must find quarters and work elsewhere. This action does not, however, invariably bring a victory to the employer, for it is reported that the work people have won their "fight" in nine cases out of ten.

A Baboon Switchman.

Until quite recently there was a baboon acting as switch tender on one of the railroads in South Africa. He was a powerful animal, nicknamed Ceese, and was the property of a native switchman. He had been taught to turn the switch at points while his master looked on, but he soon showed such intelligence in the work that he came to do it alone, locking the rod and doing other details as well as a man. The engineer did not object to his work, and had great confidence in his ability. He would often jump on the shifting engine as it passed on its way to move cars about the yard but only after he had opened the switch for it. But as soon as the story of the baboon's work came to the ears of the officials they were forced to "bounce" Ceese for fear of popular indignation among the patrons of the road, who might object to their safety being in the hands of a baboon.

Beginning of Republican Party.

E. W. Judd, now a resident of Everett, Wash., claims that it was in his parlor, near Ripon, Wis., that the formation of the Republican party was decided upon. Mr. Judd is now a Prohibitionist. In 1854 he was a Free Soiler. The question came up that year of how to rid Wisconsin of the men in power. A preliminary meeting was held in the school house, but Judd's support, as a leading Free Soiler, was desired. He was visited by a committee and signed the call for a convention. The movement was outlined in his parlor. The call declared against the further extension of slavery. It was published in anti-slavery papers and in the New York Tribune. In answer to Horace Greeley's query as to the name of the new organization one of the leaders dubbed it the Republican party.

Bill Nye's Cow.

"One of Bill Nye's old stories has been going the rounds of late," said a man who admired the late humorist, "and it is, in my judgment, one of the cleverest bits of wit circulated in connection with Nye's life. Nye owned a cow which he wanted to sell, and put an advertisement in the paper which read like this: 'Owing to ill health, I will sell at my residence, in township 19, range 18, according to the government survey, one plush raspberry cow, aged eight years. She is of undoubted courage and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form she would be a great boon. She is very much attached to her present home with a stay chain, but she will be sold to anyone who will agree to treat her right. She is one-fourth short-horn and three-fourths hyena. I will also throw in a double-barrel shotgun, which goes with her. In May she usually goes away for a week or two and returns with a tall red calf with wobbly legs. Her name is Rose. I would rather sell her to a non-resident.' Did he sell the cow? Did he sell the cow? Oh, I don't know about that, I'm just telling you about the advertisement; that's all."

Czar Fears His Soldiers.

Illustrative of the czar's lack of confidence in the Russians who surround him is the following incident: Czar Nicholas I. had some trouble with his back and his physician ordered massage treatment. But Nicholas declared himself unable to find a single man whom he dared trust for the simple operation. He sent to Frederick William IV. of Prussia, asking that a few non-commissioned officers of the Prussian guards might be allowed to wait upon him. The application was granted and the officers acted as masseurs and returned to Berlin laden with rich presents. "I know my Russians," Nicholas told them. "So long as I can look them in the face everything is well, but I will not risk letting them work behind my back."

White Blood Elsewhere.

"There is no part of the Orient in which men of white blood have not to some extent intermarried with native women," said Dr. E. A. Gratty, of San Francisco. "Eurasian" is the name given to the offspring of such marriages, and in the Far East I have seen a good many of these Eurasians who were educated and highly respectable. At the same time they always occupy a dubious position in society, and the man of pure white blood who contracts a matrimonial alliance with one of them is looked upon askance by his fellow Europeans. This happens in a country where there is no end of social distinctions and where the lines of caste are drawn more rigidly than in any other part of the world."

A Woman Highly Honored.

The highest order of the Russian Red Cross has been conferred upon the Countess Cassini, the adopted daughter of the Russian ambassador, and Mme. Boutakoff, wife of the Russian naval attaché, for their services in raising a considerable sum of money for the Russian Red Cross Society. A personal letter from the Czar of Russia to the Countess Cassini accompanied the decoration. Very few persons possess this order, and the fact that it has been conferred on Countess Cassini and Mme. Boutakoff is considered in the light of a great honor not only to the recipients, but to the Russian ambassador as well.

New York's New Fad.

New York is being swept by a psychic wave. At least that is what the popularity of the various kinds of psychists, who are doing a rushing business, seems to indicate. From "\$5 a reading" palmists to the 50-cent card fortune teller, New York is teeming with these occultists, and from the Bronx to the Battery one can find a clairvoyant or a medium or a fortune teller or a palmist, however they designate themselves, in almost every block. The newspapers are full of advertisements offering psychic readings and the solution of all problems, past, present and future.

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So the farmer fell on his knees and cried: "Oh, Lord, deliver me from this man." "Stop!" said the minister. "That is very good. I hope you may always be able to do as well. Now, you have to promise to come to the kirk next Sunday." This the farmer did. Not long afterward he became a leading elder.

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Never doubt a girl's word when she says she can't sing. It's ten to one she is telling the truth.

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The pioneers of Artesia regret to learn that Dr. J. F. Rhodes has decided to move back to his old home in Arkansas. Dr. Rhodes moved here for the benefit of his wife's health and put up a business house on Main street when that popular thoroughfare was bounded only by the Pecos river on the east and the White mountains on the west. His building was the first public hall in which the first church services were held and the Artesia Commercial club was organized. He has ever taken an active interest in the welfare of Artesia and returns to his old home because his farming interests there demand attention. Dr. Rhodes possesses the first copy of the Artesia Advocate ever printed and will preserve it as a memento of the gamest young town in the union.

The Ullery Furniture Company have bought from E. A. Clayton a fifty-foot front west of the New York store, upon which to erect a handsome brick business house.

ANOTHER ADVANTAGE

In carrying a bank account is that you may pay your bills and other debts with checks so that, with your cancelled vouchers in your possession, you will always have indisputable evidence as to what money you have paid out and to whom you paid it. In other words, you are not continually finding yourself in the position of the fellow who says: "I never know where my money goes." That's the man who is nearly always in debt. Further, a bank account is a good stimulant and inculcates habits of thrift and economy. People become wealthy by spending less than they earn and by forming the habit of regularly banking a part of their income. No matter on what scale you begin let us help you to acquire this habit.

The First National Bank of Artesia.

About the College and Training School

After the most careful consideration I have concluded it would be best for all concerned, not to be hasty in locating the proposed industrial college. It is a big thing and great issues are involved. When I was last in Artesia, I received several encouraging and liberal offers. Among these, the most definite and satisfactory was made by Mr. J. Mack Smith. Its money value was, in my opinion, equal to \$3000.00. But, in a spirit as broad as his offer was generous, he said to me: "If any other shall make a proposition more liberal, accept it. We want to locate you here, and I shall help, no matter where you place the school." There were others that were exceedingly liberal; and still others, not then in town, who are, I know, deeply interested, and who will, I also know, help to the extent of their ability. And so I think it would be the best not to hurry.

