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IS MUCH BETTER THAN REPRESENTED

Prominent Illinois Poultry Raiser, Fruit Grower and Bee Man Says Pecos Valley Exceeds the Claims Made In Its Behalf.

WILL DISPOSE OF BUSINESS THERE AND MOVE HERE

It is with pleasure that we give space to the following unprejudiced letter from an impartial visitor to the Pecos Valley.

Its author, Mr. J. E. Johnson, is a well known as a fruit man, bee culturist, and breeder of choice barred Plymouth Rock poultry at Williamsfield Ill. He admits that he came here with a feeling against the valley which made his present tribute all the more valuable.

We do not want visitors to come here predisposed in our favor all we ask is that they take Mr. Johnson's advice and thoroughly investigate the Pecos Valley in and around Artesia and Dayton. The following is the letter.

Williamsfield, Ill., Jan. 8, '07
EDITOR, ADVOCATE:

I visited your locality last December. I left Salesburg Ill. Dec. 4 with Mr. S. R. Brainard, who is of the Anderson Brainard Land Co. representing the Pecos Valley Immigration Co. They showed me the valley to my entire satisfaction, at their expense for livery rigs, and etc.

I like the country so well that I shall locate there just as soon as I can dispose of my property here. Since I came back to Illinois, Dec. 14 we have had cold weather, for a while snow, and for the last two weeks lots of rain and mud, until people can travel the roads only on horse back or with two good horses to a light buggy. Cat-tle yards and hog pens are almost knee deep in mud and lots of corn wasted in feeding. When I think of the Pecos Valley compared to this country I can only conclude that you have every advantage, not only in feeding stock but fruit and other crops give large returns. The land in the valley is cheap when we consider the annual returns from alfalfa and other crop.

Here land is worth \$100. per acre that will only average about \$12. or \$15. per acre returns from oats or corn raised. Oat are 32 cent per bushel and corn 38 at present. Now when alfalfa will bring \$50. per acre or more in the valley it is plain to be seen that you have every advantage in your favor.

I visited Mr. E. R. Gesler who lives near Artesia and saw his big pile of sacks of Kaffir corn that sold for \$53. per acre I would not have believe that but Mr. Gesler is a truthful man and I saw the field and the threshed corn with my own eyes. Mr. Gesler is from our country and I had a pleasant visit with him and his family. He showed me how irrigation was done and although it was Dec. 9 he and I picked wild

verbenas which were in bloom. About three years ago several of my friends here visited the valley, they were herded like a flock of sheep and came back giving a black eye to the valley and said that if I went there they would skin me, but I want to say a word in regard to the Pecos Valley Immigration Co. way of doing business. They showed me both improved land and unimproved that was great bargains but did not try to make me to buy any certain piece, but let me do my own choosing they also asked me to get all the information I could from farmers living in the valley. This I did and I found every farmer I talked with was not only satisfied, but praised the valley even much greater than any literature the Pecos Valley Immigration Co. sends out.

I found that some farmers had harvested over 5 tons of alfalfa on land seeded only one year ago. There is just one thing your valley needs, and that is more people who will buy 80 or 160 acres and make their home on it. I believe any one who will buy 80 acres in the valley and make it his home will make more money than he could on any 160 acres of the best Illinois land.

I attended services at the Presbyterian church at Artesia both Sunday forenoon and evening, and was much impressed with the fine sermons and the sociability of the people. Every man who is a reader of the ADVOCATE should subscribe for his friends in the north and induce them to visit the valley. Any one looking for a good location where they can live in a fine healthful climate among good people and make lots of money raising alfalfa and fruit and get land from \$15. to \$50. per acre that will be worth from \$100. to \$200. per acre in five years should thoroughly investigate the Pecos Valley in and around Artesia and Dayton, the more they investigate the better they will like it.

I hope to be located among you before another winter.

J. E. Johnson.
THE ADVOCATE is duly grateful for the nice things Mr. Johnson says about it. In this connection we can not refrain from displaying the following pretty little boquet which he tosses us in the course of a personal note:

"You ought to have hundreds of subscribers in Ill. Iowa, Ind. I am getting your paper all right. I like it real well ONLY THERE SHOULD BE MORE OF IT."

Green Caraway went to Lake Arthur yesterday.

Mr. Caraway has almost entirely recovered from the severe injuries he recently received by his horse running him into a wire fence.

WONDERFUL PECOS VALLEY.

Iowa Gentleman and Wife Tell of Advantages Around Artesia

BEAUTIFUL, HEALTHFUL, PRODUCTIVE

From Greenfield (Iowa) Transcript, Jan. 10, 1907.

We will write a few lines so the people may know something of the Pecos Valley. First of all it is a healthy place and the climate is beyond reproach. The people are excellent, active, energetic, kind and courteous toward all. We attended several public gatherings at Artesia, New Mexico, such as church, Xmas eve and Xmas night exercises, and must say it was equal to anything of the kind it has ever been our good fortune to attend. The sermon at the Presbyterian church where we attended December 23, was grand and the choir rendered delightful music. We attended Christmas eve exercises at the Baptist church and enjoyed the program very much, especially a song by a boy about 14 years old, which was exceptionally good. At the Christian church Xmas night the exercises were the nicest we ever attended. There are two other churches, the M. E. and Catholic that we didn't have time to visit. We have no doubt but we could have reported favorably had we visited them.

Artesia is three years old, has a fine public school and a girls seminary being built now, a fine postoffice, two weekly newspapers, two banks, First National and Bank of Artesia. It is well supplied with dry goods and grocery stores, hardware stores, hotels and nearly every line of business is well represented. They also have a large number of handsome residences with beautiful lawns and shade trees, flowers and shrubbery of all kinds, to adorn their town of 2000 inhabitants. There is a fine military institute at Roswell, a beautiful city, 42 miles north of Artesia, and having a population of 6000 hustling, wide awake people.

Now about the artesian wells in the valley. They are wonderful beyond description. One has to see to realize the magnificence of God's works, displayed through nature. The country within the artesian belt in the Pecos Valley is a delightful surprise to any wide-awake person looking into the future and realizing its possibilities. The foremost products are alfalfa and fruit. They are sure crops under irrigation, alfalfa being cut from four to six times a year to averaging from two to four tons per acre to the cutting. This hay can be cut, cured and stacked for \$1.50 per ton. It has to be planted but once and readily sells for from \$2.00 to \$14.00 per ton, according to the season. It is now 14.00. Indian corn, Kaffir corn, milo maize, oats, apples, peaches, pears, plums, grapes, melons, beans, Irish and sweet potatoes, beets, celery, and in fact anything and everything that has been planted there and given care has developed so enormously as to be beyond comprehension without seeing for ones self. Many other things can be said favorable to town and country, but space forbids. We will only add that every visitor is made welcome by the kind-hearted citizens, and if it's ever your good fortune to visit Artesia, we want you to meet Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Conn, special friends of ours, who so kindly and royally entertained us and showed us the country and scenes of interest around and about Artesia, and if the Lord is willing, we hope to be permanently located on our farm 2 miles of Artesia, by Dec. 25, 1907. We will be glad to entertain any of our friends at any time, you will always find the latch string on the outside. Hoping we have not wearied our readers and wishing one and all a happy New Year, we are yours resp.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Short.

