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"IT IS HIGH TIME,"

Says Captain Bujac, to Look to The Betterment of Conditions in Eddy County.

The following is a letter addressed to the editor of the Advocate Tuesday by Captain E. P. Bujac, the well known lawyer and politician of Carlsbad. It carries a sentiment that every good citizen can endorse—barring, of course, that portion referring to Talbot himself, which is apparently thrown in good for measure and can be taken with a grain of salt:

Carlsbad, N. M. Dec. 10, 1907.
Mr. Gayle Talbot,

Editor Artesia Advocate,
Artesia, N. Mex.
My dear Mr. Talbot:

I have read your able arguments as to why the officers of Eddy County should be retained on a salaried basis. I very much agree with you in your views and endorse everything you have to say. All citizens, when announcing themselves as candidates, attempt to appear patriotic in offering their services to the people. However, after the elections are over, we simply find that one set of officers have succeeded the other merely for what there is in it, in the way of fees. It is a fact that some candidates for office in Eddy County have spent enough money campaigning for their legitimate services during their incumbency and they maintain that they must collect their legitimate fees in order to reimburse themselves for campaign expenditures. Should your plan be adopted, and I have no idea but that it will, it would, at least, eliminate these campaign expenditures to such an extent as to not give officers an excuse for insisting upon the last farthing that is coming to them by virtue of the office they hold.

I am not a hero worshiper but in making an honest confession, without intending any flattery and only intending to do justice to the leading spirit of the Pecos Valley, permit me to say: I have long since been convinced that the Editor of the Artesia Advocate is the one man who stands head and shoulders above all other men for good government and the advance of Eddy County. Your paper is a credit to the Valley and would be a credit to any country as all intelligent people appreciate good, clean, pure, high toned and instructive news; such as is always found in your paper and of which we are justly proud.

I pay a good many dollars in taxes and seem to get a very little for my money so it is high time that we should look to the betterment of our conditions and there is no more patriotic way to proceed than that you have mapped out for the guidance of those that are willing to learn.

With the best of good wishes to you and hoping you will ever meet with the success you deserve, I am,

Your friend,
E. P. Bujac.

Mesdames L. W. Martin, A. F. Lesley and C. V. Brainard were soliciting funds Tuesday with which to purchase a piano for the high school auditorium.

A STRONG STATEHOOD ARGUMENT.

According to the figures compiled by Traveling Auditor Charles V. Safford the assessment of taxable property in New Mexico for the present year amounts to over \$5,000,000, or an increase of eleven per cent over 1906. This, it must be understood, by no means represents the actual value of the property subject to taxation which is estimated by competent persons to be at least four times greater than the assessed valuation. An eleven per cent increase in one year is certainly a very creditable showing. No doubt at this time the actual value is much greater as the figures above given were compiled from the tax schedules dated March 1, 1907, and as it is well established that thousands of immigrants bringing much money and property into the territory have come into it since that date and have settled within its limits. The figures given in the statement are certainly a strong basis for a good argument in the present statehood movement. Under a state government the increases immediately after statehood is attained may be estimated as doubled and trebled yearly. The territory of New Mexico is now in the public eye and is attracting many immigrants and much capital. The state of New Mexico would be more so and will be sought for homes by many more immigrants than is the case now.—Santa Fe New Mexico.

Rural Route to Be Established.

Postmaster Hamilton has in contemplation the putting on of a special delivery route out of Artesia, and it looks now like the project will go through all right. This depends, however, upon the co-operation of the farmers concerned. Mr. D. M. Elder is securing names of subscribers and should get the help of everybody. There will be no cost to subscribers, outside of procuring mail boxes, and mail will be delivered every day along the route. There is nothing to be lost and all to be gained by having the route established. See Mr. Elder and tell him to give you a box.

Annual Christmas Bazar.

The ladies of the Christian church will hold their annual Bazar at the old Racket Store Building, beginning Thursday, December, 19th. A dainty ten cent lunch will be served in connection. Fancy articles suitable for Christmas presents will be on sale.

Commercial Club to Entertain.

The Artesia Commercial Club will entertain in a social way at the club room on the evening of the 17th for members and their wives—and sweethearts. Interesting games will be provided.

PLANT HOME-GROWN SEED.

Very Important That Nothing But the Purest Alfalfa Seed be Sown in the Valley.

Pecos Valley farmers should be very careful about where the alfalfa seed comes from that is sown this year. If possible, no seed should be sown that is not known to have been grown right here at home and guaranteed free of noxious seeds. Nothing is more important than this. Farmers should use the utmost caution and pains in securing and sowing none but the highest quality of seed. Nowhere else can seed be grown free from weeds except in an irrigated section where the crop of alfalfa grows fast and matures before weed seed is formed. There is plenty of seed grown around Artesia this year that is 100 per cent pure. Alfalfa seed is expensive at best and doubly or trebly so if it will not grow or carries with it trash and quantities of seeds which stock a field, a farm or a neighborhood with weed pests that interfere with or crowd out the alfalfa, displace expected profit with positive loss and provoke profanity.

Recognizing the fact that much of the seed on sale is entirely unreliable, the Agricultural department at Washington and some of the more wide-awake experiment stations have been making tests to discover the defects and value of seed ordinarily found in the market, and some startling revelations are the result. The Washington investigators, for example, found in one pound of so-called alfalfa seed on sale, 32,420 noxious weed seeds, in another 23,082, and in still another 21,428. Of the first named pound less than 59 per cent was alfalfa, less than 29 per cent was germinable, and among its impurities were 5,490 seeds of dodder—surely the devil's own invention. One pound of another lot contained only a fraction of over 5 per cent that would grow, and of a third lot but slightly over 6 per cent.

The Ohio station bought, for testing fifteen different samples, a dollar's worth each. A pound from one of these carried 18,144 lambs-quarter or pig weed seeds, and another 6,420 seeds of crab grass and 3,325 of foxtail. Seed supposedly costing \$7.80 per bushel was, when cleaned, found to have cost actually \$12.74 per bushel.

The Oklahoma station, among many samples, tested one having 60 per cent pure seed and 40 per cent of impurities. Only 65 per cent was germinable. Another sample (which at first sight would be classified as good) was found to contain per pound 453 with grass seed, 90 plantain seeds, 151 crab grass seeds, 90 wild carrot seeds, 453 foxtail seeds and 155 Russian thistle seeds. As the official who made this test says, if twenty pounds of alfalfa seed

of this grade were used to sow an acre, one would have approximately two seeds of witch grass and two foxtail seeds for every ten square feet; four seeds of plantain, seven Russian thistle and six seeds of crab grass for each 100 square feet. These would doubtless grow, and the mischief they might lead to nobody can estimate.

Among samples of "alfalfa" seed offered for sale Prof. Roberts of the Kansas experiment station found one with more than 88 per cent of impurities and 34 different kinds of foreign seeds, and these constituted 31.5 per cent of the whole. In this lot were also 3.8 per cent of trash and dirt, and 53 per cent of the seeds true to name were incapable of germination. Another sample was 79.3 per cent impurities and 53.3 of the remainder valueless. Twenty-six lots tested by Prof. Roberts contained an average of 44.1 per cent of impurities, including eight different kinds of foreign seeds, amounting to 4.5 per cent, trash and dirt 4 per cent and 35.8 per cent of what was really alfalfa seed was not germinable. But 20.2 per cent of the seed true to name and capable germination. Using this sample as an example, Roberts says that "computed on the basis of the cost of standard alfalfa seed it would have taken 73.9 pounds per acre of this seed to give as much of a stand as could have been secured with fifteen pounds of standard seed. To secure such a stand from the seed in question it would have necessitated the purchase of so much seed as to bring the actual cost up to \$11.92 per acre, making the actual cost \$9.26 per bushel. But this is not all. There would have been sown on the land over 4 million weed seeds of various species, or 105 to the square foot."

