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BUILDING IN AND AROUND ARTESIA.

Work on Lukins House Begins and Other Improvements Being Made.

This week was characterized by considerable activity in the building line in and around Artesia.

Work commenced on the large new residence of F. J. Lukins in the city. This house will be constructed in modern style and will be furnished in an up-to-date manner. It is to be of concrete brick, 38x44, the material is furnished by J. R. Daniel. T. W. Whetted is doing the masonry work and making a very pretty job of it.

The new residence when finished will be a credit to the city.

E. T. Edgerton is constructing a large farm residence just northeast of town. A. A. Dennis, a carpenter from Kansas is doing the work.

W. H. Robin is building a cosy residence in the east part of town for his brother, E. Robin.

D. S. Bay has just completed a buggy shed and several cribs for J. W. Turknett. Mr. Turknett will soon begin work on a brick milk house 12x20 in dimension and will also build a new bath house.

J. R. Blair expects to build on his farm south of town though he has not yet formulated definite plans in regard to the matter.

All the contractors in this part of the Pecos Valley are figuring on the contract for the completion of Artesia College. The bids will be opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon and if any be found satisfactory work will be resumed Monday. Dr. Marshall McIlhenny says he expects to be able to open the college to students not later than February 1.

Sunday Schools Celebrate.

The various Sunday schools of the town observed Christmas with appropriate exercises. There was a tree at each church well laden with goodies so that no child was slighted. Many little remembrances from teachers to pupils found place on the tree also. Santa visited and distributed favors and was received in the usual rapturous style.

At the Baptist church, whose Sunday School Supt. is S. B. Dyer, the speeches and songs were mostly by the small pupils, features being solos by Edgar Williamson and little Lula Lawhorn.

The Christian Sunday school under the Superintendency of W. F. Schwartz had a log cabin in addition to the tree and various other features. The Methodists have for their Supt. E. B. Kemp and had an attractive program with a solo by Mrs. Enfield and a cornet solo by Mr. Rice.

At the Presbyterian church with S. W. Gilbert as Supt. the program was varied by a pantomime and concert work by the classes of Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Gilbert and solos by Maude Irby and Irene Armstrong.

The band boys presented O. J. Adams with a very beautiful \$25 baton. It is of ebony and mounted with his name in full. We may surely expect even better music from the band than any to which we have yet listened.

Capt. J. M. Chase of Dayton was in Artesia transacting business Monday.

Sammy always sneezes and never knows when it's coming. Lee Turknett & Son, draymen, are up to snuff and their work is not to be sneezed at.

Dr. A. L. Norfleet went to Sherman Texas Saturday to spend Christmas.

Tom Logan left for Chicago today to attend the conservatory.

William Poland spent Christmas in Roswell.

C. E. Echols of the Artesia machine shop has put in acetone gas lighting in his residence; doing the work himself.

BOX RENTS ARE REDUCED.

Postmaster Hamilton Induces Department to Act--Will Prove Great Convenience and Benefit.

Beginning January 1st box rents in Artesia postoffice will be reduced as follows:

Small boxes from 35 cents to 25 cents per quarter; medium boxes from 50 cents to 35 cents per quarter; large boxes from 75 cents to 45 cents per quarter.

The innovation is one for which Mr. Hamilton has labored unceasingly since his appointment and its adoption is solely due to his untiring efforts.

It will prove a benefit to the people and will also expediate the delivery of mail, as many will no doubt, take the advantage of the reduced rates to rent boxes.

Hope Happenings

Christmas passed off very quietly. Christmas eve night was spent at the school house where a nicely decorated tree was loaded down with presents. After a nice program, the presents were distributed and the people passed home very quietly. There were about 500 people present. On Christmas morning at 10:30 a. m., we again gathered at the school house and were given an address by Rev. Lively. A short program was followed by a Public Christmas Dinner. It is useless to state the dishes that were spread, as Hope has a wide renown as to the quality and quantity of "chuck."

Prof. A. W. Board wishes someone to give him a recipe for feeding mice. He had a present of a pair of mice, one of which is a cannibal of his race, has killed and eaten the others.

Misses Annie Newton and Jessie Cox have been spending Christmas with friends in Dexter.

Everyone had an excellent time at the musical given by J. W. Reed Christmas night. All were favorably impressed with the singing by little Virginia White. After the playing violin, guitar, mandolin, and organ, we were entertained by a few social games.

John Bloom has built a nice house about three miles west of Hope and moved from town the 27th.

Rev. Cox and family are spending Xmas with friends in Dexter.

Woodmen of World

Take notice that there will be a meeting of members at the Clerk office Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Important business. J. E. Swepston.

Mrs. Dr. Chas. Thomas who was recently quite sick at the home of her parents in Roswell has now entirely recovered and has returned to her home here.

The temporary shortage of coal is now over and the black diamonds are coming in by the carload.

Tom Runyan was in from Hope Thursday.

LAND OWNERS WILL PLANT.

No Idle Real Estate Around Artesia Next Year--Immense Profits in Alfalfa.

