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THE COMMISSION

Meets in Artesia This Week And
Completes Plans

IS NAMED "WESTERN COLLEGE"

Commission Takes Automobile Ride
Through Country.

At the meeting of the College Commission the following trustees for the Western College were elected: Caspar S. Wright, B. F. Hammett, J. B. Cochran, El Paso, Texas; C. A. Sipple, E. B. Kemp, Artesia; B. T. James, G. H. Given, S. A. Jones, Melrose; J. F. Hedgpeth, Carlsbad. C. S. Wright was elected president; C. A. Sipple, vice-president; E. B. Kemp, sec-treas.

Executive committee: W. K. Strother, Jacksonville, Texas; J. Allen Ray, S. W. Gilbert, C. A. Sipple. The duty of the Executive committee is, to complete all arrangements for the completion of the buildings and the starting of the college in September. This committee has power to buy additional land near the college campus, to accept plans and specifications for the buildings, to let contracts, and to transact all business pertaining to the college equipment, with specific instructions to push all work to completion as rapidly as possible.

The trustees named the college "Western College."

The cost of buildings to be erected this year is approximately \$40,000.00, with plans for additional buildings as rapidly as the college develops the necessity.

Plans were discussed and put in the hands of the Executive committee, which, when con-

sumated, will bring the college a liberal endowment. A committee will meet with the General Board of Education of the church to be held in Richmond, Va., in April, and it is confidently expected that the Board will grant enough to swing the endowment.

W. K. Strother of Jacksonville, Texas, was officially elected president of the college for a period of five years. The Board considers that it has been most fortunate in being able to secure Mr. Strother for this work. He did not seek the place but the Board diligently sought him. In speaking to him Bishop Joseph S. Key said, "He is the only man in the church connection which I can thoroughly recommend to you; if you cannot get him I do not know who else to recommend." He leaves an excellent position to come to us. The trustees of the A. I. C. College urged him to stay with them as president for another five years, but because he saw the possibilities of this country, and especially a great college here in a very few years he accepted the position here.

Mr. Strother is a native of Dallas county, Texas. His father, Col. J. O. Strother, was a pioneer of Texas, and is widely and well known all over the state. Mr. Strother is 39 years old, a member of the Texas Annual Conference, and has been in the college work for about eight years. He is an A. M. graduate from Southwestern University, and has taken post-graduate work in Chicago University.

He has a wife and four children. Mrs. Strother is a graduate of Kid Key College, of North Texas, a college well known all over the country for its thoroughness. She is an accomplished and finished musician and artist. She is an able and valuable assistant in all the college work.

Mr. Strother will be compelled to finish the school term at Jacksonville before moving to Artesia as he is under contract with them. He will be us often between now and June, and after that time he will move here and be one of us.

Prof. Strother went North yesterday to consult architects in regard to the plans and specifications. When these are completed work on the new buildings will begin at once.

A pleasant feature of the building here was the automobile rides through the surrounding country in the machines owned by H. J. Garrads and the Auto Livery, the latter being run by young Mr. Burns. The day before the meeting Prof. Strother visited the Cottonwood country in J. M. Conn's auto.

Mrs. Cue who has been visiting Mrs. Jo Goodale, her daughter, left for her home in Guthrie Center Iowa this morning. She was accompanied by Mr. Goodale.

WATER USERS

Endorse Model Well Regulation
Law to Territorial Legislature

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Representative Body Carefully
Covers Whole Subject.

After two days in one of the largest conventions ever held in the Pecos Valley, the water users and well owners of the Artesian belt, agreed upon a water regulation bill, Thursday evening, which experts pronounce to be model in every respect and which if enacted will solve the problem of conservation in the Pecos Valley. The meeting was not confined to water users alone, but lawyers, well drillers, editors and others who might have knowledge of different phases of the water question were admitted. Boiled down there were two problems before the convention, one of these related to the repair of the few wells which have been improperly cased, and where unrepairable the plugging of same. The other related to the prevention of the wanton waste of water by owners of artesian wells. This was the most serious question before the convention. It is safe to say that ninety per cent of the well owners waste more or less water at present, which waste is entirely preventable. The law as it stands is ineffective. Nobody is to blame, since if one man takes care of his water, his neighbors do not and his efforts are futile. The practice can only be stopped by an effective law or by an agreement simultaneously entered into and lived up to, and the last plan is wholly impracticable. The result of this waste has been that the roads have been spoiled in many places and that waste water soaked in upon the neighboring land and did more or less injury. The remedy in this case is principally in the section requiring the well to be shut off when not in use and the presence of a man with water continually while irrigation is in progress and a heavy penalty for violation. The district courts are given exclusive jurisdiction. As the editor of the Advocate lost a couple of days attending the convention the paper is late and we have not space or time to give a synopsis of the law as a whole, which we will do next week.

We also ask our readers to pardon the "punk" appearance of this issue of the Advocate for the reason mentioned.

C. L. Wilson of Stuart Iowa, who has spent some time here looking after and making improvements on the splendid farm which he owns in conjunction with Merris. Short and Witham left for his home today.

Christian Church

Revival services will begin next Sunday, February 14th. The pastor will preach each evening at 7:30. Some of the subjects



REV. J. A. STOUT.

to be discussed are, "The Possibilities of Life," "Prepare to meet thy God," "Which First," "The Wages of Sin," "The free gift of God," "What if Artesia should come to Christ?" Special music. You are cordially invited to be present.

A Surprise Party.

A few friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ragsdale met at the home of Miss Cora Rice Tuesday evening proceeded in a body to the home of the general proprietor of the Big Racket Store, invaded the premises and took possession. The "Surprisers" after all were the most surprised.

There were all kinds of interesting and amusing features prepared for the pleasure of their guests.

As Miss Rice and the hostess each, prepared the most irresistible refreshments, those who were fortunate to be present were tempted to the limit of discretion.

Miss Friedmon of Wichita, Kansas, who is visiting Miss Rice, favored the company with several songs. Miss Rice and Mrs. Ragsdale contributed much to the pleasure of the evening by instrumental and vocal selections.