Of course, as a matter of fact, where bad seed is sown the actual result is a weak, poor stand of alfalfa and a dense growth of weeds. The land has to be plowed up and reseeded, the use of the land for a year is lost, and it has become foul with weeds, many of which will be newly introduced and noxious in character. These findings pointedly suggest that it is safe to buy seed of only a thoroughly reputable dealer or grower whose name and guarantee stand for something. Get samples early and test them. Learn positively that it is alfalfa seed and not something else. If more than 10 per cent fails to grow, don't buy it, for something is wrong. Choice seed, the only kind worth growing, always commands a good price and is worth it.

The members of the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, met Tuesday night and elected annual officers as follows: Henry Nimitz, president; John Price, vice-president; S. B. Dyer, secretary and M. M. Irman, physician.

NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE.

Will Go Into Effect in a Few Days—No More Alfalfa Time.

News has reached Roswell, unofficially as yet, that a new schedule is soon to go into effect on the railroad and that at the time it operates the through trains will be sent on the cut-off of the Santa Fe, via Texico, Amarillo and northward. At the same time the Roswell-Albuquerque train will start on its daily trips. For the present there will probably be no train out of Roswell other than the present daily train each way, but it will connect at Texico with the train to Albuquerque. This probably will necessitate a change in the time of the morning train north, throwing it an hour earlier out of Roswell. Definite announcement of the new schedule and the time it goes into effect can be made the latter part of this week.

An interesting change that will come with the new schedule is the abolition of "alfalfa" time. When the thru trains begin running over the Belen cut-off the Pecos Valley trains will be run on mountain time, which is the same as the Roswell's local time. Thus there will be no difference in railroad and local time, and the necessity of referring to local time will be abolished. The confusion that results from having two different times will be gladly dispensed with.—Roswell Record.

Better to Boost Than Growl.

The loyal citizens of the town of Carlsbad might learn a valuable lesson from the basketball teams which played an interesting game on the school grounds, in this city, last Saturday afternoon, in which the home team defeated the visitors from Artesia by a score of eighteen to seven. The game was witnessed by a large crowd of the citizens of the town, and also a large representation of the school children. The latter were "rooters" of the right sort and were urged onward into the hard fought battle by incessant cheers which followed each successful play. They "boosted" for their home team and the result was "victory." If the people of the town would "boost" and "root" with the same zeal and enthusiasm shown by the younger generation which crowded the side lines of the ball field, the town of Carlsbad would soon be the largest town in the southwest. Let the lesson sink deep into your hearts and act on it.—Carlsbad Argus.

There are a number of new citizens moving into the Hope country this year and they are finding good homes at a small cost. There are no better orchards in the world than are to be found in the valley of the Penasco near Hope and the man hunting investments can do no better than to go and see that wonderful country.

For Best Fire Insurance See L. W. Martin

ST. CECELIA CLUB.

Interesting Musical Program and a Speech by James D. Whelan.

What is perhaps the most interesting program in the brief history of the organization was heard at last Friday's session of the St. Cecilia Club. The papers introduced were well written and clearly read and the music was of its usual high quality. The club was fortunate in hearing Mrs. Mark Corbin of Galesburg, Ill. Her voice is one of unusual strength and training and her expression perfect. The program in full was as follows:

Biography of Mendelssohn, Mrs. Keinath.

Piano, "Midsummer Night's Dream, Mendelssohn, Mrs. W. E. Ragsdale.

Vocal, "Merrily I Row," Schleiffarth, Mrs. Olin Ragsdale. Encore selection, "Calm is the Night," Bohm.

Piano, "Spinning Wheel," Mendelssohn, Miss Newkirk.

Vocal, "I Would That My Love," music by Mendelssohn, Mesdames Reed and Birney.

"Description of an Orchestra," Mrs. Patrick.

Piano, "Hunting Song" Mendelssohn, Mrs. McCrary. Encore selection, "Polka de Concert," Bartlett.

Piano, Rondo Capriccioso, Mendelssohn, Miss McIlhany.

Vocal, "When the Heart is Young," Dudley Buck. Mrs. Corbin. Encore selection "In the Dark, in the Dew."

A short business session followed the program. The offer of the Methodist church building as the future meeting place of the club was accepted. It was decided that the serving of refreshments be discontinued as more money would be needed for piano rent in future. It was voted that encores be barred out, thus permitting longer regular programs. The parts on program will in future be assigned three months in advance. The names of George R. Fletcher, Theodore Martin and Fletcher Owen were presented for membership.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. James D. Whelan asked the privilege of making a few remarks. Mr. Whelan has the knack of saying the right thing in the right way. His talk on this occasion was of such character and served so well its purpose, that we have been requested to publish the gist of it.

The speaker said that during the week he had heard certain rumors that indicated to him that there was some misapprehension on the part of some of the members of the St. Cecilia Club and others with reference to the action of the Artesia Commercial Club in refusing to amend its bylaws so as to permit the St. Cecilia Club permanently to use the Club rooms as a meeting place. He had also been asked in regard to the matter since he came to the hall and, for these reasons, he deemed it proper to make an explanation of the position taken by the majority of the Commercial Club.

He said that at or about the time the Commercial Club moved to its present quarters the members (no doubt anticipating that at some future

time the use of their meeting room would be requested by other societies that would inevitably be organized) had adopted the bylaw in question. From time to time societies, all meritorious and contributing to the upbuilding of Artesia, had asked the privilege of using the hall as a permanent meeting place and had been refused. The policy of the Club had been to suspend the rules temporarily so as to allow new societies to occupy the room for the purpose of organizing only, after which they sought other halls as permanent quarters. The Fire Company had organized temporarily in the Club room last winter. Recently it had again applied for admission for the purpose of forming a permanent organization but through a misunderstanding, which everybody regrets, had failed to secure admission. The Club room had been opened to the St. Cecilia Club longer than it had ever previously been opened to any society.

Mr. Whelan acknowledged that a few months ago he had advocated opening the Club room to another organization. This proposition was defeated by a decisive vote. Subsequent events convinced him that he had been wrong in the position he occupied at that time. He named several organizations in Artesia aside from the fraternal and religious societies and said that the majority of the members of the Commercial Club felt that if one of said societies were admitted and the others should apply and be refused admission, it would be impossible to give any reasonable excuse for such discrimination. Moreover, those which had formerly unsuccessfully applied would have a valid grievance. On the other hand if all such organizations now existing, or in the process of formation, were to apply and secure admission they would occupy the room every night in the week, were they to hold their meetings all in the same week.

The proposal for the amendment had been laid over from one meeting to the next in conformity to the laws of the Club. The matter had aroused considerable discussion. Every member of the Commercial Club had had ample time to make up his mind. At the meeting which acted on the proposed amendment all members present had been urged to express their opinions on the issue. The vote was by ballot and those who desired could cast a secret vote. The vote stood two for the amendment and forty-two against it. Those who voted against the amendment comprised approximately two-thirds of the total membership of the Commercial Club. Among them were many who, like the speaker, were also members of the St. Cecilia Club.

In conclusion, Mr. Whelan said that he had been moved to speak only through a desire to preserve the harmonious relations that prevailed between the people of Artesia and the several organizations therein. He did not believe that any feeling existed in regard to this affair, but realized that small things often resulted se-

riously in the long run, and that if misapprehensions were allowed to exist in the minds of some, these tiny seeds of discord might in time swell and develop into growths that would interfere with the interests of Artesia when harmony and united action were needed.

Responding, the President said that Mr. Whelan's speech was a complete and satisfactory explanation of the action of the Commercial Club and that the St. Cecilia Club should and did feel grateful for the use of the Club room since the society was formed and also for the other courtesies that had been extended.