In the meantime, if I do not change my mind, I shall proceed at once, or as soon as I can get to Artesia, to establish a first-class private training school either within the proposed corporate limits of the city or immediately adjacent to the proposed corporate limits. On the ground that I shall select for this school, I shall spend from \$5,000 to \$8,000 in buildings, furniture and other improvements, and the plot of ground will be large enough to receive additional buildings, as the growth of the school shall demand additional buildings.

This school shall be, in its work and appointments, first class, deserving and, I have no doubt, receiving a generous patronage. I have had one offer of land for this school; but I do not think it is the best that I can get.

I have asked Mr. Gayle Talbot, of the Artesia Advocate, who has kindly consented to act for me, to study any propositions that may be made for the location of the school. I would like for the location to be as accessible as possible to the whole town. I request any that may be interested in selling or donating land for this school to see Mr. Talbot.

This private training school is not to take the place of the Industrial College. There is a demand for each, and we must work for both; but for each in its own time and place. Marshall McIlhany.

Water Notice.

A limited number of Water Rights are offered for sale until Jan. 1, 1905, at \$60 each, at which time the price will be advanced to \$100 each. All parties not owning water rights, but using water from the Company's hydrants will be charged at the regular rental prices after January 1st. Artesia Water Power & Light Co.

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The "Deft"—First grade, none better made—always clean and wholesome to cook in



Tea Kettle, 7 quarts - - - \$1 50
Coffee Pots, 5 quarts - - - 85
Coffee Pots, 4 quarts - - - 75
Coffee Pots, 2 quarts - - - 65

PRESERVING KETTLES



Preserving Kettles, 10 quarts, - - \$1 25
Preserving Kettles, 8 quarts, - - 1 00
Preserving Kettles, 6 quarts, - - 75

SAUCE PANS



Sauce pans, 5 quart cost - - - 75c
Sauce pans, 3 quart cost - - - 50c
Sauce pans 2 quart cost - - - 35c
Sauce pans 6 quart "Robbin Egg" 40c

WASH BASINS



Wash basin, extra large size, - - 50c
Wash basin, large size, - - - 40c
Wash basin, regular size, - - - 35c
Wash basin, regular size, - - - 30c
Wash basin, small size, - - - 20c
Wash basin, small size, - - - 10c

PUDDING PANS



Pudding pans, 4 quart, - - - 45c
Pudding pans, 3 quarts, - - - 35c
Pudding pans, 2 quart, - - - 25c

ROBBIN EGG ENAMEL WARE

Milk pans, 4 quart, - - - 35c
Milk pans, 3 quart, - - - 30c

Rogers Tripple Plate Silver.

Rogers Triple plated Silver Table Set—Knives and Forks—Will last a life time. Genuine.

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Fine Carving Set—Beautiful Stag Horn Handles—Large Size. Price

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Rogers Silver Tea Spoons—Fancy Pattern. Per Set

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Large Parlor Lamps.

Large Parlor Lamps, Assorted Styles and Colors. See Cut. Price

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No. 2 Burners.

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Boys' Wagons—Steel Running Gear—Will never break—Last for years. Three sizes. Price

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HOUSEHOLD NOTIONS.

Prices For the Holidays

Egg beaters, - - - 5c	Wire pot cleaners, - - 5c	2-qt. pails, - - - 15c
Butter paddles, - - 5c	Basting spoons, - - 10c	Tea spoons per set of 6, 15c
Flesh forks, - - - 5c	Quart cups, - - - 10c	Coffee pots, - - - 20c
Milk skimmers, - - 5c	Large salt cellars, - 10c	Large pots, - - - 25c
Tea strainers, - - - 5c	Stove shovels, - - 10c	Glass dippers, - - 15c
Dippers, - - - 5c	Stove lifters, - - - 10c	Crumb pan and brush, 75c

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ARTESIA ADVOCATE---SUPPLEMENT.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1904.

Death of M. T. Munson.

The community was shocked Sunday morning to learn that M. T. Munson, had died the night previous. While his death was not unexpected, no one was prepared for the sudden end. Mr. Munson was one of the pioneers of the town. He came two years ago, a sufferer from consumption and barely able to walk. Within a short time the dry, pure atmosphere had brought some relief and he opened the first barber shop in the town, then known as Miller. Later on Mr. Munson opened a neat shop and bath rooms in the Hardwick building and employed two barbers. He was about the shop Saturday, acting as cashier, and in conversation with the Advocate editor, claimed to be feeling unusually well. He left shop at 11:30 p. m. and thirty minutes later his dead body was found lying on the ground in front of the office of the Cleveland Land Agency. He had attempted to mount his horse and ride home, when a hemorrhage came.

Mr. Munson was originally from Kansas. Was a member of the Methodist church and I. O. O. F. and was buried under the auspices of that order Monday. He leaves a wife and stepson, to whom the sympathy of every citizen is extended.

The regular election for justice of the peace and constable will be held throughout the territory on January 9th. So far as the Advocate knows there will be no opposition to the election of Mr. J. L. Woodworth as justice of the peace of this precinct to which position he was appointed a few weeks ago. We are not informed as to who will be a candidate for constable.

Secured a Fine Flow.

Messrs. Gore and Higday are receiving the congratulations of their friends this week over the fact that a great white foaming artesian well is doing business on the hillside that overlooks their valley farms three miles southeast of town. Patrick brothers were the drillers, and at a depth of 690 feet struck a good pressure that raises the water three feet above the six inch casing. It was bored between two 800-foot wells and the flow was not expected so shallow. Mr. Higday and Mr. Gore have 160 acres of land each, and it is not necessary to state that they will make it "blossom like the rose", now that the life-giving water is spouting at the rate of a couple of thousand gallons per minute.

Mr. Gore has about forty acres of alfalfa already sown and several cuttings are thus assured for next summer.

Messrs. Richey, Hancock and others are agitating the reorganization of the Artesia Commercial club. With proper and united effort, Artesia will get vast benefits from the extensive advertising now being done in eastern papers. There are a number of important matters now pending which call for effective action and this can be done only by organization.

ORCHARD PLANTERS

Are respectfully requested to figure with Love's Nurseries Agency before placing their orders for trees for either commercial or family orchards. We will get you the best trees of the best varieties; budded or grafted, as best suits the different varieties. Our eleven years experience in this valley may be of service to you. Stark Bros. 5 payment orchard plan is the greatest commercial orchard offer ever known to any, who wish to only pay one-fifth on arrival of trees, and the balance in four years, with only 6 per cent interest.

Remember, we also get you California grape vines, best adapted to this valley. Constant-blooming roses on their own roots. Ornamentals of all kinds and government forest-tree seedlings and evergreens. Office with the Cleveland Land Agency. Call on or address, R. M. Love, Salesman, Artesia, N. M.

Price-Robertson.

There was a quiet wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Robertson, three miles north of town at 7:30 Thursday morning, the contracting parties being Miss Florence Robertson and Mr. John W. Price, Rev. J. C. Gage performing the ceremony. Only a few friends were present and the bridal party took the morning train for Texas to spend the holidays with relatives.