The guests departed at a late hour having spent one of

the most delightful evenings of the winter.

Woman's Club.

The Woman's Club held an interesting meeting with Mrs. M. M. Inman as hostess on Feb. 10th. Thirteen members were present.

The lesson was on American literature during the Eighteenth century.

Mrs. Atkeson gave a very interesting paper on Benjamin Franklin. Mrs. Inman read a splendid paper on William Cullen Bryant and Mrs. Corbin was well prepared on the life of James Fenimore Cooper.

Short talks were given by Mrs. J. H. Beckham, White, Lowry, Fatherree and others, after which the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. Allen Ray on February 24th.

Wanted—Sewing to do, terms reasonable. Miss Shannon at Mrs. J. D. Christopher's, up stairs, side entrance.

Banking Service.

Banks are becoming more and more the custodians of the funds of the people, of both large and small means. This is due to a wider appreciation of the value of banking service as its usefulness is extended and its methods become better known. In the case of

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ALLIES OF SOCIALISM

Forces That Will Establish a Co-operative Commonwealth.

Editor Advocate: Under the above caption I would be pleased to discuss in your columns, affairs industrial and political. But first and again let me acknowledge your zeal and ability in defending Democratic institutions against the onslaughts of predatory wealth.

The predatory wealth of which you speak and of which many express fear, is to the socialist a weapon, an instrument of exploitation of the laboring class, in the hands of the employing class. In his interpretation of the future, this instrument is to be placed in the hands of all the people by them to be used for the benefit of all.

While there have been and are yet, a few Utopian socialists who allow their theories to sail with the stars, the great body of socialists are scientific and materialistic to a fault, in their interpretation of history: they accept nothing but material facts.

We realize the existence of classes, the resultant struggle and the method of industry that has produced them. This system we call the wage or capitalistic system.

From history we glean such facts as that there have been during the various stages of advancement of humanity, five dominant systems of industry and their resultant phases of political government.

The most primeval industry was female servitude. Then, the squaws dug the clams and yams.

The second is known as the Patriarchal system. Under it, the boys herded the goats, the girls tanned the skins, the wives minded the babies, in fact, everybody worked but father.

The third, Chattel. Under this system the person owning the most slaves became the dominant figure, and not as in the preceding system, where it was the man with the most wives and children.

The fourth, Serfdom.

It was during this system of industry that the state form of government came into existence.

Fifth, the present Capitalistic or Wage system.

It was during the incipient and subsequent stages of this system that political democracy came into its own.

In as much as other systems have given way to succeeding ones, we question whether or not this Capitalistic one is to endure forever.

ALLIES OF SOCIALISM.

It is often asserted that Standard Oil and kindred monop-

lies are allies of socialism. It is not meant that they intentionally support socialism and prepare the way for its coming but that they are unconsciously pursuing a course that has a tendency to produce socialism by reaction.

Every group of incorporators, every trust promoter, every body of super-intended workmen, every user of a trust or corporation made commodity, submits to, or sanctions, the corporate or co-operative method.

This means to just that extent the disuse and decay of the individualistic or democratic form of industry.

LAW OF ECONOMIC DETERMINATION

We all see the tendency toward the corporation method of wealth production and distribution and the apparent willingness on our part to accept corporation products, or a share of corporate wealth in the form of certificates of stocks or bonds. However, we may not all understand the force that impels us to do it.

Perhaps the ten year old school-boy could not explain why it is that when he throws a ball skyward, it does not soar on skyward until some star gets in its way to stop its ideological career; but the student of natural philosophy would answer quickly enough that it was because of the operation of the law of gravitation? The ordinary, busy man, if asked why more and more of the industrial concerns of the country were being consolidated and centralized, and individual or private industry was on the wane, would be at as much loss for an answer as the schoolboy would have been if pressed for an answer to the phenomena of a falling weight.

Sociologists tell us that it is because of the operation of the law of economic determinism.

They also tell us that this corporation method of business is going to terminate in a co-operative commonwealth.

W. P. Calkins.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Advocate is glad to give space to the above; the more so because friend Calkins who is well grounded in the doctrines he inculcates completely demolishes the position of those who argue that Socialism and orthodox Christianity are not essentially antagonistic. We are fully aware that the Briatnic says that the ethics of Christianity and those of Socialism are the same; but the Britannica article was written before economic thinkers had learned to discriminate between Marxian socialism and other forms of so-called socialism, most of which consisted of nothing but more or less coherent efforts to elevate the laboring classes, partly by means of governmental assistance; a doctrine since known as state socialism and in one of its phases as Christian socialism.

The facts are as stated in a leading socialist magazine this month that ninety-nine per cent of the Socialists today are Marxians and accept the materialistic theory of history which in turn springs from materialism pure and simple. Of the rest of those who are really well informed on the

subject, only a small element of second rate thinkers even try to assert that the modern socialistic theory is anything but essentially materialistic.

We desire to press this home to those who may have deceived themselves in regard to this matter. In a widely circulated pamphlet entitled, "Why the Church Opposes Socialism" published in 1906 Frank D. Warren, a popular Socialist writer, contends that all the orthodox Protestant churches are influenced for the capitalistic system and against Socialism by the pecuniary interests of the leaders within those churches. The churches named are the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopalian and Christian. The Catholic church is not mentioned in the pamphlet, but reserved for a special attack of unusual ascerbity which appeared later.

Warren states the materialistic theory of history thus:

"In every historical epoch the prevailing method of producing food and clothes and the necessities of man's physical existence form the basis upon which is built the social, political and intellectual structure of that particular epoch." He proceeds: "The history of our own country furnishes a wealth of material proving that the theory of the materialistic conception of history is correct—and I propose to present for your consideration a few striking illustrations to show that in the evolution of the American people from the primitive life of the early colonists to our modern complex civilization the ENTIRE social, political, intellectual and RELIGIOUS structure of the nation conformed to the methods of producing the material necessities of life."

