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## TO STOP LAND FRAUDS.

### Mr. Hitchcock Favors Repeal of Desert Land Act and Commutation Clause.

(Extracts from an address by Hon. Ethan A. Hitchcock, ex-Secretary of the Interior, delivered before the Commercial Club of Chicago, December 14, 1907.)

#### THE PUBLIC LAND LAWS.

The Public Land Laws as they exist are too numerous and complicated, and imperatively need revision, amendment and repeal if the people's property is to be protected, forestation and water supply preserved and the pioneer home builder and Indian ward protected in their legal rights as against the grafting speculator, who defies the law.

Conditions that existed one hundred or even fifty years ago, are not now applicable to the present time, and while I would include for revision, amendment or repeal, all legislation relating to the disposition of the Public Domain, I would urge the immediate repeal of the timber and stone act, the desert land act and especially the eighth section of the homestead law, by resorting to all of which the grossest frauds have been, and are being perpetuated, as was shown by my last annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1906.

It is easy to complain and condemn, but why delay when the remedy is at hand and is to be found in revised legislation?

If the fast disappearing timber of the country is worth \$100 at the stump, why let it go at \$2.50 per acre, under the Timber and Stone Act?

Why should the best possible land for agricultural purposes, which is none too abundant, be sold under the Homestead Law for \$1.25 per acre, while the same land, under competitive "sealed-bid" bidding can and has been made to bring over \$12.00 per acre—in many cases where Congress has given the Secretary the right to dispose of Indian Lands in such manner?

If the provision of the Homestead Law requires five years actual residence and certain improvements before patent can issue, why not repeal the eighth section, which permits the "commuter" to erect a shanty not fit for a pig-pen, at the cost of a few nails and rails or boards, call it an improvement, utterly failing to meet the legal requirements as to residence and by "commuting" turn the so-called "Homestead" over to the spectator by whom he is paid to thus defraud the Government and the people?

These are only a few of the hundreds of illustrations that might be given, showing the imperfections and injustice of existing laws, for the disposi-

tion and administration of the Public Domain.

#### RECLAMATION OF ARID LAND.

I understand that plans have been so far approved by the Secretary of the Interior as will provide for the reclamation of over (3,000,000) three million acres, the average cost of which will be about forty-five dollars per acre, which will be available to the home builder, payable in ten years, or an average of \$4.50 annually. This land, assured of an adequate supply of water, will produce all kinds of farm and garden products, the annual value of which, on similar irrigated tracts, is in some cases as high as \$1,000 per acre. The Reclamation Act was signed by the President on the 17th of June, 1902, and no wiser nor more practical and beneficial business legislation can be found in the Revised Statutes, for these lands, as Bayard Taylor said years ago about Australia, "if tickled with a straw will laugh a harvest," and I would add, will make the desert blossom as a rose, for the fifty millions of additional population for which this vast acreage will if desired, furnish a "home, sweet home," thus adding immeasurably to the material wealth and prosperity of our country.

My last annual report gives the number and results of the investigations, prosecutions, indictments and convictions, in twenty States and Territories, part of which, in many cases, are most exciting, and in some, really tragic.

Illegal fencing and appropriations of the public domain will still prevail, unless similar action is taken, inasmuch as the law of Congress, enacted in February, 1885, over twenty-two years ago, has been until recently, a dead letter, when notable individuals were indicted and convicted for violating the said law.

#### THE WHOLE MATTER.

I might go on indefinitely, but to put the whole matter in a nutshell, so long as the business of the country is run on political to the exclusion of business principals, and the party in power yields to the exigencies and demands of the former, the people will sooner or later deny the politician the opportunity of trying the latter.

With respect to my own administration as Secretary of the Interior, you may ask what duty or duties I found most attractive and imperative; to which I would reply, that I found it difficult to differentiate, where duty called in so many different directions; but would remark that the people's interest in the public domain, in the reclamation service, and the rapid and unprecedented development of the territories in the Southwest, furnished matters of intense interest, investigation and administrative action; while no less important is the great Indian problem, which must, for some time to come, engage the seri-

ous and protective guardianship of the Government if ordinary justice is to be meted out to these, upon the whole, helpless wards of the nation.

I may say, however, that the investigations, prosecutions, indictments and convictions for violations of the land laws, in more than twenty States and Territories, are matters of record and the Department of Justice and the Interior, whose officers have successfully endeavored to enforce respect and obedience to the laws enacted for the benefit and protection of all the people of the country. If, as has sometimes been charged, the laws are unjust and oppressive, the answer has been, and still is, amend or repeal them; and this suggests primarily, the duty of the people, as with them wholly rests the question of clean and effective administration. Municipal, State and Federal.

If they fail to exercise their rights and duties at the primaries, they cannot complain if politicians, thinking only of the political debts they have to pay, resort to methods and accomplish results which the patriot would either regard with contempt, or indignantly expose.

Just as long as government officials wear the collar of those to whom they are indebted for their nomination and appointment (as a reward for their questionable services), just so long will we have land frauds by perjured plunderers, illegal fencing of the public domain to the exclusion of the pioneer home-builder, and the speculative grafter, ready and eager to rob the nation's wards of their rightful inheritance.

The policy of the Department was to strike high and hit hard, whenever the law and the evidence in the case or cases justified such action, believing, as I did and do, that the law-maker who deliberately becomes a law-breaker, is the greater criminal, and should be dealt with without mercy, when compared with, in many cases, the unwilling tool, who, ignorant of the law, has yielded to temptation at the solicitation of those higher up, who have inaugurated the crime.

The attention of our readers is called to the announcement of J. D. Christopher, in the regular column. As every voter knows, he is the present sheriff of Eddy county, having had the office but one term. His record speaks for itself. No one has ever had the effrontery to say that Jim has been but a good officer and his friends say he shall have a united endorsement of his official acts. He will make an attempt to see every voter in the county before the primary and ask that his claims be given the most careful attention.

Boiled Hams and fresh oysters at Artesia Market.



Where the Snow-White Geysers Raise Their Frosted Crests.

## Many Land Sales.

The following land sales were made by the Farmers' Land League the past week:

The total number of acres sold being 1700.

F. M. Privett, of Nebraska, bought the Shouse and Howard quarter section North of Artesia.

Solomon Favinger, of Neb., bought a fine 160 five miles south of Artesia.

N. G. Mead, of Iowa, bought a quarter section four miles north of Artesia.

F. M. Zook bought 160 acres one and one half mile from Artesia.

E. D. Pratt and Marshall Ash, of Nebraska, bought a quarter section each in the Cottonwood Valley.

E. S. Hoeveke, of Nebraska, bought the Major 80 southeast of Artesia.

Guido Gilsdorf and Joseph Pahlmeier, of Nebraska, purchased the Coots farm north of Artesia.

William Shriver and James Daughtery, of Nebraska, purchased the Randoll 320 northwest of Artesia.

David Huscher, of Kansas, bought the E. C. Brown farm in Cottonwood Valley.

James Sharp, of Nebraska, bought a quarter section in the Cottonwood Valley.

## Is Mighty Good Timber.

The north part of Eddy county ought and must have a candidate for county commissioner, and the Progress suggests the name of Capt. J. H. Crawford, now of Artesia. There is no better man in Eddy county than Capt. Crawford. He is honest, reliable and trustworthy in every respect. A man of education and ability, as well as impartiality, he possesses the qualifications needed in this important office. He was in the mercantile business in Lakewood for a number of years, and by his honorable and upright dealings made friends of every customer who entered his store. Capt. Crawford can be relied upon to give everybody a square deal, and would make this county a splendid commissioner.—Lakewood Progress.

If you want something nice try a roast of beef from those corn fed steers at Fletcher's.