Don Elder, a son of G. M. Elder who lives near town, accidentally shot himself through the foot with a 22 calibre rifle Thursday. Drs. Graham and Inman dressed the wounded member and the boy is now getting along nicely.

PIANO RECITAL

Given by Miss McIlhany Assisted by Mrs. John B. Enfield

1. Quartette, Persian March De Kontski
1st Sarah Owens 2nd Daisy Kaufman
Piano Victoria McIlhany Piano Cora Clark
2. Silent Love, Daisy Kaufman Lange
3. Chimney Sweep's Call Margaret and Dorothy Owen.
4. Solo, In Dreamland Barney Clark
5. Solo, Song of the Birds Spaulding
Dorothy Reed
6. Vocal Solo, Two Lyrics, Teschemaker-Wright
Mrs. Enfield
7. Duet, May Day Festival
Miss McIlhany and Jeanette Williamson
8. Duo, El Trocedero, Hesselberg
1st Piano, Cora Rice 2nd Piano, Daisy Kaufman
9. Solo, Valse Caprice Newland
Loutie McIlhany
10. Solo, Rustle of Spring, Sinding
Sarah Owen
11. Duo, L Puritani Berg
1st Piano, Miss McIlhany, 2nd Piano
Loutie McIlhany
11. Vocal Solo, When the Band Plays Dixie
Mrs. Enfield
13. Quartette, Eroic Tone, Deutsch
1st Piano, Miss McIlhany, Mrs. Harry Burt,
2nd Piano, Loutie McIlhany, Sarah Owen

Methodist Chnrch, Tuesday, January 22, 8 O'clock P. M.
Admission 25 and 15 cents

HURRY PREPARATIONS FOR PLANT

Manager D. H. Buller Says Things Will Be Pushed on Light, Ice and Pop Factory.

ONLY EXPERTS TO BE EMPLOYED

"Things are progressing nicely, we are figuring on a location and when that matter is settled there will be no delay about making final preparations and getting to work," said D. H. Buller, general manager of the Artesia Light & Ice Co., to THE ADVOCATE man today. Mr. Buller is going to push the matter to completion and there will be no unnecessary delay in any quarter.

Among those whom it has been decided to employ is C. A. Whitman who was manager of the Electrical Company of Jefferson, Iowa, for several years. He retained that position until the plant changed owners when owing to the fact that the new owners were themselves electricians his position was vacated. He is highly recommended.

The new company proposes to employ only the best talent.

Judge G. U. McCrary returned this week from Santa Fe where he was admitted to practice before the territorial supreme court.

H. E. Mull has begun drilling an artesian well for A. T. Gunther near the city limits.

PRECINCT ELECTION

Sweepston and Bane Knock the Persimmons.

A rather quiet campaign closed Monday by the election of J. E. Sweepston for Justice of the Peace by 105 plurality, and of Geo. T. Bane for constable by 70 votes to the good.

L. W. Martin wanted the privilege of expounding the law and interpreting the statutes of the Sunshine Territory, while Felix Z. Stanfield claimed his long suit, if elected, would be in hitching up the unwedded and kissing the bride.

"Sweep," however, convinced the populace that in the elucidation of legal lore, in the fastening of the knot hymenial, and in the subsequent osculatory amenities he alone possessed all the attributes pertaining to the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities devolving on the highest judicial officer in precinct 6.

So James got the suffrages. George Bane had a harder time inasmuch as he had several opponents, too numerous to mention, but he, too, came under the wire, a little winded but several laps ahead.

Don't Miss the Big Box Supper

Dance and Entertainment Next Friday Night, January 25.

Given for benefit Artesia Cornet Band. Every lady will please bring a box. Singing and dancing will be a great feature of the evening. At J. P. Dyers old stand.

J. C. Gage went to Roswell on business yesterday.

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Lake Arthur's Mercenary Attitude On New County Question.

Aside from its course insinuations against Artesia and its insults to the committee of honorable gentlemen consisting of Judge A. V. Logan, E. A. Clayton and W. H. Crandall, (insinuations and insults which THE ADVOCATE does not believe will meet the approval of the approval of Lake Arthur) the only thing in the treatment of the new county proposition by the current issue of the Lake Arthur Times is a complete exposition of the disingenuousness of Lake Arthur's position and the selfishness of her present attitude.

It says:

A delegation from Artesia, consisting of Judge Logan, E. A. Clayton, and William Crandall, in the interest of Artesia county seat scheme, came to Lake Arthur Monday, and after dinner met our leading citizens in a called meeting, to ascertain if we could be roped in for a lot of suckers, by promising us a little pie in the shape of a bridge across the Pecos, and to give us a Commissioner, if this town would back up Artesia, in her efforts to secure a County seat at Artesia. They also said that Artesia would furnish a court house free of charge the first year, in order to lighten expenses. Our answer was that if a new county had to be made, that Lake Arthur would give Artesia a first class bridge across the Pecos and furnish a court room, with other rooms for county officers free of cost for two years, if they would help us to locate the county seat at Lake Arthur.

So you see Lake Arthur is not opposed to a new county provided she is the beneficiary. Much as she loves Chaves county; deeply as she feels obligated to Roswell, she would tear herself away, if she, with less than \$19,000 in assessed valuation could be made county seat instead of Artesia with an assessed valuation of \$227,460.

She fawns on Roswell in the terms:

We call upon Roswell, the Queen city of the valley, to keep her eyes open and watch the manœuvres of above mentioned towns. We assure the people of Roswell that the entire population of Lake Arthur and vicinity, are satisfied to remain as a part of Chaves county. We do not want to be cut off, especially at the present time when taxes are high and to have additional taxes piled upon our backs.

One would think from reading the above that Lake Arthur had been receiving the choicest morsels in the Chaves county larder. But no. Her's is a sad case of unrequited love, for:

We are reminded of the old refrain "Even though thou would'nt slay me yet will love thee"

Think of Lake Arthur generosity, "she does not want to be cut off, especially at the present time when taxes are high."

That is altruistic. Still she is not unwilling to consider divorce in the future for the Times adds:

Two years hence would be plenty of time to talk of a new county, by that time the country will be more mature and in better shape financially to stand a radical change."

All this indicates several things. First, that notwithstanding Lake Arthur's alleged love for Roswell, she is dissatisfied with present conditions as she admits by her plaint that she has always been treated as a black sheep, never receiving anything. Her offer to Artesia proves this, and more. It indicates the motive that causes her to oppose a new county now. She knows that at present she hasn't a single claim to be made a county seat. She hopes that by defeating a good measure now she may by some unforeseen means be in a position to make a successful plea for herself as a county seat later on. There is no reasonable basis for this hope, "but a drowning man clutches at a straw." Besides, much of her land has been sold by a verbal promise that she would be a county seat. Those who made this unwarranted promise want to keep away the day of the awakening and those who were deceived by it are hoping against hope for its fruition.

In order to sustain our assertion in regard to the motives prompting Lake Arthur's opposition, we quote from an heroic poem by one whose name deserves to rank among the immortal bards."

Every great epoch has produced its poet, and on this occasion as on others the hour produced the man. His name is R. V. Crowder and he is a genius of whom any cause or country might well be proud. THE ADVOCATE would like to produce his entire epic, but space forbids. It represents Lake Arthur wooed by Artesia and Hagerman, Lake Arthur being the coy damsel.

