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MANY METHODISTS

Quarterly Conference Shows Big Gain in Artesia

PRESIDING ELDER HERE

Substantial Raise in Salary of Pastor. All Pleased

The Methodist quarterly conference for Artesia station held Wednesday showed a substantial gain during the last quarter, the net increase being twenty-nine since Rev. J. Allen Ray the present pastor took charge three months ago. The congregation showed its

appreciation by increasing the salary of the pastor from \$1000 to \$1500. Rev. J. B. Cochran of El Paso, presiding elder for this district came in Tuesday night and remained until Thursday when he went to Dayton. It is needless to say that he was greatly pleased with the progress that Artesia is making spiritually and materially and that he is more than ever pleased that the college is to be located in Fairist Artesia.

W. F. Schwartz received word Saturday of the death of his father, Fred Schwartz in Salem, Ohio, on the 11th inst. The Advocate extends sympathy.

SCHOOL LYCEUM

Lecture Tuesday Night at Christian Church

BY REV. J. ALLEN RAY

Subject: Seeing the Invisible. All Should Attend.

Friends of the High School Lecture Course and those who desire an intellectual treat should attend the lecture to be delivered by Rev. J. Allen Ray at the Christian church next Tuesday night entitled "Seeing the Invisible." Rev. Ray is known as one of the clearest thinkers and best orators in the territory and his lecture is certain to be interesting and profitable.

Before the lecture the following programme will be given:

National Hymn, High School Christmas Song, Girls of First Grade.

Solo, Rosa Wetig.
Reading, "Jim Fenton's Wedding," Miss Tuttle.
Song, Boys of Second Grade.
Quartette, C. F. Erb, Kenneth Erb, W. A. Kauffman and R. R. Beatty.

Lecture "Seeing the Invisible" Rev. J. Allen Ray.
Admission 25 and 35 cents.

Presbyterian Services.

There will be special Christmas services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening. The choir is under the management of Mrs. H. G. Gray. Miss Margaret Mathes will preside at the organ and Mrs. Kauffman will play the violin accompaniment. The subject of the pastors sermon will be "The Angels' Song." The Y. P. S. C. E. meets at 6 o'clock. Evening services commence at 7 o'clock at which time there will be special musical services. All are cordially invited to attend.

Just a Little Mistake.

For the benefit of the horde of readers of the Advocate who are charmed and entranced by our editorials and who look to us for advice, we desire to say that in the last paragraph of our editorial commending President Roosevelt's railroad recommendation, we meant to say that the interstate Commerce Commission should be invested with as all needed power "not inconsistent with the rights of the several states under the Constitution," instead "not consistent with" etc

A Cozy Shack.

William M. Clyde, of Illinois, who purchased the twenty acre O. E. Nicky tract near town through C. A. Sipple, is preparing to build a \$5000 residence on his land. Artesia will soon have the finest residences of any town in the Pecos Valley.

SAW REAL OIL

Artesia Turns Out "Horse, Foot and Dragoons" Sunday

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Company Will Go Deeper And Likely Drill More Wells.

Everybody in Artesia and Dayton was at the oil well on the Muncey place Sunday afternoon; at least we did not miss anybody. There was plenty of oil in evidence though the water had gotten inside the casing and it took some time to bail it out. Many who are familiar with oil wells say that the indications are excellent for a paying proposition.

The New Mexico Oil Company which has charge of the work will either drill that well deeper or will put down a new one with a larger drill. They believe it is a good thing and will investigate thoroughly.

The officers of the company are: president, E. R. Gesler; secretary and treasurer, E. F. Phillips; general manager, F. J. Lukins.

The Presbyterians are planning for their Annual New Year's Eve Musical, Social and "Watch Meeting"—and as has been their custom in former years everybody is cordially invited to unite with us to enjoy the entertainment and social and make the closing hour of the Old Year one of blessing to all.

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If you have been putting off your gift buying because you cannot think what to give, put an end to your worry by coming to our store at once. Although our stock is less in volume than it was a few weeks ago, we still have almost a complete assortment you'll promptly decide what to give when you see our superb showing.

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Postal Savings Bank.

In discussing the matter of postal saving banks we do not approach the question in a partisan spirit, it is purely a matter of business and it is immaterial whether it happens to be advocated by a Republican or by a Democratic administration. If it is a good measure we ought to have it; if it is not a good measure it ought to be defeated. It is not to its discredit that it has the enthusiastic support of the leaders of the Socialist party; for the Socialists support many good measures; though we might remark that the measure which would be perhaps a necessary part of a Socialistic government, (if private savings were possible under socialism, which we deny) might work out all right if it were inaugurated under such a government and yet fail under our present economic regime. At least if it had any place under a Socialistic system it would work as well as any other department; though we have never seen any general socialistic system of government proposed that did not present so many and such serious defects that its proposers were compelled to abandon it, and all socialistic parties compelled to repudiate it, almost as soon as it was made public.

The first great fault to be found with the postal saving system is that it would tend to increase the rapid centralizing tendencies now in evidence in this country. Aside from the increase of the duties and responsibilities of the government it would also tend to strengthen the great banking institutions in the money centers and to weaken those in the smaller cities and in the towns. Under the Carter Bill which is now pending and which is supposed to represent the administrations idea of what the postal saving system should be, the government, through the postoffice department is to pay two per cent interest for all deposits and the Postmaster General shall "Deposit postal saving depository funds in national banks to be designated by him, at a rate of interest of not less than two and one-fourth per centum per annum. Such deposits shall be made in the national banks in the states and territories in which such are received, and when possible in the counties in which such funds are received, and as far as possible in the immediate vicinity of the places at which such funds are received."

On its face this looks fair enough as far as national banks are concerned but those who have studied its probable operation have with practical unanimity declared that many

of the national banks in smaller towns would not take the deposits because of the special regulations necessary, because of the rate of interest, and most of all because the money deposited by the government would constitute a first lien on the assets of the bank, taking precedence over the deposits of all private depositors, thus tending to discourage them. Furthermore, banks are now organized in many small communities under state laws where the capital which can be profitably used in such enterprise is not sufficient to start a national bank. Some of these are run on a small margin of profit and need every dollar that is deposited with them, and in the event that even a small part of the moneys now left with them were withdrawn, as would inevitably prove to be the case were postal saving banks established, these institutions would be compelled to close their doors, to the injury of the business of such small communities and the inconvenience of their people. Then, while this would prove beneficial to some of the larger communities at the expense of the smaller, yet as in most cases of arbitrary governmental interference with the natural laws of trade, the benefit to the large community would not be at all in proportion to the injury to the small one and there would be a net loss to the country as a whole. For where trade and currency are unrestricted and no unnatural scarcity is produced in some communities and unnatural congestion produced in others, each community naturally draws to itself something like its share of the coin of the realm; but where anything occurs which diverts money from the channels in which it would normally flow, it is just as certain that some places will get too much as it is that the others will not get enough. Thus banks in cities of moderate size would likely receive more money than they could profitably use or could put out on the sort of security required, and the result would be that they would increase their deposits in New York where in one way or other the result would be an increase in speculation. That this statement is not exaggerated is proven by the review of the effect of the postal savings bank of Great Britain as stated by the London Statist of Dec. 22, 1906, in which that noted financial authority declared that the effects of the system in the British Isles was the withdrawal of thirteen million pounds (\$65,000,000) from Ireland, where it was needed, to the congested money centers of England. That the outlying districts of England suffered as Ireland did from the same cause was shown by an article which appeared in the London Bankers Magazine some years ago.