## BLUFFED THE NATIVES.

### Former Artesia Citizen's Honk Wagon too Much for His Old Neighbors.

John W. Skaer, formerly from Augusta, Kansas, spent a while in Artesia and other points in the west and imbibed some very progressive ideas—one of which was that there are more attractive ways of traveling than via the good old farm wagon. A recent issue of the Augusta Journal, a half-patent sheet, tells what happened when Mr. Skaer visited his old home recently. He drove over from Wichita in his new red "devil-wagon" and the impression he produced was bewildering. He made a few circles around for the edification of the populace and then invited his old friends to hop in and take a ride. The Journal records the fact that he failed signally to get any of them in the darn thing. All Skaer's pleadings and assurances did no good. They had been reading in Comfort and the Fireside Visitor about those new-fangled contraptions that go about the country seeking whom they may destroy, and they would not have anything to do with an animal that didn't know how from a hole in the ground. Not Much, Mary Ann! About the time Augusta folks would get in reach of the steps, J. W. would give the Dufflicker a twist and the dingus would flip the hootus and the escapement of smoke and smell would cause a concerted run to cover. Mr. Skaer finally had to return to Wichita alone, according to the Journal.

In this issue of the Advocate is announced the meeting of the Farmers Institute to be held in the Commercial Club rooms of Artesia February 22nd at 2 p. m.

Emphasizing the importance of this organization the Roswell Daily Record says:

The Farmers Institute is one of the most important organizations ever formed in the Pecos Valley. Its main purpose is to determine the best method of developing the orchard and farm lands, upon which the prosperity of town and country alike depend.

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**WILL HOLD GOOD.**

**Secretary Whelan of Press Association, Says Artesia Will Make Good.**

"Of course the Board of Directors of the Artesia Commercial Club have a right to pass a resolution stating that they (meaning aforesaid Board of Directors) will not hold an alfalfa festival, or a territorial fair, or a presidential election this year, if they want to amuse themselves with such frivolous antics; provided they do not cause a false impression to go abroad as a result of the publication of such irrelevant and immaterial matters," said James D. Whelan, Secretary-treasurer of the Pecos Valley Press Association on reading the explanation of the matter published in the Pecos Valley News.

Continuing, Mr. Whelan said, "the festival was provided for by a vote of the people as a whole and they alone have power to revoke their previous action. In this case acting upon the expressed determination of the people to make the affair an annual one, the Artesia members of the Press Association invited the newspaper men to come to their town during the celebration and the offer was accepted. The festival committee consists of W. H. Crandall, Chairman; H. W. Hamilton, Treasurer; and James D. Whelan, Secretary (in place of H. M. Gage who resigned). This committee is the only one authorized to take action in regard to the festival, and, as the people have already voted to make the affair an annual event, even this committee has only power to call the people together in regard to the matter. Unfortunately the Directors seemed to think they had some connection with the holding of the festival and acted hastily. The festival will be held, of course, and there will be no broken bones, but the executive committee of the Press Association is "standing pat" on the proposition that in case Artesia fails to "come through" the Association will meet at some other place."—Chaves County Democrat.

**Heavy Immigration.**

The following letter received by the editor of the Advocate recently will doubtless be of interest to the readers of the paper.

The facts herein contained are evidences that the people over the country are fast realizing the great opportunities offered in New Mexico and are not delaying to take advantage of good things. We welcome them.

Amarillo, Tex., Feb. 6, 1908.  
Editor, Artesia Advocate,  
Artesia, N. M.

Dear Sir:

As a matter of information, we take great pleasure in advising you that during the year 1907 the total movement of emigrant outfits in carloads handled by our line west of Higgins was 2334 cars, same being an increase of one hundred per cent over the previous year. Out of this num-

ber 1301 cars were unloaded at our towns in New Mexico, this being an increase of 549 cars over the previous year.

These figures indicate a very healthy development and we hope that the percentage of increase will continue.

Yours truly,  
D. L. Meyers.

**A Rousing Union Temperance Meeting at Presbyterian Church February 23, 1908.**

Addresses by a number of representative business men of Artesia, on topics of vital interest to the people of this community, approaches the election to be held March 3rd on the saloon question. Such subjects as the following will be discussed:

"The Saloon's Influence on the Real Estate and Immigration Business." R. W. Terrill.  
"The Saloon and Taxes" or "the question of Revenue", S. W. Gilbert.

"Does the Saloon help the General Business of the Community?" W. E. Schwartz.  
"The Saloon's Effect on the Morals of the Community." E. B. Kemp.

Good music by a selected Male Quartet and others will be a feature of the meeting. Everybody invited.

**Christian Meeting Closes.**

The protracted meetings at the Christian Church closed with the services Tuesday evening.

Rev. Scrivner of Beloit, Kansas conducted the services, and by his earnest, consecrated efforts did a great work for the congregation.

There was much interest manifested and sixteen converts were added to the church.

**Ordinance No. 82.**

Providing for the filling of privys, vaults, cess-pools, water-closets or pits.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF ARTESIA, NEW MEX.

Sec. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons living within the corporate limits of the Town of Artesia, to allow any privy, vault, cess-pool, water-closet or pit situated on the premises which such person or persons may be occupying, to become filled with any slops, wastewater, filth, refuse or excrement of any kind or nature whatsoever nearer than three feet of the surface of the ground.

Sec. 2. That when any privy, vault, cess-pool, water-closet or pit shall be filled as mentioned in Section 1, of this Ordinance, the same shall be deemed to be filled and it shall be the duty of any person or persons occupying the premises on which such privy, vault, cess-pool, water-closet or pit is located, to immediately fill the same with dirt to the surface of the surrounding ground.

Sec. 3. Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon convictions thereof, be fined in any sum, not more than \$10.00 nor less than \$5.00, or imprisonment in the Town jail for any length of time not exceeding ten days and each days failure to comply with this ordinance after having been notified so to do by the town Marshall of the Town of Artesia, shall be deemed a separate offense and subject to the penalty above provided.

Sec. 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after five days after its publication.

Declared, passed and approved, this the 11th day of February, A. D. 1908.

Wm. Crandall, Chairman.  
Attest,  
J. E. Swepston, Clerk (seal)

**Ordinance No 80.**

Prohibiting the use of Water on lots from the Water Works of the Town upon which parties have not paid water rent.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF ARTESIA, NEW MEX.

Sec. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, corporation, partnership or association using water within the corporate limits of the Town of Artesia, from the Municipal Water Works of said Town, or other water under the control of said Town of Artesia, to use the same on any lot or lots other than such lot or lots as such person or persons, corporation, partnership or association shall have had duly granted from the Town Clerk of the Town of Artesia, a grant or permit to use said water.

Sec. 2. Any person or persons, corporation, partnership or association who shall use water from the Municipal Water Works of the Town of Artesia, or other water under the control of the Town of Artesia, and who shall use the same on any lot or lots or tract of land without having first procured from the Town Clerk of the Town of Artesia, a grant or permit so to do, shall be deemed a violator of this ordinance.

Sec. 3. Any person or persons, corporation, partnership or association violating this ordinance, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5.00 and not more than \$15.00 and each days continuation in the violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offence and subject to the same punishment.

Sec. 4. This ordinance shall have full force and effect from and after five days after its publication.

Declared passed and approved, February 11th, A. D. 1908.

Wm. Crandall, Chairman.  
Attest,  
J. E. Swepston, Clerk.  
(Seal)

**Ordinance No. 81.**

Amending Ordinance No 15, affecting impounding fees in the care of Animals.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF ARTESIA, NEW MEX.

Sec. 1. That Section 5 of the Ordinances of the Town of Artesia, be and is hereby amended so that wherever the words "Fifty Cents" appears in said Section as an impounding fee that the same be stricken out and the words, "One Dollar" shall be inserted therein.

Sec. 2. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Declared, passed and approved this the 11th day of February, A. D. 1908.

Wm. Crandall, Chairman.  
Attest,  
J. E. Swepston, Clerk.  
(Seal)

**In Favor of Fuller.**

Court was held Monday afternoon in Judge Swepston's office when the case of Fuller vs Penguin and Lemons was tried and decided in favor of the plaintiff.