The following shows that while Lake Arthur is resigned, present conditions are not satisfactory:

"We are doing splendidly in the valley. Tho' taxes are pretty durned high."

The real reason for her refusal however crops out in the following sublime passage:

"Lake Arthur loves her sweethearts And indeed 'tis kind of sad.

That both Hagerman and Artesia OUR TOWN THE COURTHOUSE FORBADE."

The Lake Arthur people seem to have trouble with would be office holders of the Times says:

"At this time Lake Arthur will be found working against being cut out of Chaves county.

"If it would be office hunter wants pie, let him wait two years at least till the conditions are ripe for such a move."

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. 23 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.

Successfully Defends His Position.

President Roosevelt's latest communication to congress in regard to the Brownsville affair seems to fully sustain all that he inferred in his previous messages on that question and to prove beyond all reasonable doubt not only that the outrage must have been committed by negro troopers from the garrison, but also that the majority of the negro troops in Ft. Brown must have known who partook in the affray. Those who criticize the President on this matter generally do so on the ground that such right of discharge leaves too much arbitrary power in the hands of one man and that this right may be abused. This may be true, but is an inevitable result of that militarism to which the nation has been committed by the Republican party, in whose ranks most of those who are criticising him on this matter are to be found.

Certainly, if there ever was a case where the exercise of such power is justifiable it is this case.

Favors New County.

A number of applications will be made to the coming legislature for county divisions, and they should all be granted. Smaller counties mean better government, and there is room in New Mexico for a good deal of better government. And it is to be hoped that all who expect to engage in a work of this kind during the next few years will get a move on themselves now, and give the legislature a chance to attend to it while its hand is in, so that we may be able to get out a map that will last over one session, at least. Some of us who have lived in New Mexico when there were only ten counties don't know where we're at, nowadays, and the map doesn't hold good long enough to let us find out.—Albuquerque Journal.

With its usual ability this great New Mexican newspaper analyzes the situation and condenses into a paragraph the whole unanswerable argument for a new county. The day of the top heavy county, with its politics dominated by a political clique representing one section only is at an end. We are entitled to a new county here and those who oppose it are shortsighted in the extreme.

Notice For Publication.

Desert Land, Final Proof.

United States Land Office,

Roswell, New Mexico,

December 22, 1906

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.

The Right Name.

Mr. August Sherpe, the popular cheerer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative." Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25c at Pecos Valley Drug Store.

Harry Mull this week began work drilling an artesian well on the Gunter farm about a mile and a half from Artesia.

A stranger here seeing a good well, asks, Who made it? the answer, Sperry & Linkins of course.

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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 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 SE 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.
Howard Leland, Register.

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.

Cured of Lung Trouble
"It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man of Kershaw, S. C. "I had run down in weight to 135 pounds, and coughing was constant, both by day and night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and continued his for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Guaranteed at Pecos Valley drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Spells for Seed
It is a feed plant suited for Semiarid land the grain well resembles barley and oats seems to be well adapted to this country.
D. M. Elder It

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ORDINANCE NO. 70

An ordinance authorizing and granting to the Artesia Ice and Light Company, their heirs or assigns, the right to construct, acquire, operate and maintain an electric light plant in the town of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of supplying light and power to the citizens and inhabitants of said town, and a right to construct and maintain electric light wires, lines, etc., along and through the streets and alleys of said town. Said Rights and Franchises to continue effectual and useful for the period of Twenty-one years.

Section 1. That the Artesia Ice and Light Company, their heirs, representatives or assigns, are hereby granted the right and privilege to construct, acquire, operate and maintain an Electric Light Plant, with all the necessary poles, wires, lamps and apparatus, in the said town of Artesia; and they are granted the right and privilege, and especially authorized, to use all the streets, alleys, lanes, bridges, viaducts and public grounds of the said town of Artesia, for the purpose of laying beneath the surface or suspending on suitable poles on and along said streets, alleys, lanes, bridges, viaducts and public grounds from time to time as they may desire, wires, cables and conductors of electricity, together with lamps, lamp-fixtures and appurtenances and devices suitable for distributing and supplying said town of Artesia and the inhabitants thereof, with an electric current for light and power; and any and all other purposes to which electricity may now or hereafter be applied. Said rights and franchises to continue useful and effective to the said company, their heirs or assigns for a period of twenty-one years.

Section 2. Said grantees, their heirs or assigns, shall not unreasonably obstruct the passage on any street, alleys, lanes, viaducts or public places, and shall place the wires on substantial poles, said wire to be hung, at least eighteen feet above the ground. Should it become necessary for the said grantees to make an excavation of any kind in the construction of the said plant or works, they shall be required to fill, repair and level up the same, within a reasonable time, with the streets, alleys and grounds.

Section 3. When the poles are set in or along an alley, they shall be set and located as near the side of the alley as practicable, and when erected on and along the streets of said town, they shall be set and located, when practicable, along the outside edge of the sidewalk, so as not to interfere or obstruct the drainage, with all the poles placed in such a manner as to least discomode the public and property owners.

Section 4. Said grantees, their heirs or assigns, shall not charge during the life of this ordinance, for a 16 candle power incandescent lamp, greater sum than \$1.25 at a flat rate, or more than \$10.00 per month for arc lamps, the same to be used all night, and shall not charge a greater sum than fifteen cents per kilowatt hour, meter rate.

Section 5. The said grantees shall have sixty days from the taking effect of this ordinance, in which to commence the erection of the electric light plant; and on year from said date to have it fully completed and in operation. If said grantees should fail to commence work on said erection in the time above stated, or if they should fail to complete the same within the time specified above, without good cause shown, this ordinance shall be of no force or effect.

Section 6. The said grantees shall furnish free of charge to the said town, light in sufficient quantities to properly light the town hall, and sufficient light for the building to be used as the fire department of said town.

Section 7. The said town of Artesia hereby agrees and binds itself to use of said grantees, five 100 candle power arc lights during the life of this franchise. Said town further agrees, that in event it should at any time during the life of this franchise, acquire, operate and own a water works system, that it will supply to the said grantee sufficient water for the manufacture of ice for the period of ten years, free of charge to said grantees.

Section 8. The said Artesia Ice and Light Company, their heirs or assigns shall file an acceptance of this ordinance with the clerk of the Board of Trustees of said town within five days after the passage of this ordinance.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the Artesia Advocate, a newspaper of general circulation in said town of Artesia. Declared, passed and approved Jan. 10th 1907.

(Signed) WM. CRANDALL,
 Chairman.
 J. E. SWEPSTON,
 Clerk.

The Argus Helps Some Again

The Carlsbad Argus continues to furnish excellent arguments for county division. Without attempting to deny a single statement or conclusion of last week's ADVOCATE it informs us that we must not have the county and intimates that we may not get the bridge either, that commissioners will investigate etc. Now the editor of this paper personally and editorially has urged that very thing; has requested the commissioners to investigate.

We were informed by the board that they knew Artesia was entitled to a bridge and that the only question involved was whether the people of Carlsbad would vote us bonds unless we agreed to give them a bridge. In this connection it was suggested that Artesia specify the exact place east of town where the bridge could be most satisfactorily built and also what the probable cost of the structure would be.

There was no intimation on the part of the board that Artesia was not entitled to the improvement. They said that what we ought have it.