ALL INTEREST IS FOCUSED ON CHRISTMAS

And what line of business would you say receives most attention? Guess Jewelry and you'll guess right. It occupies the first place in the heart of all—young and old.

Don't Let Our Display Escape You.

Months ago we decided to be in position to say to Christmas shoppers—Here is a Christmas Jewelry display Demanding your attention.

..Holiday Suggestions..

Diamonds, Watches, Rings, Brooches, Silverware, Cut Glass, Clocks, China.

Take your time to view our showing thoroughly. Ask about quality. Get prices. It's none to soon to do choosing. We are glad to lay aside all selections.

E. N. SKAER, The Jeweler.

Badly Mixed Up.
Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up on me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed for blood poison weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by Pecos Valley Drug Co. 50c.

To Those Who Owe Me.

All persons indebted to me for blacksmith work are urged to come in at once and pay the account. I need the money and must have it.

J. O. Richards.

-Notice

to debtors and creditors of the Estate of M. H. Thomas Deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of M. H. Thomas, deceased, late of the County of Eddy, Territory of New Mexico, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned within the period of one year from date hereof; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

November 29, 1907.

William O. Thomas, Administrator M. H. Thomas, deceased.

Library Association.

The annual election of the Board of Directors of the Artesia Library Association will be held on the first Monday in January 1908, at the Reading Room.

Nana Inman, Sec.

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When to Go Home.

From the Bluffton, Ind., Banner: "When tired out, go home. When you want consolation, go home. When you want fun go home. When you want to show others that you have reformed, go home and let your family get acquainted with the fact. When you want to show yourself at your best go home and do the act there. When you feel like being extra liberal go home and practise on your wife and children first. When you want to shine with extra brilliancy go home and light up the whole household." To which we would add, when you have a cold go home and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and a quick cure is certain. For sale by City Drug Store.

For Sale.

\$40 Victor Talking Machine and 35 good records with case. Take all for \$35.00 and be quick. Write Box 236, Artesia New Mexico. 3 t.

BE A PRIZE WINNER

The November Sale Contest pleased us so much that a second one will be held during the present month, under the same conditions.

To be a prize winner it is only necessary to be one of the eight persons making the largest number of purchases during the month.

Remember the number of sales and not the amount wins. Phone your orders and get slated.

NOVEMBER WINNERS

- Mrs. J. H. Askew, \$3.00.
- Mrs. J. S. Major, \$2.00.
- Mrs. Mary Lesley, \$1.00.
- W. J. Williamson, 50c.
- G. R. Brainard, 50c.
- J. B. Enfield, 50c.
- Rev. W. V. Teer, 50c.
- J. F. Lockney, 50c.

THE ARTESIA MARKET PHONE 8

KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS

WITH Dr. King's New Discovery FOR COUGHS AND ALL THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES. GUARANTEED SATISFACTORY OR MONEY REFUNDED.

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It is not the quantity of food taken but the amount digested and assimilated that gives strength and vitality to the system. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and enable them to perform their functions. The result is a relish for your food, increased strength and weight, greater endurance and a clear head. Price, 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by City Drug Store.

For any of the ordinary diseases of the skin Chamberlain's Salve is excellent. It not only allays the itching and smarting but effects a cure. For sale by City Drug Store.

HIGGINS LAND COMPANY

Sells Cheap Irrigated Lands

PENASCO LODGE No. 32.

Healthy Masonic Lodge Instituted at Hope and Officers Installed Last Friday.

District Deputy Grand Master J. B. Cecill, of this place, accompanied by G. R. Brainard, Chas. S. Hoffman, J. P. Dyer, E. C. Higgins, E. F. Phillips and Harry W. Hamilton, went to Hope last Friday to institute the new Masonic Lodge at that place, to dedicate the hall and to officiate at the election of the officers for the first year. The officers installed were:

A. W. Board, W. M.
W. L. Whitaker, S. W.
J. T. Fanning, J. W.
George Graham, Treasurer.
E. N. Teel, Secretary.

The visitors from Artesia report a most enjoyable meeting with those big-hearted folks at Hope and say the new lodge starts off in a most promising manner. A commodious and comfortable lodge room has been obtained and all members take great interest in the work.

Drowned in Irrigation Ditch.

Word reached Artesia Wednesday of the drowning of a three-year-old child at Hope, the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford. From best information obtainable, it appears that the family lives near the irrigation ditch on the south side of the Penasco and while the parents were temporarily absent, leaving several children at home together, the little one wandered away from the house, attempted to cross the ditch on a foot-log and fell in. The little girl was not missed for some time, in fact, not until about the time Mr. Crockett, a neighbor, discovered the body against a drift about three-quarters of a mile away.

Will Move to Artesia.

E. F. Cooper, the well known real estate agent who has done such strenuous boosting for our thrifty neighbor, Dayton, was in Artesia yesterday looking for a dwelling house and office room, preparatory to making his home in Artesia. He will be agent in charge of the sale of water rights under the big reservoir now being put in west of Dayton, with headquarters at Artesia. The Advocate is mighty glad to see Mr. Cooper enlist as one of the Artesia promoters, for he is a wheel horse that never was known to fail to pull when called upon. His family will make an agreeable addition to the church and social life of the city.

New Woodman Officers.

Election held Tuesday, night, Dec. 10:
Chas. Echols, C. C.; Will Kuykendall, A. L.; Will Watkins, Banker; Lee Haines, Watchman; Bob Harris, Sentry; J. D. Graham, Physician; D. W. Runyan, J. C., Highsmith and George Bain, Managers; J. E. Swepston, Clerk.

1100 Fine shade trees, Locust, Maple, Elm and Sycamore, 1 to 2 inches in diameter.

At Artesia Nursery.

A VERY FINE WELL.

Commissioner Turknett is Again the Fortunate Possessor of a Monster Gusher.

What is unquestionably one of the very largest artesian wells ever struck is being completed on the J. W. Turknett land, two miles south of town today. It easily demonstrates that the day of big wells is still with us, notwithstanding the misrepresentations of panhandle land agents. The well was bored by C. L. Heath & Co., and is an eight-inch hole and 790 feet deep. The well has not yet fully cleared itself, but there are two big ditches of water running from it and the pressure is something enormous. At one time yesterday, stones six inches in diameter were thrown out. So far, the attempt to put down a liner in the well has proven only partially successful, owing to the great pressure. However, it is expected that the well will be properly capped in a day or two and indications are that the eight-inch stream will then mount up to about ten feet above the end of the casing. If cased up, the water will mount probably two hundred feet in the air.

That Red School-House Affair.

The well advertised entertainment and box-supper scheduled for Thursday evening at "the little red school-house" was pulled off at the proper time but at the house of J. T. Collins south of town. The change of location was made for various reasons but chiefly to gain the use of the Collin's piano. It turned out to be better than advertised, the program taking so well that it was nearly doubled in length because of the numerous recalls. There were recitations by Misses Ruth Lesley, Jewel Logsdon, Blanche Jones, Candace Cramer, Lydia Kloppenstein, and Abbie Blakesley; a piano solo by Miss Boos and vocal solos by Maude Erb and Ranford Moore. These were interspersed with selections by a little orchestra that was "well worth the price of the show,"—violin, Mrs. Wright, guitar, Wm McCall, and piano, Kent Erb. The evening was arranged by C. F. Erb and his class from the Presbyterian Sunday School and was for the purpose of raising part of the money they had pledged on the church debt. With Mr. Erb as auctioneer, the sale of boxes brought in \$41.55 with all the resulting fun as additional gain. Mr. Erb wishes to thank Mr. C. for his hospitality, all those who helped toward the success of the affair, and to extend a cordial invitation to all future social functions of his class.

