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CONDENOUNCE FOES OF FAIREST ARTESIA

Declare They Will Fight Rings and Grafters. Church Full of People.

STRONG RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

That Judge A. V. Logan had another Declaration of Independence was drawn up, signed and presented at the in-mation mass meeting held at the Christian church Monday night. The church was full of people and the people were full of wrath.

Judge A.V. Logan was elected chairman and on accepting the position took occasion to commend that the people of Artesia stand together as one against the discriminations of the enemies. He urged action politically and otherwise.

Gayle Talbot and D. L. Newkirk then told of the struggle at Santa Fe, and of the character of misrepresentations in-duced in by our foes there. They related incidents con-ferred with the Roswell anti-unity meeting which they at-tempted and told how Judge D. Britt put his enemies and enemies of Artesia to flight in incontrovertible argument: ending alone fronting the efforts of malice and falsehood.

A number of other citizens were present. All urged union in be- half of Artesia. A committee on resolutions consisting of D. L. Newkirk, A. Johnson, G. P. Cleveland, Gayle Talbot and James Whelan was appointed. When the resolutions published hereunder was submitted a large portion of the audience voted them made stronger amendments looking toward that end were introduced. This led to a spirited discussion at the end of which the amendments were voted down.

Judge Logan then called upon D. Whelan to the chair. He moved that the portions of the resolutions which were taken out. He heartily endorsed the spirit of the resolutions, particularly of the portion looking to independent political action but he believed it wiser to leave out names. The crowd was in no humor to modify things and so the amendments failed to get a second for amendment. The resolutions were then passed as they came from the committee.

After the adjournment of the meeting the citizens crowded the front to sign the declaration of political independence and their connection with the Eddy county machines.

These are the resolutions: Whereas, it is demonstrated to satisfaction and belief that the administration of affairs in Eddy county, under the present combination of politicians has become a private snap rather than a public discharge of public duty

toward the whole people, and

Whereas, because of deplorable combinations and circumstances, the tax payers of Eddy county are today paying a greater tax rate on a higher valuation than any other county in New Mexico, and yet our County Treasury is empty, showing a very careless or most extravagant administration of affairs, and

Whereas, the tax rolls as endorsed by the present Board of County Commissioners show an increased burden of taxation placed upon the northern end of Eddy county and a proportionate decrease of renditions in other sections, for which discrimination however, one member of the board, (Jas. W. Turknett), is in no way responsible, and

Whereas, the tax paying citizens of the Artesian portion of Eddy county have petitioned in vain for suitable roads and bridges for the accommodation of traffic, and been treated in a most treacherous and unfair manner by the gentlemen now in charge of the county affairs, while every dollar's worth of the public improvements of whatsoever kind and character is located within one-half mile of the town of Carlsbad, to the disadvantage and loss of the balance of the tax payers of said Eddy county, and

Whereas, at a public meeting called by the chairman of our board of county commissioners in his official capacity, we, the Democratic and Republican tax payers of Artesia, have been duly notified by public utterance that our petition for self government shall be frowned down in order that the private graft of those in authority may be perpetuated, and

Whereas, the Hon. J. O. Cameron, our present representative in the council of the Territorial Assembly has refused to consider the petition of his constituents in this portion of Eddy county, but on the contrary, says he went into such Assembly with the agreement not to recognize the wishes or desires of the voters of this end of Eddy county, and

Whereas, Capt. E. P. Bujac, who was elected to the Constitutional Convention of New Mexico, from Eddy County, has in a public speech in Carlsbad threatened to circulate damaging reports concerning the resources and conditions now existing in this portion of the county, therefore,

Be it resolved that we, the following Democrats and Republicans of Eddy county, believing in the time honored doctrine of equal rights to all and private snaps for none and that self preservation sometimes deserves drastic measures of relief, hereby declare in the name of good govern-

ment that we here and now renounce all connection and affiliation with the political rings that are now controlling the affairs of the parties of Eddy county and deny any responsibility for the present rash and extravagant administration, and further,

Resolved that from this good hour forth we pledge our labor and our votes toward securing for Eddy county a conduct of county affairs that will mean even and exact justice to all citizens and tax payers, regardless of their precinct and postoffice address, and

Resolved, that in so doing, we ask and confidently expect the aid and comfort and hearty cooperation of every honest man in Eddy county, regardless of political affiliation, to the end that the welfare of the whole people may be subserved and the material interests of the Pecos Valley carefully guarded, and

Resolved, further, that the material welfare of our country is of more importance than the political parties or social amenities and that those men who have proven traitors to our best interests in the hour of need have surrendered every claim they may have had in the past to our friendship and patronage and that in the future we shall stand together as one man for the benefit of the citizenship of Eddy county in both political and material way, regardless of what political graft such action may disrupt, and

Be it resolved, that we, the citizens of Artesia in mass meeting assembled, hereby extend our most grateful thanks to Judge D. R. Britt, of Roswell, who so ably and bravely defended the fair name of Artesia and the Pecos Valley at a time when the political pirates and office holders of his home town were engaged in a most contemptible warfare against us. Gratitude is a virtue that only honorable people enjoy and we desire to show our utmost appreciation of his loyalty and pledge him our undying friendship.

Geo. P. Cleveland, J. E. Swepston, E. I. Allen, E. S. Howell, W. E. Ragsdale, J. H. Putnam, Jr., Gayle Talbot, J. T. Patrick, J. E. Acord, D. R. Scott, T. R. Hayden, H. T. Peck, D. L. Newkirk, E. A. Johnson, D. W. Robertson, F. E. Turner, Philip Thomas, James D. Whelan, J. N. Chapman, Wm. Crandall, D. L. Gage, W. B. Naylor, W. B. Lucas, L. N. Munsey, E. Robin, W. H. Watkins, J. K. Walling, W. L. Kemp, John B. Enfield, Wm. Idler, S. A. Walling, E. B. Kemp, J. B. Atkeson, W. F. Schwartz, D. L. Smith, J. R. Blair, E. L. Robertson, C. L. Heath, and many others.

SAYS HE IS MISUNDERSTOOD

Capt. Bujac Writes Editor of THE ADVOCATE in Regard to Position On New County.

Carlsbad, N. M. January 31, 1907.
Mr. James D. Whelan,
Artesia, New Mexico,
My Dear Mr. Whelan:—

The remarks in your paper of the 26th inst., relative to my attitude on the county division proposition, very greatly surprised me. I am most assuredly the friend of Artesia. I have always been proud of those who have developed the northern end of Eddy county. I think I can claim as my friends many of your leading citizens, at least I am their friend. What I had to say upon the county division proposition was simply in effect this:

If it is a fact that the artesian wells north of here are failing it would be a fatal mistake to create a new county and unnecessarily burden the tax payers with increased taxation. I was informed last summer, during the months of June, July and August, by several of your citizens, land owners and tax payers (whom I can and will name if necessary) that the artesian wells were failing. The Governor's message shows the wells are materially decreasing; the United States Government Engineers reports show artesian wells are decreasing in flow and that the water from which the flow of the artesian wells is obtained has materially fallen and thereby necessarily lowered as aforesaid the flow of the artesian wells. New these matters coming up presented a serious proposition, which business men and tax payers had to consider in a business manner. Hence, I suggested at the meeting held in Carlsbad that these matters be inquired into. I think this was good judgment and am not sorry that I made the motion. If, as a matter of fact, the wells are failing, it would be child's play for business men to permit a new county to be created. If, on the other hand, the artesian wells are not failing now, in my opinion, the best time to definitely settle this question that is so often advanced.