JOHN W. POE, President      A. V. LOGAN, V-President  
J. C. GAGE, V-President.

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## BUSINESS TRANACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY NIGHT LAST.

### Saloons or No Saloons for Artesia will be Decided at An Election to be Held on March 3rd, 1908.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Artesia Tuesday night, a resolution was passed providing for an election to be held Tuesday, March 3, for the purpose of voting on the saloon question. This resolution is the result of a petition which was circulated several months ago against the saloons, and the Board thought that the citizens of Artesia should have the privilege to do as they thought best on this matter. The election will be held in the city clerk's office, and the judges that will hold the election are E. B. Kemp, F. A. Linnell and J. S. Highsmith.

Aside from this resolution much other business was attended to at this meeting. Judge McCrary was present to ask what disposition was to be made of the Gesler case. Warner Gesler has disposed of the judgment to Bujac & Brice and these gentlemen are willing to make a discount for cash or to accept payments on the installment plan. Mr. Osburn was instructed by the council to confer with Bujac & Brice and find out just what their terms were.

An ordinance requiring railroads to put in plank roadways

where their tracks cross streets were read for the second time. Ordinance making it unlawful for any one to use water on lots other than those specified in water right, was passed. Another ordinance raising the pound fee from 50 cents to \$1 was passed, and another ordinance requiring all cesspools to be filled when within three feet of the surface of the ground, was passed. A resolution providing that if 90 per cent of the property owners along any street where water could be conveniently run, would agree to put out shade and ornamental trees, and would run a small ditch to such trees, the city would furnish water to irrigate them and would also furnish the irrigator. An amendment to the ordinance on trees was passed, prohibiting the planting of any cottonwood tree in the city except mountain cottonwoods.

Mr. J. B. Enfield introduced a motion to offer the Roswell fire department, a set price for their old bell, but no action was taken on the matter at this meeting.

The customary number of bills were on hand and all were allowed except two or three, after which the Board adjourned.

#### Resolution.

Providing for the Watering of Trees upon Streets and Alleys.

WHEREAS, it is a well known fact that the majority of the streets and avenues of the Town of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, are devoid of shade or ornamental trees, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Board of Trustees of the said Town of Artesia that the general public would welcome the planting, nurture and growth of such shade and ornamental trees along and upon said streets, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed that the culture and growth of such trees would greatly enhance the beauty of said streets and avenues and be conducive to the pleasure and comfort of all persons living along said streets and avenues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Artesia, New Mexico, that if Ninety (90) per cent of the property owners owning property abutting any given street or avenue within the corporate limits of the said Town of Artesia, will cause to be planted in accordance with the ordinance No. 73 of the said Town of Artesia, providing that no Cottonwood tree shall be planted except Mountain Cottonwood and no willows at all, trees on 50 foot streets to be planted 8 feet from the lot line, on Main Street 12 feet from the lot line and on all other streets ten feet from the lot line and connect all such trees with a small ditch for irrigating purposes and will subscribe their names to this resolution or a copy thereof as an evidence of their intentions in the premises, the said Town of Artesia will furnish free of charge, wherever said trees can be reached conveniently from the water mains,—to said property owners, sufficient water for the

irrigation of said trees, and will cause said trees to be irrigated from time to time as such irrigation becomes necessary, free of charge to the property owners above mentioned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Artesia for the purpose of giving property owners an opportunity to subscribe their names that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the official books of the town of Artesia, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be published in at least one issue of the Artesia Advocate, a news paper of general circulation in said town of Artesia.

Declared, passed and approved this the 11th day of February, A. D., 1908.

Wm. Crandall, Chairman.  
Attest,  
J. E. Swebston, Clerk.  
(seal)

The entertainment given by the Powelson Concert Co. under the auspices of the Artesia Commercial Club on last Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian church, was a treat for Artesia.

The members of this company are all artists in their respective lines.

Miss Mary Powelson captivated the audience with her clever readings both classic and light.

Miss Pickens is most gifted as a cellist.

Mr. DeVoll is a violinist of unusual skill and Miss Ritchie as a pianist may be classed among the most accomplished.

The Commercial Club is to be congratulated upon securing the Powelson Company as a number on their Lyceum course.

Our oysters stand the test of the pure food law. Fletcher's.

In the District Court, Eddy County, New Mexico.

No. 887.

#### NOTICE OF SUIT.

Franklin B. Lipperd, Administrator, etc., Plaintiff,  
John Lipperd, Elizabeth Lipperd, Ida A. Timm, Addie E. Knowles, Mary E. Crouch, Alonzo B. Crouch, William Turner, Rose Abbot and Ralph B. Knowles, Defendants.

To the Defendants named in the above cause:

You will take notice that the above named plaintiff has filed a suit in the District Court of Eddy County, Territory of New Mexico, against you for the purpose of obtaining from said court an order to sell certain real estate described as follows, to-wit:

The East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 17, South Range 26, N. M. P. M.

It being alleged that said premises are under mortgage and it is necessary to sell the same for the purpose of paying said debt of said estate. It is further alleged that by virtue of the last will and testament of Napoleon B. Lipperd, deceased, that the plaintiff is the administrator of the estate of Napoleon B. Lipperd, deceased and that the plaintiff and defendants are devisees under said will and claim an interest in said real estate.

Petitioner prays in his petition that the court may issue an order permitting him to sell the above described real estate for the purpose of discharging the debts against it and other debts owing by said estate.

You are further notified that unless you appear in said cause and answer said petition on or before the 5th day of April, 1908, judgment by default will be rendered against you in said cause and the allegations in plaintiff's petition will be taken as confessed.

Bujac & Brice,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico,  
G. U. McCrary,  
Artesia, New Mexico,  
are Plaintiff's attorneys.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this the 10th day of February, 1908.

S. I. Roberts, Clerk,  
By G. E. Benson, Deputy.

#### Neglected Colds Threaten Life.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

"Don't trifle with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well established ripe cold is to the germs of diphtheria what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold." Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given.—For sale by the City Drug Store.

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GAYLE TALBOT, EDITOR

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### Announcements.

We are authorized to announce John W. Price as a candidate for tax assessor of Eddy county, subject to action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce J. D. Christopher as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Eddy county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Senator Gore of Oklahoma, in a recent speech made this clever reference to improvements in recent panics: "Under Cleveland sixty-five banks in the Southwest closed and they called it a panic, while under Roosevelt all the banks closed and they called it a holiday."

While Delegate Andrews is passing around those public buildings to doubtful Republican cities in New Mexico, he should be reminded that Artesia comes under that head. However, if the public buildings are getting at all scarce, we will content ourselves with a few packages of garden seeds instead.

We are pleased to know that the stand New Mexico and Arizona have taken against gambling is appreciated by a far away state.

Referring to this the Tampa, (Florida) Times says:

"You may not have noticed it, but gambling has been driven from Arizona and New Mexico—that is, the permitted, license brand. It has made a tremendous difference in the business and lives of the people. There is better order, fewer violent crimes, and a vast falling off in the vice that flaunts itself. The total business of the territories is unimpaired, and the general effect is beneficial."

A leading citizen and old-line Republican of Hagerman, in last week's Messenger, delivered some resounding whacks upon the body of the "Great Brain Power" at Roswell whose privilege it seems to be to dole out postoffices and other public patronage for the Pecos Valley. The good citizen of Hagerman may be doing all that is right and honorable and commendable in the premises, but his friends should warn him to question the wisdom and fairness of the Main Squeeze at Roswell is almost as fatal as to sin against the Holy Ghost. To be a consistent and truly patriotic Republican he must learn to swallow the dose that is prepared for him at headquarters.