There will be a great area in alfalfa around Artesia next year. Many people bought land here for speculation when the town was first founded and some of them failed to cultivate the fields. These people are now realizing their mistake. They know now that they are losing all kinds of money by failing to put their fields in alfalfa or in some other crop that would yield enormous profits. As a result there will be no idle land here next season.

Take the alfalfa proposition; a single acre will yield from seven tons to ten tons in one season. The present price is \$14 a ton delivered on board the car.

Speaking of this matter, Olin Ragsdale manager of the Joyce-Pruitt Company in this city said,

"We have been shipping regularly. We shipped out seven car loads from here last week, five for the government works at Carlsbad, and two to parties further down. We have orders on our books for over 100 car loads that we cannot supply. In addition to that we have received many orders that we were compelled to turn down absolutely, as there was no possibility of filling them. Only the other day we received an order for a large shipment to be delivered in the northern part of this territory, but were unable to consider it. The party who sent in the order offered \$14 a ton, which is what we are receiving for all we sell."

"With the possible exception of the La Junta district in Colorado there is no part of the United States that can preserve its alfalfa in as good condition as we do ours. Ninety-five per cent of our crop is preserved in choice condition, what is called "pea green"; the very highest quality. In Kansas and other northern states not over fifty per cent is preserved in good condition, and but little of that is of the very highest grade. "Nor is there any danger of the market becoming overstocked."

"If every acre from Roswell to Pecos were in alfalfa, it would not materially affect the price. This year one firm in Fort Worth offered to take all the alfalfa raised in the valley at the top price."

"It is not alone for hay that the crop is valuable, Geo. Kline who owns a farm two miles south and who brings in choice butter to the market, told us the other day that he hadn't fed his stock either hay or grain this year; the rain and the snow kept the alfalfa growing without irrigation, and the stock run on it and grow fat."

At the request of the editor of THE ADVOCATE, H. Crouch who probably knows as much about alfalfa as anybody in the valley, gave the following figures of cost of product on per ton delivered at the car, assuming the field to be situated two miles from town: Cutting 12 1/2 cents bailing \$1.50, hauling 50 cents, total \$2.12 1/2. At that rate, if a farmer raised 10 tons in five cuttings, and some did raise that much this year, and if the product were sold at present prices, the owner would have a net profit of \$118.75 per acre in a single year, which isn't too awfully bad. At seven tons which is below the average the net profit would be \$76.75.

For Sale

FARMER TERRILL'S SEEDED RIBBON CANE SYRUP for sale at residence on West Main Street Artesia, N. M. Perfectly pure. Only 65c per gallon in buckets, at residence or delivered in Artesia. Orders solicited. Address R. W. Terrill, Artesia, N. M.

Misses Ella Hyatt and Nettie Callaway were in Roswell Christmas.

Carl Mullis little girl has been quite sick, but is now better.

MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS.

An Elegant Luncheon and Good Time Follows Investment Ceremonies.

The officers for 1907 in the Artesia Lodge No. 28, A. F. & A. M., were installed at the Masonic Hall in this city Thursday night. The following is the personal of said officers:

Worshipful Master, Harry W. Hamilton; Senior Warden, Robt. M. Ross; Junior Warden, Ed F. Phillips; Treasurer, John B. Cecil; Secretary, Edgar E. McNatt; Senior Deacon, Will C. Marible; Junior Deacon, Stephen W. Gilbert; Stewards, William Idler and E. B. Kemp; Chaplain, L. W. Martin; Tyler, Joe O. Richards.

Post Worshipful Master John P. Dyer conducted the ceremonies.

After the installation a luncheon consisting of oysters and trimmings, cake and coffee was served. A number of extemporaneous speeches were made, all of which abounded in the spirit of fraternity and good cheer. Miss Margaret Barrett favored the company with an exquisite vocal selection, and Miss Nana Ross gave a reading that evoked enthusiastic applause.

The event is a pleasant milestone on the path of Masonry in Artesia.

NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT

Kansas Visitor Delighted With Artesia--Well Worth Trip to See.

A. D. Garber, and wife of Norton, Kansas, started on their return trip yesterday after a weeks visit with D. H. Wenger and family.

Speaking of his visit Mr. Garber said: "I certainly enjoyed the trip very much and am delightedly surprised at the country. I have never seen anything like it. I have visited irrigated countries before, but never saw anything so beautiful and satisfactory in that line as the system furnished by your great artesian wells. Those wells gushing up from the earth and furnishing such an abundance of water are well worth the trip to the Pecos Valley in order to see them."

Bowman-Huffman.

May Bowman and A. M. Huffman of this city were married by Rev. J. C. Gage, Sunday. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowman of Artesia.

The groom came here from Weed, New Mexico, and is now employed by the Joyce-Pruitt Co. THE ADVOCATE extends congratulations.

Railroad Improvements.

The Pecos Valley has been placing a pavement of cinders around the depot. Several carloads of oak ties from Brownell, Texas, were distributed along the track this week. It is intended to replace all rotten ties between Amarillo and Pecos with new ones. The old ties around the depot will be replaced with new ones.