Here is what it said:

"The branches of the Postal Savings Bank convey all the savings of the district they receive straight up to the central office in London. This money is employed there in purchases of the public funds of the country; it is thus re-

moved from the district in which it originates, and incidentally assists in raising the price of funds to so high a point that the Postmaster General is unable to invest the amount collected on such terms as to obtain back the interest which he covenants to allow his depositors, and to obtain also a sufficient margin to meet expenses."

This is not a pleasant picture. Another injury which this system would do new communities is this: the private saving banks now loan deposits on farm property and the money they obtain is used in developing the country: under the postal savings bank system, real estate will not be accepted as security, and indeed cannot be, since the deposits may be withdrawn without notice.

Banking, that is the taking and investing of deposits which is the primary purpose of banking institutions, is not a normal function of government. The issuing of money is a governmental function; because as it is necessary for the government to designate in what material taxes may be paid and for courts to be able to say in what sort of material accounts in litigation may be settled, it is necessary that the government be enabled to say what shall constitute a standard for deferred payments. In other words from the nature of things, the power expressly granted by the Constitution to "Coin money and regulate the value thereof" is a prerogative that inheres in all governments. Like most ordinary governmental powers it may be delegated, just like rights to build and operate railroads and public utilities, functions essentially governmental, may be delegated. Now most governments have delegated to banks the power to issue money, and it is not unnatural that the thoughtless should confuse the incidental with the essential and assume that the issuance of money is a normal, if not the PRINCIPAL function of a bank, and that because the right to issue money inheres naturally in the government that therefore banking is a governmental function. This is not true.

The government owes one duty in regard to banks of deposit operating under national laws; the several states and territories owe a similar duty in regard to banks organized under their laws, and that is to see that they are not fraudulent institutions, and that as they operate under the laws of the respective governments of the nation or of the states, that they do what they claim to do; namely, furnish a safe means for the retention and investments of deposits. Whether it is to the best interest of the government and of the people to retain and exercise the governmental power to coin money or whether it is wise to delegate that power to banks is not involved in the question of postal savings banks. They are objectionable on the ground that they are an arbitrary invasion by the government into a field that should be left to private enterprise. By all means let

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the government see to it that any institution which is chartered or incorporated to furnish a safe place for deposit be compelled to secure its depositors. If this is done every dollar which advocates of postal savings banks say is in hiding through fear of the present banking systems will come out. The Oklahoma plan is a good one. Instead of driving money to the great centers it keeps it among the people of small communities: directly opposite to the effect of the postal saving system. Its universal adoption would render such a condition as that which prevailed in the fall of 1907 impossible. Above all it would leave competitive business in the hands of private individuals and not inaugurate a system that can be justified only by justifying socialism.

Up To The Lawyers.

The Advocate plan of an appeal at the expense of the state where requested by any person convicted of any crime greater than a misdemeanor and the payment of a reasonable fee to lawyers appointed by the courts to defend penniless persons charged with any criminal offense, has been endorsed by every member of the Artesia bar. It is true that some of the gentleman suggested minor changes in the details of the proposed plan but they were a unit in regard to all the essential features. The most important alteration of the plan suggested, was intimated by Judge Temple and specifically put forth by Judge Osburn: to wit, that the state should pay the attorney appointed whether the defense resulted in an acquittal or not. Though there are many arguments to be made in favor of this idea, we are still in doubt as to its wisdom, for we fear that its practical effect would be to increase useless defenses and hopeless appeals, to the embarrassment of courts and the cost of the taxpayers. On consideration we would suggest that the fee allowed an attorney appointed under those circumstances be divided into two parts; one for the necessary expense incurred by the attorney in preparing his case and the other his fee, strictly speaking. Let the first be allowed by the court in all cases and let the collection of the latter depend upon the acquit-

tal of the defendant. Let the court determine in all cases what are necessary expenses and what constitutes reasonable fees. However all the points of difference developed by the interviews last week are of small importance while it is agreed that the main principle is right.

Let us suggest this; while the newspapers are not without influence, the influence of the bar would have a much greater effect in securing legislative or constitutional action in this case. Suppose the lawyers of Artesia start a crusade for such reform. We have not the slightest doubt that it would be successful and that the Artesia bar would receive credit for its incorporation into our statutes, if it is permissible under our bill of rights, or in the event that it cannot now be adopted, its incorporation into our state constitution when New Mexico becomes a state as it will sometime.

Higgins, the fire insurance man.

Good Cough Medicine for Children.

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher, Ripley, W. Va., says: "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by Redford & Mann.

Lake Arthur Timeslets.

J. B. Cecil, of Artesia, was in town Monday advertising the Artesia Auto Livery and placed an ad in the Times. Mr. Cecil is one of Artesia's best citizens.

J. O. Kuykendall, of the Artesia meal mill, was here Monday interviewing the business men in regard to placing his products on sale at this place.

Editor Jas. D. Whelan of the Artesia Advocate one of the neatest and newest papers in New Mexico, was in this city Monday and called at the Times office. He reports considerable building going on in his town. —Lake Arthur Times.

To Whom it May Concern.

Notice is hereby given that all property owned by me in and around Artesia is withdrawn from the market.

John W. Hunt.

For that Dull Feeling After Eating.

I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablet for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating.—David Freeman, Kempt Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. Get a free sample at Redford & Mann's drug store and see what a splendid medicine it is.

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President Roosevelt's recommendation that the railroads be placed completely under the control of the interstate commerce commission and that said commission be given the right to regulate freight rates and passenger fares, is sound at the bottom and is in line with the best economic thought of America and Europe. But it can only be justified by the same arguments that are used by non-socialistic advocates of the government ownership and operation of railroads; namely, that the ownership and operation of all roads whether common or rail, lies in the government and that where their ownership is transferred to private parties those parties are simply permitted to exercise governmental functions. This principle admitted, as the president admits it, and the question whether the government shall own the roads or not is simply one of expedience. At the same time, the insufficiency of private ownership, if it is insufficient can never be known until complete control is tried. By all means let the interstate commerce commission be invested with all the control of the roads that is not consistent with the rights of the several states under the constitution. If such control prove effectual, the railroad question will be settled; if it fail, government ownership is the only alternative.