The contracting parties are well known popular young people and every one is glad to extend to them the most sincere congratulations. There are few more deserving boys than John Price and his bonnie bride is in every way worthy of him.

Mrs. J. B. Atkeson left for Dallas Monday with her sister, Mrs. Upham who came here some weeks ago for her health. We regret to say that she has not improved.

Mr. S. M. King and son E. C. King of Roswell have spent a day or two in the city this week. They will put in a machinery repair shop on West Main street and also invest in farm property near town.

Church services will be held at the school house tomorrow—Christmas day.

Contractor S. P. Denning was down from Roswell Tuesday. He was the superintendent of the stone business house just completed on Main street for W. E. Baskin. The interior finishings of this building are handsome indeed. An acetylene gas plant has been installed and about forty lights will be in place. Nearly the entire building, upstairs and down, has been rented and will bring in to the owner about three hundred dollars per month. This is one of the finest buildings in the Pecos Valley.

Dr. Norfleet let the contract Tuesday for a well upon his land five miles northwest of town, as did also Mr. Howard.

Frank F. Hutcheson, an attorney from Alamogordo has located in Artesia for the practice of his profession.

Mrs. Elizabeth Woodward of Carlinville Ill. is visiting with Mr. Henry Gur, who made his home at her house, for seven years prior to coming to the Pecos Valley.

She will remain in the Valley during the winter. She is also a friend of Mrs. Sallie Robert with whom she is stopping.

N. J. Gore, father of R. H. Gore, Mrs. Alison, and Mrs. Woodworth, died at his home in Hennessey, Okla. last Sunday. The remains were taken to the old family cemetery in Missouri for burial.

The Pecos Valley Drug Company's handsome establishment has been thronged with Christmas shoppers the past few evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton of Roswell, were the guests this week of Mrs. Hamilton parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Richey.

C. L. Higday returned Wednesday from a two weeks' visit to Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. U. McCreary took the afternoon train Thursday for a wedding tour to Old Mexico.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to sincerely thank all those who so kindly extended their assistance and sympathy in my late bereavement. Mrs. M. T. Munson.

We Need the Money.

All persons who subscribed donations to the erection of the Methodist church are requested to pay the same as early as possible. The house is nearly finished and we need the money. T. N. Cornell, Treas.

The children of the town will be tendered a Christmas tree at the school house tonight. There will be presents for every child that attends. A literary program will be rendered in connection and a splendid evening's entertainment is promised.

A furnished room to rent apply to this office.

J. B. Atkeson, LAWYER, NOTARY PUBLIC.

Conveyancer, Abstracts of Title, Water Rights, Deeds, Patents, Deceased, Final Proofs and Land Office Papers prepared.

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No matter how skillful. Even if you are ever so careful. Provide for the long dreary weeks of crippling by having the best accident policy known. The Maryland Casualty Co. with \$2,976,967.30 for the protection of its policy holders, will pay you indemnity. It will also pay you for partial disability. Its health policies provide a salary for you while you are sick. Get Life, Investment, Accident and Health Insurance that insures, and GET IT NOW. Call on, or address R. M. LOVE, Ag't Artesia, N. M.

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Drayage.

I have bought the Drayage and General hauling business of John L. Pepper and am prepared to look after the wants of the public. I have had experience in this work and will exercise care in handling all kinds of freight. The patronage of the public is solicited.

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Choice Inside Lots

12 Lots 50 x 140 feet East of Railroad Tract, Between Dave Runyan and Prof. Martin's Houses.

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To accommodate more complete stocks we are having erected a 40x75 foot brick addition to our present large store building.

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Reliable Goods--Right Prices.

Fine Land for Sale.

Acres of fine valley land, three miles east of Artesia, all patented, No Alkali or overflowed land. W. M. Carson.

Three weeks-old baby of Mr. Tom Danner died last Sunday. Buried at the New Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. Wm. Carle, pastor.

Mr. Harry Hamilton, of the water, Power and Light Co., is perfecting arrangements for installing the electric light system in the very near future.

White & Swearingen have moved their well drill outfit to the 320 acre tract of land of E. A. Clayton, two miles south of town and will go to boring right after the holidays.

Dr. A. I. Norfelt came down from Roswell Tuesday looking after affairs on his farm south of town.

Rev. Wm. Carle and family have returned from Kansas and Mr. Carle preached at the school house last Sunday.

County Superintendent M. P. Kerr this week appointed Gayle Talbot as a director of school district No. 16, to succeed Dr. J. F. Rhodes, resigned.

After Christmas

You will Find You Have overlooked Many Little Presents

While our assortment is broken, yet we have many useful presents

At Greatly Reduced Prices.

A fine line of Book-keeping Blanks for the Holidays.

ECOS VALLEY DRUG COMPANY.

W. Dent and son this week returned from E. A. Clayton two business days on Main street, opposite York Store.

J. C. Gage was in Carlsbad this week.

Affable young friend Dennis Watson is off to Ohio, on what may be a very suspicious mission. May bring her back with him.

The History club met with Mrs. Will Benson Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Ross was in charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Glover are spending Christmas times with Mrs. Glover's mother, in Kansas.

Sidney Hale informs the Advocate that when he planted the last day of June brought him \$35 per acre.

Their many friends wish for Mr. and Mrs. McCreary a long life of unalloyed happiness and continued prosperity.

Claire Richey has returned from a trip to California and other points in the west.

J. B. Hancock has completed the erection of a more commodious residence on his land west of town.

LAND SCRIP

If you have a Homestead or Desert Land Filing you are liable to have Cancelled or contested on account of non-compliance with the Government requirements, and if you have a piece of Government land in view, you wish to file upon,

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get what you need. With same you acquire title to land at once without further trouble or expense. For prices and further information write or see

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ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO.

Gramham flour at Walling's.
List your bargains with Hancock & Loving.

Mr. J. J. Chambers is in from California this week.

The Artesia Telephone has about eighty 'Phones installed.

Before building that fence see John Schrock Lumber Co. for barbed wire.

Mr. J. R. Beck has purchased 320 acres of land on the Penasco.

Elegant line of wall paper just received at the New York Store.

The Stutz theatrical company was in Roswell this week.

Embroideries at one half price at Logan & Dyer's.

Actual work began on the Hondo reservoir this week.

Chapman & Sperry are erecting a business house on West Main street. All dress goods in best grades at cost. Logan & Dyer.

Mr. Ferson is having a residence erected near the new school house.

3000 yards Torchon lace in 6 yd bunches; 15c per bunch at Logan & Dyer's.

Dr. Zimmerman has been upon the streets this week, after several weeks confinement.

Reduced prices on millinery goods at the New York store.

Whitt M. Smith is having a neat cottage built in the Artesia Townsite Addition.

FOR SALE—A good tent 12x14, floored and boxed up. See H. W. Hamilton at the New York Store.

Artesia Sunday School showed an enrollment of 121 students last Sunday.