King of All Cough Medicines

Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. Service for about sixteen years, says: "we have tried many cough Medicines for croup, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and one to be relied upon every time. We also find it best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad effects." For sale by Fatherree & Robertson.

Price Henry sold fifty tons of threshed Kaffir corn seed to Joyce-Pruitt this week. Mr. Henry planted 100 acres of alfalfa this year.

BLAIR WELL HAS MUCH WATER

Thirty Inch Stream Struck Saturday--Will Improve His Farm.

Late Saturday Gessler struck a 30 inch flow in the artesian well he was sinking for J. R. Blair on the latter's farm one mile south of town.

The farm upon which the new well was put down consists of 40 acres and was bought by Mr. Blair with a view of making a country home for him and his family. He will now plant it in orchard and alfalfa and later build a modern residence upon it.

It is an ideal location for a country home.

PLANTS TWO HUNDRED ACRES.

F. J. Short Will Have Entire Farm of 480 Acres Under Alfalfa

F. J. Short, of Greenfield, Iowa, is here this week. He is the gentleman who bought the Harry W. Hamilton farm some months ago. He has begun planting 200 acres of alfalfa and when this is completed all the 480 acres will be under the succulent lucern.

The Butler well rig moved out yesterday to drill another artesian well on the premises.

Mr. Short is arranging matters to bring his family here next year when he will make extensive improvement on his farm.

The place is one of the best in the valley for its size and is certain to prove a profitable investment to its owner.

Buys Land and Slays Bunnies.

George Gable of New Sharon, Iowa, purchased 320 acres of fine land near Artesia this week and will soon sink a well and otherwise improve his farm. J. M. Conn negotiated the deal. Mr. Conn is a rabbit killer from Rabbitsville and put Messrs. Gable and F. J. Short through the 3rd degree in that sort of sport. The stories they tell about the numbers left dead on the field look about as long as the ears of some of their alleged victims.

Telephone Line Reaches Elk.

On Thursday the Penasco Telephone line was completed to Elk and people there can do the gab act with friends in Artesia.

Work will continue to be pushed until the line reaches Cloudercroft and connects with other lines there.

Scrap.

FOR SALE at \$8.25 per acre in quantities to suit purchaser. If Martin & Flook, Artesia, N. M.

Eight couples from Artesia attended the Dayton ball Thursday night and report a good time.

Mrs. Zillie Robertson went to Dexter Friday to visit friends for a few days.

D. D. Temple went to Roswell Friday.

FOR SALE The best blacksmith work to be had in Artesia. Artesia Machine Shop.

FOR SALE—Choice reclaimed alfalfa seed in any quantity. Address Geo. W. Smith, Lake Arthur, N. M.

FOR SALE—Nearly new sideboard, Oregon bookcase and dresser. A. H. Hubbs, south of the school house.

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P. V. & S. K. OF TRYS
AMARILLO, TEXAS.

Notice For Publication.

Desert Land, Final Proof.
United States Land Office,
Roswell, New Mexico,
December 22, 1906

Notice is hereby given that William L. Whitaker, of Hope, Eddy County, New Mexico, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1180, for the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, T. 17 S., R. 53 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, New Mexico on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

S. P. Blain, Thomas H. Blakely, Jesse C. Richards, William H. Graham, all of Hope, New Mexico.

Howard Leland, Register.

Notice For Publication

Desert Land, Final Proof.
United States Land Office,
Roswell, New Mexico,
December 22, 1906

Notice is hereby given that Annie E. Coots, of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, assignee of John N. Burroughs, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1110 for the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, T. 17 S., R. 25 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, New Mexico, on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

William J. Phipps, Emory J. Phipps, Philip V. Pardon, James D. Brown, all of Artesia, New Mexico.

Howard Leland, Register

B. F. Sloane Unfortunate.

Word has just been received by Mrs. L. C. Braiser that her son-in-law, B. F. Sloane has been the victim of an unfortunate occurrence; the hotel which he was conducting in Madisonville, Ky., being burned to the ground with all its contents. There was but little insurance.

Mr. Sloan was at one time foreman in THE ADVOCATE office for Gayle Talbot. He was well liked here and all will be sorry to hear of his loss.

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior,
United States Land Office,
Roswell, New Mexico, Dec. 8, 1906.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Emory J. Phipps, contestant, against homestead entry No. 6600, made January 9, 1906: 1. for E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5, Township 18 S., Range 25 E., by Wilson C. West. Contestee, in which it is alleged that said Wilson C. West, has wholly failed to establish his residence in a house upon said land within six months from the date of said entry, that the said Wilson C. West has not improved nor cultivated any part of said entry as required by law, 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, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 7, 1907, before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office at Artesia, N. M., and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 16, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Roswell, N. M.,
December 20, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Joseph S. Highsmith, of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 6169, made Oct. 6, 1905, for the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 16 South, Range 26 East, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver, at Roswell, New Mexico, on January 28, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:
John M. Howard, of Artesia, N. M.;
Lewis C. Robertson, of Artesia, N. M.;
John W. Price, of Artesia, N. M.;
John W. Foster, of Artesia, N. M.