I refused to give a single cent toward the fund to defeat county division, but I did say I would contribute to a fund to investigate the conditions existing around Artesia with special reference to the flow of the artesian wells; and if Artesia is on a safe basis I would give \$100.00 toward obtaining for her her desire in having a new county. My resolution was not acted upon and I have not given any money to oppose county division and have not been called upon to contribute on the other side.

The foregoing is a concise statement of my views upon county division. I did say in a speech at Artesia that Artesia would soon have a separate county; I believed that then, and unless the wells are failing I believe it now. If you can establish the fact that the wells around Artesia do flow enough water to adequately irrigate the land that has been reclaimed by them I say you are entitled to a new county, and you can draw upon me for \$100.00 toward establishing your claims. Of course water for irrigation during that season of the year when we have no rainfall and growing crops are dependent upon artificial water supply for their maintenance and support. I mean during the months of May, June, July and August. I have never been "a dog in the manger," and shall never be. I am like that great poet who pictured Brutus as being: "Not that I love Artesia less, but the tax payers more."

Please give this letter space in the valuable columns of your paper that I may be clearly understood and that my political enemies may not have the satisfaction of misquoting me.

Yours truly,
E. P. Bujac.

MR. WHELAN'S REPLY

WELLS ARE NOT FAILING—PRESSURE AND FLOW AS MUCH AS LAST YEAR.

Artesia, N. M., Feb. 1, 1907.
Capt. E. P. Bujac,
Carlsbad, N. M.

My Dear Captain Bujac:—
Your letter of yesterday at hand. Permit me to assure you that I am delighted to give space to your communication and that I am more than pleas-

Waterworks Assured

Last Obstacle Removed and Construction Will Begin Soon.

ALL PARTIES SATISFIED

Telegram sent: "Must know before meeting tonight if you are going to take bonds." J. E. Sweptson; Clerk.
Answer: "Yes, certainly take bonds. Hope to forward blank bonds Monday." S. A. Kean.

The above is a culmination of a correspondence between the city and Mr. Kean, the broker, who purchased the waterworks bonds some time ago. After the sale of the bonds and the letting of the contract a couple of minor hitches occurred which required some adjustment. After these things had been satisfactorily arranged there was some delay on the part of Mr. Kean in forwarding a definite answer. The council determined to have the matter definitely settled. The telegrams tell the rest.

A gentleman named Dutch representing the American Light and Water Co. of Kansas City, is now in Artesia. He will know by Monday when his company will begin work, but expects it will be by Feb. 20.

ed to find that your position on the new county matter is not as it was generally believed to be.

I obtained the information upon which I based my editorials partly from a gentleman who was present at the Carlsbad meeting and partly from the report of the meeting which appeared in the Carlsbad Current. You have no doubt observed that the Current quoted you as unequivocally opposed to the new county at this time, and as even going so far as to make use of the hackneyed talk about landsharks and politicians; and while the portion relating to your attitude with reference to artesian wells, if construed literally, did not imply anything censurable on your part, yet taken in the context and connection in which it was used, it seemed to confirm the report that you were diametrically opposed to county division.

I have every confidence in the integrity of my personal informant, but apprehend that he was so indignant at the general tone of the meeting, that he failed to note the qualifications in your speech. I am pleased to say that there is no direct question of veracity between you, as I should be pained to have such raised in my mind where my personal friends are involved. However, the gentleman's idea of the drift of your remarks seemed to be quite different from your explanation thereof.

Reference to the wells: I am pleased with your letter in this respect. I do not, of course, deny that there have been variations in the flow. This is specifically admitted in last week's Advocate. What we contend is this: that there is no evidence of the permanent decrease in the flow. If it proves to be a fact that the wells on this first day of February show substantially as much pressure as they did on February first last year I, certainly, shall regard our case as established; but a proof that they showed a little more pressure than last July but not as much as a year ago, would not be conclusive either way.

I am informed by Mr. S. A. Butler of this city, who tests the wells monthly, that the wells which had been put in long enough before February

1, 1906 so that the gaseous had subsided and a normal stage had been reached, show almost exactly the same flow now as they did a year ago. Hence, I consider my position sound.

The recurrence of the increased pressure is an indication of the permanence of the supply. It proves that the water does not come from an isolated reservoir which once diminished would never be replenished.

I apprehend that there will be no technical discussion about the interpretation of the words, "Adequately irrigate the land that has been reclaimed." There might, of course, be some land along the margin of the artesian belt which was reclaimed at a season when wells were high, for which sufficient water might not be found during the summer months.

I do not know of any such land but it may exist. If so, it would not be fair to compel one to show that what was so reclaimed would at all times have a sufficient supply of water. The few instances of wells failing as a result of bad casing should not be considered. Some few wells have shown diminution of flow on account of bad casing, but those whenever the casing was repaired, showed as much flow and pressure as ever. The Coll well and the Ramey well within the city of Artesia are instances of this kind that have come under my personal observation.

Relative to Governor Hagerman's message, I wish to call attention to the fact that the words used were "somewhat decreased," not "materially decreasing."

Last week I promised to present affidavits sustaining my assertion in regard to present increased pressure.

After the article in which the statement appeared was set up I learned from Judge McCrary of Supervisor Wilson's confirmation of the increased pressure and did not deem it necessary to collect more testimony to support my assertion.

As you do not state the character of testimony you require in order to convince you of the correctness of our position, I have refrained from drawing on you for the \$100. However, I am prepared to prove my assertions in regard to the present flow and pressure, and suppose you will consider such proof sufficient.

Assuring you of my appreciation of the kindly sentiments you express for Artesia and her people I am
Very truly yours,
James D. Whelan.

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Hereafter no program for an entertainment will be run on the first page, except in single column form. All such advertising will be charged for at regular rates as will also be all notices of coming entertainments unless when the same is written by the editor as a matter of news.

The Indignation Meeting

Another column will be devoted to resolutions adopted by the indignation meeting Monday night. These resolutions were not merely passed by acclamation save one dissenting voice but they were signed by many citizens, including the local leaders of both political parties.

Moreover, a large element in the audience wanted them made much stronger and this idea would have, perhaps, prevailed had it not been strongly fought by several.

Therefore the resolutions may be regarded as an indication of the feeling of conservatives in this part of the country.

This feeling is not the result of accident; it flows naturally from conditions and circumstances prevailing here.

For years there has been a growing relief that the burden of taxation has rested relatively lightly on the people of Carlsbad and vicinity, and with correspondingly increasing weight upon the rest of the county, including Artesia.

This does not argue that the men who dominated affairs at Carlsbad were essentially different from men in other communities. On the contrary it was the natural result of a condition of affairs resulting from the county being too large. Everywhere, when counties are too large the tendency is to concentrate power in one community to the detriment of the rest. Everywhere this tendency is manifested no less by the expenditure of public money in the favored portion of the community, than by the gradual lessening of county taxes in the favored locality.

Even though all men were of irreproachable integrity, this same tendency would be in evidence, though not in the same degree. No man wants a case which he is a party tried before a jury composed of men who have direct pecuniary interests on the other side of the case; no matter how honest the individual members of that jury might be personally.

But all politicians are not honest and things are made worse by this fact.

Such is the history of all large counties. Now, the result is that in the course of time the politicians look upon the communities that have been discriminated against as "our colonies," as people who are to be allowed as much liberty as is compatible with the state in which these people are living.

ing," or to utilize a phrase sometimes used by the beneficiaries of special privileges, "enough charity to make them content in the condition in which it hath pleased God to place them."