Fresh car of flour at Walling's

Placer Mining location notices for sale at the Advocate office.

Messdames John R. Hodges and J. H. Beckham were Roswell visitors Tuesday.

A business house to rent. Apply to this office.

Mr. L. R. Smith was down from Roswell this week looking after business interests.

We can suit you in town or country property. Hancock & Loving.

Mrs. L. T. Sholars and little daughter will spend Christmas with relatives in Paris Texas.

Complete stock of paints, lead and oil. John Schrock Lumber Co.

Dr. F. B. Crutcher left Saturday for Brownsville, Texas, and points in Old Mexico.

When you want coal, lumber or anything else hauled call on the Artesia Transfer Company. Phone No. 6.

Mr. G. H. Webster, of Carlsbad, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Beckham Sunday.

If you want hauling done or fences built, see Martin Gamblin.

Heath Brothers have secured a ten-inch flow of water in the Dayton town-site well.

See Jno. Schrock Lumber Co. for barbed wire and builders hardware.

E. A. Clayton has purchased the former Caldwell property on West Main Street.

In view of making a change in business we offer all piece goods at cost, for cash. Walling & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adams are as snug as you please in their new cottage on Quay Avenue.

During the football season the yellor peril is ever present.

"What is worse than the sting of a wasp?" asks an Ohio editor. Two wasps!

A Milwaukee woman advertises for a man to do her housework. What's the matter with her husband?

Among other agencies for the rapid dissemination of news there are over 130,000 barbers in the United States.

When a man has to tend his own furnace the devil gains not only a permanent residence, but an experienced worker.

It cost one gay New Yorker \$500 to take his first ride in the new subway. A pickpocket got his shirt front diamond.

Long life and continued success to Mrs. Gilbert, who made her debut as a star in a New York theater at the age of 83.

A New York society woman said it took eight cloaks to keep her warm. A cold stare from her would freeze a blast furnace.

Two Atlanta lawyers found \$1,000 in the trunk of a negro woman who died the other day—the exact amount required for their fees.

One good thing about a runaway air ship is that it doesn't knock down babies and butt into carriages containing inoffensive old ladies.

The village minister at South Byron, N. Y., gathered thirty barrels of apples this fall on the parsonage lot. That beats a donation party.

The New York papers make big headlines on a woman sneering at a man whom she had stabbed. Did they expect her to indite a love sonnet to him?

The California man who has been sent to jail for a kiss that he didn't get may be able to add something interesting to the literature of unmissed kisses.

The tailor who fails to keep his agreement to send his customers' new trousers out in time for Sunday is plainly chargeable with breeches of promise.

A Memphis man has gone bankrupt, with liabilities listed at \$35,000 and assets at \$40. The chances are ten to one, however, that he can't duplicate that record.

Belgium is considering an automobile expedition to the south pole. A movement should at once be begun to induce a certain class of American chauffeurs to join it.

It is learned with surprise that the Smithsonian institution has thought it necessary to send a man all the way to South American to discover the microbe of laziness.

A policeman who called a man a liar has been restored to duty in an eastern city. In some parts of the country the use of that term puts a man beyond restoration.

Alfred Austin has written a poem about the Russian-Japanese war. We take it from the swing of his verses that vodka and caviar do not set well on Alfred's laureated stomach.

With all his money and superior intelligence the English Astor could not marry off his daughter without blunders to mar the ceremony. They do things as well even in America.

In addition to the fact that we have grown older and more dignified, so that we no longer do it ourselves, we find it is just about as much fun to watch somebody else twist the lion's tail.

A thrifty Buffalo man wouldn't sue the city because if awarded anything he would have to pay back a part of it in taxes. So he thought, but he is not a financier, and suffers from conscientiousness.

A seven-inch hatpin was removed from the esophagus of a New York woman's 15-inch terrier the other day. Which reminds us that there really are occasions when it's better to have dogs than babies.

The strongest argument yet heard against vegetarianism is the case of the young theatrical man who won a bride with a ham sandwich during the great washout. Now can you possibly imagine a beautiful damsel flying to the arms of a man on the offer of a proteid cutlet or a rutine stew?

Scotch Whisky a Fraud

It is our present purpose to dispute and confute the declaration that the Scotch high ball is the national drink. It is true that there is a drink, beloved of many, called the Scotch high ball, but it is only a popular delusion that the tall glass contains in its depths, in the midst of ingredients of a chunk of ice of geometrical squareness, a piece of lemon peel carved with precision into an elliptical form, and the general covering of effervescent water—anything that approximates what the epicures consider Scotch whisky with its smoky aroma, its boggy after-taste, its bitingly smooth suggestion of thistles and heather.

In proof of the assertion we desire to quote no less an authority than Dr. H. B. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture. Dr. Wiley may not know whisky, but he knows chemistry, and the principles of that exact science he has applied rigorously with a view to ascertaining the purity of the foods—which include the drinks—that are imported into this country. Presently

he will enlarge the field of his operations, but now it is enough to know that in his investigations into the quality of the eatables and drinkables sent us from the old world he has discovered, and says boldly, that there is not a barrel of Scotch whisky in the United States; that the importations of this article are all concoctions and should be labeled "compound."

This may be news to the public, thirsty and unthirsty, but it is borne out by the story of the London house that was accustomed to send to favored correspondents in this country three bottles of Scotch whisky every Christmas as a reminder of the pleasant feeling entertained by the home concern of the efforts of its American agents. Back in 1887 Christmas brought, instead of the three prized bottles of Scotch, an apologetic communication stating that the custom of long standing had necessarily been abandoned because there was no longer any Scotch whisky. In the light of this statement we may conclude that Dr. Wiley's disclosure is belated, but true.—Detroit Free Press.

Take Time for Leisure

Not only on account of his home, but also on his own account, a man should not keep business in mind all the time. A bow that is always bent loses its elasticity, so that it will not send the arrow home with force when there is need. A man who is thinking day and night about his business weakens his faculties and loses his buoyancy and "snap" by never allowing them a chance to become freshened, strengthened and rejuvenated. He becomes narrow and selfish; his sympathies and affections become atrophied or petrified. Home reaction broadens a man, enlarges his sympathies, and exercises many faculties that necessarily lie dormant during the stress of business hours.

If he will make a practice, in his leisure hours, of giving himself up completely to recreation, to having a grand, good romp with the children, or a social game with the whole family, making up his mind that he will have a good time during the evening, no matter what may happen on the

morrow, he will find himself in much better condition the next day to enter the business or professional arena. He will be much fresher and stronger, will have more elasticity and spontaneity, and will do his work much easier and with less friction than if he thinks, thinks, thinks of business all the time he is at home.

No matter if his business affairs are not going just as he likes, he is only wasting the energy and mental power which would enable him to overcome these unfortunate conditions by dragging business into the home, and worrying and fretting the family about things that they cannot help.