Relative to the Calkins article as a whole, it manifests the same strength and the same weakness that distinguishes socialistic literature generally. It makes the most of the faults that are in evidence under our present, so-called competitive system. This is legitimate. It assumes without proof and indeed practically without evidence that these faults are inherent within the competitive system and cannot be obliterated without destroying the system. It assumes the materialistic theory of history as proven in its fulness, just as Warren complains that the enemies of Socialism have failed to DISPROVE this doctrine, whereas it is up the Socialists to prove it since they assert a new doctrine. The Socialists have made the above two assumptions a basis for a third and one entirely unwarranted by logic or by facts, and that is, that if the present system is about to be supplanted, the Socialistic system of government ownership and operation of all the means of production and distribution must take its place. During the history of the thousands of doctrines as sweet to the ear as socialism have been expanded, have numbered followers by the million and have passed away. How do they know that their system is sure to be one that will be adopted? Isn't it up to them to prove that their idea is at least feasible? When a fellow tells you that he is going to present you with a house that is not only better

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than the one you have, but one that is better than the one you occupy can be made by any effort; haven't you a right to make him "show you" by some reasonable argument before you break up housekeeping and burn down your old shack? Doesn't the burden of proof lie on him in every instance? It is not enough for him to tell you that such a residence lies somewhere and that his statement is true because you do not happen to have evidence on hand with which to prove him a visionary or a fakir. But what testimony has Socialism furnished that it is the one and only system that can supplant the present one; if it is to be supplanted (which is not granted) and if the materialistic theory of history is accepted (as it is not?) Why, none at all. Friend Calkins but reiterates the cry of all modern Socialists when he sneers at those who would even outline the co-operative commonwealth as utopians.

The oldtime Socialists had tentative systems; the moderns have none. Now, it is natural that the early protagonists of Socialism should advance impractical doctrines since most of them were dreamers and visionaries, as is often the case with introducers of new, undigested schemes, but wouldn't you think that if there were something sound in it, the criticisms of those pro-

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posed systems would have brought it out and that when the dross had been destroyed the gold would have remained, and that the outlines of a truly practicable socialistic system would have grown clearer. We do not mean that all the details would have been developed but wouldn't the bones of the thing have been visible? After a century of all sorts of socialistic plans that were shot to pieces as soon as proposed, ending with the plans of Bellamy; all efforts to even suggest a method of operating a Socialistic system were abandoned. Doesn't it look as if they want us to "buy a pig in a poke." Ask any Socialist "what would happen if Debs had been elected or if the candidate on the Socialist Labor ticket had been elected to the Presidency with a majority of both houses belonging to one or other of the Socialists parties, and the supreme court were composed of Socialists;" and he will tell you that he does not know. He "has no ready made plan." But he will say "Our work is educational and we must educate the people up to our standard." O, very well, since you have no ideas, no outline; how in the mischief can you educate them up it? Since they do not know at to prepare for, will they more competent to run a socialistic system ten years than they are now?

freely grant that cons are far from satisfactory, and that with all our stunts of piping prosperity are growing black spots on our horizon which all the fuss and fury and legislation and denunciation of the past even strenuous years have failed to dissipate; even to heck. We further confess that we are not surprised that the commissioner of corporations has been compelled to admit that all the laws in restraint of monopolistic injustice have proven unavailing. But can you be so sure that if years of restrictive interference have not been successful, complete government ownership will be? Are you quite logical in that? How would it do to remove the special privileges that have fostered monopoly and let nature take its course and see what would happen? Those privileges are confessedly unjust. We believe that they are all that stand in the way of progress. You also know that they are unjust. Why not help us get rid of them? If we are right your system will be unnecessary; if we are not right and your system is inevitable as you say, then would it not be better to have it "just grow" out of a normal competitive system than to have it spring, all out of a perverted system such as you folks negatively favor because you think it will finally force an issue between your party and plutocratic forces. An issue that can only be settled by a bloody conflict and then, even from your own viewpoint, may not be settled right.

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Obituary

Annie, wife of J. C. Noel departed this life February, 2nd, 1909. She was born January 29, 1873, and professed religion and united with the church when she was fifteen years old. She was married to J. C. Noel December 24, 1892. She was the mother of eight children, one had preceded her to the heavenly home. We laid the mortal remains of this good woman to rest in the Hope cemetery Wednesday at 10 a. m., and it seemed that the entire community gathered to pay the last sad rite to this dear Christian wife and mother. This paper and all the people deeply sympathize with the husband and children.—Penasco Valley Press.

Christian Endeavor Day.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian church will hold its annual "Endeavor Day" program next Sunday evening February 14, beginning at 6:30 o'clock sharp. An interesting program and special music have been provided. Everybody invited.

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Now therefore, Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1909 in accordance with the provisions and conditions of said Mortgage, as therein expressed, and by virtue thereof and the law in such cases made and provided, I will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash all of said real estate, named in said Mortgage and described above.

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Regular Session.

The town Board of Trustees met in regular session February, 9th, 1909, with Wm. Crandall, H. H. Hess, J. S. Highsmith and J. S. Major, members present.

Minutes of January 13th, 1909 were read and approved. Park Commission, by Messrs. Keinath and Lukins reported that they had secured a deed to the Park block and that before the town could purchase same or levy a tax for payment of the property, it would be necessary for the citizens of the town to petition the Board to that effect. Attorney Davis offered to draw the petition so that it might be circulated at once. They farther wanted to know about the payment of the Park as the Granters wanted money on same as they were selling it for a small consideration, and the Board as the Commission to make arrangements for them for time payments as that was the only way the Board can purchase same.

Mr. Crandall, reported that he had secured a deed to the old well property and that same had been duly recorded.

Mr. Cooper, was instructed to take some of the old pipe in the alley between Washington and Dallas avenues and place on Dallas avenue.

Clerk was instructed to collect plumbers licenses at the rate of \$10.00 per annum and to not issue any more permits

to any firm for tapping until such licenses had been paid and bond filed and report on tappings made as per the ordinance in such cases made and provided.