It is true that "we very seldom get too much water in the Pecos Valley and never too little." The most attractive feature about an irrigated country is the very small annual rainfall. To get more would destroy the monopoly we now enjoy as the most successful

alfalfa country in the world. Some of the eastern and southern states can raise good alfalfa crops, but, because of the dews and rainfall, most of it is lost during harvest season. Louisiana can and does raise immense crops of alfalfa, yet last summer a gentleman from that state spent a month in Artesia buying alfalfa with which to feed plantation mules. The hay cost him \$17.50 per ton by the time he got it to Alexandria, but he said the Pecos Valley was the only place he could find where he was sure of getting good, green-cured hay. The absence of rainfall is just as precious as the big artesian wells, and while we are giving thanks for the abundant geysers, we should not fail to think of the other advantages.

We are glad to note by the following from the Santa Fe New Mexican that the prospects for a good fruit year in the Santa Fe and Rio Grande Valleys are so promising.

While we wish these fruit growers well, we would suggest that they do not aspire too confidently to carrying off first prizes at the National Irrigation Congress, for the Pecos Valley is to be represented there and our prospects for a fine fruit year are most gratifying.

The outlook for a good fruit year in the Santa Fe and Rio Grande valleys adjacent to this city is very good indeed and it is hoped that a large crop of fruit will be gathered. Should this be the case a collection of fruit raised in the Santa Fe, Tesuque, Pojoaque, Santa Cruz, Chimayo, Espanola and Embudo valleys should be exhibited at the Interstate Industrial exposition at the coming National Irrigation congress in Albuquerque and the chances are very much in favor of securing first prizes for such displays. It is worth trying and the Horticultural Society of New Mexico should bestir itself and prepare at the earliest possible date for the gathering of such an exhibit. Like the climate of Santa Fe its fruit cannot be beaten for general excellence, for flavor, for solidity, for appearance and aroma an God's green earth.

### Farmers Institute.

The Farmers' Institute, announces a meeting of the organization at the Commercial Club rooms at 2 p. m. on February 22nd.

Profs. Tinsley and Campbell will be in our midst the 21st and 22nd and will be the principal speakers at the meeting; the purpose of which will be to perfect plans for the Pecos Valley exhibit at the Sixteenth National Irrigation Congress to be held at Albuquerque next October.

A general invitation to attend this meeting is extended to all who are interested—and every citizen of Artesia and the surrounding country should be interested in the welfare of our Valley.

Come out and lend your influence by your presence and learn from these gentlemen who are soil experts and can give us much that is valuable to know in developing our lands.

Robert Rosner, of Hagerman was down after a wagon load of apple trees from the Artesia Nursery Wednesday.

### The Ultimatum.

I had a dream the other night; not a wild gastronomic event, but a cool, quiet psychological demonstration of logical sequence. It ran as follows:

I died and went to heaven; you may laugh, but I reached the gate, and Saint Peter, looking just like his pictures, was there to pass upon my entry.

"Where are you from?" asked the dignified patriarch.

"From Artesia," I replied.

"Artesia, New Mexico?"

"Yes sir."

"Well, we are not yet ready for you. The administration in control of this place wants you to return to earth and deliver this special message:

"When the news reached heaven of a fertile, sunlit valley that was awakening from its desert sleep and blooming like a garden kissed by the breath of spring, the divine heart yearned for the populace that was to follow and finally gathered into the everlasting kingdom of the Most High. Tidings arrived of beautiful cities nestling at the feet of grandiloquent mountains from which swept an atmosphere that would restore the sick to health, grow brains in a bigot's head and hair on a baldheaded man. How we rejoiced when we heard of the artesian wells, then of Artesia, that it contained two thousand people and aspired to be a county seat! So we sent out angels to investigate the place. They went at night and returned at morning haggard and worn. They had been frightened from the town by the dogs. It was dogs, dogs, dogs, everywhere. It seemed that every settler had brought his "yaller" dog, and each dog had been kept busy with its family matters since its arrival. With the inconstancy usual but not limited to dogs, the breed had become crossed until the whole dog house was fully represented. When an angel tried to inspect a church, a dog chased her from the steps, when she stopped to fondly look through a cottage window where a baby smiled upon a mother's knee, a dog chased her from the yard, and the possession of wings only became her final salvation, dogs barking down the street, dogs howling up the street, dogs trying to bite in the alleys, dogs fighting on vacant lots and dogs in very suggestive games upon the main street of the town. When the messengers were asked for some trophy they handed over a dog collar and wept. The report of the committee was received and the committee discharged. The associative idea of dogs in heaven is bad. The early disbelievers were called "Infidel dogs." Constantinople, an ungodly city, is said to consist chiefly of filth and dogs, and for all we know here, Artesia may have eliminated the filth problem because the earth is so dry and the strong wind blows everything away that is loose. You cannot expect a county seat with so many dogs, for the barking of lawyers through the day added to the barking of dogs at night would run the devil crazy and we need him to captain the opposing forces until this ancient warfare has been fought out. You cannot yet conscientiously

enforce prohibition for if one of your Texans, Kentuckians or Missourians should be bitten by one of your measly curs, the remedy indicated by years of heredity and environment would be denied him and he would be jerked into eternity before he could invoke the last divine blessing. You either have a people who haven't the pride and energy to pass the needed anti-dog laws, or if you have such laws, they are not enforced, one of which facts is as incriminating as the other. They tell me you wont let a negro live in your town, but have a blooming colony of dogs. Well I am not a special admirer of either germs, but am not yet ready to decide in favor of the dog. Your inconsistency causes me to fear that some of your people might spit tobacco juice on the gold-paved streets of the New Jerusalem and then raise a mutiny if a negro should be employed to clean it up. Until you can prove by your good works that you have repented of your great sin against public safety, peace and decency and have killed or otherwise disposed of a major portion of your onery, disease-spreading, filthy and threatening curs, we cannot righteously place Artesia upon the celestial map, nor consider you under the jurisdiction of saving grace so for the present farewell; and may God have mercy on your soul."

True story in the Lowry City Independent: A surly looking man boarded the Clinton line train at Clinton followed by a bench-legged fice. The conductor politely informed him that they couldn't carry dogs on the train, whereupon the man kicked the dog off. The train pulled out and the dog trotted along comfortably beside it, occasionally pausing to lick a stray dog that ran out to see the steam cars go by. The passengers finally began to joke the conductor about the dog keeping up, whereupon he spoke to the engineer, and they began to run at the rate of nine miles an hour, but the dog trotted along with his tongue hanging out, perfectly comfortable, which so exasperated the engineer that he got the engine down to twelve miles an hour, and the dog disappeared. When the train arrived at Lowry City, however, the dog was at the depot playing with Sam Pattison and waiting for its master. Sam said the dog had been playing around there for an hour.

The above is copied from Missouri Notes in the Kansas City Star. It will not seem unreasonable to those who have been compelled to travel over the P. V. Line through New Mexico. A Missourian is responsible for the statement that a cowboy on his pony beat a Santa Fe passenger as it left Hagerman and disappeared over the range with his thumb to his nose and his fingers waving wildly in the air.

Missouri is not the only place where conservatism is considered wisdom even in the speed of trains.

### For Sale.

Work horses, farming tools, harness, double disc plow, sulky plow etc. at my place seven miles north of Artesia.

W. E. Rogers.

We make our own hogs head cheese. Fletcher.

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### CONFECTIONS

See his fresh home-made CANDIES, they are tempting. He has just received a shipment of choice

### F-R-U-I-T-S.

Next to Fletcher's Market.

### Call Meeting of the Eddy County Democratic Central Committee.

A meeting of the Democratic Central Committee of Eddy County, New Mexico, is hereby called to meet at the Court-house in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, on Saturday, March 7th, 1908, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of arranging for and setting a date on which to hold the Democratic Primary Election in the said Eddy County, New Mexico, in the year 1908, and for such other business as may come before the Committee.

All members of the Committee are urgently requested to attend in person, if possible, if not, please send proxy.