Howard Leland, Register.

\$500,000.00 to loan on irrigated farms. Long time loans with prepayment privileges, 10 per cent interest. See L. W. Martin, loan agent, in rear of First National Bank, Artesia, New Mexico.

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Artesia, N. M.

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Bishop-McNiel.

The palatial home of Capt. E. S. Bishop, of Midway, was the scene of a wedding of unusual interest Tuesday. It was there, surrounded by admiring friends, that A. Cass McNiel and Miss Lillian Bishop heard the solemn words that made them man and wife. The contracting parties are of the best families of the county. Dr. McNiel, Cass' father, and Capt. Bishop, father of the bride, both ably represented Lee county in the Virginia legislature.

Mr. McNiel is engaged in the mercantile business at Longfield and is a gentleman of unimpaired character.

Miss Bishop is the beautiful and talented daughter of Capt. E. S. Bishop and is popular in social circles of her neighborhood.

Rev. D. W. White, of Pennington Gap, tied the knot.

The happy couple have the best wishes of innumerable friends.--Jonesville, Va. Star.

Captain Bishop, father of the bride came to Artesia with his wife, a son and a daughter some months ago on account of Mrs. Bishop's health. Her recovery was rapid and this, in addition to the magnificent financial opportunities offered has induced him to decide to make this his home. Owing to the distance he was unable to return to the Old Dominion to attend his daughters wedding. He has two sons and one daughter still in Virginia and they are trying to dispose of their property there, in order that the entire family can come to Artesia.

Captain Bishop commanded a company in the 25th Virginia cavalry during the war between the North and the South. He saw much hard service and was wounded four times.

It is to be hoped that his children may soon be able to arrange their affairs so that they can come here; as they will be an acquisition to the community, socially and otherwise.

Notice For Publication.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.
United States Land Office,
Roswell, N. M.,
Nov. 19, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that John T. Coots, of Owensboro, Kentucky, assignee of Fannie Roby, assignee of Byrd Walter, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1493, for the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 16 S., R. 28 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on Friday the 4th day of January, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

Charles S. Daviess, of Artesia, N. M.,
Dennis W. Robertson, of Artesia, N. M.,
Phil V. Pardon, of Artesia, N. M.,
Enos P. McCormick, of Artesia, N. M.

Howard Leland, Register.

Poverty Ball New Year's Night.

The poverty ball announced by the Artesia Club for Thanksgiving night will be concluded on New Year's night. A small and very select set attended Thanksgiving and were attired in a costume that was killing--or nearly so. Those present consisted of the editor of THE ADVOCATE. The Club is making arrangements to have a larger crowd at the New Year's affair.

Dogs! Dogs!

All parties that have not paid their dog tax will be expected to do so within the next 10 days. Otherwise the dogs will be taken up and disposed of as provided for by ordinance.

G. W. WILSON,
Town Marshal.

It will pay you to look up our ads in this issue.

Artesia Machine Shop.

R. W. Terrill Returns.

R. W. Terrill returned Sunday to Artesia after a protracted visit to Dallas, Texas, where his son Ben A. Terrill is attending the University Training School. Mr. Terrill is a great admirer of Artesia and has a fine improved farm adjoining town on the west and just south of Main street.

He came here in March 1904 with his wife who was suffering from bronchitis. She has practically recovered here in the salubrious climate of the Pecos Valley. Last fall Mrs. Terrill went to visit in Dallas but as symptoms of bronchitis began to develop she returned and has been entirely well since.

Mr. Terrill was county clerk at Denton, Texas for 22 years. Aubrey Terrill the well-known Dallas real estate man is a son of his. Another son is a professor in Texas University.

Capt. Simons Dead

Captain E. B. Simons died Friday morning of pneumonia at Artesia. He is the father-in-law of James Buck, at Lake Arthur. The Captain is a well known citizen up and down the valley and a great many will be grieved to learn of his death. He was a large portly man, over seventy years of age. He has been a resident of the valley for twenty years, living at Roswell and Artesia for many years.--Roswell Register-Tribune.

The funeral of Captain Simons was held here Wednesday. Rev. J. C. Gage officiated. The interment took place in Artesia cemetery.

A Western Wonder.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave up to die of Consumption."

I reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured. Guaranteed by Pecos Valley Drug Co. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Notice is hereby given that Enos P. McCormick, of Artesia, Eddy County New Mexico, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1183, for the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, T. 16 S., R. 26 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, New Mexico, on Monday, the 4th day February, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

Benjamin N. Bell, Horace M. McCormick, William E. Clark, Christopher Totten, all of Artesia, New Mexico.

Howard Leland, Register.

Otis Shepherd Surprised.

Twenty gay, romping boys and girls dropped in on Otis F. Shepherd at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Shepherd Thursday night. The surprise was complete, but Otis rose to the occasion and proved a splendid host. The young folks amused themselves with games and plays, and had a royal good time.