The order of the Eastern Star gave itself a handsome treat in the shape of a turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Lukins one evening last week. Between the courses conundrums contributed to the "flow of the soul" which usually accompanies such a feast and following the spread Miss McIlhany gave a short musical program. The Stars which shone at this function were Messrs. and Mesdames Lukins, J. S. Major, Geo. Frisk, J. O. Kuykendall, A. C. Keinath, J. D. Graham, M. M. Inman and C. S. Lewis, Mesdame McNatt, Brunning, Jno. Lowry, R. Blue, and Annie Pitts, Misses Lillian Major and Lillie McIlhany and Messrs. L. W. Martin, E. C. Higgins and H. C. Nimitz.

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Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M.
December 5, 1908
Notice is hereby given that Susan A. King, of Artesia N. M. assignee of Arthur K. Skaer, assignee of Boyd Williams, who on October 8th 1904, made Desert Entry, No. 1741 ser. no. 02692 for North East Quarter, Section 14, Township 16 S., Range 25 E., N. M. P. meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Albert Blake, U. S. Court commissioner, at his office, at Artesia, N. M., on the 20th day of January, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses:
George M. Brown, H. H. Hess, O. Voshell, William Sipple, all of Artesia, N. M.
T. C. Tillotson,
12-12-08. Register.

Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M.,
Dec. 5, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that Hosea Calley, Guthrie Centor, Iowa, assignee of Wm. Crandall, assignee of Winn F. Crabdall who on January 22, 1907, made Desert entry, No. 2764, ser. no. 02730, for W¹/₄ of SW¹/₄, Section 23, Township 17 S., Range 26 E., N. M. P. meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office, at Artesia, N. M., on the 22nd day of January 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses:
William Crandall, Harry Bloomfield, Joshua M. Conn, Harry T. Peck, all of Artesia N. M.
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12-12-08. Register.

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Mesilla Valley Hasn't a Looking As An Alfalfa Region.

In a recent article on the alfalfa fields of the Mesilla Valley a special writer for the El Pass News declared that that valley now has 20,000 of alfalfa which yields four tons per year per acre and adds that it has no serious rival as an alfalfa growing district in the world. The statistics in regard to the extent and average yield of the Mesilla Valley is no doubt correct but the conclusion drawn as its relative importance shows a lamentable lack of information concerning other sections; especially the Pecos Valley. For the benefit of the News man we will say that the Pecos Valley now has more than 45,000 acres in alfalfa that average five tons per year per acre; a total yearly yield of 270,000 tons or just three and three-fourth times as many tons as are produced in the Mesilla Valley.

The Happy Hour Club spent a very pleasant afternoon with Mrs. White at its regular meeting Wednesday. A short business session was held after which the time was spent in pleasant conversation and needlework. The work was quickly put aside, however, when the hostess appeared with a dish of fine fruit which passed. This part of the meeting was especially enjoyed by the ladies. The following members were present, Mesdames Brownlee, Speck, Thompson, Vance, Lowry, White, Jewel, Kuns, Allard, Reeves and Miss Hill. Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Brownlee January 6th 1909.

See Higgins for insurance

J. E. Bumpus went to Roswell this morning.

J. B. Atkeson transacted legal business in Roswell today.

Col. Baker, of Roswell, was down last week in behalf of the New York Life.

W. G. Bishop came in last night from Colorado City, Texas, to live in Artesia.

Will Benson has bought the house now occupied by M. A. Corbin from Mrs. L. C. Brasher.

Tom Dillard, of Roswell, brought his sheep to the Henderson farm this week for wintering. The Henderson's have a fine new reservoir for watering.

L. W. Feemster returned Wednesday from a trip to Kansas City and Ft. Scott. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Anna Feemster who will spend the winter in Artesia.

John Hodges went to Roswell on business yesterday morning. John is planting two thousand fruit trees on his farm now and intends to plant one hundred and ten acres of orchard, all told.

S. B. Dyer has gone to Tula Texas to start a harness shop. Mrs. Dyer will remain here to bake those delightful cakes and that splendid bread that has been the delight of all Artesians for a long time.

Holiday round trip rates went into effect yesterday. The rate is one and one third fare for round trip to all points in New Mexico and Texas. For

sale until January 1 and good until January 5.

Sam Butler is preparing to construct a large residence on his lots two blocks from Main street. The new residence will be a credit to the city and to the enterprising gentleman who is putting it up.

The Christian church choir will give "An Old Folks Concert" at the Christian church on Tuesday evening, December 29th, for the benefit of the church. General admission 25c, reserved seat 35c.

W. A. Kauffman, of Des Moines, Iowa, came yesterday to spend the holidays with his brother-in-law, C. F. Erb and family, Mrs. Kauffman came a short time ago and will be the guest of her brother's family until May.

D. D. Sullivan is decorating his office, and the office of Swebston & Daugherty (which is the same thing) with heads of the deer he has killed. If Dan will now exhibit the hearts of the deers he has captured the spectacle will be interesting if pathetic.

D. P. Greiner, of Roswell, district deputy of the head consul of the M. W. A. has been here all week working up members for his order. The Modern Woodmen is one of the strongest beneficiary organizations in the world; probably the largest of them all.

Arthur Horner has bought a ranch near Hagerman and will move his cattle there at once. He still retains his interests here however. We are glad

that he does not leave this part of the country and congratulate Hagerman on the acquisition of a good citizen.

Horace L. Olden and his sister, Mrs. C. C. Hart, were here from Muskola, Kansas, last week on a visit to H. L. Olden. Word was received Saturday night that Mr. Horace L. Olden's father-in-law had suddenly died so the visit was cut short and the visitors left for their homes Sunday morning.

W. S. Galloway went to Amarillo Wednesday in behalf of the Winfield Nursery Company of which he is the representative. He has gone there to dispose of some property owned by the company on the heights in Amarillo; as the nursery people have decided to dispose of their property there and invest the proceeds in lands around Artesia.

Among the best of the many recommendations in the president's message is that which advocates the improvement of navigable rivers. Such action where it would bring transportation by water into competition with railroads would solve the railroad question. Such governmental activity is of a kind that ought to commend itself to all good citizens.

The Presbyterian Sunday School is preparing to give a little play, "The Spirit of Christmas" on Christmas eve. The play is in two scenes depicting the Christmas tide in a wealthy and a poverty stricken home. The little

drama will be under the supervision of Mrs. Kauffman, who has given it a number of times in Des Moines, Iowa. There will also be other exercises by the children and a tableau.