All prospective candidates for the various County offices in Eddy County are cordially invited to be present at the above named meeting of the Committee.

(Signed) J. Tom Cooper  
Chairman  
Attest: J. B. Harvey  
Secretary.

### To Trade.

120 acres, patented, with plenty of water, to trade for Artesia town property.

L. W. Martin.

### Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Poswell, N. M., January 22, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Eligah Stegall of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 10377 made Dec. 13, 1906, for the South West quarter of Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 24 East, and that said proof will be made before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M. on March 3, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Lewis Ayers, Thomas C. New, George Lewis, Thomas B. Poston, all of Artesia, N. M.  
Howard Leland, Register.

### Notice For Publication.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.  
United States Land Office,  
Roswell, New Mexico,  
January 8, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Abram L. Norfleet of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1389, for the NE1-4, Sec. 23, and NW1-4, Sec. 24, T. 16 S., R. 25 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, N. M., on Wednesday, the 19th day of February, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:  
James H. Beckham, Jr., William Crandall, John W. Price, James W. Foster, all of Artesia, N. M.  
Howard Leland, Register.

5 room, three closets, fine cistern, good barns, etc., 8 lots, planted in alfalfa. For \$3000.00  
L. W. Martin.



**Slanderers.**

Very frequently we hear of tales told on this or that individual, and very frequently the tales originate from the tongue of the slanderer. Detraction is a crime that has wrought a greater amount of unhappiness and wrong, perhaps, than any other of the common sins of man.

"They say" is the most damnable subterfuge that ever slipped from the tongue of the town gossip, the habitual scandal monger, the pestiferous detractor and the malicious slanderer.

John D Rockefeller may not be all that he might be, but there is in his makeup the virtue of charity, which covers a multitude of sins. When a neighbor brought to him some slanderous tale about another neighbor, Mr. Rockefeller stopped the glibber tongued tale-bearer by saying: "There is too much good in the worst of us, that it ill behooves any of us, to criticize the rest of us." Mr. Rockefeller's rebuke of the slanderer is worthy of perpetuation.

The slanderer is abroad in Amarillo every day. Not only individuals, but companies and business concerns are being slandered. Recklessly and boldly these wolves in sheep's clothing scatter their poisonous stock in trade wherever they may get a hearing. They are a curse to any community, but they are found in every community.

When proud Lucifer was hurled from heaven to hell he swore that he would avenge himself through deviltry among men. The slanderer, the scandal-monger, the detractor and the gossip are his emissaries. Through them he avenges himself on heaven and keeps mankind in everlasting feud and dissension.

It may not be possible to deal with the slanderer as he deserves, but there are laws against slander and detraction. A few cases prosecuted to the limit might have a salutary influence on the evil tongues of many.—Exchange.

**Card of Thanks.**

We desire to express in this way our sincere thanks to the many kind friends for the many acts of kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father.

Mrs. G. W. Oaks,  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allard,  
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Medberry.

Mrs. J. T. Johns returned to Artesia last night. She was here three days visiting her grandmother, Mrs. L. W. Netherlin.—Record.

**The New Ten Commandments.**

1. Thou shalt not go away from home to do thy shopping, nor thy wife, nor sons, nor thy daughters.

2. Thou shalt patronize thine own merchants; that they shall not be driven away from their home to find food for their children.

3. Thou shalt patronize thine own merchant and also the printer and they shall patronize you.

4. Thou shalt pay thy bills promptly that thy credit may be good in the land where thou dwellest, and thy neighbors greet thee gladly, then deposit thy surplus in home banks.

5. Thou shalt not knock the props from under thine own town in order to be revenged on thine enemy lest thou perish with him.

6. Thou shalt not incline thine ear to the voice of pride, nor permit vanity to overcome thy heart.

7. Thou shalt spend thine earnings at home, that they may return whence they came and give nourishment to such as come after thee.

8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against the town wherein thou dwellest, but speak well of it in the ears of all men.

9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's seed wheat nor his meat hog, nor his cow, nor the corn which is his crib, but whatsoever thou desirest thou shalt buy the price thereof in the coin of the realm.

10. Thou shalt keep these commandments and teach them to thy children unto the third and fourth generation, and that they may be made to flourish and wax rich while thou art laid to rest with thy fathers.—San Diego (Cal) News

**Boys Gone Estray.**

Erie, Kans., Feb.—Three weeks ago two 17-year-old boys, Lester Wooster, son of the editor of the Erie Sentinel, the other, Loren Cox, son of J. H. Cox, hardware dealer, started on an unannounced journey, presumably by box car stages as they had but little money. A card written by the Cox boy at Fort Worth more than two weeks ago stated that they were there together but had no work and asked his mother to write him at Houston, Texas. This she did but her letter has been returned unclaimed. Nothing has been heard from them since and two mothers are nearly prostrated with anxiety. Both of the boys had worked at printing a few months. Information as to their whereabouts should be wired to Alf. Q. Wooster, Erie, Kans.

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Our showing of bulk and package Seeds, we believe is most complete. Onion Sets, Yellow, Reds and White bottom stock, and good clean sifted and culled sets. Now is the time to plant; cold weather doesn't hurt onion sets you know.

**SEED IRISH POTATOES.**

We have a car in transit due to arrive here February 20th. These are the Oregon and California specialties and just such varieties as are suited for this district. Don't let folks tell you that Irish Potatoes do not grow here. We can point you out the fellow that produced good ones last season and sold them for a profit.

Garden Seeds are not all that the BIG STORE sells. You'll find most everything in **Dependable, Reliable** Merchandise there that is required for the Ranch or Farm.

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Artesia, - - - - - New Mexico.

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If there had been any intention on the part of the republicans in congress to pass a bill for the admission of New Mexico to the union, there might easily have been a line inserted in the bill providing that New Mexico should not be admitted until January 1, 1909. As has been stated repeatedly in these columns, the republicans had not the slightest intention of passing a statehood bill and the only reason the bill was introduced was to use it as a club to drive New Mexico into line next fall in the election of a republican delegate. The argument will be made that it will be useless to attempt to pass a statehood bill if this territory should elect a democrat as delegate. This argument has been used over and over again and it seems to catch votes but after the votes have been caught the republican leaders in congress forget all about statehood.—Santa Fe Eagle.

H. J. Thode, a prominent orchardist of Dexter, was down for two wagon loads of the Artesia Nursery trees Thursday. Mr. Thode already has 175 acres in orchard.

**Notice for Publication.**

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., February 12, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Walter G. Potts of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 7727 made April 24, 1906, for the South East Quarter of Section 14, Township 16 South, Range 24 East, and that said proof will be made before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on March 23, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, the land, viz: Norval L. Randolph, George Storker of Lake Arthur, N. M. and Fred M. Spencer, John R. Creath of Artesia, N. M.

Howard Leland, Register.

**Notice For Publication.**

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., February 12, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that William P. Calkins of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 10103 made Nov. 9, 1906, for the South West Quarter of Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 24 East, and that said proof will be made before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M. on March 24, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: George Foster, David C. Hall, Essie Hall of Artesia, N. M., and George Whitehead of Hope, N. M.

Howard Leland, Register.

**Notice For Publication.**

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., January 22, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Jackson Furr, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 2640 made June 17 1902, for the Southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 23 East, and that said proof will be made before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M. on March 2, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Ross Whistler, Steve Blain, J. A. Blakeney, George Sansom, all of Hope, N. M.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.

**Skin Disease of Twenty Years' Standing Cured.**

I want you to know how much Chamberlain's Salve has done for me. It has cured my face of a skin disease of almost twenty years' standing. I have been treated by several as smart physicians as we have in this country and they did me no good, but two boxes of this salve has cured me.—Mrs. Fannie Griffen, Troy, Ala. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by the City Drug Store.

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

At Artesia Nursery.