The Argus has repeatedly said it was merited and does not deny it now.

What it says this week amounts to a threat that because we are asking our rights in the matter of county division, and because Carlsbad fears Artesias growth whether the county is divided or not, therefore we must be deprived of what is conceded to be our rights.

The refusal to give Artesia a bridge is a direct violation of a specific promise for a valuable consideration. The promise to give Artesia the bridge was in consideration of Artesia's voting for a bridge for Carlsbad. And Artesia fulfilled her obligation; actually delivered the goods. Now, if the Argus reflects Carlsbad sentiment correctly, the proposition of that town is to violate this contract and make improvements only in one end of the county as heretofore. For the inference that a bridge will be built elsewhere along the river is clearly buncombe. Carlsbad will deceive the other towns as it deceived Artesia. Artesia believes that the more bridges the better and hopes to see the day when every town will have a bridge.

As we stated, no attempt has been made by the Argus to show that we erred in either fact or logic in our editorials of last week and of the week before. On the contrary the Argus editorial simply furnishes cumulative evidence as to why we should be separated, instead of being left the victims of the whimsies of a political clique in a rival part of the county. The trouble is fundamental. It springs from the fact that the county is too large and is inseparable from the government of large counties. The local interests of Carlsbad are antagonistic to local interests of the north part of the county; and the people here will continue to suffer from the sort of injustice and intimidation that is upheld by the Argus until the new county is established.

DUNCAN FAVORS SMALL COUNTIES

President of Territorial Board of Equalization SAYS THEY ARE PREFERABLE

Wednesday's New Mexican contained an interview given by Hon. James S. Duncan, President of the Territorial Board of Equalization and a member of the present Legislative Assembly. It is an incontrovertible argument for proper county division.

Among other things Mr. Duncan said:

"In the past few years the Territorial Legislature has created thirteen new counties. Only a few years ago the people living in the western part Rio Arriba county requested the legislature to cut off a portion of the county and create a new one. San Juan county is the result. Since then the residents of what are now McKinley, Union, Eddy, Chaves, Sierra, Guadalupe, Otero, Quay, Roosevelt, Luna, Sandoval and Torrance counties have petitioned and had created the above named counties. In each instance the people of the mother county have protested, deluged the Legislature with petitions and spent large sums of money to prevent the division. In each instance they have declared that the creation of the new county meant bankruptcy for both the old and the new but in every case the reverse has proven true.

"Every one who is conversant with the recent history of New Mexico is aware of the fact that the smaller counties are more economically administered than the larger ones, and that the new counties with a small area are in better financial condition than the large ones."

We hope our indulgent stepmothers at Carlsbad will give the above their prayerful consideration at the anti-county gabfest tonight.

Contest Notice

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., Dec 13, 1906

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Mary B. Stewart, contestant, against Desert Land entry No. 2326, made Nov. 24, 1905, for SE1-4 Section 6, Township 16 S, Range 25 E., by James W. Wear, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said James W. Wear has not expended upon said tract in the necessary irrigation, cultivation, reclamation or in permanent improvements the sum of \$1.00 per acre for the year from Nov. 24 1905 to Nov. 24 1906. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 21, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed January 15, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

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

There was a very pleasant party at Mr. D.C. Hall's home, twelve miles west of Artesia, near the Turknett well on Saturday evening, January twelfth. A number of the neighbors were there, also some of the Hope young folks. The time passed swiftly with singing, violin and organ selections, and jolly games and after light refreshments the guests departed vowing it should not be the last time the pioneers of this fast developing territory should meet together.

Those present were the Misses Newton Margaret Foster, Jessie and Stella Cox, Ruth Moore, Ruth Calkins and Essie Hall; Mrs. Moore, Mrs. W. P. and G. R. Calkin and Mrs. Hall; Mr. Moore, Mr. Lin Cole, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Bernie Hall, Masters Roy Calkins, Glen Moore, Bud Foster, Dedee and Minor Hall.

PUT UP BIG FEED STABLE

Putnam & Putnam Fixing Sale Stable and Feed Yard

Contractor John Hodges is pushing work on the large new feed and sale stable which he is constructing for Putnam & Putnam just in the rear of their grocery store.

The stable will be 40 x 140 ft. substantially built and with lumber floor.

The rest of the entire half block upon which the structure is situated will be used for a feed yard.

Red Schoolhouse Items

We had a cyphering match Friday afternoon of last week. Miss Mina Colans proved to be the best in figures.

Earnest Carsons was absent from school Monday, Tuesday Wednesday afternoons, this week.

Willie and Turner Wathen were absent from school Monday and Tuesday helping their father bale hay.

John Kloppenstein has quit school to begin farm work.

Eugene and Walter Bloomfield started to school again Monday after a weeks absence on account of sickness.

A box social will be given here on Friday night Feb. 1st. An interesting program will be given by the pupils of the school.

A cake will be sold for the most popular young lady and also for the homeliest young man.

All are cordially invited and the young ladies are requested to each bring a well filled box.

Program to begin at 7:30 sharp. Robin

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

NATURAL BRIDGES.

It is commonly known that the natural bridges of the after-bridge of Virginia, various reasons for the destruction of the cavern has brought to the surface.

By a study of the North Adams natural bridge Prof. Cleland has been led to the conclusion that in this case at least the origin is quite different. In this case the bridge seems to be due to the solution of the limestone along a joint plane near the former course of Hudson Brook.

At first only a small amount of water seeped along the joint plane, but after a while it made a channel large enough to divert the entire brook under the surface, giving rise to the bridge. Walcott had previously offered a similar theory for the natural bridge of Virginia, and Cleland concludes that, while the falling in of cavern roofs may occasionally give rise to natural bridges, the most common cause for such bridges in marble, limestone, sandstone and lava is that outlined above.

H. E. Mull went to Roswell this morning.

THE NEW YORK WORLD

Thrice-a-week Edition.

Read wherever the English language is spoken.

The Thrice-a-Week World, now that a great Presidential campaign is fore-shadowed, hopes to be a better paper than it has ever been before, and it has made its arrangements accordingly. Its news service covers the entire globe, and it reports everything fully, promptly and accurately. It is the only newspaper, not a daily, which is as good as a daily, and which will keep you as completely informed of what is happening throughout the world.

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The Thrice-a-Week World's regular subscription price is only \$1.00 per year, and this pays for 156 papers. We offer this unequalled newspaper and THE ADVOCATE together for one year for \$2.25.

The regular subscription price of the two papers is \$2.50.

PIONEER OF ELECTRICITY.

The learned Ampere—whose name is used more frequently every day in these times of electric traction—has been dead for 70 years, and a memorial tablet in his honor is shortly to be unveiled at Lyons. He is probably better known to most of his countrymen for his absence of mind than for his scientific achievements.

He it was (though Newton is often said to have done the same thing before) who cut a big and little hole in his door for the cat and the kitten to go through. He it was who dipped his biscuit in the inkpot and thought the wine rather bitter; who while examining the markings on a pebble took out his watch to look at the time, but put the pebble in his pocket and threw the watch away. There are scores of such tales about Ampere. He, indeed, thought little of anything but his scientific pursuits, neglecting his health and his fortune and leaving behind a legacy without which half the electrical inventions of to-day would have been impossible. He certainly merits a commemorative tablet.