The Great Russell Shows which came in Monday with the expectation of remaining only three days decided to stay in Artesia the rest of the week. They have all sorts of carnival attractions and run only clean shows. They are a decent set of people and their exhibitions are worthy of the patronage which they have been receiving from the discriminating Artesia public. Tonight will close their stand in Artesia.

Let Higgins insure your house.

A dozen young people were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Echols Saturday evening complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clark, of Topeka, Kansas, friends of E. C. King, brother of Mrs. Echols. Among the diversions were two guessing contests in one of which Mrs. Will Watkins won the prize, a box of chocolates, and Mr. Watkins, the consolation souvenir, a rubber doll. Mr. and Mrs. Clark departed for Kansas on Sunday morning.

F. B. Schwenher and W. G. Weaver, of Albuquerque, are here this week in the interest of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Higgins sells fire insurance.

FIRE DRILL

Favored By Schoolboard and Educators. Apparatus Needed.

In suggesting the adoption of a fire drill in this community the Advocate has been actuated by a desire to call attention to the matter with a view of having it discussed; feeling certain that if the plan were found capable of application, the resulting discussion would induce the board of education and the teachers to co-operate to bring it about. In our issue of two weeks ago we quoted the superintendent and the principal of the high school as favoring the idea. On Thursday of this week we visited the grade school with a view of ascertaining what the opinion of the teachers there were in regard to the proposed innovation.

Prof. H. G. Howard said: "I favor the idea of a fire drill for the discipline that results from it. The teachers have been instructing the children in marching and those upstairs go down rapidly and regularly but we have no apparatus for instructing them in a fire drill."

Miss Attebury: "I think the idea a good one and certainly am in favor of it."

Miss McMahon: "Yes, I think that the idea is excellent. It would teach the children discipline."

Miss Williamson: "I am certainly heartily in favor of a fire drill. In case of fire it would enable the children to march out in an orderly manner before they knew that there was any fire. I have taught in schools where the drill had been adopted and it was a success in every way. The form of the stairway in this building would prevent the rapidity of egress which has been attained in some schools but that is all the more reason why the children should be thoroughly drilled."

Miss Kurtz: "I certainly favor a fire drill both for the discipline it would give the children and on account of the benefit it would be in case of fire. It is a good thing and I should like to see it started."

Prof. Howard and Miss Kurtz both mentioned the fact that the doors on the lower floor leading out of the school house swing in instead of swinging out and that in case of fire this might lead to congestion on the lower floor when the children came down stairs.

Prior to visiting the school the editor thought it well to interview the members of the board of education; which was done with the following result:

S. W. Gilbert: "It is a good thing and I should like to see it in practice."

V. E. Fatherree: "A fire drill is a good thing, aside from its value in case of fire; it teaches discipline."

Rev. J. C. Gage: "We ought to have it. The board recommended it last year and I believe that some steps were taken toward its adoption in some of the rooms but if so it was not kept up. But it ought to be adopted by all means."

Others familiar with educational matters have expressed themselves to the editor since the publication of the Advocate article. Here are some of the opinions:

Prof. E. J. Feemster: "I tried to start an agitation for a fire drill last year but it did not agitate to any alarming extent. My opinions in regard to its advisability and practical value have not changed since."

Prof. B. Steveson: "Why I thought they had it. I knew that there had been some talk about it and I was under the impression that it had been put into practice. Certainly, I favor it. It has been adopted in all schools in the city."

Prof. J. Weaver Foster: "It is a good idea; we need something of the kind in our schools."

Prof. C. M. Botts: "Certainly the schools ought to have a fire drill."

Both Prof. W. L. Bishop and Prof. W. S. Hicks are heartily in accord with the ideas expressed by all the others.

Considering the unanimity of sentiment in favor of the plan on the part of the teachers, of the members of the school board and of others whose opinions are of value, we do not see why some practical scheme cannot be found to carry the idea into practice. It would probably involve a small expenditure of money for a drum and a gong, but that would amount to very little compared with the value of the drill even though there were no danger of fire.

Knights of Honor Dec. 30.

The Knights of Honor failed to hold a meeting Thursday night owing to the fact that the Woodman Circle had the right of way of the hall. The Knights conflicted with the Circle on a previous occasion and the fellows with the ax and wedge kindly gave away, and this time it was up to the Knights to do the Gaston act, which they did. The Knights adjourned to the offices of the Farmers Land League and then adjourned to meet Wednesday night December 30 at the regular hall when there will be no other meeting to conflict. There are several initiations to take place on that occasion and it is also time to pay dues. The meeting will come to order promptly at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

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Auto Livery to Roswell.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the advertisement of the Artesia Auto Livery announcing the establishment of a regular route between Artesia and Roswell. This announcement will be received with unalloyed pleasure by the travelling public. The machines are first class and the service will be prompt and satisfactory. Something of the kind has long been needed in the valley.

Confederate Veteran Meeting.

The R. E. Lee Camp Confederate Veterans will meet at the W. O. W. Hall at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday Dec. 26, 1908. All members are urged to attend.

E. S. Bishop, Commander.
C. L. Heath, Adjutant.

The Lukins home was the scene of a charming afternoon party on Wednesday, the hostesses being Mrs. Lukins, Mrs. A. C. Keinath and Mrs. Kittie Brunning. Fifty ladies were invited and spent a delightful afternoon with conversation, music and guessing games. In the latter the prize, a book of Tennyson's poems, fell to Mrs. Albert Blake. The music consisted of two violin selections by Mrs. Kauffman, of Iowa, who is visiting her brother, C. F. Erb and family, and two vocal selections by Mrs. H. G. Gray. The refreshments were delicious and were served in courses. The ladies entertained again on Friday afternoon, fifty other ladies being their guests on this occasion. Mrs. Corbin and Mrs. Ragsdale favored the company with vocal selections and Miss Lilly McIlhany with piano music.

J. Porter Bishop, who left here last summer for his old home in Lee county Va.,

where arrived in time to cast a ballot for the Commoner returned last night. He has been doing some missionary work for Artesia in general and for the Farmers Land League in particular and brought a number of people with him who will be interested in the wonderful resources of the great Pecos Valley. Among those who came is his old pastor, Rev. White of Pennington Gap.

The Advocate learns with sincere regret that Rev. J. A. Stout finds it necessary to temporarily discontinue his labors in Artesia on account of the condition of his wife's health. The Stouts will leave Monday morning for Kansas City where it is hoped Mrs. Stout will sufficiently recuperate to enable them to return to Artesia. It is generally believed that the Christian pulpit will not be permanently filled for the present in the hope Rev. Stout may be enabled to resume his labors in the ministerial field in Artesia.