Model Market.

We have purchased the Model Market and will be after have on hand the best meats that can be had. Give us a call. We will appreciate your patronage. If
Cawley & Walters.

L. F. Shepherd and wife entertained the following party on Christmas: E. I. Allen and family, B. W. Beatty and family, A. J. Parker and family, Phillip Thomas and family and Roscoe Scott and family; twenty-two in all. They punished turkey and fixin' to a fare you well and voted Christmas a very merry affair.

Miss Margaret Bennett of Roswell visited Mrs. J. P. Dyer this week.

Miss Artie McMahon who is teaching school in Hope is home for the holidays.

THE ARTESIA ADVOCATE

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

We are authorized to announce that L. W. Martin will be a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace for Artesia precinct at the next town election.

We are authorized to announce that J. E. Swepston will be a candidate for election to the office of Justice of the Peace for Artesia precinct at the election to be held January 14, and that he solicits the support of the voters of the precinct.

CONSTABLE.

The candidacy of Geo. W. Batton is hereby announced for the office of Constable of Artesia precinct at the ensuing town election.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of constable of Artesia precinct at the next election, and respectfully solicit the support of all citizens.

G. T. Bane.

A Dangerous Policy.

The President's attitude towards centralization, of which the California episode is but an incident in a wide reaching and well defined plan of merging the states into the nation, giving them no larger individual existence, as far as the nation is concerned, than the county has, as far as the state is concerned. This plan is by no means receiving endorsement from the Republican press of the United States. Our dual government has brought us along a pathway of prosperity never otherwise equaled in the history of humanity and it is doubtful if the people of the United States are any more willing to see our government--which has made us the envied of the nations--overthrown by federal absorption, than they were willing in 1861 to see it overthrown by southern secession. This country, in the language of Webster, is a union, one and inseparable. But the "one and inseparable" is no more emphatic than is the "union." There can be no union except of co-equals, and the suppression of such union is no more desirable than its disruption. In this connection The Citizen reproduces from Saturday's Dailey Optic the following able and timely editorial:

"The special message of the President devoted to the San Francisco school question is to be used as a wedge, we are told, to force the issue of the centralization of federal power that President Roosevelt and the members of the administration are committed to.

"President Roosevelt and his cabinet seem to be in danger of digging a grave for the Republican party. He has already alienated the great Republican state of California, and to the majority of unprejudiced people of the United States, California is right in her school policy. There seems to be no good reason why California should be forced to admit adult Japanese to her schools to the injury of

her own children. And, furthermore, the stand that California has taken that the Japanese, as a dark race, cannot be allowed free access and an equal footing in this country, without endangering our own civilization, is one that will be supported by the nation.

"But the President intends to go farther than this Japanese school question. If reports are not erroneous, he intends to advance the position, to which his whole policy has been leading up, that all state rights must be held subservient to federal power.

"This is a position to which the states will never accede, and Massachusetts will be just as strenuous in opposition as South Carolina. A bloody war decided that a state had no right of secession, but it has never been claimed that a state has no right which the nation was bound to respect. If President Roosevelt succeeds in foisting this doctrine on the Republican party, the issue will be promptly accepted by the Democrats, who, almost in despair because they have been able to prepare no platform acceptable to the people, would exultingly rally their forces in favor of a doctrine that not even the loyalty of Republicans to party would prevent them from favoring.

"But President Roosevelt, with his ideas of the regal power of the President, and of the power inherent in the federal government, will never force his views on these matters upon the Republican party. That the President is forceful, intelligent, popular with the masses, honest and actuated by an earnest desire to accomplish the highest good; that he is active to the point of unwisdom in promoting his views, we admit, but that he is right in the view he is said to hold of the subserviency of state to federal power in those matters that affect the state primarily, we do not believe, and we do not believe the people will support him in such views."

Albuquerque Citizen, 'Rep.' We are perhaps unduly suspicious but the old motto "beware of Greeks who come bearing presents" comes unbidden to us when we read editorials like the above from such Republican sources as the Citizen and the Optic, and peruse similar utterances on the part of such papers as the El Paso Herald.

Let us not be misunderstood, THE ADVOCATE agrees with those papers on the danger of President Roosevelt's policy of centralization. The arguments used in the editorial quoted are cogent and unanswerable, and Democratic party should retain its stand against federal aggression. Moreover, the Republican papers which have the courage to firmly oppose an executive of their own party should be commended for their courage; if their criticisms are ingenuous, and are prompted by patriotic motives.

The one thing that makes us dubious about the attitude of these papers is that they lay too much emphasis on the advisability of the Democrats making this THE SOLE ISSUE of the next campaign.

For four years previous to the campaign of 1904 leading Republicans inside and outside of editorial sanctums put in a great part of their time intimating that if the Democratic party would just get back on

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"old Democratic ground," and be "conservative," and set up a sort of apologetic opposition to most Republican policies; if its platform would only administer homeopathic doses of modified Republicanism to the voters from the hands of a safe and sane nominee; the conservatives would rally to its support and it "would again become a factor," etc, etc. Then, there were intimations that the President was too strenuous; that the trusts would be against him.