If he would form the habit of locking all his cross-grained, crabbed, ugly critical, nagging and worrying in the store or office at night, and resolve that, whether his business or profession is a success or a failure, his home shall be a success—the happiest, sweetest and cleanest place on earth—he would find it a greater investment than any ever made in a business way.—Montreal Herald.

Where People Live Long

The pitiless logic of percentages, as applied to vital statistics, falls short of accounting for one fact in the census reports—the longevity of residents of the few remaining territories of the country.

Of the 100,000 persons in the population of the average American community, taking the whole country through, there is just one which reaches or exceeds the age of 100. As the census computers prosaically express it, "99,999 die before that time." One in 100,000 is, therefore, the percentage of centenarians in the United States; but in Arizona it is ten—ten times as high as in the rest of the country; and in New Mexico it is nine—nine times as high as in the other portions of the United States. Some states—Arkansas, Minnesota, Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho—have no centenarians. Some states—Florida, California, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Vermont—have a high rate of centenarians—three times as

large as the average in the other states, but much below the figures of Arizona and New Mexico.

There are few centenarians in New England, but the number of persons between the ages of 75 and 100 there are more than in any other section of the United States; and the two New England states which are most noted on account of their great number of old inhabitants are Vermont and Maine. Massachusetts has a considerable number, but the people of Massachusetts are generally of a more progressive character than those of the farming districts of Vermont and Maine, and urban life is not generally conducive to longevity.

The large number of centenarians in the territories is to be ascribed, probably, to favorable climatic conditions, for both Arizona and New Mexico enjoy celebrity as beneficial in pulmonary ailments. The question of territorial organization has probably nothing to do with it.

Truth as to Athletics

Athletics may be for good or evil and in the same manner as a two-edged sword.

1. The prime object in athletics is improvement of the general health. One writer has said that health, like happiness, does not exist. He said the body consists of a number of mechanisms which have the closest and most exact relations, and as they approximate to harmony there is health, but when disordered there is ill health.

2. To obtain good health muscle building is not a necessity. One cannot judge of a person's health by the size and hardness of the muscles. The converse may be true.

3. To obtain health one must not be in a perfectly trained condition, owing to the effects of severe training on the nervous system.

4. There is no evidence to prove that athletics and muscle building improve the constitution.

5. One should always keep in mind the fact that built up or hypertrophied muscle has a tendency to degenerate. The heart being a muscular organ shares in this tendency.

6. In regard to the moral side of the question it remains to be proven that athletics per se corrupt the morals. Dr. F. R. Sturgis is confident that athletics improve the morals of a community.

7. Although the evidence for and against athletics is contradictory, the whole subject may be summed up by stating that athletics are beneficial when properly and judiciously applied and very injurious when the precautions above mentioned are ignored or carelessly regarded.—Medical Record.

And After Midnight, Morn!

The years come and the years go, And the leaves of life keep falling; And across the sunless river's flow, With accents soft and whispers low, The friends long lost are calling; While Autumn his red glory wears, And clouds oppress the sky like cares— But the old griefs die and new joys are born, And after the midnight cometh morn.

The years wake and the years sleep, And the past is full of sorrow; The thoughtless laughs and the thoughtless weeps, And each of the fruit of his follies reaps, For to-day is the fate of to-morrow; But new loves tempt us to forget, The old and old friends love us yet— So the old griefs die and new joys are born, And after the midnight cometh morn.

The years laugh, and the years sigh, But the flowers for you are blowing, As girlhood's days go dancing by, And womanhood's blithe May is high, With hopes and fancies glowing; While Love his nets for you prepares, And harks to catch you unawares— And the old griefs die and new joys are born, And after the midnight cometh morn.

The years live and the years die, And all they touch they sadden; But still the heart can time defy, Hope still with purple flush our sky, And sober friendship gladden, And well as we have loved before, In autumn we can love no more— For the old griefs die and new joys are born, And after the midnight cometh morn. —Albert Pike.

SELLING OLD "DUDS."

GIRL EASY VICTIM OF WILES OF OLD CLOTHES MAN.

According to Fair New Yorker He Had the Art of Disparagement Down Fine—Made Her Ashamed of Her Lack of Taste.

"If you want to realize how really cheap and mean you are, and what an awful figure you cut in the clothes you wear, and what bad taste you have, and a few other things that it is good for you to know," said a New York woman, "just try to dispose of some of your old clothes to a professional old clothes man."

"Oh, I never could," said the girl from Jersey. "I'd like to know why you couldn't," remarked the other scathingly. "Do you fancy you are too good or too respectable? Why, Mrs. Astor does it! Mrs. Vanderbilt and the old clothes man are hand in glove. He told me so himself. He showed me a cotton velvet dress that she sold him only last week. Yes, indeed; and you've no idea how scornful and how gorgeous he is.

"I had a lot of last year's garments that I had outgrown—not that I'm getting fat, my dear, so don't look at me with pity in your eyes; 160 is not fat. Well, I had been seeing all sorts of advertisements in the papers about 'highest prices' given for cast-off clothing. They all seemed so anxious to pay out their money that I decided to get rid of my clothes in a lump. I couldn't select among them, all were so full of golden offers. So I just shut my eyes and put my finger on one, and I sent that one a postal card telling him to call.

"He came early the next morning—and really, my dear, he was so gorgeous and smart and beautiful in his silk hat and Prince Albert coat that I wanted to run when he caught me in my kimono, with my bangs done up in wiggles.

"Alas! my dear. Do you remember that milk jacket I felt so proud of last winter?"

"The one with the frogs and the cut steel buttons?" asked the girl from Jersey.

"Yes, Well, would you believe it? Though I gave a cool hundred for it, that fur wasn't real; and it must have been moth-eaten when I got it; and, although I thought it very smart, I assure you it was quite out of date—at least, it was beside Mrs. Vanderbilt's cotton velvet gown, so the old clothes man assured me; and, if you had ever seen him, you couldn't have doubted his word.

"And my \$40 foulard was a mere rag, scarcely worth fixing over. "And that French hat I paid \$28 for was a complete bit of bunco-steering on the part of the milliner. Why, the ostrich feathers on it weren't even off an ostrich, but just made of cotton.

"And you should have seen the fine scorn with which he glanced over all my silk petticoats and my last winter's suit and relegated them to the rags.

"And then what do you suppose he offered me? Five dollars for the lot!"

"And what did you do?" asked the sympathetic girl from Jersey. "Well, I was so ashamed of those disgraceful garments, and so impressed with the idea of my own frightful bad taste that I accepted it to get rid of them, and went out and bought a collarette."

"You silly girl!" "And, oh, I forgot to tell you, the old clothes man suggested that I come right down to his shop and spend that \$5. He felt sure I should be charmed with Mrs. Vanderbilt's cotton velvet gown."—New York Press.

O Love of God.