Money in Cauliflower.

C. S. Lewis, living north of town, yesterday sold three heads of cauliflower to Joyce-Pruit Co. for \$2.40. Nothing could be grown that will beat a yield like this, and the strange part of it is that so few farmers turn their attention to the growing of vegetables. The finest of egg plants have grown in Artesia this year, but in a very limited way. Egg plants have sold here as high as 25c each that were shipped here from a distance.

Rev. Stout will preach at the Christian church tomorrow morning and evening.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

To the ordinary person is a task. They want to buy something appropriate and that will be acceptable to their friends, but nine times out of ten go into a store with no definite idea at all as to what they are going to buy.

For the benefit of such we have compiled a list of presents that may be found at our store, suitable for any member of the family or friend. Remember this list is only a partial list of the many beautiful and useful presents we carry, a visit to see our immense display being necessary to convince you of its magnitude, but this list will suffice for a general idea:

FOR BOYS.

Boys like something they can get immediate action on, and we recommend the following:

Air Guns,
Balls,
Books,
Banks,
Automobiles,
Dominos,
Boxing Gloves,
Game Boards,
Harmonicas,
Roller Skates,
Games,
Engines,
Marbles,
Toy Trains,
Velocipedes,
Wagons,
Tool Boxes,
Foot Balls,
Printing Outfits,
Box Kites,
Brownie Cameras,
Magic Lanterns.

FOR MEN.

Men appreciate something they can use, yet that will remain a reminder of the donor. We suggest these:

Gold Fobs,
Stick Pins,
Scarf Pins,
Emblem Pins,
Dairy for 1908,
Cuff Buttons,
Elegant Ink Wells,
Fountain Pens,
Gem Safety Razors,
Collar and Cuff Boxes,
Letter Openers,
Manicure Pieces,
Paper Weights, fancy,
Silver Smoking Sets,
Historical Novels,
Military Brushes,
Swastika Charms,
Leather Traveling Rolls,
Meerschmumpf Pipes,
Boxes of Fine Cigars,
Gillette Safety Razors.

FOR GIRLS.

Girls, on the same line as boys, like something useful, yet more refined than boys:

Books,
Box Paper,
Box Candy,
Fairy Stories,
Library Sets,
Dolls,
Dishes,
Eastman Kodaks
Kodak Albums,
Thimbles,
Stoves,
Souvenir spoons,
Table Croquette,
Christmas Cards,
Toy Beds,
Games,
Post Card Albums,
Burro Calendars,
Burnt Leather Bags,
Gold Penholders,
Leather Writing Desks,
Victor Talking Machines.

FOR LADIES.

Ladies like something they can use for personal adornment or to beautify the home:

Manicure Sets,
Silver Toilet Cases
Hand Painted China,
Silver Jewel Boxes,
Libby Cut Glass,
Kodak Albums,
Chafing Dishes,
Silver Tableware,
Boxes of Candy,
Fancy Box Paper,
Finest Perfumery,
Ebony Hand Mirrors,
Cut Glass Water Sets,
Silver Nut Picks,
Solid Gold Bracelets,
No. 1A Folding Kodaks,
Victor Talking Machines,
Gold Chains and Rings,
Mission Mantle Clocks,
Set Christy Drawings,
Five O'Clock Tea Kettles,
Latest Copyright Fiction,
Framed Pictures

Remember we buy nothing but the best, and carry anything in the Holiday Goods line found in other Artesia stores and in addition Eastman Kodaks and Victor Talking Machines.

Upon part payment we will lay aside any article desired, to be called and paid for later.

We earnestly urge every one to buy Christmas Goods early. You get the pick of the stock, just as good prices, and are not compelled to shop in the jam that is inevitable during the closing days of the season. Yours for Presents,

PECOS VALLEY DRUG COMPANY.

Here's Good Advice.

O. S. Woolver, one of the best known merchants of Le Raysville, N. Y., says: "If you are ever troubled with piles, apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured me of them for good 20 years ago." Guaranteed for sores, wounds, burns or abrasions. 25c at Pecos Valley Drug Co.

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Business Change.

Mr. J. E. Swepston, who has occupied the position of business manager of the Advocate since the organization of the Artesia Publishing Company, this week resigns his position in order to devote more of his time to attend to his duties as insurance agent, city secretary and justice of the peace. The Company has been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Virginia Kennady, who recently moved to Artesia from Owensboro, Kentucky. She will look after the business department of the paper, soliciting business and making collections. Miss Kennady has had considerable experience in this line of work and we are sure the patrons of the office will find her attentive to their wants. As subscription solicitor for the Courier Journal, she earned and accepted a free trip to Europe a year or so ago, and is thoroughly imbued with the idea that it is every man's duty to take his home paper. So we trust that everyone who is not now a member of the Advocate's family will get ready to subscribe as soon as called upon. Any and all favors extended Miss Kennady will be appreciated by the management of the Advocate.

It is not a crime to knock the knocker.

Artesia has two saloons and five churches—not a bad ratio for the "wild and wooly west."

Roswell seems to be the richest town in the territory. Over 50 automobiles are owned in the prosperous burg and its immediate vicinity.

There is no greater trust or combination in America today than the association of insurance underwriters. From its rulings, there is no appeal and millions of dollars are arbitrarily wrung from the people every year. The combination is so great that Theodore doesn't dare discuss it in his messages.

Four out of the six newspapers in Eddy county have declared squarely for the plan of paying county officers a stated salary and letting the taxpayers get the benefit of all fees. It is a question of common sense and self-preservation and should be endorsed by every voter, regardless of politics. Let us get together as citizens and forever stop the reign of official graft in Eddy county.

The women of Carlsbad are progressive, anyway. They have established a free reading room for the public. There is no reason why the institution should not become a permanent feature of the town's social life. When gambling goes out next month, the old boys of

the county seat town will be out of a loafing place evenings and they will find good company and good literature to help them forget that they live in Carlsbad.

There is unquestionably a combination on between Panhandle real estate men and various Santa Fe agents which works very much to the detriment of the Pecos Valley. The homeseeker's rate from Chicago to Artesia is no more than from Chicago to Amarillo or Texico, yet the prospector is often told different and as a result never get to see the best portion of the Great Southwest. Homeseekers should insist on seeing Artesia and accept no substitute. There is nothing "just as good" between Maine and Mexico.

The Carlsbad Argus, the Republican paper published at the county seat, comes out squarely in behalf of the effort to reduce conduct of county affairs to a business basis, along the lines proposed in the Advocate two weeks ago and further emphasized today. We are glad to see this. What Eddy county needs is good, clean, economical government and it is a question that effects every man, regardless of politics. It is one move that every loyal citizen should come out on. The Argus can do a lot of good work down in the south end if it stays with its guns.

The First National Bank of Artesia publishes a statement this week which shows that pioneer banking house to be in excellent shape. At no time during the money stringency has the First National been the least embarrassed. It's able officers have looked well to the interests of all patrons and extended accommodations whenever called upon. This bank was established when Artesia's commercial life consisted mostly of fond anticipations and has been an unfailing friend of the town ever since. The community is to be congratulated upon its stability.

For the benefit of anyone interested, the editor of the Advocate desires to say that he is no toady. He is nobody's jumping-jack to obey the pull of the string. As a representative newspaper, the Advocate will emphasize what we consider to be the better sentiment of the community without favor to any man or organization of men. It will not withhold its opinions until some self-constituted Simon says "thumbs up." Neither will it play the dog's tail and refuse to wag until Fido barks. In observing this course, we may make the mistakes that a less independent paper would avoid, but that fact will not deter us from doing that for which the Advocate has always been noted—working for Artesia in season and out of season. This was its mission when this glad vale was but a succession of sand dunes reaching away to the foothills. We have seen adventurers come, tarry awhile and hike back to the easy lanes of mediocrity, and, Providence permitting, the Advocate will continue to sing the praise of the valley long after other people of like stamina have come and gone.