The Democrats took the disinterested advice, they put up a man who was distressingly "sane" and while the platform wasn't quite as "safe" as the Republican wet nurses wished, yet the candidate took pains to let it be known that he would furnish an antidote for any poison it might contain.

Parker's campaign was devoted to an attack on the aggressive and imperialistic tendencies of the Republican party. He did what the Republicans said before the campaign was the only thing that could beat the Republican party.

In spite of the fact that the Republicans gave away their hand, and that the Democrats took a mean advantage of their credulity, matters didn't work out right. As we recollect it, Parker wasn't elected to any alarming extent.

The financiers who were to put up the funds to defeat Roosevelt, became absent-minded before election and in a fit of abstraction, gave the bulk of their contributions to Roosevelt's committee.

Now, while we are opposed to federal aggression, we are the least bit distrustful of those who would make it the sole issue. The situation is this; The trusts fear a radical Democracy,

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not only for what it may do if it gets into power, but for what it may compel the Republican party to do in order to retain control of the government.

Nobody realizes better that Roosevelt the strength of the principles advocated by the Bryan Democracy and he is kept busy appropriating those principles in order to save himself. Let the Democratic party continue to advance and the day must soon come when the Republicans will have to play the "safe and sane" in order to retain the support of plutocracy. Then the Democrats will win. Let the Democrats recede again and they will forever lose the confidence of the masses, without gaining the support of the classes; while the cause of reform will be irreparably injured.

Any Democrat who may be elected will oppose the federal aggression which is proposed by the President, and which is

the logical outcome of the principles of the modern Republican party. But to drop all other issues and concentrate on this one alone is to invite inevitable defeat and to insure the triumph of this very sort of aggression. We don't doubt the sincerity of the gratuitous Republican advisers; not at all. But in the light of recent political history we are reluctantly compelled to conclude that their judgement isn't as good as it might be. President Roosevelt is "A Dangerous Policy" for the county, but the Citizen's plan would be a suicidal policy for the Democratic party.

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Hyatt--Carnes

On Christmas day, at 3 o'clock, p. m. Miss Lucy Lee Hyatt was married to T. C. Carnes at the Methodist parsonage in Carlsbad.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Cochran, the Methodist pastor in that city. The young couple returned to Artesia Wednesday.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. I. T. Hyatt. She was born in Kerr county Texas, and came to New Mexico four years ago with her mother. She is a most estimable young lady and has made a host of friends in Artesia.

Quiet and gentle in manner and devoted to her mother and sister, she has made no effort to shine in the social firmament, but has devoted her time to making home a good place to live in.

T. C. Carnes was born in Comanche County, Texas, in 1882. He entered a printing office in Macon Mo. at the age of ten years and has followed the trade ever since. He has held prominent positions in large job offices in Dallas, Houston, Galveston, and El Paso. While employed as a linotype operator on the Dallas News his health became temporarily affected and he retired from the office. About this time Gayle Talbot his personal friend needed an expert printer on THE ADVOCATE. Mr Carnes accepted the proffered position. When THE ADVOCATE was purchased by the present proprietor, Mr. Carnes "went with the fixtures." There but one word that will correctly describe his present relation to THE ADVOCATE and that is "Indispensable."

Sober, honest, reliable, a workman of rare ability and as devoted to the paper as if it were his own, Mr. Carnes has our unbounded confidence, and his opinion is deferred to in all matters except those relating to repertorial work and to editorial policy. He is popular with every one.

THE ADVOCATE extends sincere congratulation to the young couple who have thus auspiciously embarked on the waves of matrimony together.

May they live long, happy and useful lives together and

"When soon or late they reach the coast,
O'er lifes rough ocean driven,
May they rejoice, no wanderer lost,
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Enormous Horns.

Wednesday Senor Hilario M. Cadino finished the work of mounting the largest pair of steer horns ever seen in the Pecos Valley for W. F. Carney. The steer from which the horns came was shipped to Oklahoma from southern Texas a few years ago. The animal died shortly after his arrival in the northern territory and Mr. Carney got possession of the horns. Pressed together at the base they measure 54½ inches in a direct line from tip to tip and are 11½ inches in circumference.

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There will be a meeting of The Woman's Home Mission Society at the home of Mrs. J. P. Dyer on Dec. 31 1906 at 2.30 P. M. all members are requested to be present.

C. B. Flock and Dr. E. B. Walker drove up to Hagerman Christmas afternoon. They returned Wednesday evening. J. C. Gage went to Roswell Thursday.

Band Concert Christmas.

The advantages of having a town band were exemplified Christmas day when the Artesia Cornet Band helped pass the afternoon in a manner pleasing to our people by giving a free concert on Main street. The populace turned out and enjoyed the music and the mellow Pecos Valley sunlight and went home rejoicing.

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Will the Time be Changed?