The application of C. Disney to operate a pool and billiard hall on duly prevailing motion refused.

The application of Kemp Lumber Company, to maintain a lumber yard on the north half of block 8 C. & S. addition was granted, on motion and its prevailing.

The application of Redford & Mann to erect a small corrugated building at the rear of the store room was granted.

The resignation of C. E. Mann as a member of the Water Works investigation committee was on motion accepted.

WHEREAS, Mr. G. R. Brainard, a member of this Board has suffered the loss of a father and child, and this Board feeling deeply the sorrow attending such a loss, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we extend to Mr. Brainard and his family our deepest sympathy in this their sorrow and that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Cooper, was instructed to remove all brackets or other obstructions upon any of the sidewalks that are dangerous to the general public.

It was ordered and directed that the new well be connect-

ed up with the old water system and that the old well be opened up, a ditch dug to convey the water to the school section, to prevent its subbing any more until such a time as same can be worked upon.

It was moved that the Town Clerk advertise for bids for the placing of concrete crossing across Main street on west side of Rose Lawn avenue, according to plans on file in the office of the Clerk, and motion prevailed. Adjourned. Approved
Clerk.

Cemetery Association.

The Artesia Cemetary Association met in regular session Monday Feb. 1, 1909, at the Presbyterian church. After the roll call minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The following motions were made and carried. 1st That the bills incurred by the association for the chicken pie supper be paid, also 50 cents for secretary book. 2nd That every other avenue in the cemetery be closed and leave three lots in a group, thus giving more ground for burial purposes. 3rd That in order to raise money to finish paying for the pipe, that a subscription list be made. The following committee was appointed to canvass the town: Mesdames Welton, Brunning, White, Gilbert, Atkeson and Dooley.

Mr. G. R. Brainard made an

interesting talk and made some valuable suggestions.

Report of Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Mathes, committee on securing a permanent meeting place, was read. The association to meet at the reading room.

Report of membership committee. Three new members, namely Mesdames, Dooley, Lukins and Erb. Mrs. Dooley appointed on membership committee.

The association adjourned to meet first Monday in March.

The Library Board

For the new year, is now fully organized and the committees are ready for active work. It is needless to ask the generous patronage of the citizens of Artesia, for it is that patronage and support that has made the library what it is today, one of the most helpful institutions in the city. The members of the Association are optimistic, and hope that the day is not far distant when a Carnegie library will be built in Artesia; they are working toward that end, hoping to make this year's work one of the best in the history of the library. The disinfecting box has been in use for some weeks, and cards are to be printed, containing rules for the conduct of the patrons of the reading room, so that they may not disturb others.

Pecos Valley Abstract Co— in rear of First National Bank.

The New Railroad.

W. B. Putnam returned this morning from Russell's gap where he transacted business for Joyce-Fruits with the surveying outfit of the proposed San Diego, El Paso & St Louis railroad. The route runs through Hope and Artesia.

Notice Cement Contractors.

Bids will be received by the Town Board of Trustees of Artesia, New Mexico, March 9th, 1909 at the hour of 7 p. m., for the construction of a cement crossing on Main street on the west side of Rose Lawn avenue, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the town Clerk. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids must be filed with the town Clerk before the hour above mentioned. J. E. Swepston
2-13-2t Clerk.

Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M.,
Feb. 9, 1909.

notice is hereby given that John J. Henderson, of Artesia, N. M., who on Aug. 28, 1903, made Homestead Entry, No. 4522, Serial No. 05171, for NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 2, Township 17 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 Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M. on the 5th day of April, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Ethelbert A. Clayton, Gayle Talbot, Green caraway, Henry C. Owens
all of Artesia, N. M.

2-13-0t.

T. C. Tillotson,
Register.

IMPRESSIONS OF A TENDERFOOT

Being Unorthodox Sketches Of Real Human Interest.

This is a month of anniversaries of the birth of great men. To be sure the average American is apt to forget that anybody else except Abraham Lincoln and George Washington were born this month, and from the amount of enthusiasm attending the great Americans' recollection is not to be wondered at. And yet there were others, and some of them as famous though in a different line. For example Charles Robert Darwin, was born the same day as Lincoln, to-wit, next Friday, the 12th of February. It is not much wonder that the fact is overlooked by the average man. Darwin had the misfortune to be born in England. He had nothing to do with the hell of war, and never became president or advanced farther in official life than to become treasurer of the local Episcopal church. While some have had the temerity to call him a great liberator, he neither struck the shackles from a million slaves nor laid the foundation of a world power. He had to do with a principle which in a period of time beside the antiquity of the mounds and even the moun- tanges are but a breath, near appearance of the er and teacher and the ician no more than flash- ts on the eternal screen. he character of Darwin was resting in the extreme. ke Mendelssohn he was an- her one of the February eat who was born with a olden spoon in his mouth, nd of a class by himself, there ere no flashes of youthful genius, no adolescent hint of the powers to be. On the con- trary, he was considered to be a dull lad in the main, with a consuming fondness for the fowling piece and the fishing rod in preference to the books. To put it charitably he was slow to learn and for many years very unwilling to learn. People's instincts were then very much as they now are and his folks considering him worthless for anything else, were minded to make a preacher out of him, and until they gave it up in disgust he gave them some sleepless nights. There was nothing mean about the boy, like so many millions of others, he was simply no good. His early indifference to books compelled the use of a private tutor when it came time to enter Cambridge. Of his life at college little can be said so far as accomplishment is concerned, but a great deal is due it, for it was here that the boy had a great awakening at the hands of Professor Henslow, the eminent botanist. Wiser than all the rest, he saw the true bent of the boy, and it was through his influence that he was inclined to science, and the whole current of his life was changed. It was not all done at once. It took years of deep study to even start him at that, but at last he was chosen through the influence of Henslow as the chief of the

expedition to study the fauna and flora of South America. This excursion resulted in two things, the permanent invalidism of the man and the beginning of the studies that resulted in the theory which set the world afire and drew down upon his indifferent head the scathing criticism of the church and the larger part of the world of letters.