MUCH NEEDED REFORM.

Believes it Would be a Great Saving of People's Money to Pay Straight Salaries.

In this issue of the Progress, we reproduce an article from the Artesia Advocate under the caption of "Common Sense in County Government."

We commend the article to the careful consideration of our readers. It is worth reading over twice.

That the tax rate in Eddy county is enormously high, no man, whether he be merchant, professional man, stock man or farmer, will deny, and as the Advocate says, it is time to call a halt, and cast about for some remedy for this growing evil.

The tax question in this county is something appalling. It is doing more harm to the valley than all other evils combined. We do not believe that this valley will ever be settled with a thrifty, business class of citizens until the tax rate is down somewhere within the bounds of reason and common sense.

We believe that the Advocate has struck the key note, and we heartily agree with it in regard to the salary of county officials, and we hope that the time will soon come when the much needed reform will be brought about.—Lakewood Progress.

The Limit About Reached.

A man would be base indeed who would add to the tax burdens of the citizens of Eddy county.—Carlsbad Argus.

The tax-payers in this end of Eddy county are suffering very little uneasiness along that line, Brother Reed. The tax rate has been already added to about all the law will allow, and it would be hard to think that our officials will raise the rate of rendition any further. The amount of taxable property has about doubled in the past four years and the rate of taxation has kept pace with it. Ordinarily, one would suppose that an increase in assessable values would mean a corresponding decrease in the tax rate, but not so under the present rule of financiering in this county. The more we have to pay with, the more we have to pay, and no one is declaring a dividend—unless it be the men who hold the offices. We are paying no bonded indebtedness and making no public improvements—except Carlsbad's new place house. Of course we have voted to build a new bridge, too, but no levy for that has been made yet. We can see no reason now why the crime should be committed, to which the Argus refers. There is a limit to all things and, like the current telephone rates, there is neither room nor excuse for laying further tribute.

They Will Grow.

Friday and Saturday the Artesia basket ball team played the local team, the game attracting a large crowd. The team work of the visiting club was fine but they were too light for Carlsbad's team who won both games by strong scores.—Carlsbad Current.

Protect Your Trees.

20,000 tree protectors. \$10.00 per 1000. Artesia Nursery

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BUY A Pecos Valley Farm

We have this week secured exclusive listing on a few very choice tracts of land in the great artesian belt of the Pecos Valley—first class land. Some is already watered and the other is certain of water. We never offer a customer land that is out of the proven artesian level unless he specially desires it. Three of the tracts listed this week are special bargains—can be sold at from \$2.50 to \$10. less than adjoining land.

If you have a desire for a good farm where failure is unknown, write us immediately or come and let us show you.

The members of our firm are pioneers in Artesia and perhaps better acquainted with the situation than any other parties now doing business here.

CLAYTON, TALBOT & TERRILL, THE LAND MEN.

Who Deposits Your Money?

If you have acquired the habit of carrying a lot of loose "change" around in your pocket the chances are that at least this much of your money is deposited by somebody else. If you have never tried banking your "small change" frequently do it now and see what a surprise awaits you at the end of the year.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS:

Showing That Financial Stringency Has But Little Effect Upon Homeseekers.

The Farmers' Land League negotiated the following deals this week:

To William Nichol, of Nebraska, a fine watered quarter section north of town; to Gottlieb Huscher, of Kansas, the Smith 160 near Cottonwood springs; to Mr. Maddox, who last week sold his farm south of Artesia, the Alison homestead, five and a half miles north of town.

Wm. Crandall & Company sold the Kosmeta eighty acres, south of town, to Frank Mains, of Iowa.

Also the George Morten land west of town, to L. C. Hillman, of Iowa.

Also the Randall 320 on Cottonwood to Miles Grant, of Iowa.

D. D. Sullivan sold the O. P. Weddle ranch of 160 acres, southeast of town, to Timothy O'Hein, of Falls City, Nebraska.

Williams & Hess sold to Frisby Irvin, of Ponca City, Oklahoma, 160 acres out of the Hadley tract, east of town. The new purchaser let the contract immediately for the boring of an artesian well to the Parker Drilling Company and will move down to make Artesia his home immediately.

The Artesia Commission Company sold to Henry Kyenke, of Nebraska, the Warfle 160 acres, three miles southwest of town.

Advocate's Reputation Intact.

It was one year ago that the Advocate published an item to effect that Farmer R. W. Terrill had realized ninety dollars per acre off of a crop of ribbon cane that he made into syrup and sold at sixty cents per gallon. The tale was a true one and we have never seen fit to deny it, notwithstanding the fact that a lot of papers in the west (including the Roswell Register-Tribune) having been prompted, through a spirit of jealousy, to ridicule the idea of a man making \$90 per acre off of land that could be bought for half the money. The man who lives outside of an irrigated country is to be excused for being skeptical on most everything. He really doesn't know what old mother earth will do if given a fair chance. As a further pro of that our tale about the "long sweetening" was consistent—if not absolutely puny—we republish the following item which appeared in last week's Pecos Times.

H. T. Hodges planted seed of a species of sorghum called ribbon cane, although it is not the genuine cane (which does not seed in the United States) near Balmorhea, from which he made more than an average of 200 gallons of fine syrup per acre, which he finds ready sale at sixty cents a gallon, MAKING \$120 dollars per acre, gross.

There can be no better Christmas present for your wife and children than a nice buggy. They need the outdoor life and sunshine. Fatherree-Enfield Hardware Company will sell you a nice buggy or trap cheaper than you ever saw one sell in the Pecos Valley before, if you buy between this and January first.

Bought a Package of Trouble.

Our handsome and unsuspecting friend, Jim Nelson, city marshal and ex-officio engineer of the fire department, has it seems been handed a large, juicy lemon, and what he will do with it time alone can tell. Just when he came into possession of the citrus fruit, does not appear. The discovery was made last week when Well Inspector H. E. Mull brought the strong arm of the law into play in an attempt to collect the inspector's tax off John R. Hodges, secretary of the old water-works company and only known owner of the original town well. Mr. Hodges did not respond to the "touch" worth a cent and plead that he was no longer owner of stock in the company, having sold his interest to Mr. Nelson aforesaid. And further inquiry elicited the amusing information that when Jim wasn't looking he became owner of the Denning stock also. The consideration of sale, it is stated, was a certain part and parcel of land. We have been unable to learn whether this was a lot in the cemetery or a placer claim in the Black Warrior district of Eddy county. Perhaps, after all, it was a pre-emption upon a bee course in Tennessee. However, that is a small item and doesn't matter. Sufficient it is to know that Mr. Nelson is now proprietor of the old water-works company and all the trials and tribulations there unto appertaining. As an employee of the city, he is in charge of the municipal plant and sole proprietor of the old system. Those citizens who have not been satisfied about the stability of their sixty-dollars-permanent water-rights will now know to whom to carry their burdens. Mr. Nelson is a good man and doubtless has a warranty deed from the former proprietors who will make good any claim against the concern(?)

How Diphtheria is Contracted.

One often hears the expression, "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diphtheria germ. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being contracted. For sale by City Drug Store.

New Eastern Star Officers.

A regular election held last Monday night, the following officers were elected for Artesia Eastern Star Lodge for ensuing year:

Mrs. John S. Major, W. M.; Henry Nimitz, W. P.; Mrs. J. P. Lowry, A. M.; Mrs. E. E. McNatt, Conductress; Miss Lillian Major, Assistant Conductress; Mrs. George Frisk, Secretary; Mrs. M. M. Inman, Treasurer; Mrs. Kittie Bruning, Warder; J. P. Dyer, Sentinel.