It is rumored on the streets that the P. V. time will be changed January first making the train arrive from the north five hours earlier and that the train will be made up at Amarillo and always leave there on time.

At the depot we were informed that no changes had yet been made to take effect on that day and that no such word had been received.

Dr. J. E. McClane came down from Roswell with his family Christmas to spend the day with his sister, Mrs. L. W. Martin. He was compelled to return at once but his family remained for the week.

Ex F. Cooper and daughter and Miss Shrader were in from Dayton Thursday. Almon Adams and family from Middlefield, Ohio, are here visiting Mrs. Adams sisters. Mrs. W. F. Schwartz.

Rex Wheatley who recently left the Joyce-Pruit store here to accept a higher position in their store at Carlsbad, returned this week to help close up the years business here.

Miss Nellie Turknott returned to Roswell Thursday. She is taking a course in the Woolverton Business College there and was home for the holidays.

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William Henry Watkins was in Hagerman Sunday.

J. R. Blair has purchased the J. C. Elliott farm.

Miss Nevada Temple went to Roswell Thursday to visit friends.

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HAGERMAN DISCUSSES

IMMIGRATION.
The Governor Refers to Subject in Annual Report.

Irrigation and artesian water furnishes a theme for a considerable portion of Governor H. J. Hagerman's report to the Secretary of the Interior. The portion relating to the artesian belt follows: "From that date, 1899 the wonderful development of the valley began. This was caused not only by the railroad but by the discovery that artesian water could be obtained in very large quantities by putting down wells from 400 to 1,000 feet deep. This unrivaled artesian belt begins at Roswell and runs south along the west side of the Pecos river a distance of 55 miles, and is from 5 to 9 miles in width. Artesian water is also found in some places on the east side of the river, but most of it is on the west side. The wells near Roswell are from 350 to 600 feet deep, but in the middle and southern part of the belt they vary from 750 feet to as deep in a few places as 1,200 feet. They vary in flow from 300 to 2,400 gallons per minute, depending on the size of the hole and the density or degree of porosity of the water rock. There are probably 400 artesian wells in the district, more are being sunk continually, and are most successfully being used for irrigation. Beautiful and profitable farms have been created by this magic touch of water on lands which until then were worthless. They have created thriving towns in places where three or four years ago were only arid wastes. What this artesian supply of water will finally extend to no one can yet tell, but its future is extremely promising. Raw lands in the artesian belt which five years ago could be bought for \$2 or \$3 an acre are now worth ten times as much."

Remember the Musical, Social and watch meeting at the Presbyterian church New Year's eve. A good program beginning at 8 o'clock, followed by "a free and easy" social time, during which light refreshments will be served. The closing hour of the old year will be spent in a devotional praise and song service, with short talks by the pastor of the church and other pastors of the city. Everybody welcome. Come with a free will offering to the Lord, to be applied on the debt of the church.

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New Choir Sang Delightfully.
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There were two Masses celebrated in the Catholic church Christmas. The new choir did itself proud and sang a number of sacred selections beautifully. Mrs. Felix Z. Stanfield is organist.

Father Robert delivered a sermon on the Nativity of Jesus and dwelt upon the great sacrifice made by Him when He left His heavenly home to dwell among us and redeem us from sin. He also referred to the new relationship established by the Incarnation of Our Lord whereby we became His brothers. In rejecting Christ the people of Bethlehem were not worse than we, for when we sin, we drive God forth from our hearts as they drove Him from their dwellings.

We should at this season prepare to more carefully observe God's holy law, in the obedience of which true happiness is alone to be found.

If we do this today, it will be for us a truly Merry Christmas.

Catholic Prayers New Year's Day

Prayers will be held at the Catholic church at 10 o'clock New Year's day. Prayers at usual hour tomorrow.

Mrs. F. E. Turner and pupils gave a musical entertainment for the benefit of the cemetery at the M. E. church last night. There was a fair attendance and a nice time.

Presbyterian Church

Services next Sunday as follows: 9:45 a. m., Sunday School, S. W. Gilbert, Supt.

11:00 a. m., Preaching Service, sermon by the pastor on "How to Enter the New Year." 3 p. m., Junior Endeavor, Mrs. Johnson, Supt. 6:00 p. m., Senior Y.P.S.C.E. 7:00 p. m., Song Service and Sermon, on "Our Purpose for the New Year."

A cordial invitation to all and a welcome for all. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

E. E. Mathes, Pastor.

"The Incarnation of the Son of God."

Subject of the Christmas Sermon at the Presbyterian church last Sabbath morning, preached by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Mathes:

Text: "The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among us." Jno. 1, 14.

The sermon in part was as follows: "In religion as in many things else things are considered of greater importance than others. Some things maintained and regarded as important are not held as essentials at all. It is well therefore to be able to discriminate and to distinguish between what is essential and what is only incidental. True is this in the study and in investigation of any subject. And no where is it so important to know what is fundamental and essential as in the demand of moral and spiritual truth. Here we must know the essentials and hold them firmly, or else we will make shipwreck of the whole matter.