The town of Miller is now a memory. Miller was the old town that was here before Artesia and consisted of a frame, one story shack where M. H. Becket sold general merchandise to the cowboys. When the railroad came through a box car constituted the station house of Miller. The old store has been vacant for several years and of late it was considered a menace to other buildings in the neighborhood so the council finally requested E. A. Clayton who now owns the land upon which the building stood to have it removed and in compliance with this request the old landmark was torn down and moved away.

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Laura M. Terrill
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Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M.,
July 10, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Richard M. Bell, of Hope, N. M., who, on July 19, 1902, made Homestead Entry, No. 2686 ser. No. 0830, for northwest quarter, section 4, township 18 S, range 2 E, N. M. P. meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at Artesia, N. M., on the 12th day of January, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: Newton Teal, Frank Wyckoff, Charles Cole, John A. Beckett, Jr., all of Hope, N. M. T. C. Tillotson, Register.

To Whom it May Concern.

Notice is hereby given that all property owned by me in and around Artesia is withdrawn from the market.

John W. Hunt.

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have the laugh on you.

We are tickled over a good year's business and want to round out the last month with something extra. We feel so good that we are going to make a Christmas present to each and every customer who buys \$5.00 worth of Dry Goods of us during this sale. Now don't wonder what it is, but come and see. Of course this is strictly a cash talk. Your credit is good but we need the money. Bring your pocket book and enjoy a ride in the Carnival wagon. Yours for business.

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IMPRESSIONS OF A TENDERFOOT

Being Unorthodox Sketches of Real Human Interest.

Good old Christmas comes but once in a year, but it is a pity that it does not come about once in a month. The bustle and stir that pervades Roswell now, and for that matter the whole civilized world, is proof enough of the value of Christmas as a civilizing agent. No matter whether a man believes in the story of the Christ Child or not, the instinct of Christmas gets close to him, no matter how hardened he may be in the way of the world. You will see some pretty hard old bats in this town sneaking home with suspicious-looking bundles under their arms this week, and many an old married hippopotamus will find himself thinking of other days, when life was not all a hard scramble, and the fires burned brightly on the old hearthstone that has been cold for many a year. Even though the glimpse is fleeting, he is a better man for it, granting that in a few days he relapses into the old way of skinning and being skinned. That is the way of the world, according to the modern standards, and it is like a breath of heaven to live even for a short time, in the atmosphere of a clearer and a better life.

I have never believed that there has really been any change in the human heart, or that there are any different spiritual conditions than prevailed when we were boys. To be sure we lead a more rapid gait nowadays, but whether life is a boon or not is owing to how we mix up the milk of human kindness in our daily walk. There is no guarantee of a calm old age, or a happy young or middle age, like that factor which has made life worth living since the morning stars sang together. It is absolute in its power. You can see it verified all over town, all over the world, Christmas day, and every other day in year. It is not the people who have most who are happiest, for the man who worries about what his money is earning has no time or disposition to take hold of the one thing that can lift his soul out of the narrow percentage horizon. He is too busy to notice the struggles

and the well doing of those around him, and might as well be in jail so far as any real participation in the divine side of life is concerned. The divine spark may start up for a moment, but it is only a spark of the divine ray, and is followed by a darkness all the more profound, because it has not the fleshandbloodativeness that appertains to the common people, who will get the real enjoyment out of Christmas, as they did in the family blessed by Tiny Tim, as they do every Christmas; and theirs is a right more valuable than all of the treasures of the world.

About the only fault that I can see with the blessing of life today is that most of us are prone to forget that whether we will or no we are our brother's keeper, and that we owe a duty to the world beyond self aggrandizement or the amassment of money. Too many of us forget the celestial doctrine of the Golden Rule, except so far as it relates to ourselves, and twist it around with pernicious readiness of David-Harum. That is the key to the whole shooting match. That rule is the same to all human happiness, and there is no more complete proof of the infinite wisdom of God. Take that maxim out of the Bible, and the book would not be worth a pinch of salt. Leave it and take all of the rest, and it would not make a particle of difference in the advancement and betterment of mankind.

If the millennium ever comes it will be by the application of the Golden Rule. It can come in no other way in a world that has for ages been the battle ground of contending selfishness, and which may sometime turn to a simpler faith,—that which above all others is brighter now than it was in the day of the gentle man of Gallilee. It is the easiest of application of all earthly dogmas, and pays a higher percentage on the investment. Find those lives in which it is daily practice, and you will find the possessors of treasurers such as the percentage population never dreamed of. They may be as poor as can be, in fact they cannot be rich and live that rule all of the time, but they have with them every day that which turneth away wrath, makes the burdens of the less fortunate easier to

bear, which reflects itself in the citadel of their own breasts which no man may enter, the holy of holies, so far as we creatures of the dust are concerned.

It is in application of the Golden Rule that so many so-called Christians fall down miserably. They didn't mean to, but the worst side of the present day life lays hold on them when the inspiration of the sanctuary fades away. Did you ever go to church and hear some fat brother rise from the amen corner and say that he was ready to do anything for Jesus? That always seemed like poppycock to me. As if the son of the Almighty, whose love encompasses and redeems the world, whose smile is eternal, could be benefited by anything such a worm could do? The only way any mortal can do anything for such a being is by the observance of the Golden Rule, by doing something for the children of men, by LIVING the principle that has the power to remove all the sting, and all of the bitterness from those who are laboring in the everlasting grind.

That is the only way, and as this Christmas and many other Christmases come and go, shall we grow spiritually as we do it. Professions are cheap, but the application is the key, and we should be better men and women as we live and apply the principle: "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YE WOULD THEY SHOULD DO UNTO YOU."

There will be happy hearts in the valley this Christmas while the story of the Prince of Peace is told anew by the sons of men, and finds echo in the hearts of the children. After all, it is to the little people the festival means most. To those of us who have rounded the corner it is more a reminder than anything else, unless we are the one out of the seven to whom the story of the nativity is a personal thing. It carries us back to other days and a happier time, and restores to the canvas of the brain scenes of the distant past. The thought of it does that for me, and a rare picture rises up before me without the bidding. Why down in the Ozark hills, where the slopes are smiling in hazy blue, where the fleecy clouds are thrown across the ocean of the

sky like white-winged ships at sea, on the porch of the old log cabin, I can see a woman sitting, her toil worn fingers busy with the needles, and her clear blue eyes looking away in a distance beyond mortal vision. A holy peace is written upon the placid face. The voices of the child in the orchard mingle with the humming of the bees in the blossoming clover, and the breeze sings a happy song among the madeira and morning glory vines. Nowhere in the volumes written by men is there such a glorious figure of a woman, and her greatness is now no more nor no less that the years have flown, the old farm fallen into alien hands, the log house crumbled to dust, and the children that shouted in glee in the cool appled aisles are grown and scattered by land and by sea. Time can give no greater luster to her name, nor sounding praises accentuate her virtues. The crash and blare of fortissimo passages in the melody of the world had no meaning in her ample heart, for it was filled with a music at which the angels wondered and humanity little knew. No beauty was hers, as the world sees that quality in woman: short of stature and with the calm phlegm of her ancestors beyond the seas, no stretch of imagination could ascribe to her physical charm. Yet, though I have traveled far, I have never known her like in the beauty that grows like an opening flower, that woman