A Dangerous Deadlock.

that sometimes terminates fatally, is the stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations, Dr. King's New Life Pills should be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at Pecos Valley Drug Co. 25c

Mrs. R. C. Grace has returned to her home in Bisbee, Arizona, after a visit to the family of her brother, I. R. Daniel.

You're Going to Want a Nice Up-to-date SHIRT WAIST

TO WEAR CHRISTMAS OR SOMETIME DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.....

We are going to give you a chance to own one for a very little price. Beginning **MONDAY MORNING** and up until Christmas, we offer you our full and complete line of ladies' ready made Shirt Waists at a discount of 25 per cent. or just

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Our line of waists comprise the very latest styles that are in vogue this season and are made by The Gem Garment Co. of Indianapolis, Ind. They fit where others fail, and if you want a perfect fitting garment, give The Gem a trial. If they are not right in every way, bring them back and get your money.

We are showing some pretty novelties in men's Neckwear, Silk Suspenders, Mufflers, Fancy Vests, Etc. They are just the things for substantial Christmas gifts. If you miss seeing our line you don't see the best in town—and you pay more elsewhere besides.

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GET THE HABIT-- GO TO THE

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The artesian well law requires the well owner to furnish a log of his well and provides a penalty for his failure to do so, you should have Mull drill your well. He furnishes the log and complies with all other requirements of the well law, thus preventing the expense of legal complications.

Our rig is not operated by farmers nor cow-punchers, but drillers of twenty years experience.

City Transfer

W. J. Williamson, Prop.

All kinds of hauling and transfer work. Give me a call.

To Those Who Owe Me.

All persons indebted to me for blacksmith work are urged to come in at once and pay the account. I need the money and must have it.

J. O. Richards.

For Rent—My farm, 20 acres of alfalfa, about 35 acres of other land in cultivation. Water right, 3 miles from Hope. Address Frank Wyckoff. 2-t Hope, New Mexico.

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And other points on

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Secretary and Treasurer, WILLIAM DOOLEY.

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WILLIAMS & HESS REAL ESTATE LIST YOUR LAND WITH US ARTESIA, : NEW MEXICO

ROSE LAWN

5 to 7 acre suburban lots will be advanced in price January 1st. 45 acres of the sub-division have been seeded to alfalfa this fall. A contract for an artesian well is let. 10 or 15 acres more of orchards and grape vines will be planted this winter. 1000 more constant-blooming roses will be planted on the avenues. These tracts, ideal for homes and small orchards, with domestic water main, and artesian well irrigation system, with annual water rental, are only on sale to actual home builders. If this is what you are looking for, call on or address,

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BLACKSMITHING AND WOODWORK, WAGON AND BUGGY AND FARM IMPLEMENTS, HORSESHOEING.

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W. H. Watkins

On Corner Second and Texas Streets, at the big Red Shop. All work guaranteed.

LOCALS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Abstracts—Opposite Bank of Artesia.

Ewing Walling came in from Texico Thursday.

E. A. Clayton made a business trip to Roswell yesterday.

J. Weaver Foster, of the Land Exchange, is rustling buyers in the north.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Heck, of Dayton were visitors to the city Thursday afternoon.

Will McBride treaded the thorny paths of the third rank in Pythianism last night.

Miss Vera Heath is waiting upon Christmas customers in the Pecos Valley Drug Co.

Elmer Feemster bagged four dozen ducks and two dozen snipe one afternoon this week.

County Commissioner Allen Heard was up getting acquainted with his sovereigns Thursday.

The Pecos Times announces, officially, that vacant lots are nuisances. Of course they are. Build on 'em.

Wyatt Johnson, one of the hustling representatives of Artesia Nursery, has been in the city this week.

E. A. Johnson, the former well known photographer, is in the city, after spending the summer in Oklahoma.

Louis Ayers, of Hope, has sold to J. H. Beckham his water right under the Cat Claw Draw irrigation system.

J. D. Whelan, formerly editor and now real estate dealer at Artesia, came up this morning on a business visit.—Roswell Record.

The new school on Cottonwood has opened up, with Mr. H. G. Howard as teacher. It has an enrollment of twenty-seven students.

Will the party who borrowed the doll and hat from Miss Crawford's window Thursday evening be so kind as to return same at once, and save trouble as the party is known.

Members of the Library Association, Artesia's pioneer organization, are preparing for the presentation of a society drama on December 26.

J. C. Maxwell was a visitor to Carlsbad Thursday and says the hotel dished him up a regular old-fashioned Estancia Valley rabbit stew for dinner.

J. J. Henderson has finished gathering a portion of his Indian corn. It was grown on sod ground and averaged a little better than fifty bushels per acre.

The Fatherree-Enfield Hardware Company is making special prices on all grades of buggies until after the holidays. If you want a bargain, now is the time to get it.

This is one year in Eddy county when the people should make the platform and nominate the men for same. Pick out good business men who will serve for a stated salary and elect them.

Fatherree-Enfield Hardware Company desires to greatly reduce its stock of high grade buggies before January first, and consequently are going to offer the public some rare bargains this month.

Mrs. Jo Jacobson and children returned Tuesday from an extended visit to relatives in St. Louis, Arkansas and other points.

Miss Nan Ross, has purchased an 160-acre water right under the big Penasco reservoir now being constructed west of Dayton. The promoters of the enterprise expect to have as many as 4000 acres under water before the coming year.

The most complete and noblest line of buggies ever seen in Artesia are now on display at Fatherree-Enfield Hardware Company's store. They are making some very attractive prices, in order to reduce the stock before next month's stock-taking time.

James D. Whelan expects to leave tomorrow for Corpus Christi, Texas, where he will spend the holidays with relatives. It is a little late in the season to be going to the seashore, but J. D. has never missed taking his annual ablation and doesn't propose to let a little cool weather interfere with a life-long habit.

Mr. J. C. Plott, the well known merchant of Lakewood, in a private letter to the editor of the Advocate this week, among other things, says: "I must congratulate you on your article on county government, and assure you that Lakewood will stand pat on such a platform. It must and will win." Mr. Plott is voicing the sentiments of every man in Eddy county who is in favor of good government.

John B. King and wife, of Dayton, were visitors to Artesia Tuesday. Mr. King is one of the progressive men of that progressive community and has made a success as manager of the Chisholm Nursery & Orchard Company's business. He says the burden-bearing tax payers of Dayton are very much in favor of electing men to office next year who will serve the county on a salary and not pocket all the profits of the offices—that recent tax notices have almost produced mutiny in his neighborhood.

Temperance Program.

Temperance program to be rendered at the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, Dec. 22.

Introductory, by the pastor—W. V. Teer.

Some of the Evils of Intemperance. Ten minutes talk by Rev. J. C. Gage.

Appropriate music by the choir.

Some Recent Victories Won for the Temperance Cause. Ten minutes talk by J. D. H. Reed.

How to Create Temperance Sentiment. Ten minutes talk by Gayle Talbot.

Appropriate music by the choir.

Does Prohibition Prohibit? Ten minutes talk by Dr. A. L. Norfleet.

What is the Temperance Situation, and What Have We, as Temperance Workers, to Do in Artesia? Ten minutes talk by E. B. Kemp.

Music by the choir.

W. V. Teer pastor.

New Masonic Officers.

Artesia Lodge A. F. & A. M. elected new officers last Saturday night as follows:

R. M. Ross, W. M.; A. V. Logan, S. W.; S. W. Gilbert, J. W.; P. S. Terwilliger, Secretary; J. B. Cecil, Tyler; J. B. Entfield, Treasurer.