It is in this spirit that A. C. Heard signed a call for an anti county meeting with his official title. The same bumpiness the same self-sufficiency was manifest in that connection by another big little boss, Billie Atkinson of Roswell.

When the people here begun to protest the politicians laughed. They said in effect, "little children, we'll look after your case when we get ready."

When the agitation for a new county begun these people said, "Why the movement is only among the land-sharks, we have nothing to fear from the mere tax-payers."

Had these people had the bridge needed here, had they levelled taxes properly, there would have been less trouble.

But this was not human nature. All the momentous events of history sprung from the disregard of human rights similar in nature though, of course, differing in magnitude, from the injustice and interference now seen in the Pecos Valley.

Had the French aristocracy known when to yield, the revolution would not have taken place. Had Charles I gave in he might have saved his head.

So the politicians at Carlsbad might have saved themselves by doing the right thing in time.

However the moment has past. The Democrats and Republicans here have learned that the leaders of these rival organizations in Carlsbad are willing to lay aside party differences in order to help each other plunder the northern part of the county.

The people here can temporarily lay aside partisanship in order to protect their own rights. This is what we have got to do and if our Carlsbad neighbors suffer thereby so much the worse for said Carlsbad neighbors.

At any rate they will eventually learn that we have a part of creation up here and that it is inhabited.

Gayle Not Alone

The Carlsbad Argus roasts Gayle Talbot for certain statements which it alleges he made through the columns of THE ADVOCATE two years ago and which are said to have reflected on the mental and moral standing of certain members of that legislature. Certainly Gayle Talbot never made a more severe attack on that legislature than did Judge A. A. Freeman, the Argus' candidate for Constitutional Delegate last fall. The same can be said of Hon. J. O. Cameron who is represented by the anti-county press as having practical control of the present legislature. THE ARGUS itself has never been loyal to the present Republican managers. The Pecos Valley News is the only paper in the Valley that supported the present organization of New Mexican Republicanism. Gayle Talbot always fought above board to say the least.

Mullane says the rate of taxation for county purposes is \$1.87. We never were very strong in mathematics but we had a hunch that people here were paying \$2.32 county taxes. Suppose you get out your receipts and pencils and see whether the virtuous journalist who wields the two sticks is telling the truth about this matter. THE ADVOCATE complained last week on account of the indirectness of Mullane's prevarication. We have no criticisms to make on that score now.

The Economics of the Local Store and the Mail Order Man

Several large mail order concerns that have heretofore done a thriving business in Kansas selling groceries at what was alleged were trust busting prices, have withdrawn from the state since the passage and enforcement of the pure food laws. The local merchants seem to go right on selling groceries under the law, and if there was anything ever sold on a close margin it is staple groceries. If the mail order houses had the right goods, why do they back out?—Junction City (Kansas) Republic.

Selling inferior goods at the prices charged for those of better quality is one of the means by which mail order houses manage to subsist and wax fat.

In addition to those which could no longer subsist under the operation of the Kansas law, there are doubtless many that are just over the margin; that have goods that will barely reach the limit of the law but not a line beyond.

The whole mail order argument while specious, and at first blush plausible, is unsound.

The mail order man will tell you that organization is the business watch word of the day.

He will assure you that by reason of its immense capital his establishment can naturally undersell the local merchants. He will intimate that it is useless to oppose those great aggregations of capital. Therefore the proper thing to do is to take the advantage of the lower prices they offer you, etc. etc.

All this is nice and when he produces a price list and quotes you prices on goods that are cheaper than the home merchant asks for merchandise that looks pretty much the same to you, you assume that the goods are the same and perhaps you buy. Now, the chances are that the goods are not quite the same and that you are getting shoddy cloth or adulterated groceries.

The mail order house cannot deliver goods to the consumer more cheaply merely because it has much capital invested.

There is an advantage and a disadvantage in conducting business on a large scale. The advantage lies in the division of labor it makes possible: the disadvantage lies in the fact that men in charge cannot supervise all the business while small business men generally oversee their own business and consequently give it greater care. The small store often succeeds where the larger one fails. The trusts are not fair examples to the contrary; for they are in every instance based upon some special privilege. So the argument of the mail order houses that they can undersell the retailer by reason of having more capital invested is not true. These houses do not sell goods at lower prices than the local merchant. They offer a few articles at a really lower price and depend upon making up for this by charging more for others or by palming off inferior goods.

But the cash price is not all that is to be considered. Convenience is of no less importance. If you go into a local store you have the privilege of examining what you want to buy. You can buy as much or as little as you want. You will not invest in too much through the fear that you may not have enough and that you will have to send to Chicago for the balance. You know if you are short you can run into the store for a little more.

If you buy in large quantities from the mail order house you have the trouble of caring

for the goods, the wasteful use that is generally incident to the possession of a large quantity of anything, the danger of loss through the goods spoiling or becoming stale, and the loss of interest on the capital invested. These losses and inconveniences are not trifling: the matter of convenience alone is all that in many cases makes the difference in the desirability and consequently in the price of building sites. It is no small advantage from a purely financial view point to be able to get just what you want, not as you want it and just when you want it. This you can practically always get from the home merchants. These conditions can never be fully satisfied by a mail order house. Moreover, if you desire to buy in large quantities your home merchant can usually do as well or better by you in the matter of price than the foreign house.

Some time ago a gentleman who has since left Artesia wanted, or said he wanted, one hundred blanks of a certain size. On learning our price he declared it outrageous and said that a certain large printing establishment was putting them out for about one fourth THE ADVOCATE price. He was informed that THE ADVOCATE could meet the rate he named on a thousand but not on a hundred. A few days later we fell upon a price list of the firm he had named and found that the gentleman was simply mistaken: that he had been quoting their prices per thousand which was the same as ours. We also noted that their rates per hundred were the same as ours. We told the gentleman of his error and made him acknowledge it, but we didn't get the job.

The worst fooled man on earth is the fellow who imagines that Jones the grocer is making a fabulous profit. Jones isn't.

Along about 1890 there was a great farmers movement for the purpose of buying directly from the wholesaler and saving middlemen's profits. Not merely saving the profit that might be made by the local merchant but also such profits as would accrue to the mail order man. There was plenty of capital in the enterprise but it failed, and as a result many realized that the local merchant gives better service than anybody else.

In this editorial THE ADVOCATE has avoided the "Keep all the money at home" argument, not on the ground that such argument is valueless, but because it has been used so often that it does not need repetition and because there are so many other arguments that are usually overlooked.

Will be a Convincing Discussion.

It is time for the people who do not wish to be robbed to commence to oppose county division two years from now and the columns of the Current and Sun are open to all who oppose it, and against all who favor such a crazy idea.—Carlsbad Current.

The swag-swiping gang who are in danger of being robbed of well earned graft will do well to heed Mullane's advice. As the columns of the Current and Sun are open only to one side they surely can put up an incontrovertible argument if not a convincing one.

How About This Law?

The county assessor shall at the same time that he files his returns with the county clerk or other county officers, file with the clerk or recorder of each incorporated town or city, a duplicate return of all property situated within the limits of any city or town in such county, and the council or board of trustees of said city or town shall appear, or authorize one of their number to appear, before the county commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and recommend such amendments and such additions to, or changes in, the assessments made by the county assessor of the property, or any portion thereof, within the limits of such city or town, as they may deem just.—Sec. 2438 Comp. Laws of N. M.