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on the porch of the cabin of long ago. The seasons came and went and the melody of that soul rang on, soothing tired children to sleep as the rain pattered on the shakes, dispelling as by magic fancied ills, ever smoothing the way for little feet, and pointing the heart to the goodness which overflows the world and the principle of right that makes life worth living and points the soul to God. I never heard her sing a song or chant a psalm, and do not believe that she ever did. The reverence, the boundless love, the all-absorbing tenderness, was within, and found outlet every day and every hour, instead of in those ripples that come from the shallower lakes in which God's image floats. So there was a strain that reached the heart, when she laid the foundation of the useful knowledge that proved so valuable afterwards, when she put heart in the gawky boy trying his gifts for the first time, when she cheered and helped in the struggles of young manhood, rejoicing in the triumphs consoling in adversity, ever pointing upward and onward to where the bright star of hope gleams and invites to deeper effort. It was her hand that closed the eyes of the brood that have slept these many a year. The memory of her good-bye kiss made temptation a puny trial for the lad who had broken home ties and pushed out into the surge. She it was who welcomed the lights of humanity when they were lit and made it easy to slip the cables and glide peacefully out with the tide. At such times her smile was the benediction of the inner prayer.

Without a word she gave more comfort than the Sisters of Mercy. Without a song, she typified a grander symphony than man can compose or render, and without a sermon or reference to Holy Writ, she did more to uplift those who came within her home than any great evangelist who has been born of woman.

Yes, the world has its noble women, of whom have blessed the race and made the world better and fitter to live in, but none that for downright beauty, nobility and blessedness of character can approach the one of whom I speak—the woman on the porch of the log cabin that is no more—My Mother.

F. L. Kauffman, of Des Moines, Iowa, who is a joint owner with C. F. Erb in a farm near town came down last week to look over his interests. Messrs. Kauffman and Erb decided to sell part of the farm and use the money to improve the rest. As a result eighty acres was disposed of through the real estate firm of Gilbert, Collins & Hayden, extensive improvements, including the planting of a large orchard are now outlined and will be carried out.

J. A. Castleman, of Telopinto, Texas, who has been here for a couple of months as the guest of the S. A. Butler family returned to his home town for a few days this week. He expects to return and live in Artesia.

Bryan On Socialism.

A few years ago, while on his way from San Francisco to Honolulu on his tour around the world, W. J. Bryan wrote an article on "Socialism versus Individualism" from the view point of an individualist which defined the differences between the schools as accurately as it has ever been defined in a brief discussion and in which he advanced what seemed to us conclusive reasons why the individualist is right and his opponents wrong. The article appeared in Harp's magazine. In a brief editorial entitled "The Growth of Socialism" in the Commoner of December 4, Mr. Bryan again discusses this question and his observations are so timely and pertinent that we copy the most important part of the editorial hereunder:

"The Socialist, as The Commoner views him, is an honest and earnest man, but a mistaken man. Seeing abuses that ought to be corrected, he seeks to overturn the entire industrial system. That there is injustice in the distribution of the rewards to labor, no one can deny, and starting with this admitted injustice, with the 'known abuses,' which even Mr. Taft concedes, the socialist makes them the basis of his protest against individualism. The scientific socialist presents a new system which he would substitute for individualism. There is no doubt that the theory of socialism appeals to a sentiment and yet the proposed system will not stand the test of analysis or reason. The socialist is as much mistaken in seeking to destroy competition as is the parent who imagines that his child can be made stronger and better by relieving him of the struggle that has developed the father. In the careers of the sons of the rich we find one of the strongest arguments against the elimination of competition. Children fail in ambition, in energy and in both physical and mental strength when the spur of necessity is removed. This is not always true, but it is the rule rather than the exception in the homes where great wealth has had free hand.

"Aside from those who are drawn to socialism by sentimental arguments, there are those who have turned to it because personal experience has embittered them against the present system—those who feel that the struggle is hopeless under present conditions.

"The Republican party, by creating abuses, by failing to remedy them, and by defending the principle and practices of private monopoly, has fostered and encouraged socialism—not intentionally, but actually. The Democratic party is seeking to remedy the abuses that have given to the socialist his argument; it is seeking to restore and protect competition. It believes that competition is necessary to industrial progress, and it is trying to make that competition fair and just. The socialist leaders have very properly regarded the Democratic party as the greatest obstacle in the way of socialism, and that is why these leaders were anxious for

the defeat of the Democratic ticket. This desire to get rid of the Democratic party was a very natural one, although hardly a defensible one. However confident the Socialist may be that worse conditions will hasten the adoption of Socialism, he takes a great risk when he helps to make conditions worse, for he thus becomes responsible for the evils that follow without being certain of his ability to correct these evils. It is like a man killing another on the theory that he can afterwards restore his life. It is better to try the theory on a dead man than become responsible for the taking of a life, and so the socialist might more wisely have joined with the Democratic party to bring such remedies as are possible. But, taking conditions as we find them, the Democratic party stands as the only logical and intelligent champion of individualism, for it not only defends individualism, but seeks to strengthen it by freeing it from the odium that the abuses tolerated by the Republican leaders have cast upon it.

"The Democratic party can not adopt the Socialistic program: it can not accept the remedy which socialism presents. The Democratic remedy is more nearly in accord with the plan upon which the universe was constructed. The Maker of the world might have supplied us with food, clothing and shelter without requiring labor on our part, but He did not. He gave us the rich resources of nature, and not only commanded us to work, but arranged that our rewards should be in proportion to our intelligence and industry. Might has overturned this law in some cases, cunning has perverted it in others, and government has sometimes suspended it, but it should be the aim of the social man to restore this law and to make it operative. Man can not adjust the rewards of society as impartially or as equitably as they can be adjusted by competition where competition is free. Man has not the intelligence to parcel out the world's work by legislative act or by commission, nor have those in power the disinterestedness necessary to a wise distribution of the work to be done. Where competition is impossible, a government monopoly is necessary, but where individual competition is possible, competition is better than government ownership."