At Christmas tide most hearts are glad
For friends we're going to greet,
Just bear in mind at this time so glad
That FLETCHER has THE MEAT.

WE WILL HAVE AT THIS TIME,
Fine Young Turkeys, Fat Fowls, Chickens, Corn Fed Pork, in Fact Everything
in the Meat Line that one could wish for a Fine Christmas Dinner.

WE ALSO HAVE THE ONLY
"SEAL SHIPT" OYSTERS
This is the Only Oysters today that Dare Look a Pure Food Law in the Face.

PLENTY OF Eggs, Celery, Cheese, California Apples, Home Made Lard
and Pickled Pigs Feet, ALL can be FOUND AT

FLETCHER'S MARKET, PHONE 37.

Sunday Dinner at Artesia Hotel

The Artesia, the leading hotel of the city will hereafter give a special Sunday dinner, from 12 to 2 o'clock local time at regular price. Also board and room \$1.50 per day. Meals 35 cents. Board and room \$7.00 a week or \$25.00 a month.

The handsomest line of fancy candies ever seen in Artesia is on display today at the store of E. S. Howell. The assortment comprises Loose-Wiles choicest selection in handsome packages.

Agreeably Surprised.

Many suffers from rheumatism have been agreeably surprised at the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It makes sleep and rest possible. For sale by City Drug Store.

For Sale.

15 B. P. R. Hens. And a few fine B. P. R. Silver Laced Wyandottes and indian game roosters. Corner Rose Lawn and Missouri avenue. 4 blocks south of First National Bank Artesia.

Mrs. Wm. Crandall.

If you want something that is really nice in candies, go to E. S. Howell. He has prepared for the Christmas holidays by providing the nicest line of fancy candies that the people of Artesia ever had the opportunity of seeing.

To Those Who Owe Me.

All persons indebted to me for blacksmith work are urged to come in at once and pay the account. I need the money and must have it.

J. O. Richards.

J. T. Collins, one of Artesia's live farmers, says he is very much in favor of putting our public servants on a salary basis, instead of giving them all the offices earn. There is no other common-sense way of doing business, he says. He orders the Advocate sent to an old friend and neighbor back in Missouri, believing that it will result in good missionary work for the Best Country on Earth.

Mrs. J. C. Plott, of Lakewood, visited her sister, Miss Carrie Childress a day or two this week.

W. P. Riley, one of the progressive citizens of Hope, spent a day in Artesia this week.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., November 9, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Jesse D. McBride, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 7755 made April 26, 1906, for the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M. on December 24, 1907. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: D. S. Patterson, William O. Gray, Sterling P. Davis, Dan Davis, all of Hope, N. M. HOWARD LELAND, Register.

Applications for Grazing Permits.

Notice is hereby given that applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, sheep and goats within the GUADALUPE NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1908 must be filed in my office at Alamogordo, N. M., on or before April 10, 1908. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making application will be furnished upon request. Chas. H. Hinderer, Acting Supervisor. 12-7-8t

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles. 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Pecos Valley Drug Co.

That's It!

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Coughs, Influenza, Bronchitis and all Pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Redford & Mann.

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The secret of old age is Health. Use BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP

And you will have health. Great care should be taken of one's health and Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure COUGHS, COLDS, CROUP, BRONCHITIS AND ALL PULMONARY DISEASES.

Mrs. J. H. McNeil, Salt Lake City, Utah, writes: "I am eighty years old and I thank Horehound Syrup for having cured me of coughs, colds and other like diseases."

Three Sizes 25c, 50c and 1.00.

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Has newly opened under the management of MULKEY & COSGROVE. Everything new and up-to-date, with plenty of good things to eat. —TRY US— Open at 5 o'clock a. m., and closes at 12 p. m.

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All kinds of drayage work and hauling. Baggage transferred. Careful attention given to all work. Phone No. 112.

RICHARD'S Blacksmithing Shop

General Blacksmithing, HORSE-SHOEING A SPECIALTY. Also does woodwork and repairs wagons and farm implements. Buggies repaired and painted. First Door North of Artesia Hotel.

If You Have Trading Property, see L. W. Martin.

TAX RATE UNBEARABLE.

The Dayton Echo Would Have Officers Paid a Straight Salary.

The Dayton Echo reproduces the Advocate's article on "Common Sense in County Government" and says:

The above expresses our sentiments pretty thoroughly. The tax rate in Eddy county is becoming almost unbearable and we have got to take some steps and remedy it. The extortionate tax rate is doing more to retard the growth of this portion of the territory than any other one thing. We believe in the salary system and stand ready to support any good competent man for any county office, who embodies as a main feature of his platform that needed reform in county affairs.

Watch Meeting.

The Thursday afternoon meeting of "The Womans Industrial Society" of the Presbyterian Church was an unusually enthusiastic one. About twenty were present and a very full program of tongue and needle work was perfectly rendered. Both of these interesting pursuits were stopped at one point, however, while Mrs. Corbin favored the ladies with her beautiful singing. She sang two selections "I Love You Truly" and Frank L. Staunton's exquisite little song, "Just Wearyin' for You." While most of the talk was congratulatory of the good showing made by the work of the year just closing, the "business end" of it had to do with active plans for the annual "Watch Meeting." The ladies are planning for a program etc. after the order of last year.

The evening is to be in no sense for the sole benefit of their own congregation, but an urgent invitation is extended to the people of all churches to help make the meeting of the greatest possible social and spiritual benefit.

The program will begin at 8:30 the night of Dec. 31, 1907, this will be followed by a social conclave and the serving of refreshments; this in turn by a session of song and prayer lasting till the welcoming in of "1908."

The Lew Wallace Club.

The pupils of the High School met yesterday afternoon in their regular literary society. The doors were opened between the High School room and Miss Childress' room so the audience was increased by the 7th and 8th grades. After the routine business of the day the following was given.

Recitation, "He Worried About It"—Bertha Speck.

Essay, "School Days"—Texa Acord.

Debate, Resolved: "That graduation exercises should be held at the completion of the 8th grade. Affirmative John Gage, Vivian Newkirk and Alfred Coll, negative Reed Brainard, Eloise Wagner and Lotta Ferson. Decision in favor of the affirmative.

Essay, "An Ideal Cottage"—Cherry George.

Recitation, "Two Quakers"—Faye Elder.

Essay, "Longfellow"—Fred Brainard.

Recitation, "Fine Old Country"—Meda Horner.

Essay, "Hiawatha"—Will Lynn.

Recitation, "Megg and I"—Eben Coll.

Impromptu, Miss Childress, Sara Owen, Reed Brainard and Theodore Martin.

A Correction.

The meeting of "The Woman's Club" for Wednesday, the 18th, will be held at the home of Mrs. J. P. Dyer instead of the place announced in last week's paper.

Standing in the Contest.

ORGAN CONTEST.	
High School	32554
I. O. O. F.	25316
W. O. W.	716
M. B. A.	569
Library	251
M. E. Church	171
RING AND WATCH CONTEST.	
Miss Jewel Logsdon	17908
Miss Nora Gage	14558
Miss Nellie Turknett	5841
Miss S. K. Bradshaw	3725
Miss Rose Whetig	3230
Ruth Price	1574
Ora Hale	1515
Miss Allie Chisholm	1317
Evelyn Welch	1171
Daisy Kaufman	967
Rachel Dunaway	959
Pheaby Martin	773
Ruth Brainard	706
Miss Fannie Eddington	481
Miss Cora Rice	444
Ester Hook	353
Miss Effie McCaw	230
Pearl Lawrence	189
Miss Kattie Kappan	163
Dora Twyman	116
Ellen Cooper	50

In this contest all tickets not legally signed by the voter will be thrown out, and not counted.

Votes may be purchased from the following establishments.