This section of the statutes has been persistently ignored by our county assessor. Mayor Crandall informs THE ADVOCATE that when the council desired to secure the duplicate for Artesia, it was necessary to carry on a negotiation for ten weeks, and that when they finally received the said duplicate they had to pay for it, and then got it four and a half months after the returns were in, and too late to be of use.

A. W. VanWinkle was down from the mountains Thursday Judge J. E. Sweptston went to Hope on business Wednesday

Carlsbad and the Alkali Flat

Carlsbad is a pretty town and her people are in main lawabiding and fearing. She has plenty of good land around her and within a few weeks will have additional 20,000 acres irrigated by the new government reclamation dam. There seems to be a strip of country there known as the alkali flat. These flats are not of sufficient importance to injure the town and we prefer to think of many advantages of our neighbor rather than her few drawbacks.

In view of what a few Carlsbad people have falsely charged against our wells there is a strong temptation to "come back," but THE ADVOCATE sires to urge perfect candor in this matter as we have the advantage of Carlsbad after seeing her full due.

We have interviewed Gayle Talbot and D. L. Newkirk regard to the alleged robbing of one A. C. Heard on the January 27. They say that Currents account is all correct except that Mr. Talbot did not attack Heard personally, Newkirk did not butt into conversation and that no man was involved. For Carlsbad account the Current story is unusually veracious.

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DIES SUDDENLY TO BEGIN MONDAY

Mrs. C. Jennie Bishop Passes Away at Her Home in Artesia Sunday Morning.

Mrs. C. Jennie Bishop, was born in Pulaski, county, Va., Jan. 7, 1848, married Capt. E. S. Bishop, Sept. 26, 1872 and made their home in Lee county until May 1st, 1906, when they left their delightful home in search of congenial climate for the health of the wife and mother; reaching Artesia, N. M., June 2, 1906, accompanied by the Capt. and one son and one daughter, leaving two sons and two daughters at their once happy home in the Old Dominion.

To this joyful union were born six children, three sons, and three daughters. Two here now with their father, four in Virginia. Some of whom are expected here in the near future and perhaps all sooner or later.

After some months in Artesia the recuperation of Mrs. Bishop's health in such a marked degree the family decided to sell their beautiful home in Lee county, Va., and locate in New Mexico. That homestead made sacred by so many ties of long life and beautified by so many comforts and conveniences and then made great by three sons and three daughters obedient to parents and faithful to our heavenly Father, is soon to be left to other hands to prime and polish or to soil and defile.

Capt. Bishop served in the Confederate army, 25th Regiment, cavalry, under Stonewall Jackson, Lee and Early until the surrender, then returned home a quiet citizen. His fellow citizens after the war honored him with positions of trust and dignity and his brethren in church were made wiser by his council and his pious life.

Mrs. Bishop was converted in early girlhood and joined the Methodist church, afterward her views of doctrine having changed, she, still in early life joined the Missionary Baptist church of which she is still a member, with her entire family. She also told the writer hereof herself that it was her desire to unite with the Baptist church here in Mexico and that she would so soon as the family all came which they expected to do so soon as circumstances would permit them all to meet again.

On Saturday, January 26, Sister Bishop walked and made a visit to her near by neighbor and ate her supper as heartily as usual. When the family retired she was resting well and continued so until about 2 o'clock a. m. when she waked her husband and daughter, but was not farther able to talk, because of a hemorrhage during which a life thus lived ended without any warning that the end was near, hence only a few persons were present at the time of her decease.

After three days and some communications between the four children in Virginia and Capt. Bishop and son and daughter here in New Mexico, the corpse of Mrs. C. Jennie Bishop was taken to the Baptist church where services were held. Prayer by Pastor James, music by several from the various choirs of the several churches, Bible reading and talk by the writer, prayer by Brother Mathes of the Presby-

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MARSHALL McILHANY.

terian church. Thence to the cemetery accompanied by a large number of the citizens and friends to the grave where the last remains were laid to rest till the Master comes to call his own into life again. Closing prayer by Bro. Messer. "From every strong wind that blows, From every swelling trial of woe, There is a calm, a sure retreat, 'Tis found beneath the mercy seat." Our hearts join the grief stricken family.

E. WARD.

Had Big Time in Mountains.

J. C. Gage, Will Benson, Dr. M. M. Inman and C. F. Hoffman comprised a party that left about ten days ago for the Sacramento Mountains and returned Tuesday night. They saw lots of game but being law abiding, they fired only blank cartridges. The party say there is lots of fine country up among the mountains.

Base Ball Boys Buy Grand Stand

The Artesia Base Ball Club has just purchased the interest held in the grand stand by J. S. Highsmith and E. A. Clayton. The stand was valued at \$197. In this the boys had an equity of \$80, so that the cash paid to the gentlemen named was \$117.

Fathers Linas and Wehling C. F. M., and His Grace. The Most Rev. George Wettig, A. O. H., spent several days in the mountains this week. The Fathers returned to Carlsbad Thursday. Monsignor Wettig is rusticated in the country near Artesia. He expects a red hat in time for Easter.

Dr. M. M. Merrill, Home-path, will have his sign out soon and will give prompt attention to all cases entrusted to him. Dr. Merrill is a brother of T. A. Merrill east of town.

J. F. Partin was in Roswell on business Wednesday. Jack says he told the natives some things on county division while there.

WILL HOLD LECTURE COURSE

Series of Entertainments to Be Given in Churches Here.

MINISTERS HAVE CHARGE

Arrangements have been made for a seasons course of entertainments in the churches in this city.

The entertainers are all well recommended and should receive the patronage of our citizens.

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1. Lecture, Napoleon, W. C. Frost.
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3. Geo. A. Landrom, noted entertainer.
4. The Fulcher Entertainers.

The season will begin about March 1st.

A GREAT COUNTRY

D. M. Elder Tells of His Farming in The Artesia Country. What Can Be Raised.

SPELTS A SFMI-ARID PLANT

MR. EDITOR:—At your request will give a few of my experiences and observations.

Alfalfa here is a very profitable crop giving early results and far ahead of any place of which I have any knowledge. I harvested five cuttings last summer. While this would hardly be considered in the corn belt, I have seen good corn raised here and in paying quantities. Some fields would average as high as sixty bushels per acre. Sweet potatoes grow very large. We raised them as large five pounds and Mr. Nichey as high as seven pounds. They seem to keep well here. When people learn how to plant and irrigate, vegetables generally will do well in this country.

As for wheat, oats, barley and spelts, all can be raised to perfection and undoubtedly should be sown in the fall season. Spelts is a dry land plant adopted to semi-arid districts and raised in the Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas, where it gives good results. I sowed spelts late in April (too late) and got from twenty to twenty-five bushels per acre I believe it will be a favorite in this country. Also I think Macaroni wheat should be sown here though I have no personal experience with it. As to melons and cantaloupes they grow to perfection. Rabbits, prairie dogs, and perhaps other animals and bugs are fond of the young vines. Of those who tried these crops last year, a number have told me they would plant again this coming season and if there are enough of such it is about time for them to form an organization. As president of last years organization I am not intending to call a meeting unless requested to do so.

I believe that dry farming can be made to pay fully as well here as in a portion of western Nebraska, Kansas, eastern Colorado or the Panhandle of Texas. Sorghum, Milo maize, Kaffir corn, spelts and Macaroni wheat are suited to dry farming here or any semi-arid country.

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The Daily Press.