Attention is directed then to one of the essentials in our holy religion, viz: "THE INCARNATION."

It is universally admitted by all evangelical churches that there are three essential facts in the Christian religion, viz: The Birth, the Death and the Resurrection of Jesus. And all three are held to be fundamental and necessary. They are foundation facts, without which there would be no Christian religion.

They are essential to the very existence of Christianity and to take either away would make our religion of no effect: would make it something else besides Christianity. The absence of either would leave a maimed and marred religion. Important then it is for us to know this, so as to give proper emphasis to each one. And while all three are equally necessary and we dare not emphasize either one to the neglect or at the expense of the other. Yet may it not be admitted that the Incarnation holds first place in this Trinity of essentials in our holy religion? It is the pivot on which, and the centre around which the whole system revolves—the fact without which neither the Crucifixion nor the Resurrection would have been a possibility.

And it is, therefore, beloved brethren, to this fact, essential and fundamental, that your thought is directed this morning. "The Word became flesh and dwelt

among us. In these words we have the statement of a fact: not an expressed theory or opinion, nor even a wish; but a fact, something done; and a fact greater than which has never occurred in the world's history. And that fact, that event, of such transcendent importance, of such profound significance, was THE BIRTH OF A CHILD, but the birth of a most remarkable Child—the Christ child. It was God becoming clothed with the form and likeness of sinful humanity. "God manifest in the flesh."

"And this event, so extra-ordinary from every point of view, was attended by unusual circumstances, such as were never known before or since to have attended the birth of a child. It was announced by an angel and heralded forth to the world by a multitude of the heavenly host, all singing with joyous acclaim, "Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace and good will to men." So, not only was earth interested in this birth, but all heaven as well.

And we need not be surprised at these unusual incidents which surrounded and attended this birth when we remember what it really signified. Some births mean much more than do others, have a deeper significance and a more far-reaching effect on the world. (a. g.) The birth of a first born son in royal families means far more than any other in that realm, making as it often does a New Era in the Nation's history. But the Birth of Jesus means infinitely more than that. It means much, not to one nation only, but to all nations; not to one class but to all classes; not to one race but to all races. It is marked a new Era, not in the history of one nation only, but in the world's history. All history preceding looked forward to this event and all history of subsequent dates look to it. Hence the Birth of Jesus is the crowning event in the world's history and at the same time the basal truth, the foundation fact of our holy religion. This is fully attested by the manner in which it is commemorated and by the large number engaged in its celebration.

Thro'out all Christendom this morning thousands and tens of thousands are employed in commemorating and celebrating this Birth.

Not only so, but the Birth of Jesus was an event that effected every act known to man; an event that has fired the imagination, that has stirred the soul and controlled the will and guided the skill—an event that has been and is the inspiration of artists in all schools and of all kinds.

The Painter and Sculptor, the Musician and Poet, the Orator and Preacher, all here find their highest ideal and truest inspiration to do well to give due consideration to this event to set apart at least one day in the year to think upon its deep meaning and in singing anew the song of the Angels, "Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace and good will to men."

(C.) "And in 'becoming flesh.' The word, 'Jesus,' took the form and appearance of man, and became clothed with humanity. See Phil. 7: 7 and 8.

"Became possessor of all the instincts peculiar to normal humanity. 'Became bone of our bones, and flesh of our flesh as it were.' "In all things made like unto his brethren." Heb. 2: 17 and 18.

"He had all the aspirations and deep throbbing sympathies of humanity. He grew and thought and prayed and reasoned, and all as a man. He was joyful and sorrowful as a man. He had the affections of a man and bore the relation of humanlike towards kindred and friends."

"In fact all that can be predicated of man can be said of him, with the one exception that He alone was without sin."

"Thus in becoming flesh Jesus, became our Brother, our Brother, in the truest best sense of that word."

"But it may be asked why this change of residence, this change of mode and from being this assumption of humanity? In a word for your sake and mine. (A.) First of all to give us the true meaning and conception of God. Jesus came that the world might know God. Whom to know is life eternal—to reveal his Fatherhood, His loving heart and His strong compassion and desire for the Salvation of His children.

(B.) Jesus became man to reveal and exhibit true manhood—to show what man might be and might become.

"Jesus came to make God intelligible to man, and man intelligible to himself. (C.) This means that Jesus became a Man that He might become a Mediator between God and Man.

"In other words, he became Man that He might be a Faithful High Priest in things pertaining to man's salvation and redemption.

"Here all have there the most glorious and at the same time the most stupendous fact of history, 'The Incarnation.' God with us in human form and flesh."

"The Incarnation, glorious and downy truth! Which brings Heaven down to earth and unites earth with heaven."

"In this great fact, in this glorious truth, let us all rejoice and join in jubilation with happy hearts, tuneful songs and cheerful voices, until Immanuel, 'God with us,' shall be formed in us and our lives shall then attest the glorious fact that 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,' and all heaven shall hear again the Angels Song and our Lord and Master will be pleased therewith."