It was owing to his book on "The Origin of Species," published in 1859, which swept aside the story of Genesis, so far as it related to life, as rot and rubbish.

The Darwinian theory, to put it plainly, was that man is not a special creation, but a development from the humblest forms of life. It teaches that in millions of years, man was evolved from next to nothing, passing in millions millions of years from a crude cell of doubtful classification through many forms down to the human that existed when history began.

It is all a myth that he taught that man evolved from a monkey, more is a pity. A dozen cases could be cited in this town that would absolutely satisfy any reasonable person not only of the correctness of the theory, but also of the fact that there are occasional undoubted reversions to the arboreal type. It is real pity looking at it from this light that this popular misconstruction of the Darwinian theory was not the belief of the great thinker. It would be so easy of proof.

Naturally, such a theory, from such a source, and at such a time, made profound impression upon the thinking world. It can not be said that it was gladly received. Quite the contrary. Some of the religionists considered Darwinism a special manifestation of the devil, for did it not make of Genises merely an interesting fairy story? Did it not strike at the very foundation of the Old Testament and make such bulwarks as the Fall of Man foolish? Did it involve a period of time beside which Chronology of the Bible was a passing incident? Did it not eliminate all of the story of Adam and Eve as trivial? Did it not play hob with the serious consideration of those celebrated characters who came before the time of Christ? Was it not repugnant to be asked to believe that man, who rules the world with the help of woman, was descended from a mere cell, whatever that was, and in the intervening aeons of time had been all sorts of slimy, crawling, climbing and nameless things? It was certainly something to jar the scholar of tradition, and it jarred them sure enough. The way they landed on Darwin was a caution in the sight of the Lord. It never seemed to make any difference with him. He didn't fight back. People could believe in his theory or not, just as they pleased. That was merely an incident in his plan which covered millions of years. He believed it with all his heart, and it is interesting to read that it made no difference whatever in his firm belief in Christ and all of the religion

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M.
Jan. 12, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that Allen W. Johnson, of Hope, New Mexico, who, on January 9, 1903, made Homestead Entry, No 3549, Serial No. 04869, for E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 1, Township 17 S, Range 21 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 his office in Artesia, N. M., on the 19th day of March, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Noel L. Johnson, Morgan M. Davis,
Dee Swift, George Sansom, all of
Hope, N. M. T. C. Tillotson,
1-23-6t. Register.

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Forever Young.

J. Ogden Armour, returning to America on the Kronprinz Wilhelm, neatly pricked the "child musician" bubble.

A young man was praising the various child musicians of the last few seasons.

"And there is Nicolo, that wonderful boy violinist," he exclaimed. "Have you ever heard the nine-year-old Nicolo?"

"O, yes," said Mr. Armour, yawning. "I heard him 15 years ago at Covent Garden."

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Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M.
Jan. 12, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that Lucius Johnson, of Hope, N. M., who, Nov. 18, 1901, made Homestead Entry, No. 2142, Serial No. 04870, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, Tp 16 S, Lot 4, Sec 1, and Lots 1 and 2 Section 2, Township 17 S, Range 21 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 his office in Artesia, N. M. on the 19th day of March 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Morgan M. Davis, Noel L. Johnson,
Dee Swift, Hugh M. Gage all of
Hope, N. M. T. C. Tillotson,
1-23-6t. Register.

Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. Land Office at Roswell. New Mexico, December 28, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Willard W. Selder of Hope, N. M. who on Aug. 21, 1903, made Homestead Entry, No. 4495, Serial No. 04681, for SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3, Township 18 S, Range 23 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 his office in Artesia, N. M., on the 23rd day of February 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Richard Bell, Frank Wyckoff, Charles Robba, Fred Haulsey, all of Hope, N. M.
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of him, with the exception of the first book of the Book.

Though of a widely different plane, Darwin kicked up almost as much of a theological quass in the nineteenth century as Luther did in the sixteenth. Some have called him the Luther of Science. Like the great German, he was not left to fight out his theories alone. Some of the greatest minds of his time accepted his theory in whole or in part, among them some of the greatest churchmen, both in and out of the establishment, and for a wonder they defended him so staunchly and the general respect was so deep that the usual crucifixion was omitted. He was not even churched, and a great number of his opponents conceded that there was nothing in his theory incompatible with Christism, and certainly nothing antagonistic to the power and fatherhood of God, which in fact had nothing to do with the so-called evolution of man. It didn't really make any difference in that respect whether man came from those primitives in Eden who didn't know a soft snap when they had it, or a little old dinky cell in the mud of the tertiary age. The hand of God was apparent in it all, it no wise dimmed the blessed truth of the Nazarene or impaired the divinity of the New Testament, which is the real root of Christianity anyhow, since it is authentic in a measure, while all that which went before is not above the corruption of legend and folklore. This was really the sense of the situation, and after a decade of uproar and discussion on the part of those who might have been better employed in doing something for mankind, Darwin was left to his theory, and to his studies as a naturalist, the result of which was of priceless value to the world, beyond his fantastic theory.

Darwin died in 1882. All of his life was a constant struggle with a frail body, and one of the proofs that there is no reason why a man should not accomplish much even though a dyspeptic. It is a hundred years since he was born; it is fifty years since his great book was printed. In that time the history of the world has to be re-written many times. In science and letters there has been a wonderful progress, and equally as much in the way of science and invention but to this day there has developed absolutely nothing new in antagonism to his theory, beyond that which was brought out in a year after its publication. It is the principle of the survival of the fittest that is as brutally exemplified now as when the world was young. Scientists from time to time attempt to elaborate his idea, but that is all that they can do. The fundamentals remain the same—and today they are studied by thinker and religionist alike without prejudice as one of the boldest theories of evolution that intelligence knows. They read his essays, without semblance of literary elegance, and draw their own conclusions, just as they did then, but those theories survive, which is the sub-

lime test of Darwin, after all, for without a frame work of apparent reason they would have been forgotten long ago.