Sir James Crichton-Browne, the eminent alienist, has just given the newspaper press a certificate as an important safeguard of the general sanity. "It is the antidote to corroding egotism and gives a worldwide horizon to the the purblind and short-sighted." This in a sense is true, now can it be disputed that the press also "furnishes an easily digestible intellectual pabulum."

Wireless Telegraphy. Wireless telegraphy is steadily growing in importance, and our government has been among the foremost in turning the method to practical account. A plan is under way looking to the creation of a system in the Philippines by which communication may be had along the entire coast of those islands through the establishment of a series of stations.

A notable fact about the vision of insects and one which it may be supposed must largely influence their view of the external world is the number of facets or lenses in compound eyes. A German naturalist, K. Linemann, has been painstaking enough to count the number of facets in the eyes of no fewer than 150 species of beetle.

Quail starved to death by thousands in the winter of 1904-05, but last winter they had an easy time except in February and March. From Massachusetts to Indiana the quail are so scarce that restocking has become necessary. The birds for this purpose are hard to find. More than 100,000 have been captured in Alabama and the southwest, where they still occur in abundance, and have been shipped north for breeding.

Gossip from Washington

President Resumes Work at White House After His Summer Vacation—Death Calls Col. "Ike" Hill—Special Attorneys to Fight Trusts.



WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt, sunburned and in fine health from his vacation, is again at his usual round of duties at the White House. The day after his return from Sagamore Hill he was at his office about nine o'clock and began work while a procession of laborers were pushing wheelbarrows filled with gravel up a gangway to the White House roof and dumping it almost over his head to be used in roofing the west wing of the building.

PASSING OF A NOTABLE CAPITAL FIGURE.

In the death of Col. Isaac R. Hill, known for generations back as "Ike Hill, of Ohio," the house of representatives has lost its most unique character. Col. Hill had been a unique figure in national and Ohio politics for two decades. Always a staunch Democrat, he associated himself actively with its party history, more especially in his home state.



Many are the stories that have been printed about "Ike" Hill. In fact, so constantly has he been in the public eye that there are really few good ones that remain untold. In conversation Hill was as picturesque in the use of language as he was dignified in dress and carriage. He was original and quaint in his remarks, as witness the expression, "mark my words, young fellow, before next grass," etc., when he meant to say something would occur before springtime.

ODD HISTORY IN OFFICIAL FILES.

There is some queer history locked up in the files of the various government departments. A few days ago the appointment clerk of the treasury department unearthed a letter written by Horace Greeley in 1865 recommending Cornelius Vanderbilt for appointment as a member of the cotton claims commission. The photographer of the treasury department has a negative made of Gen. Grant when the latter was headless. It requires a second look to detect any of the familiar features of the silent soldier.

In the bookkeeping division of the office of the auditor for the post office department is a record and all the correspondence relating to the shortage in the accounts of Abraham Lincoln as postmaster at New Salem, Ill. Mr. Lincoln's shortage was not large and was promptly paid. On file in the treasury department is an application for promotion filed while John Sherman was secretary of the treasury. It bears the following indorsement from Secretary Sherman: "Promote this man \$200 a year, as he was useful to me in my race for the senate."

FRAUDS IN LETTER BOXES.

"The reason why postmasters in large cities exercise care in the renting of letter boxes to patrons," said a post office official, "is because, unless the applicants are known or identified to the postmasters, they might rent boxes to persons in fraudulent occupations. The post office department has accomplished great reforms within recent years toward the stamping out of fraudulent concerns who used the mails to reach their victims, but there is one abuse which has not yet been reached, mainly for lack of suitable legislation, and that is the private letter box. Postmasters are required to cause the applicant for a box in the city post office to certify over his signature that the box shall not be used for the promotion of any fraudulent purpose or in pursuance of an illegal business. They also require him to furnish his address, business in which he is engaged, if any, as boxes are often rented to persons not engaged in business and to women whose correspondence is large, and to give a reference. It has not been found that this rule is oppressive or obnoxious to any person who does not desire to use the box for an improper purpose, but it has been found that it shuts out a great many persons who wished a box for legitimate purposes. The private letter box should be abolished and the attention of congress ought to be called to its abuse in large cities. It is often impossible to locate persons engaged in conducting fraudulent and unlawful correspondence through the mails. For a small sum these individuals can rent a box in some store, usually a cigar or stationery store, through which to receive letters addressed to them, instead of having them addressed and delivered to their places of residence from the city post office."

GOT A CHEAP "JAG"

ON RUM THAT HAD BEEN LEFT FOR BEAR'S UNDOING.

Instead of Bruin Falling Into Trap It Was the Deacon Who Was Craftily Cozened by His Neighbor.

Deacon Greeley, many years ago a prominent citizen of Pelham, N. H., and a prosperous farmer, was troubled in spring by the ravages of a bear, which, emerging from its winter quarters, lean and hungry, made frequent attacks upon the deacon's flock of sheep.

It was in vain that he attempted to capture the beast. Hunting parties met with no success. Traps were set without avail, and just when the deacon was on the point of giving up in despair, a bibulous neighbor suggested a novel plan of ridding the neighborhood of the pest.

Said the bibulous neighbor to the farmer: "Bears are fond of sweets. Get a nice clean trough; put into it a quart of good molasses; pour over it, gently, a gallon of good rum. This will leave the molasses at the bottom. The bear to get the molasses will drink the rum, which will stupefy him, and you will have no trouble in disposing of the brute."

This advice struck the deacon so forcibly that he decided to follow the advice. He made a nice new trough and set it out one night back of the barn. Into it he put a quart of good



The Bibulous Joker.

molasses and poured over the molasses a gallon of the best rum he could buy. Then, making sure that his gun was loaded and ready for use, he went to bed. In the morning he seized the gun and started for the trough, and there he found, not the bear, but the bibulous neighbor lying beside the trough intoxicated.

Township Invaded by Frogs. Bainsdale, an Australian township, about 60 miles from Melbourne, has recently experienced a strange and by no means pleasant visitation. An army of frogs, numbering thousands, swarmed into the town, probably from a neighboring morass. They covered the roads in all directions, and the traffic slaughtered them wholesale. They even got into the houses, where the dogs and cats killed them by the dozen, while thousands in many instances had to be swept out, dead and alive, with brooms and shoveled into buckets. The episode caused somewhat of a scare in the minds of the superstitious, and some of the old folk declared the end of the world was at hand. The invasion, however, finally passed on to some more congenial home, to sing its chorus of "Brek-kek-kek-kek-koax," which Aristophanes put into their mouths.—Montreal Herald.

Wedding Ring in Fish's Stomach. While fishing in the river opposite Red Bluff, Willis Brown caught a pike weighing over four pounds. The young fisherman, being anxious to make a meal of his catch, proceeded to dress it. While removing the entrails he noticed something hard in the fish's stomach and on opening it found a fine gold wedding ring. It is a plain band, and on the inside surface are plainly engraved "A. C. to M. B."

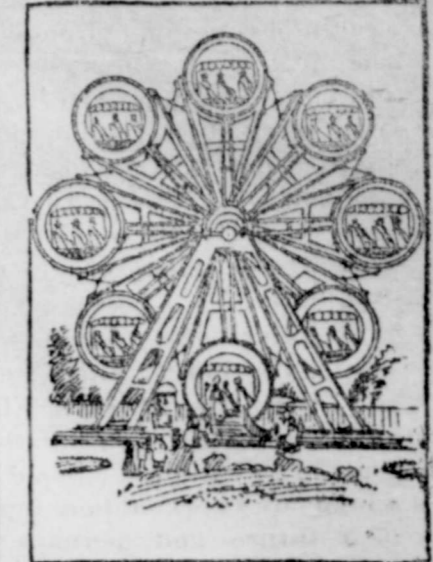
The supposition is that the ring was lost by some person while bathing in the river. A ring similar to the one found in the fish was lost in the river near Corning, 20 miles down the stream from here, over a year ago.—Red Bluff Correspondence San Francisco Call.