POLITICAL CHAT.

"I expect the successful candidates will be fearfully tired after the election is over."

"Yes, but they can stand it. They won't be half so tired as the unsuccessful candidates will be."—Defford Free Press.

THE VERY REASON.

Mr. Nuritch—What! You want to marry my daughter? Why, you ain't able to support yourself.

Young Nervey—Quite so. That's the very excuse I gave to my family for wanting to marry your daughter.

OVERSHADOWED.

"Yes," answered the author. "It was the publishers' fault. Everybody said it wasn't near as clever and original as the advertisements."

Card Of Thanks

We desire to extend to our neighbors and friends our sincere thanks for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our little daughter Gladys.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Phipps

W. E. Carr and Billy Cox, two prominent stock men from Lower Penasco were in town Tuesday. They report things as prosperous up there.

Mr. John B. Atwood of Amarrillo visited Mrs. Hyatt and family here this week.

Tony Schneider and family this week moved out on the old Joe Clayton farm.

Work Wanted

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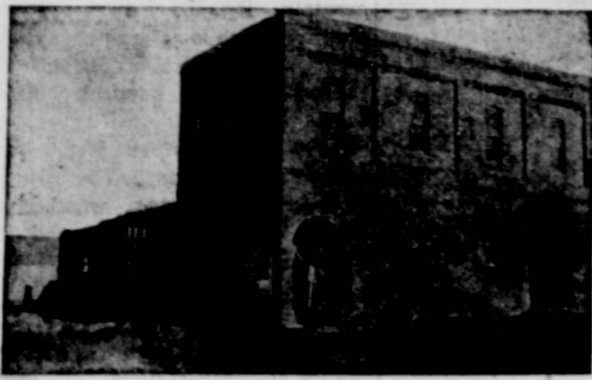
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Why not put your property among the number that will be sold as a result of these "ads?"

I will not only be able to sell it—some time—but will be able to sell it quickly. I am a specialist in quick sales. I have the most complete and up-to-date equipment. I have branch offices throughout the country and a field force of men to find buyers.

I do not handle all lines usually carried by the ordinary real estate agents. I MUST SELL real estate—and lots of it—or go out of business. I can assure you I am not going out of business. On the contrary, I expect to find, at the

close of the year, that I have sold twice as many properties as I did the past year, but it will first be necessary for me to list more properties. I want to list YOURS and SELL it. It doesn't matter whether you have a farm, a home without any land, or a business; it doesn't matter what it is worth, or where it is located. It you will fill out the blank form of inquiry below and mail it to me today, I will tell you how and why I can quickly convert the property into cash, and will give you my complete plan FREE OF CHARGE and terms for handling it. The information I give you will be of great value to you, even if you should decide not to sell. You had better write today before you forget it. If you want to buy any kind of a Farm, House or Business, in any part of the country, tell us your requirements. I will guarantee to fill them promptly and satisfactorily.

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Please send, without cost to me, a plan for finding a cash buyer for my property which consists of

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THE RAIN DIMINISHED CROWD.

But the Tolleson-Older Entertainment Was a Success.

Owing to a light rain which begun about twilight and which threatened to become heavier, the attendance was not large at the Nonpariel recital and musical Tuesday night. Those who attended, however, say that they were well repaid for the incidental inconvenience caused by bad weather. It is to be hoped that they will give another entertainment ere long and that the weather will treat them more kindly. The following was the program:

1. "Hildeberg" . . . 1st and 2nd Mandolin and Guitar—Mr. and Mrs. Porter and Miss Tolleson.
2. "The Village Scamsters" . . . Reading with pantomime—Miss Older.
3. "Melody of Love" . . . Solo—Miss Tolleson.
4. "Katcha Kissa" . . . Reading—Mrs. Porter.
5. "The Troubadour" . . . Mandolin and Piano—Miss Tolleson and Mrs. Phillips.
6. "Wooring of Bernice" . . . Reading—Miss Older.
7. "Moving Day" . . . Solo—Miss Tolleson.
8. "Papa and Boy" . . . Reading—Mrs. Porter.
9. "Japanese Fan Pictures"—Miss Older and Miss Tolleson.

Officers and Directors obligated

At a meeting held at the bank on Tuesday night, the following officers were elected: John W. Poe, President; A. V. Logan, Vice-President; Hugh M. Gage, Cashier; John B. Enfield; Assistant Cashier.

Directors: John W. Poe, A. V. Logan, Hugh M. Gage, John B. Enfield, R. A. Eaton, J. C. Gage, John A. Orr, Nathan Jaffa, J. O. Cameron.

The new president, John W. Poe of Roswell, is one of the wealthiest men in the Pecos Valley. He is also President of the Citizens National Bank of Roswell. Nathan Jaffa, one of the newly elected directors, is Cashier of said Citizens National Bank.

The Bank of Artesia is certainly a prosperous institution.

Model Market.

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

Bread is the staff of life. Get the right staff at Mrs. S. P. Dyer's bakery. She also bakes cake some.

C. L. Driggs of Blair, O., announces that he expects to open a first class bakery here soon.

WILL SINK WELL AND IMPROVE

Oklahoma Man Begins Work On Farm Near Artesia.

F. B. Roby came down from Alva, Okla., Monday to look after improvements on his farm 1 1/2 miles northwest of Artesia. He employed D'Arcy the well driller to put down an artesian well and when this is finished he will put the whole farm in alfalfa and orchard. He will also make other improvements.

Wise Counsel From the South

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at Pecos Valley drug store. Price 50c.

Bess, the white mule, is taking the place of Maud as a kicker. Nobody can take the place of Lee Turknett & Son, draymen, and their patrons have no kick coming.

How to Cure Chills

"To enjoy summer from chills," says the Pecos Valley Drug Store. "OUR TOWN THE CO. East Ouisfield, Me., Arnica Salva. Have the Lake rheum with excellent results. Used to cure fever, chills, malarial fevers, burns, wounds, frost bites and skin diseases. 25c at Pecos Valley Drug Store."

Oats Looks Fine.

Jack Porter drove up on the Cottonwood Thursday. He says that he was surprised at the amount of land under cultivation all along the road. The oat acreage is surprising and the crop looking fine. A great deal of alfalfa has also been sown.

FOR SALE.—Two rotary machines and Keystone drop. Inquire of G. U. McCrary.

Sheriff J. D. Christopher came up from Carlsbad Wednesday and spent the day in Artesia.

Nicely furnished room for rent. Charges reasonable. Apply to Mrs. F. G. Pomeroy: 415 Kansas.

B. F. Sloane and wife of Madisonville, Ky., are here visiting Mrs. Sloane's mother, Mrs. L. L. Brashear. Mr. Sloane was at one time foreman of the Advocate. Recently he conducted a hotel in Madisonville.

J. W. Skaer, of Wichita, Kansas, is spending a week here visiting his son E. N. Skaer.

W. O. W'S. INSTALL OFFICERS:

Big Banquet Winds up Impressive Program.

There was a large attendance at the Woodman installation Thursday night and all agreed that it was one of the most pleasant affairs of the kind ever given here.

The installation was conducted by C. R. Echols, Council Commander.