O Love of God, how strong and true! Eternal, and yet ever anew; Uncomprehended and unthought, Beyond all knowledge and all thought; O heavenly Love, how precious still! In days of weariness and ill, In nights of pain and helplessness, To heal, to comfort and to bless.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, We read thee in the sky above; We read thee in the earth below, In seas that swell and streams that flow. We read thee best in Him that came To bear for us the cross of shame, Sent by the Father from on high, Our life to live, our death to die.

O Love of God, our shield and stay Through all the perils of our way; Eternal Love, in thee we rest, Forever safe, forever blest. —Horatius Bonar.

Capturing Wild Horses.

The work of capturing wild horses in the vicinity of Fox mountain and Madeline plains has begun and several animals have been taken.

This country is practically a wild unbroken stretch of mountains in western Nevada and eastern California that is too rough for any purpose except grazing and over which several thousand head of wild horses roam. The captured animals are invariably small but well proportioned and prove to be hardy, serviceable and obedient after being broken.—Cedarville Correspondence Sacramento Bee

BURIAL CUSTOMS OF

Warriors Laid to Rest With Battle Trappings.

A cemetery belonging to a tribe of Longobards has been found in Ascoli on the Tronto at a point where the Apennines in Italy. The fort is the top of an ancient rock now occupied by a little castle called Castel Trovino. All the warriors were laid with their faces east. Near the head was a round comb made of horn or bone, and round shield with iron boss. On the right lay a long, straight iron sword in a scabbard of hide. Against the right shoulder was laid a long spear and on the left a dagger, highly ornamented sheath, done with gold, as well as a bow and arrow in a quiver.

Generally there was present a buckle of a broad belt, often rated applique for belt and scabbard fashioned of gold, silver or bronze. Small gold plates seem to have been sewed to the coat in the shape of a cross. One grave contained a cuirass of plates bound together with iron wire. The horsemen had shears for clipping manes and a bronze feed trough with two handles; often bits, saddles and harness were laid beside the dead.

By the women were worn gold pins, with rounded flat heads, earrings of different shapes, rings and gold plates. One ring bore the names Gerontius and Regina, and was gravely on it. Crosses and necklaces of gold and beads of glass, glass bracelets, pottery vases and plates, glass, cups, combs and other articles of the toilet accompany the remains of women.

In Kansas After the War.

After the civil war a Boston man was stopping at the Planters' hotel, the principal hotel of Leavenworth, Kan., and coming down to breakfast one morning he partook of a meal with the landlord.

"Well, Mr. —," said the landlord, "how do you like our western society?"

"I like it very well," said the Boston man, "or would if society here were in a more settled state."

"Nonsense," said the landlord, "our society is as settled as that of Boston."

Just then a man named Anthony burst into the dining room and on a back door, with a man named Jenison pumping lead at him at every jump, and following him out into the outbuilding in the rear of the hotel.

"How about society being as settled here as in Boston?" said the Boston man as he and the landlord exchanged looks from under opposite sides of the table.

"I had forgotten about that Anthony Jenison matter," said the landlord, "but if Doc Jenison has caught up with Anthony that is settled by the time."—Boston Herald.

All Fair in Politics.

Gen. Rockwood Hoar relates an amusing instance of the humors of political campaign. It appears that a year ago during the campaign for the re-election of Gov. Bates and Lieut. Gov. Guild, portraits of those candidates, as well as those of the opposite party were to be seen posted all through the state of Massachusetts.

The rival bill posters must have been in great haste each to outdo the other, for it would seem that they were not always careful where they put their pictures.

While passing through Haverhill one day the candidates were greatly disconcerted to observe their portraits pasted on one billboard over a lithographic announcement of a theatrical attraction. Under the counterfeit presentations of the candidates were the words: "Vote for Bates and Guild." The portion of the theatrical lithograph not covered by the political portraits bore the legend: "The Greatest Vaudeville Team on Earth."

Students of Political Economy.

One of the most interesting young Englishwomen in America in many a year is Lady Dorothy Legge, daughter of the earl of Dartmouth, who traveled from Boston to Hanover, N. H., with her parents to see her father lay the corner stone of a new building for the college bearing his name. Lady Dorothy is a deep student of political economy, and, like her brother, Viscount Lewisham, is a warm admirer of the younger nations. The viscount and his sister long have watched the development of two wonderful peoples—the Americans and the Japanese. Both believe the world's progress hinges in large measure on the mental trend of the Yankees of the West and East.

New Sect in Ireland.

A new sect known as John the Baptist Pilgrims is conducting a mission in the North of Ireland, and gaining fresh adherents daily. The members believe in baptism by immersion, in having "no certain dwelling place and in depending upon God for the necessities of life." They have all things in common and address one another by their Christian names.

A Commonplace Life.

"A commonplace life," we say and we sigh.
But why should we sigh as we say?
The commonplace sun in the commonplace sky
Makes up the commonplace day.
The moon and the stars are commonplace things,
And the flower that blooms, and the bird that sings,
But dark were the world, and sad our lot,
If the flowers should fall and the sun shine not.
And God, who studies each separate soul,
Out of commonplace lives makes His beautiful whole.
—Susan Coolidge.

THE GOOD IN THE BAD

Francois Barbasse left his house in the frame of mind of a man who has decided to jump off a high tower.
Recently there was no luck in life for him. For the tenth time in less than a year he had that morning read a letter in his mail that dealt with his hopes. A letter that contained a polite refusal to his proposal of marriage made the week before.

He must not think that this letter was for the tenth time from the hard-hearted beauty. No, indeed, Francoise Barbasse was not a woman of such importunities. But the real truth of the matter was that it was not a woman he so much loved; it was a home of conjugal happiness. He dreamed of the head of his own table, and nothing would ever be served that could possibly suggest the menu of a boarding house. And he longed for a cozy fire where he might smoke his pipe in peace and listen to the chatter of a pretty wife.

Francois Barbasse was by no means insensible to feminine charms, and had fallen desperately in love with Mlle. X—, whose beauty had for a long time he suffered in silence. Then at last he ventured to propose.

For Francoise. His request was met with a clear and firm refusal; a no-nonsense polite excuse, but nevertheless a no-nonsense no.
For six months he was miserable indeed. At the end of that time he tried again.
But Mlle. G— was no kinder than Mlle. X— had been.
Fresh disappointment, alas! for Francoise Barbasse.

Month later, with a third young woman, he made a third proposal. The girl was still the same.
And thus it went. From one "no" to the next, he descended the silken ladder of grace and beauty that led to marriage.
Consequently, the letter he had read that morning wounded only his pride. His heart was not affected.
But why, do I hear you ask, did poor Barbasse get so regularly and sadly down on his proposals?
Why? This is treading on delicate ground.

Francoise Barbasse was the best of good fellows, always attentive to



A clear and firm refusal.
The old ladies as well as to the young ones, young, rich and a good dancer that more could have been required of a very model of a lover or son-in-law?
But alas! all these advantages were considered as naught by a small, but formidable infirmity.
In his calm moments, Barbasse might even have been called fairly good-looking, but at the approach of any emotion, however slight, he would

begin to wink with one eye in such a ridiculous, unexpected way that the most serious people on the face of the earth could not keep from laughing. Whenever one eye was wet with emotion, or shining with tenderness, the other would commence its infernal dance. Beneath the winking, blinking lid, the eye ball would rush back and forth, dilating and contracting, as if worked by the very master of mischief himself.