Choir of Birds. At the chapel of St. Peter in Florence there is a choir of birds, the only one of its kind in existence. The birds—200 in number—are all in separate cages, which are arranged in rows on both sides of the altar. The leader is a girl, who has had the birds under her own personal training for over two years. The whole of the musical part of the service is most exquisitely rendered by them. The leader starts each hymn by whistling the first few notes, and then the birds take it up, in obedience to the movement of their instructor's hand.

NOVELTY IN AMUSEMENT LINE.

Circle Coaster Is of More Than Common Interest.

Amusement novelties of more than common interest are weekly being put forth by enterprising inventors, which would seem to contradict the statements of owners and managers of amusement parks, who declare that there is a scarcity of new ideas. The one here pictured, "the circle coaster," has been patented by a Philadelphian.



Revolving Railway.

It is in the nature of an observatory or revolving railway.

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DEAD SON LOOKED IN.

Curious Happening During the South African War.

Preaching in the Congregational church, Seaford, England, Mr. Comp-ton Rickett, M. P., the other Sunday related the following coincidence, which he vouched for as true.

A gentleman, whose son was attached to the British forces in South Africa as doctor during the Boer war, paid a visit to two of his sisters. They remarked that they were glad his son had returned home. On the father replying that his son was still in South Africa, they exclaimed that they had seen him looking through the glass panel of the door of the corridor about six p. m., just before the father's arrival. The father returned to London, and next morning made inquiries at the war office. He was told that information had just been received that his son had died the previous evening from enteric fever, the time being six p. m., English time.

A Chinese Superstition.

In China telegraph wires are placed underground instead of on poles. The Chinese worship ancestors and regard their last resting place as so sacred that even a shadow must not be cast upon their graves. In the more thickly populated parts of the empire these graves are scattered everywhere, and when the workmen of the first telegraph companies began operations the natives in crowds followed them, and, enraged at what they considered sacrilege, cut down the poles as fast as they were put up.

Discovering the cause of this fanatical zeal, and finding the Chinese government entirely powerless, or indisposed to interfere in a matter touching the religious susceptibilities of the people, the telegraph companies solved the difficulty by proceeding to bury the wires with the venerated ancestors.

Ballooning Affects the Eyes.

A Parisian eye scientist has been making experiments to discover the effects of ballooning at varying altitudes upon the human visual system. At an altitude of 6,000 feet a bottle was flung overboard into a lake beneath. The occupants of the car were able to follow with ease the descent of the bottle through the air, and also able to watch the neck of the vessel as it disappeared into the water. The balloon then soared to a greater height and by examination the doctor ascertained that at this altitude there was a considerable diminution of the pressure on the visual organs. The pupils distended and the sensibility of the optic nerve was appreciably increased.

Without Seeing Daylight.

While sinking a well just outside a town in Mexico, a subterranean stream of water was discovered at a depth of 240 feet out of which were taken hundreds of little fish about an inch in length. As no stream for miles round disappears underground, it is supposed that the fish are spawned and live entirely beneath the earth's surface.

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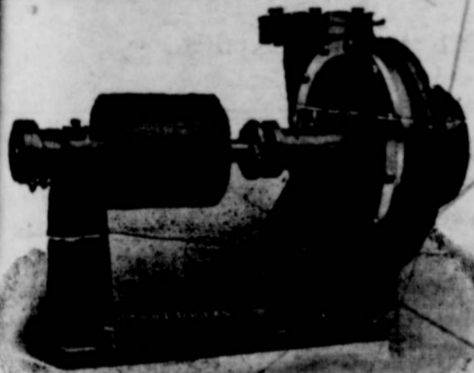
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Contest Notice.

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 1/4 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. of February 16, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M. Howard Leland, Register.

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"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 this 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.

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.

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:
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 Notice is hereby given that Annie E. Coates, 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.

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The personnel of the choir is as follows:

Mrs. William Idler, Leader; Mrs. Frank Johnson, organist; Wm. Idler, Mr. and Mrs. Flook, Mr. and Mrs. Erb, Dr. and Mrs. Ross, Dr. Beatty, Mrs. John Chapman, Mrs. W. R. Friermood, Mrs. John A. Orr, Miss Lena Scott, Miss Stella Bradshaw and Rufus Scott. There were also in attendance: Mesdames Gilbert, Peck, Temple, Martin, Lukins, Dent, George, Bowman, Stull and Bruce; Rev. and Mrs. Mathes, Mr. Orr and Mr. Chapman.

Some clever pictures illustrating popular songs afforded study and amusement. Music by the assembled choir and some high class graphophone selections were greatly enjoyed. The members of the choir then "had troubles of their own" to the decided benefit of the other guests. Each was given the merest sample of tune from which to build and sing an entire air. A later musical task turned out to be very comical. Papers were matched, one bearing a subject and one a tune, each couple writing a parody and singing their duet. When it is mentioned that some of the tasks were "Peanuts" to the tune of "Old Kentucky Home;" "Rats" to "Old Black Joe;" "Cantaloupes" to "Old Folks at Home;" "Coyotes" to "Music in the Air" and "The Presbyterian Choir" to "Hot Time in the Old Town," some idea of the work entailed and the effect of the duets may readily be imagined.

The ladies prepared and served an elaborate hot dainty luncheon. The festivities closed with a very pleasing little surprise. Mrs. Mathes presented to Mrs. Idler in behalf of the Ladies Aid Society a beautiful baton to be used in the conduct of the choir. Mrs. Idler responded with a graceful little speech of acceptance in which she promised to try to make the choir more a thing to be proud of than heretofore.

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Aetna Ins. Co.	8,466,072.43	4,700,000.00
Insurance Co. of North America	4,042,994.40	2,000,000.00
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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 SE 1/4 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 18, 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.

Scrip.

FOR SALE at \$8.50 per acre in quantities to suit purchaser. tf. Martin & Flook, Artesia, N. M.

Church Directory.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Sunday School at 10 o'clock a. m. Preaching every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at night at usual hour. B. Y. P. U. at 6 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at usual hour.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.—J. H. Messer, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Epworth League 3 p. m. Senior Epworth League 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—J. M. Blalock, pastor. Sunday morning Bible school 9:30; song and praise service 10:30 to 11:10; Lord's Supper and Offering 11:10 to 11:30; Sermon 11:30 to 12. Benediction 12. Evening Junior Endeavor 5; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30; Night service 7:15 Ladies Aid Society, Wednesday 3:30 p. m.; Prayer and Teachers' Meeting each Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.; Choir practice, Mrs. D. W. Robertson, Chorister, Friday 7:30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—E. E. Mathes, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. preaching 11 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:00 p. m.; preaching, 7:00.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.—Rev. Father Robert, pastor. Mass at 10 a. m. on the first Sunday of each month. Prayer every Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m.

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 7:00 p. m.

Endeavor Day

All the Young People's Societies of Artesia will unite with the Endeavorers of the Christian Church in the observance of "Christian Endeavor Day" next Sunday February 3rd. Topic: what Christian Endeavor means to me, and to the world. Phil. 2: 1-18.