**Hogs for Sale.**

A fine Poland China sow and five pigs two months old, for sale at residence on West Main Street, Artesia. Call at office of Talbot & Terrill south of Post Office.

R. W. Terrill.

**Neighborhood Favorite.**

Mrs. E. D. Charles, of Harbor, Maine, speaking of Electric Bitters says: "It is a neighborhood favorite here with us." It deserves to be a favorite everywhere. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney derangement, malnutrition, nervousness, weakness and general debility. Its action on the blood, as a thorough purifier makes it especially useful as a spring medicine. This grand alterative tonic is sold under guarantee at Pecos Valley Drug Co. 50c

Don't forget the nice suburban home tracts that E. A. Clayton has joining the Artesia town. He will sell them on easy terms and will put out trees and alfalfa or what improvements the purchaser may desire. Don't wait and buy second handed. It costs too much in this country, which will soon be crowded.

E. A. Clayton.



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LOCALS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY.

The Land Exchange for city property. Just phone 37 if you want something nice. We have nice fat hens. Fletcher's Market. G. E. Smith, of Wichita, Kansas, was in town last week. For land bargains, the Land Exchange of course. Also cheap lots. Make us right prices, we will sell your property. The Land Exchange. Dr. M. P. Skeens and family arrived in town this week from Wapanacky, Okla. Vienna Sausage and potted meats at Fletcher's. Mrs. Mendenthal has accepted a position in the dry goods department at Joyce-Pruit's store. We regret to report that Mrs. L. W. Martin, who has been quiet ill for several days is no better. Libby's Pork and Beans at Fletcher's. None better. District Attorney L. O. Fullen who has just returned from Washington D. C. spent last Sunday in Artesia. E. A. Cox, formerly of Artesia, but not an adopted resident of Lakewood, visited friends in Artesia Sunday. Harry Jones, living six miles south of Artesia, was thrown from a horse Wednesday noon and sustained a broken collar bone. Hardwick & Butler have just completed a fine well on the N. Maddox farm on Cottonwood. The flow is thirty inches over an eight inch casing. If its good for the community that saloons be closed one day in the week, why is it not better that they be closed the other six? If a saloon is an evil on Sunday, why is it a virtue the balance of the time? Mrs. R. L. Christopher returned to her home in Artesia last night. She was here a week visiting Mrs. W. W. Hyatt.—Roswell Register. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Best, of Roswell, returned home Tuesday morning after a visit to Mrs Best's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kinsinger. That the Doctors did not organize and get down to Post Graduate study any too soon for the good of the public is well attested by a recent speech by Dr. J. V. McCormack of Bowling Green Ky. The Dr. said, "if I lived in this town I would learn before tomorrow night whether my regular family physician belonged to his medical society and was a regular attendant on its meetings and took part in its discussions, and if he did not I would turn him off and get one that did if he was my own brother, for I had as soon be killed by any one else as my kinfolks. Every Doctor who is not in joint study with some other physician or who does not take Post Graduate work at short intervals in some medical center is a standing menace to the health and life of any family who employs him.

Shall Artesia Abolish Saloons

New Mexico has been peopled for five hundred years and has at last arrived at that stage of moral development where the subject of abolishment of the devils work-shop—the saloon—is to be considered. The first community to express such a desire is Artesia, and the question is up for immediate decision. The Board of Town Trustees has a right to issue Saloon licenses or withhold them and the voters of the town are asked to instruct in the matter at an election to be held March 3rd the trustees pledging themselves to carry out the expressed will of the citizens. What will we do? The voice of the people will become the law and every man should express his choice in the matter. The Advocate desires to state in the outset that it is in favor of the abolishment of the saloons. We consider prohibition a question of morality on one side and immorality on the other. Saloons are either a virtue or an evil. As we have never seen any good come out of the door of one, we are compelled to consider them an evil and, so considering, we must make a choice. If by reason of any kind of theorizing, a man wants to lend his aid and support to the dram shop that is his business. This paper believes the right side is that of prohibition and will act accordingly, without unkind reference or enmity toward the opposition. As a property-holding citizen of Artesia, the editor has no fears about the financial result if the saloons are abolished. He came from a country where the law was enforced and knows prohibition means increased prosperity. The license money going into the school fund amounts to less than two dollars for every scholastic in the district and this feature is not worthy of consideration by the man who values morals more than money and who does not care to educate his children at the expense of virtue and manhood. The Advocate will have more to say later.

Would-be Bank Defrauder Caught.

Wednesday afternoon Joe Homulka, of Dayton, drew his balance of \$1,800 from the First National Bank of Artesia and proceeded to pay off some indebtedness by giving the Bank of Artesia a check for \$700 on the First National Bank. Mr. Enfield became suspicious, and while Mr. Homulka was still in the bank, he went into the office of Swepston & Dixon and called up the cashier of the First National Bank. Dr. Ross told him that Mr. Homulka had drawn his money from the bank only a short time before. Mr. Enfield returned to the bank and asked Mr. Homulka to go with him to Dr. Ross. They met in Joyce-Pruit's store and while the two cashiers were talking Homulka gave them the slip and lost no time in making his escape on foot in the direction of Hagerman where he caught the morning train for Roswell and was there arrested by his pursuers. He was brought to Artesia yesterday for a Preliminary trial this morning but it was postponed until next Saturday when it will be held in Judge Swepston's office. The prisoner was taken to Carlsbad to await the trial. His money is in charge of the sheriff of Chaves county. Dr. and Mrs. U. P. White, of Athens, Ohio, are among the arrivals to Artesia this week.

Presbyterian Church

All the Services at the usual hours tomorrow. A cordial welcome for all. E. E. Mathes, Pastor. We do not claim to do all the business, in any certain line, as do some, but a portion of your business will be appreciated. City Drug Store. Mrs. Edgar Porter, who has been seriously ill for several days, was taken to Carlsbad Hospital for treatment Thursday night. Mr. Porter and Dr. Graham accompanied her. We are glad to note by message received today that Mrs. Porter stood the trip well. Artesia was the first town in New Mexico to abolish gambling. Now let us be the first people to vote out the saloons. Child's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. John Englehardt, of Gera, Mich., tells of the anxious moments spent over her little two-year-old daughter who had taken a hard cold resulting in croup. She says: "I am satisfied that if it had not been for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy she would have choked to death. I gave this medicine every ten minutes and she soon began to throw up the phlegm. I can recommend it in the highest terms as I have another child that was cured in the same way."—Sold by the City Drug Store.

Lumber for Sale.

I have for sale 6000 feet of lumber at Joe Clayton's home, just west of town I wish to close out. It will pay anyone wanting lumber to look this up. I have a phone at my mill. If you need lumber in a hurry phone me. J. C. Elliott.

The Jumping Off Place.

"Consumption had me in its grasp and I had almost reached the jumping off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now, it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles I was a well and happy man again," says George Moore, of Grimesland, N. C. As a remedy for coughs and colds and healer of weak, sore lungs and for preventing pneumonia New Discovery is supreme. 50c and \$1.00 at Pecos Valley Drug Co. Trial bottle free.

Notice for Publication.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF. United States Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, February 12, 1908. Notice is hereby given that William M. Walterscheid, of Artesia, Eddy Co., New Mexico, assignee of Allena Scholars, assignee of Della Howard, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No 1446, for the E1-3 SW1-4 and W1-2 SE1-4, Sec. 28 T. 17 S., R. 26 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, N. M., on Monday, the 23rd day of March 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Lyman Moore, J. T. Collins, Felix M. Duckworth, Robert B. Kishbaugh, all of Artesia, N. M. Howard Leland, Register.

Notice For Publication.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF. United States Land Office, Roswell New Mexico, February 12, 1908. Notice is hereby given that Robert L. Fitzgerald, of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, assignee of James M. Hamby, assignee of Allena Scholars, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No 1475, for the South East Quarter, Sec. 11, T. 16 S., R. 25 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, N. M. on Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Charles J. Buck, Clyde V. Fitzgerald and Elzy B. Lynn of Artesia N. M., and Thomas E. Evans of Lake Arthur N. M. Howard Leland, Register.