The new officers are: C. R. Echols, C. C. J. H. Armstrong, A. L. Ferris Heath, B. J. E. Swepton, C. E. C. King, E. Lee Haynes, W. R. A. Harris, S. Dr. J. Dale Graham, Physician. Lee Turknett, Ewin Walling, E. I. Robertson, Managers.

Miss Older favored the company with instrumental and Misses Tolleson and Clark with vocal music all of which was received with great applause, and evinced sincere appreciation.

Judge J. E. Swepton delivered an able and thoughtful address.

After the ceremonies, the Woodmen and their guests partook of a banquet at the old J. P. Dyer store.

It is said that there never were more good things spread at one time in the Pecos Valley. The Artesians showed the beneficial effects of our healthful Pecos Valley climate in a very tangible manner. After which, as Brer Gardner would say, "De meetin' broke in two an' went home."

Attention Live Stock Owners

We can insure your live stock against death from disease or accidents

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Artesia, N. M.

If you are thinking of buying a gasoline engine or putting in a pumping plant see J. E. Dickson at Blair's Hardware store. He will sell you an engine direct from the factory and see it properly installed. He has had years of experience in installing plants in the rice district of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Coverdale who live near Artesia have gone to Kansas City, where he will enter a hospital. He has been troubled with a tumor for some time and expects to have it removed.

Jas. Emerson and wife have gone to Lawton, Oklahoma, for the purpose of making it their home.

Henry Nimitz leaves tomorrow for San Angelo, Texas, where he will spend some weeks visiting his parents.

LOTS OF OATS SOWN

Tremendous Acreage Around the Artesia Market. Much More Than Last Year.

In order to form an approximate estimate of the number of sacks it will be necessary to purchase in order to handle their portion of the export trade, the Joyce-Fruit people have collected data in regard to the amount of oats sown in the territory depending on each town in which they are doing business.

With reference to Artesia and the country lying between Dayton and Lake Arthur which will normally market its crop here, they found a total of 1800 acres of fall oats already planted. In addition to this landowners are preparing to plant at least 750 acres more making a total of 2250 acres.

The average production of oats per acres here last year was 46 bushels.

Some small fields yielded as high as seventy bushels per acre, but average, for this portion of the valley is given above.

Assuming that the average production will be the same this year, the oat crop within the territory named will amount to 117,300 bushels.

People here say that conditions are much more favorable here this year than last, as far as oat prospects are concerned, owing to the unusual amount of moisture that has fallen.

As a result of this investigation, the Joyce-Fruit Company ordered a whole car load of grain bags for Artesia for the coming year, for the oat crop alone. This is twice as many as it was deemed necessary to order last year to handle both corn and oat crop.

This is all indicative of the activity shown here this year. People do not make their living on oats alone, but when planted in the fall or in the early spring can be harvested in time for another crop.

F. J. Short, is breaking 200 acres which he will plant in oats as soon as broken and then when that crop is harvested will seed it all in alfalfa.

Many others will follow their oat crop with one of alfalfa or will plant orchard when the crop is removed.

For Sale

Bronze rollers must be taken soon. C. V. Erb, 5 miles southeast of Artesia.

Work Wanted

I am prepared to do plowing or ditching for assessment or crops. M. O. Tuttle Artesia, N. M.

Miss Eva Rice and Glen Wilbur who have been visiting the Rice family here for some time, returned to their homes in Wichita, Kansas, Tuesday.

E. T. Egerton this week finished work on his elegant residence one mile northeast of town.

Miss Mayme Rose of Dayton is visiting in Mrs. Jo Jacobson and Mrs. John J. Clarke.

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Abstracts

Complete Abstracts of All Lands in Eddy County

OFFICE OVER BANK OF ARTESIA

NOTICE WATER USERS.—All persons

using water from the company hereby notified that they will be expected to pay water rent quarterly in advance beginning July 1, 1906. at office across street from Artesia Hotel.—Artesia Water, Power and Light Co.

Oklahoma House

Successor to the Mansion Hotel and Cafe. Large rooms, clean beds and tables set with the best in the market.
 TERMS \$1.25 to \$2.00 A DAY
 Regular boarders and roomers solicited. Special rates by week or month.

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Blacksmithing and Woodwork. Horseshoeing a specialty. All work guaranteed. Your patronage solicited and appreciated.

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Gives its patrons. We keep none but Strong, Spirited Horses and the best Vehicles that can be procured. Are constantly adding to our equipment, and our constant effort is to please the public. We will appreciate your patronage and guarantee to give you the best of service to be had in Artesia. No "brongs" or balky horses are offered to the public under any circumstance. Give us a call.

J. D. Christopher & Bro.

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 Pecos Valley News was secretary.
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3000 Mountain Cottonwoods and 1000 Weeping Willows, from 4 to 8 feet in height.

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Library Board Elects Officers.

The specially appointed meeting of the Board of Managers of the Library met as arranged on Tuesday afternoon last. Nearly all were in attendance. Mrs. Gayle Talbot was chosen as chairman of the meeting and appointed Mrs. Hodges as secretary of the afternoon. Independent balloting for the various officers resulted in the choice of the following staff for the year 1907. President, Mrs. Atkeson; Vice-President, Mrs. Major; Secretary, Mrs. Inman; Treasurer, Mrs. Martin.

The resignation of Mrs. J. R. Blair as a member of the Board was accepted and Mrs. E. B. Kemp voted in to fill the vacancy.

The rest of the session was taken up in the spirited discussion of ways and means for increasing the attractions and usefulness of the Library and Reading Room. A committee, Mrs. Major and Mrs. Johnson, was instructed to have a sign painted to call attention to the Reading Room. This cozy little place will be kept open at the present location and at the same hours, from 4 to 9 p. m.

We wish to call attention to the fact that this room and its periodicals are free to the use of residents or visitors.

Plans looking toward more commodious quarters are under advisement—also more attractive fittings. The ladies left the meeting each bubbling over with fresh enthusiasm. A play as a Library benefit is on the wing. The President appoints her new committee this week.

Mrs. Hodges Receives.

The reception held by Mrs. John R. Hodges on Saturday afternoon, January 12, was easily among the most beautiful ever attended in Artesia. The purpose of the function was to introduce Mrs. James Garrard and Mrs. W. C. Burns, of Roswell, who have been visiting Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Gilbert. Thirty-six guests were invited, nearly everyone responding, comfortably filling the large reception hall. The home of the Hodges is peculiarly suited to the entertainment of just such parties. No elaborate decorative scheme was attempted, the beauty of the rooms and their furnishings and a few potted plants making a sufficiently pleasing picture. After the guests had been duly received and introduced to the ladies of honor, a progressive game requiring visits to tables in all the rooms furnished entertainment for an hour or more. This game was in the nature of unique and laughable literary puzzles with no dull pauses from start to finish. In a cut for the prizes at the conclusion, the first prize, a padded leather edition of Mrs. Browning's Poems was won by Mrs. Orr and the second, a green limp leather copy of "Wan Winkle," rewarded Mrs. Beckham.

Correct salad coffee, etc. was served at the game tables. The ladies of Artesia count themselves highly favored thus to prove Mrs. Hodges' easy gracefulness as a hostess and to make the acquaintance of her pleasant visitors.