Miss Bertha Schenck, who has charge of the manual training school at Luddington, Michigan, and Miss Hattie Haines, of Mansfield, Ohio, are here visiting Miss Schenck's brothers. Miss Schenck is a graduate of the Manual Training department of the University of Chicago and also completed a post-graduate course in the Herr Solomon Manual Training School of Naas, Sweden, the most noted institution of the kind in the world. Miss Haines is also a teacher and is principal of the intermediate grades in the Mansfield, Ohio, public schools. They will spend the holidays in Artesia.

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Hagerman to Roswell \$3.50 one way \$5.00 round trip.
Dexter to Roswell \$2.00 one way \$3.00 round trip.

SPECIAL TRIPS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

3 Passengers \$20.00 a day \$3.00 an hour.
4 Passengers \$25.00 a day \$3.00 an hour.

PHONE 121.

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Why not get some cheap lots from Foster & Hall before it is too late, they are the best Xmas presents and will make you money. See them.

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Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, July 29, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that George G. Graham, of Hope, N. M. assignee of Walter S. Baker, who, on October 14, 1905, made Desert Entry, No 2287, ser. No. 01588, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 20, Township 17 S., Range 23 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at Artesia, New Mexico, on the 8th day of January 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Stephen Blain, Hugh M. Gage, William L. Whitaker, William H. Graham, all of Hope, New Mexico.
11-28-08. T. C. Tillotson, Register.

Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, July 15, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Fred L. Hill, of Fairfield, Nebr. assignee of Fred J. Lukins assignee of George W. Reilly, Jr., who, on November 22, 1904 made Desert Entry No. 1802, ser. No. 01666, for Southeast Quarter Section 20, Township 16 S. Range 26 E. N. M. P. meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Albert Blake U. S. Court Commissioner, at Artesia New Mexico on the 8th day of January 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Caleb A. Sipple, William Kissinger, Jacob Kissinger, George M. Brown all of Artesia, New Mexico.
11-28-08. T. C. Tillotson, Register.

Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., July 24, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Lee H. Sudderth of Lexington, Okla, assignee of Maud B. Sudderth, assignee of John B. Coulter, who on February 27, 1905, made Desert Land Entry No. 1952 for W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 29 Township 16 S., Range 26 E. N. M. P. meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Desert Land Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Albert Blake U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office at Artesia Eddy County, New Mexico, on the 9th day of January 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Robert L. Thompson, Leeman N. Brownlee, Harry W. Vance, Enos P. McCormack, all of Artesia N. M.
11-28-08. T. C. Tillotson, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of The Interior.
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M. November 18, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Green Caraway, of Artesia, N. M. who on July 12, 1904, made Homestead Entry No 5255 serial No. 05061, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 28, Township 16 S, Range 25 E. N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Albert Blake; U. S. Court Commr., at his office, at Artesia New Mexico, on the 8th day of January 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
John J. Henderson, Ward Cave, George U. McCrary Henry C. Owen, all of Artesia, New Mexico.
11-21-08. T. C. Tillotson Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department Of The Interior.
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, November, 19, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that James E. Millsap, of Artesia, N. M., who on March 12, 1907, made Homestead entry No. 11351, serial No. 05063 for N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34, Township 16 S, Range 26 E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commr., at his office at Artesia, N. M. on the 5th day of January 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Henry Baughman, Singleton P. Baughman, P. S. Terwilliger and John R. Attebery all of Artesia, N. M.
11-21-08. T. C. Tillotson Register.

Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. Land Office at Roswell N. M., August 3, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that William B. Hines Assignee of Mary E. Gas-kill, of Artesia New Mexico who on October 20, 1905, made Desert Land Entry, No, 2299, ser. no. 01723, for Southeast Quarter, Section 13, Township 16 S, Range 25 E, N. M. P. Meridian has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at Artesia, N. M., on the 9th day of January, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Henry G. Howard, Artesia N. M., John Huscher, Lake Arthur, N. M., William Dooley, Artesia N. M., Harvey L. Muncy, Artesia, N. M.
11-28-08. T. C. Tillotson Register.

LOCALS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Cranberries, celery, Fletchers.

Tom Batton was in Dayton Monday.

Oleomargarine 25c Fletchers Market.

F. J. Lukins was in Roswell Saturday.

New barrel of Kraut at Fletchers.

H. E. Mull was in Roswell Thursday.

Try some of the Artesia Market corn beef.

Special cash prizes, Ullery Furniture Co.

Dr. P. M. Baker was in Roswell Saturday.

Pickles, sweet, sour and dill at Fletchers.

Frank Sarver left for Miami, Texas, Monday.

J. R. Blair came up from Malaga Monday.

John King, of Dayton, was Artesia Saturday.

J. W. Turknett is building a house for his tenant.

Special inducements for cash Ullery Furniture Co.

W. L. Stull was down from Lake Arthur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sipple were in Roswell Monday.

Ex-Mayor J. R. Creath was up from Dayton Tuesday.

H. Simons of the Turkey Track was over Monday.

J. H. Beckham, Jr., has moved into his new house.

W. B. Hines went to Lake Arthur on business Monday.

Get good furniture cheap for cash at Ullery Furniture Co.

We still have turkeys.

Artesia Market.

J. W. Boone of Lake Arthur visited Frank Peel here Sunday.

Mackerel this years crop.

Fletchers Market.

If you want bargains in furniture bring your cash to Ullery Furniture Co.



Christmas Meats

are what you now need to select. If it's a roast that you want you can buy any in our market and be sure of it.

Prime Roast Beef For Christmas

That's because we have taken extra pains to supply the town with the choicest "Xmas meats" they ever saw.

Buy a plenty, for who knows but Santa himself will be a guest at your table.

Your order will have our prompt attention.

Not open Sunday.

Artesia Market,
PHONE 8.

For rent, 4 room modern Cottage. L. W. Feemster.

Smoked Bloaters 5c each. Fletchers Market.

Address Pecos Valley Abstract Co. for Abstracts of Title.

For Sale—Seventy chickens. Apply home of William Dooley Christ Huber came in yesterday from Ferosa, Kansas.

Frying chickens, right size. Artesia Market.

H. L. Muncey and John Hook went to Roswell Thursday.

D. W. Runyan went to Carlsbad on the local Wednesday.

Rev. J. C. Gage and Owen McClay spent Saturday in Roswell.

Wanted—Pea green alfalfa hay, clear of weeds. J. O. Kuykendall.

Prof. C. M. Botts, of Hope, went to Carlsbad Monday night on business.

John R. Hodges was here from Lake Arthur a couple of days this week.

All jewelery bought at City Drug Store will be engraved free of charge.

P. A. Johnson was down from Roswell this week, returning Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Ash went to Lake Arthur yesterday morning to visit home folks.

S. D. Stevens from Erie, Kansas is here with his family to spend the winter.

Chas. R. Echols and F. C. King were hunting in the mountains last week.