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John S. Major. For Sale. Pure Bred Chickens—I have a number of Fine Barred Plymouth Rock chickens for sale. Hens and Cockerels. t-f Joe M. Conn.

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Meets every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock p. m. in the Fenton building. C. R. Echolds, C. J. E. Swepston, Clerk. Meets the second and fourth Friday nights in each month, in the Masonic Hall, over First National Bank. C. S. Davis, C. C. W. F. Schwartz, K R & S. Meets each Thursday evening, in the Masonic Hall, over First National Bank bldg. Geo. Spencer, N. G. Dean Samson, Sec. Artesia Lodge No. 28, meets first Saturday night in each month in hall over First National Bank. H. W. Hamilton, W. M. P. S. Terwilliger, Sec.

R. A. M. Penasco Chapter No. 12, meets fourth Monday evening in each month, over First National bank. H. W. Hamilton, H. P.

Eastern Star. Meets every second and fourth Tuesdays in the month, in Masonic hall, over First National bank. Mrs. John S. Major, W. M. J. G. Osburn, Sec.

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AT THE CHURCHES.

Methodist. W. V. TEER, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 p. m. Preaching, 10:50. a. m. Junior League 3:00 p. m. Senior League, 6:00 p. m. Preaching, 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:00. Baptist. J. C. JAMES, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 11:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U. 5:30 p. m. Preaching, 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:00.

Presbyterian. E. E. MATHES, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. Junior Endeavor 3:00 p. m. Senior Endeavor 6:00 p. m. Preaching 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:00 p. m.

Christian. Sunday School 9:15 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. Junior Endeavor 3:00 p. m. Senior Endeavor 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday evening 7:00 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

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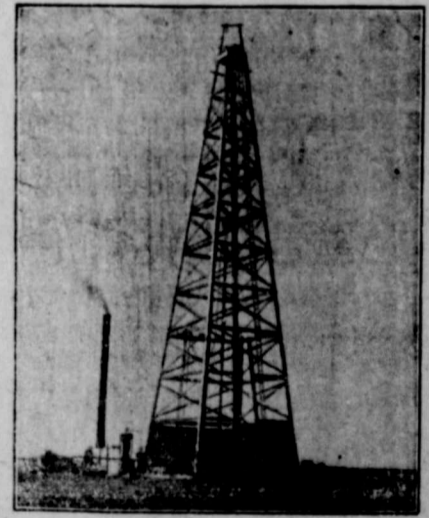
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**Dyer-McNatt Valentine Reception.**

Mesdames J. P. Dyer and E. E. McNatt entertained about forty ladies at the beautiful home of the former, Thursday after-noon February 13 at 2.30 o'clock.

The affair being a Valentine Party.

The high wind and dust storm had little effect on the attendance.

The rooms were darkened and made very attractive with the use of candles and hearts, which were retained for the reception given in the evening.

Large red hearts were pinned about the rooms upon which were written the questions, which afforded the entertainment for the afternoon: each answer being the name of a flower. Several ladies present had a correct list of answers, a drawing resulted in favor of Mrs. Stull, who was presented with a particularly beautiful hand painted plate.

Mrs. E. F. Turner played several selections on the piano, Mrs. Mark Corbin favored the guests with a number of songs in her usual charming manner and Mrs. Jacobson gave a reading which was heartily encored by the guests.

Delicious refreshments, consisting of mint ice, cakes and coffee were served by the Hostesses, assisted by Mesdames Blair and Skaer.

Those present were Mesdames, Blair, Inman, Ross, Blue, Fletcher, Brainard, Corbin, Sooter, Frisk, Teer, Mathes, Bruning, Lukins, Clayton, Benson, Skaer, Brainard, Schwartz, Swingle, Pitts, Butler, Humphry, Stull, Bowman, Reed, Fatherree, Gifford, Turner, Jacobson, Miss Ross and little Miss Ruth Inman.

Again at 8 o'clock the doors were thrown open when Mr. and Mrs. McNatt and Mr. and Mrs. Dyer entertained the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keinath, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Atkeson, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Ragsdale, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Major, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cecill, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph, Dr. and Mrs. Ross, Dr. and Mrs. Graham, Mrs. A. A. Kemp, H. W. Hamilton and Master Loyd Atkeson.

After the arrival of the guests partners were chosen and the gentlemen were then asked to select from a number of hats and trimmings supplied by Hostesses, which they used in forming the dainty creations their partners wore the remainder of the evening, the prize being awarded to Mr. E. B. Kemp for a swell creation in lilacs worn by Mrs. Gilbert.

After this followed a floral contest, the prize being won by Mr. Hamilton.

Dainty refreshments were served by hosts and hostesses, after which Mesdames Beckham and Phillips rendered several selections on the piano.

The guests departed at a late hour pronouncing this to be the social success of the season.

Help pave the way for the Methodist College by voting out the saloons.

**High School Lecture Course.**

The third number of the High School Lecture Course, "Recollections of a Pioneer," will be delivered by Rev. J. C. Gage Friday evening, February 21st. Mr. Gage has lived in the valley for many years and his lecture will doubtless be based on personal experiences which will prove most entertaining.

Admission 35c. Seats reserved free at Pecos Valley Drug Store.

**Resolution.**

Calling for an election to determine the sentiment of the qualified voters on the licensing of Saloons.

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, a petition asking that the Honorable Board of Trustees of said Town prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor within the corporate limits of said town, signed by a large number of citizens and voters of said town, was presented, and

WHEREAS, said petition has never been acted upon by said Board of Trustees and, WHEREAS, it is deemed by the said Board of Trustees that the interests of the general public living within the said Town will be best conserved by allowing the qualified electors, residences of said Town an opportunity to express their wishes in the premises by means of ballot, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the said Board of Trustees to take action in the premises and to be governed by the wishes of the qualified electors, aforesaid, as expressed by their ballot, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Artesia, New Mexico, that an election be called for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the voters of the said town of Artesia on the question of permitting and licensing the sale of intoxicating liquor within the corporate limits of said town: That the time for said election shall be March 3rd, 1908, between the hours of Nine o'clock A. M. and Five o'clock P. M. and the place of said election shall be the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Artesia on Fourth Street in the rear of the Bank of Artesia building and the form of the Ballot used in said election shall be, "For Licensing Saloons" and "Against Licensing Saloons," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Board of Trustees appoint the Judges for said election, and the Board does hereby appoint J. S. Highsmith, E. B. Kemp and F. A. Linell judges of said election and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of election be published in each issue of the Artesia Advocate and in each issue of the Pecos Valley News prior to the said election on the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1908, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of such election be posted at the entrance to the Post Office of the Town of Artesia and one at the entrance to the office of the Town Clerk of the said Town of Artesia, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the official books of the said town of Artesia, and that a copy of this resolution be published in at least one issue of the Artesia Advocate, a news paper of general circulation in the Town of Artesia, aforesaid.

Declared, passed and approved, this the 11th day of Feb. A. D. 1908.

Wm. Crandall, Chairman.

Attest, J. E. Swepston, Clerk. (seal)

**Notice of Election.**

Notice is hereby given that there was ordered on the 11th day of February 1908 by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Artesia, New Mexico, an election to be held on the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1908 between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. of said day at the office of the Town Clerk in said town, for the purpose of determining the sentiment of the people on the question of licensing the sale intoxicating liquors within the limits of the Town of Artesia, New Mexico.

All residents of the Town of Artesia, who are qualified voters under the laws of the Territory of New Mexico will be allowed to vote in said election.

Witness my hand and the official seal of the Town of Artesia, by order of the Town Board of Trustees of said Town on this the 13th day of February, a. d. 1908.