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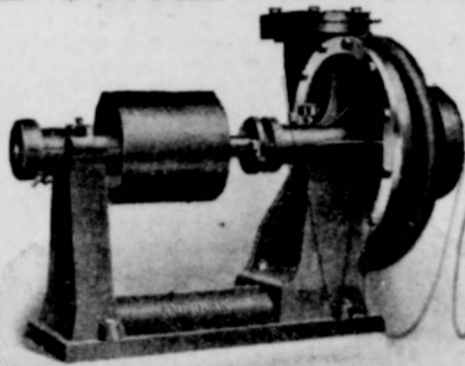
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The Woman's Club.

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At the business session the resignation of Mrs. Newkirk was accepted. The next regular meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Kemp, Wednesday, January 30.

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E. A. HITCHCOCK,
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Methodist Church

Subject for the morning sermon, "The visitation of Angels" and at 7 P. M. "Heaven." Don't forget the Sunday School and Leagues. We give a cordial invitation to every body to attend our church.

J. H. Messer, Pastor

SPECIAL K. P. SERVICE

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The members of the K. of P. will meet at the lodge room at 10:45 and march to the church in a body.

Other services of the church will be held at the usual hours, with preaching at night at 7 o'clock.

Rev. M. E. Mathes holds services at Lake Arthur tonight and tomorrow morning.

John Maltbie who left here last September and went to Wichita Kansas where he married, returned to Artesia Friday morning with his bride.

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We were compelled to leave over some locals last week on account of lack of time and space.

Mrs. T. T. Blackmore visited Mrs. Ella Davidson in Hagerman this week.

Mrs. M. J. Lang of Hagerman who has been visiting her daughter Miss Myrtle Lang in Artesia returned yesterday.

W. J. Phipps went to Roswell on business yesterday.

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THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

At Close of Dr. W. W. Havens' Lecture at Christian Church

Owing to an attack of the grip we were unable to attend the meeting for the organization of an anti-saloon league held at the Christian church Wednesday night. W. W. Havens, D. D., of Albuquerque, Superintendent of the League for the Territory of New Mexico and Arizona delivered the address. Our members say that he handled the subject in a masterly manner. He denied that saloon keeping is a business inasmuch as the buyer does not derive a profit from his purchase. He said that 125,000 die every year from intoxicants in the United States alone. This, he said, had to be recruited from the youth of the land and takes one young man of every five. The speaker said that to levy a tax on liquor for the support of the schools was selling ourselves cheaply; that it was condemning one boy out of every five to a drunkards' grave and the hell to help educate the others.

The speaker praised Artesia and said that this was the best week day meeting he had held in either territory.

At the close of the meeting a local league was formed and \$110 subscribed to push forward the work.

Hope Happenings.

Our Hopeful Society met Friday afternoon, Jan. 11. Several visitors were present, including some welcomed Artesians. A nice program of recitations, dialogues and music was followed by an excellent solo.

Mr. Joe Wood who has a hog ranch in the mountains about 50 miles west of here, has just carried three four-horse loads from his farm to supply his ranch.

The mild weather has started the buds to swelling which means danger for the peach crop of 1907, or a good prospect provided we are not visited by a blizzard. Alfalfa has begun to look green like the coming of spring.

It seems to be an embarrassing position before the young people of this community, to divide sentiments to any advantage. No one seems to come closer to wedlock than to simply dream of the pleasures of a double life. Only about seven weddings have taken place within the last year. As encouragement on this line W. P. Riley awards a nice pig to every couple getting married within his neighborhood. He has just donated a nice fat creature to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wallace, who were married last spring. They have been in Deming the greater part of the time since, but Mr. Riley is a man of his word and when they again landed in Penasco Valley, the pig was theirs.

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Messrs Bass and Huit of Carlsbad have been visiting Hope's race stock recently.

Rev. Lively has just finished baling a large amount of hay.

The recent election gave Jas. R. Cannon, for Justice of the Peace of Prec. No. 3, 40 votes, ex-Justice Baker 1 vote and Noel Johnson 3 votes. Mr. Cannon has a quarter section of land near Hope and states he will soon have it under fence with an orchard of 500 trees and make other improvements. He says he has a corn crop that doesn't taste like next year's. "Send and Texas would live alone? We trust in Cannon."

Press Arrives.

THE ADVOCATE press has arrived, at the mailing galley and supplies.

We are rather rushed now but will get it up in a week or so.

We must acknowledge the pretty bouquet thrown at us by the News in praising the press and saying that the cloud in our veracity was removed and that our reputation for truthfulness was at par. In a Democratic editor this means 100 proof.

Last week Fatheree & Robertson gave C. L. Heath, treasure of the Artesia school board, a check for \$20 in compliance with a promise made just before the holidays that they would give five per cent of their cash holiday trade from the day on which the pledge was made until Christmas, to the school library fund.

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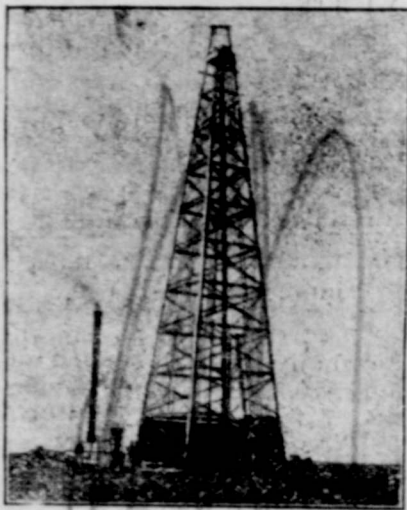
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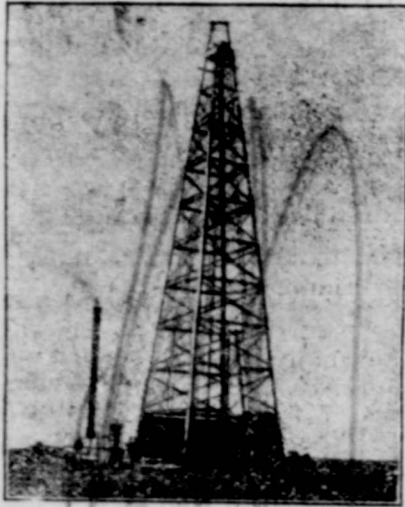
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Unlawful Inclosures

The Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sir: Referring to the circular of instructions to special agents of your office, approved by me on January 29, 1904, relative to their duties under the act of February 25, 1885 (23 Stat., 321), entitled "An act to prevent unlawful occupancy of public lands," you are advised that said circular is hereby amended and modified as follows:

Strike out from said circular paragraphs 5 and 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

It shall be the duty of the special agent on receipt of any charge or complaint or upon information being acquired by him from any source, that an unlawful inclosure is being maintained by any person or persons, association, or corporation, to at once proceed to secure sufficient data, including a description of the lands inclosed, with reasonable certainty, not necessarily by metes and bounds, nor by governmental subdivisions of surveyed land, but only so that the inclosure may be identified and the person or persons guilty of the violation, as nearly as may be, and by description if the name can not, on reasonable inquiry, be ascertained, and to at once submit such case, with the data thus obtained, to the United States attorney for prosecution.

It shall be the duty of the special agent, and he shall be so instructed, to be alert and vigilant to detect the existence of unlawful inclosures in his district and to proceed in accordance therewith as hereinabove directed, and that he is not to construe his duties as requiring that, before proceeding in the matter of an unlawful inclosure, there must first be filed with him a formal complaint by some person or persons acquainted with the facts, but it shall be his duty, as hereinabove stated, to take the initiative himself.