(The cocksureness with which the Tenderfoot assumes that the story of Genesis so far as it relates to life was swept aside by the theory of Darwin, is quite as refreshing as the manner in which he was guilty of a little error of mathematics and facts last week, when he said that Artesia county, if created, would be next to Chaves in population and wealth, would have more wealth than the county out of which it was created, and would rob the oldtimers of Carlsbad of the labor of years; labor expended in building up the North End. The source of error in the case last week is the same from which flowed the untrue assumption in the case of Darwin; the tendency of poets to take the same liberty with prose which they are permitted to take with meter and to assume as true everything necessary to round out their theories. The error is fundamental and fatal to sound reasoning; and yet the defect is not a culpable fault, it is a part of "the nature of the brute." To induce one of such nature to lay aside his fine contempt for mere facts and get down to humdrum prosaics, would be to ask him to go against the nature which a mysterious Providence has given him. Now, the truth is that the theory of Darwin *per se*, is not incompatible with the account of Genesis and that Darwin did not "draw down upon his indifferent head the scathing criticism of the church." What the Tenderfoot says later on to the effect that "some religionists" denounced him and his theories is true, though it would be equally correct to say that some non-religionists did the same thing. It may be added that while the essentials of evolution are not incompatible with revelations certain non-religious constructions of it are, and those who construe it from an atheistic viewpoint insist that all other conceptions of Darwinism are incorrect, and they have evidently convinced the Tenderfoot that they are right. If any of the orthodox Protestant churches, as such, have denounced Darwin or his work, we have not heard of it. We know that the doctrine of evolution has never been denounced by the Catholic church, though the theory which certain atheistic or non-religious scientists have advanced that the soul of man has evolved from non-living matter, and is therefore purely materialistic, is of course, inconsistent with all orthodox faith, Catholic and Protestant. Many orthodox Protestant scientists are evolutionists and such noted Catholic scientists as St. George Mivart and a host of others have accepted the evolutionary principle. That a construction can be put upon Genesis that is contrary to any rational theory of evolution there is no doubt; that certain theologians have put such construction upon the Old Testament is also beyond question, but that does not imply that the church has

condemned evolution, that the account of Genesis is rubbish, that the Old Testament is "not above the corruption of legend and folk-lore." This criticism is written in the friendliest spirit. We recognize the sincerity of the Tenderfoot; recognize his religious spirit as he understands religion; above we recognize his ability as a writer, an ability that we do not envy because we cannot hope to imitate. But it is the old story of spots on the sun. We also recognize his limitations and those are of such a dangerous character to persons who may be enamored by his style to such an extent as to accept all his statements as literally true and based upon scientific investigation, that we deem it proper to point out said limitations and place a red light upon a point of real danger, that incautious readers may be warned against possible disaster.—Editor.)

HANDFULS OF SORTS

Representative Mullins has introduced a bill in the territorial legislature conferring upon woman the limited right of suffrage, that is, allowing her to vote in all matters pertaining to the schools, and to hold any office in the educational field. The law is all right as far as it goes, but it seems to me that it does not go far enough. If the principle is right, it is right to the limit, and woman should have the same right at the polls as man, and be privileged to vote at any old kind of an election. It must not be construed from this that I am a suffragette. I simply believe in being consistent. If we concede that woman is enough of a reasoning animal to be allowed to vote at all, why limit her to privilege of a voice in the schools? Important as the schools are, they are only a small part in the scheme of government and no reasonable person will deny that woman is as much interested in all of it as she is in a part of it. I have no patience with the claim that "conditions are not ready for the change!" That is just as foolish as it is to say that conditions are not ready for the adoption of the strictest form of the Australian ballot. It is all rot. We are just as ready as we ever will be. If it is ever going to be done, it is just as timely now as a hundred years from now. The only way to begin is to begin. It has not been demonstrated that woman takes advantage of suffrage when she has the chance, to any considerable extent, and the social wisdom of giving her the chance is open for doubt. Not so the economic, and it is on this line that Mr. Mullins errs. If woman has any right to suffrage, she is entitled to the whole works, and economically she is certainly entitled to an amendment to that bill which will allow her the privilege to vote any time she feels like it and the chance is given her. It may be that the fact Mr. Mullins is a bachelor has something to do with his narrow horizon in this matter. If he were married he would look at things differently, or rather see all of the phases of a case instead of part of them. Hints

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from Santa Fe are to the effect that this bill, along with many others will most likely go over under the prospect of statehood and if it does, there should be an effort to reform Mr. Mullins in the interval. His case is by no means hopeless, and it would be distinctly worth while to see him go back to Santa Fe again as the teetotal instead of the partial champion of equal suffrage, and if his amended bill passed it would be a much better proof to the outside world of the desire of New Mexico to be consistent and tote fair.

There is occasionally a divine consistency in the calendar and this year it lies in the fact that St. Valentine's day comes on Sunday, next Sabbath to be exact. That gives all of the newstands a full chance to close out their wares, and one section of the purchasers to arrive on the ground shortly after the receipt of their soft stuff. It is a great thing, this St. Valentine's day, and its luster is no wise diminished by the fact that it is of Pagan origin, and that its chief feature is the amassment of seven different patterns by a dealer. The whole festivity is a phase of evolution as old as Darwin's and a more interesting to any with any blood in them. In with the Roman festival the Lupercalia, which in as of still more primitivity, and which was around the spring sol when the sun crosses the and the young man's is supposed to lightly to thoughts of love and things. Its first tradition was that it was the time all mating in nature, and beginning of the subsequent interesting proceedings. Those old timers had no use for the bachelor, correctly classifying them as outlaws and warts upon the social body. So following the ancient custom the Lupercalia gave the men a chance. On that day all of the marriageable girls were ranged up in line and the lads picked one to suit. It is too bad there isn't some such game nowadays. The girls could not turn a poor devil down, and then as now they invariably worked it so that the right fellow axed them. Now there is a lot of red tape and foolishness about this mating business that the average man must wait until he has got it bad, and his nerve is ironclad. The result is a slew of bachelors, who as a class are obnoxious to social law, and such a nuisance that the Governor of Nebraska seems justified in his plan. All that would be done away with if there could be a reversion to the good Roman plan, which would be nuts for the old maids, and incidentally relieve the people of the presence of a lot of old stags, who have gotten to be a nuisance on general principles. Confronted with the Nebraskan alternatives, there would be no trouble about the demand, and the result would be distinctly beneficial to the state.