(Seal) J. E. Swepston Clerk.

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Favorite.**

"We prefer Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to any other for our children," says Mr. L. J. Woodbury of Twining, Mich. "It has also done the work for us in hard colds and croup, and we take pleasure in recommending it."—For Sale by the City Drug Store.

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RING AND WATCH CONTEST.  
Miss Jewel Logsdan 44443  
Miss Nora Gage 27891  
Miss Nellie Turknett 12397  
Miss Rose Whetig 13313  
Miss S. K. Bradshaw 6713  
Ruth Price 2946  
Ora Hale 2734  
Pheaby Martin 1692  
Ruth Brainard 1761  
Daisy Kaufman 1666  
Miss Allie Chisholm 1498  
Evelyn Welch 1283  
Miss Effie McCaw 1306  
Rachej Dunaway 995  
Ester Hook 819  
Miss Fannie Eddington 481  
Pearl Lawrence 457  
Miss Cora Rice 444  
Ruth Lesley 199  
Miss Kattie Kappan 163  
Glenna Kelsie 110  
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.

**Suffering & Dollars Saved.**

E. S. Loper, of Marilla, N. Y., says: "I am a carpenter and have had many severe cuts healed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It has saved me suffering and dollars. It is by far the best healing salve I have ever found." Heals burns, sores, ulcers, fever sores, eczema and piles. 25c at Pecos Valley Drug Co.

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The right thing to do when you feel bilious is to take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Try it. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at the City Drug Store.

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If you want a good home in or close to Artesia, or even out in the country, I believe I can suit you. I have almost any price place you may want to invest in.

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**Rose Lawn.**

Five to seven acre tracts, from one-half mile to one mile from Main street of Artesia, New Mexico, are now on sale to actual home builders at a price much below what they will be one or two years hence. These suburban lots are being improved right along. More rose hedges will be planted, and more fruit trees and grape vines will be set out this season.

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 For Dr. Dunaway phone 28.  
 Everything for the epicure at Fletcher's.  
 New shipment of Mackerel at Fletcher's.  
 Mrs. Jack Johns is quiet sick at her home.  
 Oleomargarine, good to eat at Fletcher's.  
 Good weights in good meats at Artesia Market.  
 Pecos Valley Abstract Co. in rear of Post-Office.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Stout have returned from a trip to Iowa.  
 What you want and the way you want it at Artesia Market.  
 Man and wife wanted to work on farm.—See J. B. Cecill.  
 Address Pecos Valley Abstract Co. for Abstracts of Title.  
 C. Q. Halbert was a visitor to Lake Arthur one day last week.  
 Jno. R. Hodges of Lake Arthur paid Artesia a visit this week.  
 Mr. Geo. Kauffman, who has been quiet ill is somewhat improved.  
 How about that roast for Sunday dinner? See Artesia Market.  
 Fresh shipment of Swifts hams and bacon at Fletcher's Market.  
 Masons Tree paint and tree protectors at Artesia Nursery—Phone 59.  
 Give us an idea what you want and we will do the rest. Phone 37.  
 Apple trees in twenty of the leading commercial varieties at Artesia Nursery.  
 F. L. Hill, of Lakewood, was up after trees from the Artesia Nursery Wednesday.  
 Mrs. J. C. Glass, of Alexandria La., is visiting her nucle Mr. T. N. Cornell.  
 Man and wife wanted on ranch, wife to do cooking. Apply to Box 116, Artesia, N. M.

A Crock Of All-Pork SAUSAGE.

A crock of our all-pork Sausage packed in lard will keep a long time, and afford an emergency supply of meat that will always be pleasing.  
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 Every pound guaranteed all-pork and from pork of our own feeding.—You are certain of what you get.  
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 Try one lot and you will never be without it in cool weather.

Artesia Market,  
 PHONE 8.

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

Mrs. Kitty Bruning, the day operator at the Telephone office, is convalescent after an attack of the grip.

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

For Sale—One triple-gear Marseilles feed grinder and a corn sheller, cheap. J. P. Lowry or this office.

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

Mrs. George Fletcher and mother-in-law, Mrs. Inez Fletcher, returned to Aetesia last night after spending four days here with relatives.—Record.

Mr. Kennedy, of Kansas City was here this week and bought of E. Robin a quarter section on Dagger flats and has a water-right from the Catclaw Canal.

Bun Muncy arrived from Slidell, Texas, Monday with another car of goods and stock for his father. This makes three cars of goods that Mr. Muncy has shipped out and feels now like he is in shape to farm right. He recently bought another farm in the Cottonwood section, and the boys will soon develop it into something attractive.

J. S. Highsmith, of the Artesia Nursery, informs the Advocate that he sold ten thousand apple trees to parties near Hagerman one day last week. This will give some idea of the orchard-planting industry in the Pecos Valley—and also what Pecos Valley people think of trees grown here at home.

No town in the Valley can look back with more pride upon its past achievements than Lake Arthur. The spirit here has been one of unity and progress, until now an assured future is ours provided we keep as a unit on all public questions and not let petty dislikes split us so we cannot harmonize and present the solid front as of old. A spirit that seeks only personal success is too selfish to survive in an American community. We must all have the broadness to wish all our business men success and do everything we can to promote the success of every local enterprise.—Lake Arthur Times.

It is not a fact, and there is no foundation from the report that sectarianism will be taught in the Methodist school which Artesia is just now trying to secure. In none of its training schools do the Methodist essay to impress the attendants with the doctrinal teachings of the denomination except the higher universities, where preparation is being made for the ministry. The training schools are established for the purpose of doing away with the necessity of starting children off to a college that throws no moral or religious restraints around the young mind. No churchanity is taught—only a wholesome respect and veneration for the institutions of a Christian life.

Mass Meeting.

A meeting of all citizens of Artesia, who are interested in banishing the saloons from our midst by popular vote at an election to be held according to a call issued by the Board of Trustees of the said City of Artesia on Tuesday, March 3rd, 1908, is hereby called to convene at the Christian Church, Tuesday eve. Feb. 18, at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of discussing mode of action.

C. L. Heath, Pres. Anti-Saloon League,  
 W. F. Schwartz, Sec.

Mr. Mandel, Grand Master of the Territorial Lodge of I. O. O. F. of New Mexico visited the local lodge Thursday night and gave a most enjoyable talk which was enjoyed by those present. During the evening refreshments were served.

Keeping Open House.

Everybody is welcome when we feel good; and we feel that way only when our digestive organs are working properly. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the action of stomach, liver and bowels so perfectly one can't help feeling good when he uses these pills. 25c at Pecos Valley Drug Company.

Special Communication.

Of Artesia Lodge No. 28 A. F. & A. M. will be held Saturday evening February 15, 1908 at 7:30 o'clock. The presence of all members requested and all visiting brethren cordially invited.

By order of the Worshipful Master.

P. S. Terwilliger, Sec.

For Rheumatic Sufferers.

The quick relief from pain afforded by applying Chamberlain's Cough Pain Balm makes it a favorite with sufferers from rheumatism, sciatica, lame back, lumbago, and deep seated and muscular pains.—For sale by the City Drug Store.

Notice.

Letters of administration having been issued the undersigned by Hon. John W. Armstrong, Probate Judge of Eddy County, New Mexico, for the estate of James H. Clinton, deceased, therefore all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same within the time prescribed by law.

Witness my hand this 12th day of February, 1908.

J. C. Gage,  
 Administrator.

Even From the Mountains.

Ballard's Snow Liniment is praised for the good it does. A sure cure for Rheumatism and all pains. Wright W. Loving, Grand Junction, Colo., writes: "I used Ballard's Snow Liniment, last winter, for Rheumatism and can recommend it as the best Liniment on the market. I thought, at the time I was taken down with this trouble, that it would be a week before I could get about, but on applying your Liniment several times during the night, I was about in 48 hours and well in three days." Sold by Redford & Mann.



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