In this connection you are further instructed, by direction of the President, to at once notify all of the special agents and receivers and registers of local land offices throughout the United States, and to give the widest publicity thereto that the provisions of said act

of February 25, 1885, for the summary destruction of inclosures and obstructions existing in violation of said act will be rigidly enforced on and after April 1, 1907.

E. A. HITCHCOCK,
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At The Churches

Church Directory.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. E. McQueen Gray, Rector in charge. Services at the Baptist church the second Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Methodist Church

Subject for the morning sermon, "The visitation of Angels" and at 7 P. M. "Heaven." Don't forget the Sunday School and Leagues. We give a cordial invitation to every body to attend our church.

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SPECIAL K. P. SERVICE

TOMORROW

Rev. E. Ward Will Deliver Sermon at Presbyterian Church

There will be a special Knights of Pythias service at the Presbyterian church in this city tomorrow at 11 o'clock A. M. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. E. Ward, pastor of the Baptist church at Hope N. M.

The members of the K. of P. will meet at the lodge room at 10:45 and march to the church in a body.

Other services of the church will be held at the usual hours, with preaching at night at 7 o'clock.

Rev. M. E. Mathes holds services at Lake Arthur tonight and tomorrow morning.

John Maltbie who left here last September and went to Wichita Kansas where he married, returned to Artesia Friday morning with his bride.

His brother W. H. Maltbie accompanied him.

Miss Eva McNaught of Gerard Kansas who has been visiting Newkirk family for some weeks left for her home Wednesday.

REV. JAMES' SERMON

Preached Sunday Morning, Jan.

13, 1907, at Baptist Church.

Subject "Sowing With
Tears: Reaping
With Joy"

Text: Psalms 126:6.

The Jewish farmer labored under difficulties; he lived in the walled town, he farmed out perhaps several miles. Each morning he went forth to his labor, each evening he came in tired from his task. In the text he is described as weeping. Does he weep because he must leave his family and toil alone or does he weep because of the hopelessness of his toil? The soil is poor; he cannot have a large crop. Drouths are frequent he may not have any crop. And even if these conditions do not obtain, the enemies of his Fatherland may steal the fruits of his labor. But the Psalmist speaks assuringly. He tells of a reaping time, of many sheaves, of rejoicing. What a picture there is here of the Christian, his work and his reward. Let us consider, first.

The going forth. What a grand conception of their work the Apostles must have had when they stood with Christ on the mount and heard him say, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." This command was their marching order; and with what boldness and persistency they attempted to obey it. The Christian of today needs the same daring spirit to venture forth into new fields of labor, the same boldness in inaugurating new methods of evangelism, the same broad conception of his duty to the world. The well rounded Christian can't have narrow conceptions, can't be cramped in his activities by prejudices, can't be enslaved by feelings of dignity and superiority. His field is the world and he is a citizen of the world. All men are brothers; all races need the Gospel. He is a missionary; he is under orders. He is not to make reply, nor to reason; why but to do and die.

The Christian goes bearing precious seed. Enough to gladden any field with a rich harvest. The seed is the word. What infinite capacity it has for increase! Used of the spirit it has transformed individuals and nations. Our one business is to sow the Word. Cast it broadcast over all nations. Utter its great truths into the ears of all; give its gems to the poorest, the most ignorant, the criminal. Be prodigal with it; sow it on the wayside, in stony places, among the thorns as well as on the good ground. Let our printing presses, Bible houses, colporters, preachers, teachers, laymen and whosoever will "tell the news to every land."

The Christian goes weeping. Let us believe that this weeping is not gush. There is no intrinsic value in tears, only so much salt and so much water. A chemist can tell you the exact proportion of each constituent. Yet there is no power in a tearless Christianity. The will is the seed of power it is true, but the heart is the door to the will. It is the men of great hearts that have done the greatest good. Some one has attempted to show that Paul was cold intellectually. We have many evidences of strong emotion in Paul. To a priest he said: "Thou whited wall." He called Elymas a child of the devil; he quarreled with Barnabas and warmly reproved Peter. At Athens his "spirit was stirred within him." So great was his love for people that he said: "I could wish myself accursed for my people." At the seaside near Ephesus, the elders fell on his neck and kissed him. Could he have been cold intellect or a sour man? Oh that we had his heart. We should then have Livingstone's love for Africa; Judson's love for Burmah; Carey's love for India; Yates' love for China; Spurgeon's love for England, and Moody's love for America.

II. The Return. As the old Roman conquerors returned to the imperial city, after severe but successful campaigns, and were welcomed by all the citizens; so the Christian shall some day enter the celestial city and be welcomed by the hosts of God.

He shall return bringing his sheaves with him. He brings not the seed but the fruit. The truth conveyed by Bible and sermon, tract and quarterly and song and story will have found lodgment in human hearts. Brother, it is your privilege to lead souls to Christ and through Him to Heaven. And your reaping will be just as beautiful as your sowing. You may bring not one sheaf, but many sheaves.

That will be a time of rejoicing. That joy will be akin to the joy that filled the boys heart when he caught his first fish or won his first prize; or the joy of the lass when she got a new dress; or the joy of the young wife when she baked

her first cake; or the joy of the harvester when the binder cuts the golden grain, or the joy of the marriage when two hearts beat as one. The Christian's joy in that time of "homecoming" will be infinitely greater in degree. It is beyond our power to imagine the mighty, singing joy that the faithful shall experience when they meet those whom they were instrumental in saving and hear them say: "You told me that old, old story so simply that I understood it; you told it to me so earnestly that I believed it; you urged me to accept Christ so gently that I received Him. Receive a share of my joy."

But it is possible for us to live our life in vain, to bear no fruit and have no part in the harvest home. The task of sowing may be unpleasant and may often bring tears to our eyes; but if we keep on sowing we shall surely reap.

A young man of 30 years lay dying. He had been a Christian but 3 months. At the bedside sat his most intimate friend. After a long pause the dying man said to his friend: "I am willing to die, but must I go empty handed?" Yes, we must go, we cannot escape that, but we need not and should not go empty handed. Look about you—your fellow townsmen, your neighbors, your own family. Many of them are lost. God will use you in bringing them to Jesus.

WILL COME HERE TO LIVE

Oklahoma Lumberman To Make Home
In Artesia

William Schickadanz of Mena Oklahoma was in town this week. He was making proof on his farm four miles north.

He has broke 65 acres which he will plant at once.

Mr. Schickadanz has a large lumber yard at Mena and also a fine farm near that place. He is offering both for sale for the purpose of coming to make his home in Artesia.

He is a personal friend of D. H. Buller of the Artesia Electric Light & Ice Co.

Great Country For Spelts

D. M. Elder has just threshed his spelts. He was surprised at the yield.

The crop was sown in April which is too late for best results and the land was not irrigated. The crop is used for food in Russia, Germany and Switzerland.

Mr. Elder says it will yield 75 bushels per acre under irrigation.

EASTERN STAR TUESDAY NIGHT.

The Order of the Eastern Star will meet for a short business meeting next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock instead of 7:30. The reason for meeting early is to afford an opportunity to all the members who desire to do so, to participate in the meeting and afterwards attend the recital given by Miss Lily McIlhany.

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