Harry E. Mull and Gayle Talbot were in Lake Arthur on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Stone Wilburn and children of Hope went to Carlsbad on the local Monday.

A. L. Greenwood, of Dayton, spent several days in Artesia this week visiting friends.

Dr. M. P. Skeen has opened up offices in the Higgins-Schrock building, upstairs.

New shipment of Swifts "Empire" bacon now on hand. Artesia Market.

For Sale—Kaffir corn at \$15 and Indian corn at \$20 per ton. John S. Major.

City Drug Store has a line of hand painted china that is worth looking over before you buy.

Mrs. S. A. Butler returned Monday with her children from a visit to friends in Roswell.

Miss Margaret Hatfield went to Dayton Tuesday to spend a few days visiting Miss Wave Heck.

The City Drug Store has a first class jeweler, he turns out work on time, call and give him a trial.

W. H. Baughman was in Lake Arthur in the interest of the Artesia Oil Syndicate Wednesday.

Mrs. Hanney, of Roswell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. Gifford and will remain until after Christmas.

Thousands of Dewberry and Blackberry plants now ready to set out. Call on Johnson near the section house.

Judge Emmert Patton was down from Hagerman Thursday and bought a big consignment of trees from the Artesia Nursery.

Pure lard, our own make. Fletchers Market.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hough came down from the mountains Wednesday to spend the winter in Artesia.

C. C. Prude came in from Hope this week and went to Kansas City to dispose of a shipment of apples.

Dr. E. T. Dunaway attended the meeting of the Eddy county Medical Association at Lakewood Tuesday.

Call on the jeweler at City Drug Store when you have work in his line. He will give it prompt attention.

Hear about the "Crane" at the Old Folks Concert, December 29th. Other specialties also. Don't miss it.

Ed Tyson and Tane Luckie came over from the Turkey Track yesterday and went to Carlsbad on the local.

Fred Menke is down from Nebraska, planting orchard on and otherwise improving his farm northwest of Artesia.

I will sell you a good McCormick self binder cheaper than you can steal it.

J. C. Davis.

The Xmas turkey, all young, fat and tender, dressed to order and delivered when you say. Fletchers Market.

The Less-Than-Cost sale still goes on at the millinery parlors of Mrs. R. J. Callans and will continue until after the holidays.

Miss Wave Heck spent several days in Artesia last week, the guest of Miss Cora Hess, returning to her home in Dayton, Monday.

J. S. Highsmith was in Lakewood Wednesday. He shipped large consignments of trees to Lakewood, Malaga and Carlsbad.

J. H. and Kirt Muncey and their families left Thursday morning for Plainview, Texas, to spend the holidays with relatives there.

Dr. J. H. McCrary came in from McAllister, Oklahoma, yesterday morning to spend a few days with his brother, Judge G. U. McCrary.

There are special rates to all points on the railroads. The sale of reduced rate tickets outside of New Mexico and Texas will cease after the 21st.

Within the past week the following new arrivals have received cars of goods from the North: F. F. Farnham, W. M. Clyde and H. M. Hopt.

Judge G. U. McCrary left for Carlsbad Sunday night to attend to some logal matters in the county seat. He returned Tuesday morning.

J. O. Kuykendall sold a large consignment of alfalfa meal and "White Mule Stock Food" in Amarillo during his stay in that city last week.

Anyone desiring instruction on violin will do well to see Mr. Corrington, Monday and Thursday; he may be seen at the Artesia School Building.

Augustus S. Harris, of Hope left for Muscogee, Oklahoma, Thursday to superintend the sale of a carload of apples which he had shipped to that place.

C. F. Tressler and wife, of Hagerman, were here Thursday visiting their old Kansas

Speaking About Christmas--

Don't let the fact slip your mind that we have anticipated your holiday needs and are offering a selection of gift stuff considerably ahead of anything in the valley, up-to-date. Below we submit a few selections from our stock :

FOR HER.	FOR HIM.
Carving Sets.....\$3.00 to \$4.50	Pocket knives.....\$.15 to \$ 2.00
Set silver knives and forks..... 2.50 to 5.00	Razors..... 1.00 to 5.00
Chafing dishes..... 5.00 to 8.50	Ingersoll watches..... 1.00 to 3.00
Reading lamps..... 2.50 to 3.00	Reading lamps..... 2.50 to 3.00
Pearlhandled pen knives..... .55 to 2.00	Shot guns..... 7.50 to 35.00
Roller skates..... 1.50 to 1.75	Rifles..... 2.00 to 20.00
Bird cages..... 1.30 to 2.50	Roller skates..... 1.50 to 1.75
Ladies' Ing. Watch..... 2.00 to 3.00	Toy wagons..... 1.25 to 2.25

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ARTESIA'S LEADING HOTEL.

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RATES \$2.00 PER DAY.

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Turkey Dinner

At Pecos Valley House

Every Sunday.....

MENU:

Turkey. Oysters.

Cranberry Sauce.

Mashed Potatoes.

Sweet Potatoes.

Grape Jelly. Pie.

Coffee. Tea.

Carter Cars.

Friction Drive Transmission

A Revolution in Automobile Construction.

For about 100 years steam locomotives have been in operation. Today there is more money invested in railroads than in any other one thing. In all these years no plan of transmitting power has been found that would equal the friction method—and no man would venture to say that the railroads are not looking for a more economical and safe way every day in the year.

The above is "word to the wise." You can't afford to buy an automobile until the

CARTER CAR

has been demonstrated for you. Keep these things in your mind.

No Gears to Strip.

No Cogs to Slip.

No mattress needed—everything under the hood.

RUNABOUTS	\$1,000
ROADSTERS	\$1,350
TOURING CARS	\$1,350

A card will bring a demonstration.

J. B. CECILL,

PHONE 121.

neighbors, George Kline and wife and W. H. Morgan and family.

The foundation for the new garage which is to be constructed by the Artesia Machine shop was laid this week and a handsome building will soon rise above it.

F. L. Kauffman, who has been visiting C. F. Erb and family and looking after business interests, leaves tomorrow morning for his home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ed Phillips left Tuesday for Anahien, California, where he will spend the holidays with his wife and family and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Idler. He will be gone about six weeks.

Will sell or trade for land in the artesian belt a \$1500 Equity in a stone building 25x60 feet. Located on the N. E. corner square, Dayton, N. M. Building is now renting for \$25.00 per mo. Write Box 91 Dayton N. M.

NOTICE. All real estate men who have land I own listed with them for sale will hereby take notice that the same is withdrawn from the market. Dated 8th day of December 1908.

2t Elmer W. Gilbert.

Santa Clause Turkey

With all the proper stuffins and sauces that will make you want to gobble the gobbler

Will Be On the Table Sunday and Christmas

At the restaurant where you get everything cooked and served in the best style: at

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