Grand Leader' Redford & Mann, Big Jo Lumber Company, Artesia Feed & Fuel Company, Fatherree & Enfield, G. R. Fleicher, R. R. Beatty, Artesia Advocate and E. N. Skaer. Voting box at Redford & Mann's Drug Store.

Not Guilty, Says the Argus.

In speaking of the rumor that Commissioner Allen Heard had said he would resign from the Carlsbad school board if gambling was abolished and the Current's intimation that Sheriff Christopher had summoned unnecessary witnesses before the late grand jury at the county's expense, the Carlsbad Argus enters a strenuous denial in behalf of the accused parties. Mr. Reed, the editor, was a member of the grand jury and knows whereof he speaks when he says Christopher is accused wrongfully. The Advocate never believed the rumors in the first place and is glad to have the correction made by a man who is in a position to know.

Basket Ball To-Day.

The basket ball teams of Roswell and Artesia will contest for supremacy on the public school campus this afternoon. The admission is nominal and is solely to cover expenses of visiting team. Everybody should attend the game and encourage the girls. It is conceded by all that Artesia's team played a better game at Carlsbad than their opponents, but were lacking in weight. Then too, it was conceded by some that Carlsbad won because everybody in town turned out and rooted for the county seat team. Every loyal citizen should go to the game and take his or her voice along.

K. of P. Officers.

Artesia Lodge No. 27, Knights of Pythias elected the following officers at regular meeting held last night.

W. J. S. Major, C. C.; Byrd Walters, V. C.; W. F. Schwartz, Prelate; E. N. Skaer, M. of W.; J. W. Foster, K. of R. and S.; E. E. McNatt, M. of F.; Chas. S. Hoffman, M. of E.; Gayle Talbot, M. of A.; M. M. Inman, Inner Guard; J. B. Enfield, Outer Guard; S. B. Dyer, trustee for a three-year term.

Lum Richards and family were in from Hope yesterday.

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Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., December 10, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that John M. Howard of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 3187 made Nov. 13, 1902, for the W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, of Section, 29, Township 16 South, Range 26 East, and that said proof will be made before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on January 20, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Henry C. Owens, Ethelbert A. Clayton, A. Green Caraway, Lewis C. Robertson, all of Artesia, N. M. HOWARD LELAND, Register.

For Sale.

A full-blooded Jersey cow and heifer calf, calf seven months old, a fine kitchen cabinet, good sewing machine, new range, wagon, plow and harrow. A. E. Keve, 41-2 miles southeast of Artesia.

Barley Being Harvested.

W. E. Clark is this week harvesting a crop of barley on his place six miles north of town that is as fine as one could wish to see. One remarkable feature about it is that a crop was harvested off the ground in June of this year and the present cutting is volunteer grain that has come from the old stubble. And the June cutting was a volunteer crop from the original seeding. Cold weather has not effected it in the least and the stalks are as rich and green as summer time. The writer has never known of a condition of this kind before.

R. H. H. Burnett, late proprietor of the Dayton Echo, has purchased a printing plant at Roswell and will begin the publication of a paper at that place. What the complexion of the sheet will be or what long felt want it is intended to supply, Brother Burnett says he is unable to state just now. We'll risk a wager, however, that there will be nothing pessimistic about the paper, for Burnett is a booster both by nature and preference.

Presbyterian Church Services.

E. E. Mathes, Pastor, Sun-School 9:45 a. m. Just before the regular services at 11 o'clock there will be a short sermon to children. Subject for morning service, "Co-workers With God." Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m. and evening services at 7 o'clock.

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Abstracts—Opposite Bank of Artesia.

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LOCALS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Abstracts—Opposite Bank of Artesia.

Dock Wade was in from Hope Tuesday.

Artesia Feed & Fuel Co., for any kind of feed.

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T. R. Chisholm attended court at Roswell this week.

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Buy your Christmas candies from E. S. Howell. He has the best.

There were about forty additions to the Methodist church last Sunday.

Apple trees in twenty of the leading commercial varieties at Artesia Nursery.

We need the money and appreciate your patronage. Artesia Machine Shop.

Choice, red winter rust-proof seed oats for sale. See J. B. Cecill or H. A. Porter.

Mrs. Annie Kemp is visiting the family of her son, R. H. Kemp, in Roswell this week.

Miss Jewel Logsdon spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Santo, on Cottonwood.

Abstracts—Opposite Bank of Artesia.

How about those rubber tires? Let us put you on a new set CHEAP. Artesia Machine Shop.

W. F. Armstrong is building a new house and barn on his farm, four miles south of the city.

Mrs. Fred Clayton and son have been visiting Mrs. J. D. Christopher in Carlsbad this week.

Photographs of the latest styles make the best Christmas presents. To be had at Beatty's gallery.

Five thousand Cottonwood trees for sale, any size. Chisholm Orchard and Nursery Co., Dayton.

Mr. Erb's Sunday School class spent a pleasant afternoon last Sunday with the McCaws.

Dr. W. F. Dunaway expects to leave in a few days for the East to take a post-graduate course in medicine.

W. E. Thomson, the real estate man of Lakewood, was looking after business matters in Artesia Monday.

The Chisholm Orchard and Nursery Company, Dayton, has five thousand Cottonwood trees for sale, any size.

Remember Sperry & Lukins are complying exactly to the law and ordinance in regard to tapping the city water pipes.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Hoffman are receiving congratulations this week over the arrival of a son and heir last Friday.

Rev. W. V. Teer, pastor of the Methodist church, preached at the new Cottonwood school house last Sunday afternoon.

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Abstracts—Opposite Bank of Artesia.

Lost—A double-breasted, black coat, Alfred Benjamin make. Probably left in some Artesia business house. Finder will please return to Advocate office and get reward.

The finest bread only is made with Hunters Cream Flour. E. S. Howell has been in the grocery business for many years, and says he has never handled anything so good as Hunters Cream.

About 100 bales of cotton have been ginned at the Florence gin this season. At present they are having a little trouble with the gas engine; but the shut-down is only for a few days.—Carlsbad Current.

Nothing makes a better Christmas present than a good, first-class photograph of yourself, mounted on the latest style mount. Beatty has the latest and best assortment of photo mounts ever brought to the Pecos Valley.

Ed Howell, the grocery man says he used Hunters Cream flour in Oklahoma and knows it is the best. It was never seen in Artesia until this week, and our people are to be congratulated upon having the opportunity of getting it.

The Nebraska Colony is being added to all the while, we are glad to say. Dan Sullivan this week sold to his friend, Timothy O'Hein, of Falls City, the 160-acre ranch of O. P. Weddle, seven miles south-east of Artesia. The purchaser will move down and take possession.

The work of harvesting the crop of Kaffir corn is progressing rapidly since the killing frost of last week, which put the corn in fine condition for harvesting. Owing to the exceedingly late and mild fall, there is a fine crop of Kaffir corn this season.—Carlsbad Current.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church will give a social at the home of Mrs. E. R. Gesler, Tuesday, Dec. 17th, from four until ten p. m. An interesting program, a booth where articles for Christmas presents can be purchased and refreshments at 10c. Everybody invited.

A derrick has been erected and machinery placed for the boring of an artesian well upon the Mitchell land on west Cottonwood. It will be one mile south of the fine well that was recently brought in at the shallow depth of 455 feet. That portion of the artesian district is destined to be one of the best. It is developed but little as yet and land is very cheap.

Money Worse Than Thrown Away.

Did you ever try to make an estimate of the amount of money worse than thrown away, for liquor, right here at home? The six saloons of Roswell pay the city twelve thousand dollars a year license money. Well, the twelve thousand dollars license paid is but a small part of their profits on sales. Over one hundred thousand dollars a year is "blown for booze" in Roswell.—Roswell Record.

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