And the poor ladies were scarcely to blame, if at Francoise's first words of love and longing, they should burst



Then darkness.
into a peal of laughter that wrecked their would-be suitor's hopes.

Barbasse had consulted every optician in France. But each and all had said:
"A mere trick of nervousness, my dear sir. It will pass away with advancing age."

But what good would it do Francoise to have a normal eye at 60? He would be fitter for his grave than for a domestic fireside by that time.

Accordingly, you may understand the poor man's feelings as he left his house that cold, gray morning.
It was February and a high wind was blowing, a wind that scattered papers and tore the slates off people's roofs. But little did Francoise reckon of the weather—the storm only suited his misery.

Suddenly a woman's cry reached him, then confusedly he was conscious of a terrific blow. Then darkness.
A heavy brick from a neighboring chimney had struck him squarely on the side of the head.

He was hastily carried to a hospital and there lay for a week, unconscious and blissfully removed from a world where no woman smiled for him.

But, little by little, memory and thought came slowly back. He was hungry, he could speak words and recognize voices. But it was still imperfectly, for his head was yet swathed in bandages and the light of day was denied him.

At last, however, he was completely cured and the good old doctor who had taken care of him said gruffly:
"Well, you are on your feet again, Barbasse, my man. You may well be thankful to get off as you did. That was a brick and a half! You hadn't many ideas left after that struck you. Hum, hum."

The doctor stopped and seemed at a loss how to go on.
"Well, I'm glad I'm out of it," said Francoise, "but I'll be even gladder when you take off this rotten old bandage. Why do you keep it on any longer; is there anything more the matter with my eyes?"

"The truth is, my dear Barbasse," began the doctor, hesitatingly, "there have been complications and"—
"And what? Speak out, man," ordered Francoise.
"Very well. One eye has been very

much injured and you will lose the use of it in a very short time."
"An eye? Which, doctor, which one?"

"The left eye, my poor friend," the doctor answered sadly.

Francoise Barbasse sprang from his chair and did a cake walk then and there.

"Are you perfectly sure, my dear doctor," he cried, "you are not mistaken as to which eye? Oh! it is too good to be true! I shall be happy now all my life."

For a moment the good doctor thought that half his patient's reason had gone with half of his vision. Then Francoise explained.

The first time he went out after the accident Barbasse hastened to the house of Mlle. X—. She had been his first and only love, despite his later matrimonial attempts. He fell at her feet in an ecstasy of passion, imploring her to listen favorably to a second request of her hand in marriage. The young lady listened, looked at her kneeling lover, wavered—and was lost. She whispered a soft "yes" and Francoise, fathoms deep in bliss, clasped her in his arms. And in spite of the joy of his emotion, both eyes were steady and well behaved. His left eye, once so impish and so damaging, beamed with a perpetual smile. It was made of glass!—Boston Herald

HORSE RODE TO FUNERAL.

Ironic End to Career of Hard-Worked London Animal.

Here is a true and pathetic story of a 'bus horse. It was told to me a day or two ago by a medical friend of mine who has an extensive and peculiar practice in the south of London. One Sunday morning, during the hottest days, he was asked to come round to an omnibus yard as quickly as possible. It seemed that one of the horses, driven to desperation by the heat, had insisted on climbing into the 'bus, instead of taking its proper position alongside the pole. The stablemen had endeavored to get the animal out of the 'bus, but the poor horse, during the course of the struggle, had plunged its head through one of the windows and cut its neck. The doctor, unfortunately, arrived too late to be of service, with the consequence that the horse bled to death. And here comes the ironic sequel of the grim little tragedy. Even when the horse was dead the men were unable to remove the body from the inside of the omnibus, and thus it happened that they were compelled to harness two other horses to the vehicle and drag the corpse to the nearest carpenter shop, in order that the 'bus might be taken to pieces. Truly, it is better to die gloriously than to live out a life of hateful and ignoble bondage. It would be interesting to know the thoughts of the other 'bus horses on seeing their former comrade riding, like any gentleman, through the streets of London.—The Sketch.

Joker and the Bride.

At one of the recent weddings the bride carried a prayer book, marked to open at the marriage service, and from which she was to read the responses and follow the service. The practical joker was present, of course, for there was never a wedding at which the practical joker was not. Just before the ceremony he slipped the bride's prayer book into his pocket and left another in its place which he had borrowed for the occasion. When the bride opened it at the altar she was a bit surprised, and for a moment was lost in wonder as to what had happened. Then she "caught on," bit her lips to keep back a smile, and bent her head over the book with no evidence of anything wrong.

The practical joker had substituted a prayer book printed in German, and the bride could read only English. Nevertheless, she had studied the ceremony carefully and made the responses at the proper time and in the words set down in the ritual.—Utica Observer.

Too Numerous.

At the Hollenden they have a fudge-colored little page who is hardly big enough to be seen behind the big brass buttons on his uniform. It is his duty to roam about over the hotel, calling out the names of persons for whom telegrams come or who are wanted for any reason. He is something of a pet with every one about the place, yet he sometimes runs against things that shake his dignity.

The other morning a man handed him an envelope bearing a name.
"Find this man," were the instructions.
So the boy went through the lobby shouting:
"General R. E. Morse! General R. E. Morse!"

There were so many of the general about that the boy couldn't tell who should get the note and he didn't deliver it.—Cleveland Leader.

A Steel Trust.

"I'll try to steal her heart," quoth he,
"And win her sweetest smiles."
"I'll try to steel my heart," said she,
"Against Love's subtle wiles."
So both in steel began to deal,
And, as you may suppose,
Love soon declared a dividend
And staz'ed a combine.
—Morrimer Crane Brown in Smart Set

SAMUEL JOHNSON'S SAYINGS.

Wealth excludes but one evil—poverty.

Knowledge is more than equivalent to force.

It matters not how a man dies, but how he lives.

Example is always more efficacious than precept.

Few things are impossible to diligence and skill.

A man used to vicissitudes is not easily dejected.

Many things difficult to design prove easy to performance.

He is no wise man that will quit a certainty for an uncertainty.

The trappings of a monarchy would set up an ordinary commonwealth.

A cow is a very good animal in a field; but we turn her out of a garden.

I am a great friend to public amusements; for they keep people from vice.

A man is very apt to complain of the ingratitude of those who have risen far above him.

If a man does not make acquaintances as he advances through life he will soon find himself alone.

A man ought to read just as inclination leads him; for what he reads as a task will do him little good.

Of all the griefs that harass the distressed, sure the most bitter is a scornful jest.

Dictionaries are like watches; the worst is better than none, and the best cannot be expected to go quite true.

SOME CONVERSATION "DON'TS."