(We cannot agree with the orful indictment against the forlorn bachelor, who in all

conscience has plenty to contend with. His attitude is in one sense indefensible, if he can really change his state of life which sometimes is impossible, but he is no worse than a host of other violators of the laws of nature's God who work to the same end, retarding the growth of the population. His motives are purely selfish, to be sure, that is when he can actually get married and doesn't; and like all others who adopt methods of checking the population which also spring from purely selfish motives, he and those who hold with him learn to look upon the expedient as about the only plan needed to solve the social and economic problems. If he were compelled to get married, and some woman were compelled to marry him, he would likely pay more attention to trying to better economic laws and the political problems of the day would be solved the sooner. But why select him as the only victim for denunciation when the final solution of economic questions are deferred by others through methods that accomplish the same results? If there is one error that is more pernicious than another, it is the one that makes people believe that economic progress goes hand in hand with prudential restraints on the population. The reverse is true. France is a case in point. Her people have relied on a low birthrate to save them from economic troubles, with the result that those difficulties are multiplying there as elsewhere while economic thought is further behind there than in any other part of the world. The bachelor has his faults but we hate to have him made a scapegoat. Perhaps the plan of lining them up would be as good as any but we hardly think it practicable at this time. Probably match-making resulted in as many happy matings as any other system, but it is no longer in vogue among the great common people. Editor)

As in many other things, the early church tried to eliminate the festival of the Lupercalia. They couldn't cut it. The church can never eliminate humanism, and while it did stop the old custom of selection, it could not undo tradition. So it did the next best thing and rigged the whole thing into a more or less Christian festival, with an appropriate saint, who was conveniently boiled in oil on the 14th of February, which was also the date of his greatest miracle and his greatest conversion. This was the opportunity, and the Canonization of Valentine legitimized the day as we now have it, though it eliminated the most interesting features of the primitives, and made it the time of love tokens of all sorts and the interchange of the sentiments that bother the most of us at times.

The comic valentine, so called, was not the invention either of the Romans or the church. That was a little plan of the Devil to butt in where he has no business. The alleged humor of these

"Comics" gives an excellent chance for the old disturber. It allows any low-lived whelp who hasn't the courage to be mean ordinarily use Uncle Sam's mails to sting some poor unfortunate who has neither the power nor the wish to sting back. Of all the cowardly, sneaking, unfair, mean phases of humor the comic valentine is the worst. The real goods is all right and justifiable by the noblest sentiment of the human heart, but the substitute is a low-graded chance to stab in the back that should be denied, under severe penalties, the use of the mails. It is recrudescence of barbarism that is all out of joint with the manhood and the spirit of fair play of the twentieth century.

Soldier Balks Death Plot.

It seemed to J. A. Stone, a civil war veteran, of Kemp, Texas, that a plot existed between a desperate lung trouble and the grave to cause his death. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cough that stuck to me, in spite of all remedies, for years. My weight ran down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which restored my health completely. I now weigh 178 pounds." For severe Colds, obstinate Coughs, Hemorrhages, Asthma and to prevent Pneumonia it's unrivaled. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Pecos Valley Drug Co.

Notice.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that J. C. Gage has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of James H. Clinton, deceased.

It is therefore ordered by Hon. G. W. Larramore, Pro-Judge for Eddy County, New Mexico, that the first Monday of March, A. D. 1909 be fixed for hearing of objections and settlement of said account.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Probate Court for Eddy County New Mexico this 1st day of February A. D. 1909.

A. R. O'Quinn
Probate Clerk, Eddy County,
New Mexico.

Railroad Time-Table.

South bound passenger, arrives at 7:45 p. m., local time.

North bound passenger, arrives at 6:53 a. m. local time.

South bound local, arrives at 1:00 p. m. local time, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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Methodist.

J. ALLEN RAY, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.
Preaching, 11:00 a. m.
Junior League 3:00 p. m.
Senior League, 6:00 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. 6:00 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.
Prayer meeting 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:00 p. m.

Christian.

J. A. STOUT, Pastor.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching 11:00 a. m.
Junior Endeavor 3:00 p. m.
Senior Endeavor 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 p. m.
Ladies' Aid Society Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Catholic.

FATHER ROBERT KALT, Pastor.
Mass at 10:00 a. m. on first and third Sundays. Prayers every Sunday morning at 10:00.

Washington Once Gave Up

to three doctors; was kept in bed for five weeks. Blood poison from a spider's bite caused, large, deep sores to cover his leg. The doctors failed. Then "Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured me," writes John Washington, of Bosqueville, Tex. For eczema, boils, burns and piles its supreme. 25c at Pecos Valley Drug Co.

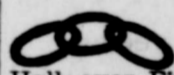
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W. L. Kemp, Sec.



Artesia Lodge No. 25, meets first Saturday night in each month in hall over First National Bank.
W. S. Gilbert, W. M.
G. R. Brainard, 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.
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Mrs. Kittie Brunning, Sec.

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D. D. Sullivan went north Wednesday.

Carl Anderson was in Roswell Monday.

New shipment of bacon Fletcher's Market.

T. R. Chisholm sells all sizes of shade trees.

R. M. George left for Pawnee Nebraska Wednesday.

For monuments see or write J. R. Creath at Artesia.

W. H. Watkins was in Roswell on business today.

Francis Wetig left for a trip to Kansas points Tuesday.

One good range, almost new, a bargain. George Batton.

D. W. Runyan came up from Carlsbad Tuesday morning.

Something new in the but-ter line at Fletcher's Market.