A pleasing and interesting program is being prepared, which it is hoped will be beneficial to all. The exercises will begin promptly at 6:00 o'clock and close at 6:50.

Those who are not members of any of the Societies are cordially invited to attend.

Methodist Church

Text for the morning sermon: "We took sweet counsel together, we walked to the house of God in company" and for 7 p. m.: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end." We are anxious to have every member attend church this Sunday; we give a cordial invitation to everybody.

J. H. Messer, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church

Services tomorrow at the usual hours: both, forenoon and evening.

A cordial invitation to all Strangers and visitors always accorded a hearty welcome.

E. E. Mathes, Pastor.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many friends for their comfort, sympathy and help which they have shown us in this sad hour of bereavement in the loss of our dear wife and mother. May God bless you.

E. S. Bishop and family.

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At a bargain two fine young Percheon stallions 1-2 mile south of Artesia come and see them.

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Careful attention given to
all work. Phone No. 4.

For bailed salt grass at 40
cents a bail call at the Ducedda
wagon yard. Phone 32.

The money obtained from the box sup-
per at the Red School House Friday
night was \$37.90. The boxes brought
\$33.90. The result of the voting con-
test was very close: Miss Gilbert get-
ting 2,760, and Miss Carson 2,640. An
enjoyable time was expressed by all.

Mrs. Charles Thomas will
spend the rest of the winter in
San Antonio.

"A man doesn't live by
bread alone." He also needs
some of Mrs. S. B. Dyer's fine
cakes and pies along with her
splendid bread.

**WANT NEW TEL-
EPHONE SYSTEM**

**Many Citizens Favor Independent
Lines.**

A petition was circulated yesterday
for an Independent Telephone Company,
and signed by many citizens who pledged
themselves to take residence phones at
\$1.50 per month and business phones at
\$2.00 per month.

A little over a year ago the city coun-
cil granted an exclusive franchise to the
present telephone company. By refer-
ring to our files we find that there was
much dissatisfaction at the time over the
matter.

There is a general opinion prevalent
that the exclusive feature of the fran-
chise is illegal.

There never can really be effective
competition between two telephone com-
panies in the same town, but the exclu-
sive feature is bad, for where it ex-
ists it creates a monopoly. Where a
franchise is not exclusive the fear that a
franchise will be given a rival company
produces what is called potential competi-
tion and tends to reduce rates.

Sometimes a new company freezes out
an old one. The Bell Company lost all
the towns in several states in the middle
west in this way as a result of refusing
proper concessions in rates and service.

The Advocate believes in municipal
ownership of telephones and hence thinks
any town ought to reserve the right to
insert its own system whenever deemed
advisable. It seems to us that present
rates are too high.

If a satisfactory reduction cannot be
secured The Advocate favors the estab-
lishment of the new company and the
abrogation of the exclusive character of
the old franchise if possible.

School Girls Entertain

Miss Bertha Cawley, and Virgin
Cannon entertained quite a number of
their young friends at the home of
Mrs. W. E. Cannon last Friday evening
from 6:30 to 9:30.

Authors, flinch and fortunes were
the leading games with cards. While
quite a number of the boys and girls
took turn at cross questions, clap out,
drop the handkerchief and other games
too numerous to mention. When all
were about tired out refreshments were
passed round consisting of cake
candy, nuts, after which the young
people took their departure after
thanking their young hostess for a
most delightful evening.

Those who accepted invitations and
were present were:

Irene Armstrong, Dorothy Owen
Stella Tackett, Marguerite Owen,
Nedine Allen, Sallie Walling, Ruby
Bell, Dora Lawhon, Jennie Attleberry,
Edgar Williamson, Gilmer Walker,
Fay Linell, Serror Brooning, Van Santo
Fletcher Owen Mural Allen, Will Santo
Scott Dyer, Will Hawkins, Joe Cannon

Notice For Publication

Desert Land, Final Proof,
United States Land Office,
Roswell, New Mexico,
January 22 1907

Notice is hereby given that Jesse M.
White, of Artesia, Eddy County, New
Mexico, assignee of Chester L. Heath,
has filed notice of intention to make proof
on his desert-land claim No. 1137, for
the East Half of Section 33, T. 16 S.,
R. 26 E., before Albert Blake, U. S.
Court Commissioner at his office in
Artesia, N. M., on Monday, the 4th day
of March, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to
prove the complete irrigation and re-
clamation of said land:

Chester L. Heath, Grant Scooter, J.W.
Stewart, D.H. Wenger, all of Artesia,
N. M.

Howard Leland, Register

The Smoker Last Night

The Commercial Club gave
a smoker last night at which
W. P. Friernood who was one
of Artesias witnesses before the
Interstate Commerce Commis-
sion gave a full and interesting
account of the testimony intro-
duced.

Mr. Friernood was given a
vote of thanks for his work and
was elected a member of the
Commercial club.

Record Sisters yesterday sold
their millinery store to Miss
Clara M. Crawford and Mrs.
Jennie Prentiss.

Call at Uneedda wagon yard
for bailed hay and salt grass.
Phone 32.

Two young fresh jersey cows
for sale. Gayle Talbot
Abstracts of title to all lands in Eddy
county. Artesia office over Bank of
Artesia.

Old man Bing always tells a
big story and winds up in
trouble. Lee Turknett & Son
haul goods without trouble.
That is no story.

COLONEL DICK BLUE DEAD.

**Father of Mrs. J. Dale Graham
Passes Away.—Was a Noted
Political Leader**

Bartletville, I. T., Jan., 28.—
Richard W. Blue, known to
Kansas as Colonel Dick Blue,
died here at 6:30 o'clock this
morning of heart disease. Blue
felt the attack coming on and
called to his wife, who sum-
moned Colonel Blue's law
partner, Oscar W. Leonard,
and Dr. Woodring.

"I'm going," said Colonel
Blue, and he died a moment
later.

Colonel Blue had been a
sufferer from heart disease for
some time. He took part in
the recent constitutional con-
vention election and was warn-
ed by a physician that he was
endangering his life.

Col. Blue was long a famous
character in Kansas politics.
He was one of the best cam-
paigners in the sunflower state
where he lived many years
and at one time served the
commonwealth as congress-
man-at-large.

Recently he moved to Okla-
homa.

Dr. J. Dale Graham, of Ar-
tesia, left Tuesday with his wife
who is a daughter of Colonel
Blue to attend the funeral.

For bailed salt grass at 40
cents a bail call at the Uneedda
wagon yard. Phone 32.

Hope Happenings.

Last Saturday Mrs. John Tolbert gave
an old fashioned quilting. In the after-
noon all became curious to know who
would be the first to take the matrimonial
stand. For a thorough and honest test,
a cat was wrapped in a new quilt and
all the young folks encircled it. Then
the cat was turned loose to see who it
first chose to go past. Well, to tell you
just how it will pan out, some fellow will
make a run for Miss Culppepper who will
show him into Miss McMayhons arms
and she will receive him with joy; for
such was the fate of the cat.

After that the young folks started on
a stroll but became excited run through
one wire fence and with difficulty were
stopped at another after running across
two 1-4 sections. They will like any bronco
in later years become domesticated.

There was a large crowd at the party,
a nice time was reported, and in one
game Miss Anna Newton declared that
a rooster is possessed of horns.

We was informed by the teacher Miss
Cox that her school had closed at the
Eagle school house on account of ex-
hausted funds, it being about the middle
of the month near the middle of the week
and she closed her school in the middle
of the day. She reports a touching part-
ing with her devoted pupils.