Don't indulge in personalities. They invariably return worse than they started out.

Don't mention family feuds. It embarrasses the listener and you are sure to regret it.

Don't talk of the cost of things; it gives the rich a chance for boastfulness and may be embarrassing to the poor.

Don't tell your personal interests, occupations, hopes or aspirations. Nobody wants to hear them, and you give your dignity a mortal stab.

Don't discuss diseases or surgical operations. Without a natural pathological taste or a trained nurse's experience it is apt to disgust people.

Don't discuss children; if you have any, the chances are you are boring those who have not. If you have none, you are sure to be mortally wounding those who have.

Don't discuss dress; the lady whose short evening gown you are scoring may have come direct from Paris, wearing the newest thing, and the whole subject is a hopeless one, anyway. Generations must pass before mortals will have the courage to wear anything beautiful or simple or useful or healthful.

But however many "don'ts" the manual may contain, the last and best and final one must be: Smile bravely and don't speak at all.—Harper's Weekly.

REVERIES OF A BACHELOR.

A mute is the only woman who goes without saying.

Some women don't have to bleach to have red-headed tempers.

The widow's recovery from her grief sometimes depends upon the promptness of the life insurance company.

The creation of woman is said to have been an afterthought. Perhaps that's why she considers the postscript of a letter the most important part.

SUNFLOWER PHILOSOPHY.

You never know how long a man's memory is until you have offended him.

When a man's nose begins to show a beer blossom it is a sign that he is ripe for reform.

About the only compliment a fat woman gets is when someone says: "I believe you are falling off a little."

Much as we boast of Americans we must admit there is a type of worthless man who isn't worth powder and lead to kill him.

Success of a Reporter.

Joseph C. Hendrix, long an important Democratic politician in Brooklyn, where he was postmaster under Cleveland's first administration, and later a banker, has died in his 52d year, after an interesting career. He was born in Missouri, but of an old Dutch family; had three years' study at Cornell, became reporter on the New York Sun, and then in charge of its Brooklyn news. In 1883 he was chosen to run against Seth Low for mayor of Brooklyn, and made a good showing. He was elected in 1884 to the board of education of that city, and served six years; from 1886 to 1890 he was postmaster. Meantime he had become engaged in banking, and continued in that line of business as bank director and president; also he served in the Fifty-third Congress, and was one of the foremost gold Democrats. The New York Evening Post reports that it was said that on his retirement from the presidency of the National Bank of Commerce last year the directors gave him \$250,000 as "honorarium." Thus the reporter would seem to have achieved "success."

Good News for All.

Bradford, Tenn., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Scientific research shows Kidney Trouble to be the father of so many diseases that news of a discovery of a sure cure for it cannot fail to be welcomed all over the country. And according to Mr. J. A. Davis of this place just such a cure is found in Dodd's Kidney Pills. Mr. Davis says:

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The Loaves of Pharaoh.

Loaves of bread thousands of years old have recently furnished an interesting study to scientists abroad. Professors Brahm and Buchwald have analyzed a number of specimens found in Egyptian tombs, and Dr. Lindet has examined some old Roman bread dating back before the Christian era. The Egyptian bread was more than 3500 years old, but was still recognizable as a cereal product prepared by baking. Grains still retained their peculiar structure, while dead yeast cells were plainly discernible. The grain of which the bread was composed was emmer, which is related to our modern wheat. These ancient Egyptian loaves had the appearance of being charred as if by fire—a circumstance due to slow oxidation by the atmosphere, going on through thousands of years. It was ascertained by experiment that the same effect would be produced upon new bread by exposing it for forty-eight hours to a temperature of 220 degrees Fahrenheit. In either case the process was one of combustion.

THE PILLS THAT CURE RHEUMATISM

Mrs. Henry Story, of No. 532 Muskingum Ave., Zanesville, Ohio, says: "My husband suffered from rheumatism so that he could hardly stand. His back hurt and he had such pain in his left arm that he could not rest night or day. The doctor did him no good and it was not until he tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills that he was helped. Six boxes cured him completely and he has not had an ache or a pain since. We think the pills are the best medicine in the world."

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ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Artesia postoffice for the month ending, Dec. 1, 1904.

Dennis Hoover.
Jimmie Vickers.
Ernest A. Holt.
Miss Ora Evans.
Marrell Danyman.
Ivy Ambers.
Mrs. Clarence Moore.
Jessie McDowell.
Ira McLendon.
J. B. Reed.

MEXICAN MAIL.

Sr Bitos Rios.
Sr. Bruno Almandarez.
Sr. Don Ramon Pesalta (2)
Marselino Ocana.

These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter office December 31, 1904 if not called for. In calling for the above please say "advertised." All advertised letters due one cent.
Daisy F. Ross, P. M.

The P. V. & N. E. Ry. Co. will sell tickets at reduced rates to all points for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Call at the ticket office for further information.
W. S. Eakle, Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beckham and Miss Olive Noell go to Carlsbad to day to be the guest at a house party at the Geo. H. Webster ranch. Miss Blanche Mauldin and Mr. E. C. Higgins are to join the party the day after Christmas.

Scavenger Service.

Allen & Lewis have this week perfected their arrangements for operating a complete scavenger system in Artesia. They have gone about it in a thorough business like manner and are prepared to give the best of service. This is one of the public necessities that means much to the health of the community. If you want work done phone No. 7.

Mr. E. I. Allen this week bought three more residence lots in the Beckham & Smith addition this week which he is enclosing with a nice picket fence and preparing for a couple of houses to be built there on.

Notice of Closing.

Notice is hereby given that the two blacksmith shops of Artesia will close Thursday evening Dec. 22 and not reopen until Monday Dec. 26. Patrons will please govern themselves accordingly.

Woodworth & Bowden
Jack T. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Neel, of the Advocate force, and their son, Jerome, will go to Carlsbad to spend a few days with relatives and to see the roping contests.

Notice.

Christmas falling this year on Sunday, the following Monday will be observed as a legal holiday and the post office will be closed from 10 a. m. till 6 p. m.

Daisy F. Ross, P. M.

Lost Dog.

Black Water Spaniel, 6 months old, white breast and had on plain leather collar around neck. Reward for his return to J. P. Dyer.

We have sold thousands of acres of land in the vicinity of Artesia and would be glad to sell yours. Hancock & Loving.

I Have Lost My Specks.

Gold-rimmed in leather case. Will pay reward.
S. W. Turknett.

Mrs. S. W. Loving is helping to supply christmas shoppers in the dry goods department of Joyce Fruit & Company.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, December 14, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico, on February 2, 1905, viz: Norman E. Ostrom, upon District application No. 3310, for the S1/2 of the NW1/4, of section 24, T. 15 S., R. 25 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William Foster, of Lake Arthur, N. M., Charles Foster, of Lake Arthur, N. M., George Smith, of Lake Arthur, N. M., Charles Smith, of Lake Arthur, N. M., Howard Leland, Register.

S. W. GILBERT, President;

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