Afterwards she refused the offer, com-
pleting upper Hope term.

Mr. John Tolbert has returned from
Texas where he has been prospecting.
He stated that Texas is very prosperous
and in one vicinity exceedingly so; he
met about 100 prospectors which his
boys mistook him to call inspectors. He
found nothing suitable.

Mr. Mathew Hall has returned from
Texas where he has been stercing away
knowledge for future emergencies. He
add Miss Cox were welcomed guests at
Mr. Reed's Sunday but proved to be a
grievance to a setting then that is now
without hope of having her expected litter
of biddies, for as they drove off, the hen's
nest was upset and eggs strewn along
the wayside.

Mrs. Cole has rented the Gage & Run-
yan orchard.

Mr. Johnson and family who were los-
ers in the Clifton flood are visiting rela-
tives in Hope.

The Womans' Club.

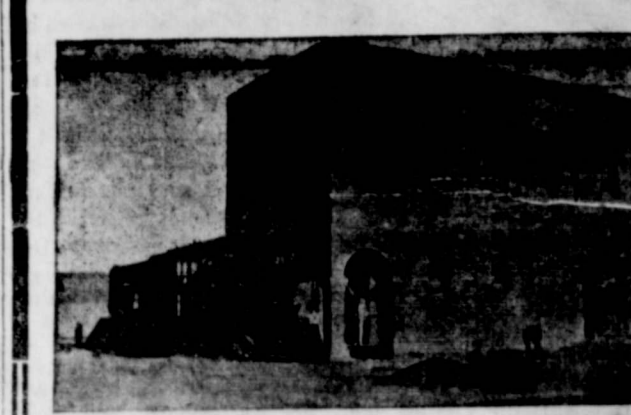
Mrs. Anne A. Kemp and Mrs. E. B.
Kemp were hostesses to The Wom-
ans' Club on Thursday: the meeting
having been deferred one day because
of the funeral of the preceding day.
Nearly all the members were present.
The lesson was the closing Act of
"The Comedy of Errors" which has
been much enjoyed by the Club. In
the absence of the regular critic, the
president appointed Mrs. Blake to act
for a time. The synopsis of the les-
son was given by Mrs. Atkeson before
the regular reading by the class. The
usual comments and questions proved
enlightening. Mrs. John A. Orr read
a particularly well written and schol-
arly paper on the "Shakespeare-
Bacon Controversy." At the business
session, Mrs. Fetheress's name was
added to the membership and the
resignation of Mrs. Charles Thomas
accepted. At the next meeting of
the club two important amendments
in contemplation are to receive dis-
cussion and a full attention is asked.
At this meeting also, which will be
with Mrs. McNatt on February 13, the
study of "Hamlet" will be taken up.
The new texts and outlines will be
distributed before the meeting if poss-
ible.

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

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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. If 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

Town..... County..... State.....

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I desire to buy property corresponding approximately with the following specifications: Town or city.....

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Price between \$..... and \$..... I will pay

\$..... down and balance.....

Remarks.....

Name..... Address.....

**"Encouraging In-
crease In Pressure"**

**Supervisor Wilson's Report Shows
Excellent Conditions**

W. A. Wilson, district supervisor of artesian wells in the Pecos Valley, has completed his quarterly inspection and reports as follows: There are 509 wells in the district. 322 in Chaves county and 177 in Eddy county. There has been an encouraging increase in pressure of from 2 to 12 pounds per well in the past three months, differing according to locality. There has been a loss of pressure in only one or two cases, and these were because of leaks or other defect in the well.—Roswell Record.

To The Business Public

On and after Monday Febru-
ary 4th 1907 the First National
Bank and the Bank of Artesia
will open promptly at 9 o'clock
and will close at 3 o'clock.

R. M. Ross Cashier

1st National Bank of Artesia
Hugh M. Gage Cashier.
Bank of Artesia.

Frainers Call At Broom Factory

I have moved my broom factory into
the old Tom Logan Tin Shop next door
to the bakery on Main Street and will
furnish brooms direct to consumer at reason-
able price.
Call and see me about a farmers or-
ganization.
W. B. Naylor

Work Wanted

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

C. R. Flook has been ill this
week but is improving now
and able to appear at his office
part of the day.

The time for collecting the
school poll tax has arrived and
the collector is out extracting
a "buck" per from each of his
fellow citizens. THE ADVOCATE
is willing to give eight months
subscription in lieu of the swag.
Joe Jacobson, proprietor of the
Grand Leader leaves tomorrow
for St Louis where he will
spend several weeks buying
goods and visiting his father,
Mr. Jacobson.

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

Misses Tolleson and Older
assisted by Miss Hope Clarke
gave one of their delightful
entertainments at Lake Arthur
last night.

Nicely furnished room for
rent. Charges reasonable. Ap-
ply to Mrs. E. G. Pomeroy; of

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There have been a lot of fool
things said by the anti county
people during the present
squabble but in the matter of
double-distilled, triple-extract,
100 proof, home brewn asuini-
ty this man Hinkle of Roswell
deserves to have the little blue
ribbon tied in a bow knot on
his manger, and in addition to
be granted a life membership
in the Honorable Order of
Bughouse Jackassaworys. Hin-
kle says that, "For several
years Roswell has been suffer-
ing for the middle valley by
being used as a show ground to
prospectors that the lands down
the valley might be sold on
Roswell's merits. In that way
we have boosted the middle
and lower valley more than
they can ever repay." If you
can't catch on to the joke with-
out a diagram, your case is
hopeless.

E. O. Peck of Lower Penasco
was in town yesterday and
brought THE ADVOCATE a fine
lot of turnips, great big fellows.
Mr. Peck met an old friend
here, Henry Dunn, from Ham-
ilton county, Texas, whose
father he knew thirty-five years
ago.

A number of girls enjoyed
an Old Fashioned Taffy Pull at
the home of Miss Orr on Tues-
day evening. Those present
were: Mrs. Luke Gage, Misses
Ora and Mary Heath, Blanche
and Clea Parker, Rossie and
Bernice Temple, Newkirk,
Owen, Williamson, Rice, Gage
and Brown.

Call at Uneedda wagon yard
for bailed hay and salt grass,
phone 32.

Who Pays the Piper?

There is but one question of
paramount importance before
the people of Eddy county to-
day and that is whether we are
to have an honest an economi-
cal administration of county
affairs.

Politics is the art of govern-
ment. National politics of state,
county politics of county.

If your party candidate is e-
bout as good as the other, fellow
vote for your own man; that
strengthens your party and
helps you secure the triumph
of your principles.

If your party falls into dis-
honest or incompetent hands
locally a house cleaning is
needed. We believe such is
the case in Eddy county now.
If a lot of land, thousands of
acres of it, disappears without
leaving any sort of hole in the
ground, it will at least leave an
aching void in the treasury
that must be filled, and you,
dear taxpayer, must do the
filling.

We are glad to note that
Artesia Republicans agree with
us in regard to the futility of
putting out the Carlsbad Dem-
ocratic machine and putting in
the Carlsbad Republican ma-
chine. What we want is a
square deal. To secure it we
need the cooperation of all re-
gardless of politics, not here in
Artesia alone but all over Eddy
county. THE ADVOCATE is not
interested in securing a lot of
offices for Artesians but wants a
better adjustment of taxes for
Artesia.

If we pay the fiddler let us
have a look in on the dancers.