Pickles—sweet or sour—3 doz for 25c Fletcher's Market.

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H. G. Grey and E. C. Higgs were in Dayton yesterday.

Go to the Cozy Restaurant for short orders. Meals 25 cents

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The Baptist supper at the Mansion last night was a success.

Good second hand cook stoves for a song at Geo. Batton's.

Wanted—Four or five miles of second hand fence. J. F. DeArcy.

Pickled pigs feet—new shipment—3 lbs. for 25c Fletcher's Market.

Three Jackson cars arrived at the Artesia Machine shop this week.

I. N. Harshberger went north from here Wednesday to be gone for a couple of weeks.

H. Fette who has been visiting his brother here for a

couple of weeks left for his home in Texas Wednesday.

The Long Horn Cheese—finest ever—Fletcher's Market.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McKinley of St Louis have come to Artesia to make their home.

George P. Cleveland who spent several days in Roswell last week, returned Saturday.

E. F. Phillips was called to Anaheim Cal. yesterday on account of the illness of his little boy.

G. W. Stevens, Professor of Biology in N. W. college of Alva Oklahoma left this morning for his home.

Good brick building in live Nebraska town to exchange for land around Artesia. Call on Talbot & Requa.

We solicit your Kodak finishing. Mail your films to us, "we do the rest," and do it right. Frost's Studio.

Mr. and Mrs. Funk of Chicago, Ill., arrived in Artesia this week. Mr. Funk who is a carpenter is with Joe Clayton.

L. N. McCabe who has been visiting in Kansas City for some months returned to Artesia Tuesday. He is looking fine.

E. Robin has gone into the draying and transfer business. Ed is an old time and has a host of friends. He will do well.

Mrs. Beal of El Paso came up Wednesday morning and went out to the Turkey Track Ranch to visit her father, Mr. Tyson.

Henry Nimitz returned Tuesday night from New York where he went to buy spring and summer goods for Joyce-Pruit.

Dr. M. B. Pittman of Ferris Texas, came in Wednesday morning and is preaching a series of sermons at the Baptist church this week.

Richards horseshoeing shop, all kinds of fancy shoeing, crippled feet treated, wire cuts and corns and contracted heels cured. Jo Richards

For Rent—A small house and five acres of alfalfa, a quarter of mile north of town. Will rent them together or separately. R. L. Sproles.

A gray horse with a bell on and a gray mule on the school section adjoining Artesia. Owner will call for same. L. J. Owen.

Richard's horseshoeing shop, all kinds of fancy shoeing, crippled feet treated, wire cuts and corns and contracted heels cured. Jo Richards.

W. P. Anderson, Santa Fe live stock agent at Amarillo was down this week making arrangements to plant an orchard on his farm near town.

Mrs. Sallie I. Robers returned last week from Oklahoma where she spent several weeks visiting friends. She was accompanied by her niece Miss Josephine Chisum.

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The Lincoln Day program at the Christian church last night was a great success. There was a large crowd and a fine program. The address was delivered by Judge James C. Davis.

L. G. Trombla of Downs, Kansas, has moved to Artesia. Mr. Trombla, who is a brother-in-law of G. M. Brown, has bought land on the Cottonwood but will make his home in town.

Rev. J. F. Hedgpeth, of Carlsbad, and Presiding Elder J. B. Cochran, of El Paso, came in on the train Thursday morning to be present at the deliberations of the Methodist college committee.

Lost, between the two farms of W. H. Morgan, a brown leather hand bag, containing a pocketbook, a card case, and a small purse. The cards of the owner were in the case. Leave at this office. Reward.

Sheriff Cicero Stewart was in Artesia Wednesday. Mr. Stewart says that he really only happened into Santa Fe in pursuance of his official duty last week and that he was not connected with the county division fight in any way.

Word has been received from Miss Duma Phillips who was called home last week by the death of her sister in Kentucky. Miss Phillips arrived safely and has decided to stay in her home state for the present. This last information is received with regret by her many friends in Artesia.

The meeting which has been in progress at the Presbyterian church for three weeks closed Wednesday night. The interest was sustained to the last, as was signified by the large crowd which attended each service. Rev. Boving, who is a very earnest man endeared himself to the congregation both by his sermons and his songs.

Of course, Harry Hamilton never seriously stated that the county division would leave only the head of the Reclamation Service at Carlsbad. The inference that Editor Reed of the Argus leaves that if he did say it it would have been true, if the worst slap ever given Carlsbad. Fortunately it is not true and Eddy county will be one of the best counties in the territory after the division; a fact which Reed knows. Whether Hamilton made the jocular remark attributed to him or not is immaterial. If he did it was a joke as every body knows. In regard to the statement made by the Advocate and the Journal correspondent, the Argus makes no attempt to deny them, and in the nature of things cannot, since they are simply true.

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New County Crowd Home.

Both the Artesia Rooters and the Carlsbad Knockers on the new county proposition came home last night on account of the adjournment of the legislature. Each side claims victory. There is none of the feeling this year that has characterized former new county fights and the opposing delegations were quite sociable with each other.

Well Owners Take Notice.

A public meeting will be held in the Commercial Club rooms in Artesia on Monday Feb. 15th at 3 p. m. for the purpose of effecting a temporary organization of the artesian water users of Eddy county and arranging certain other important matters which may come before the meeting, each well owner or his authorized agent will be entitled to participate in this meeting, one vote being allowed for each artesian well.

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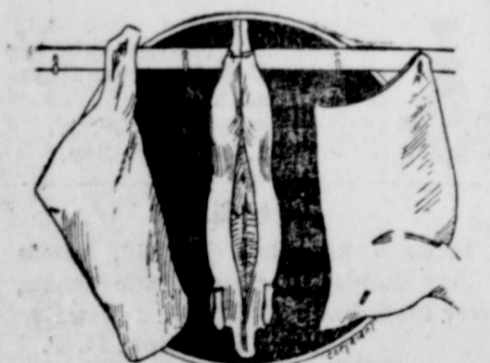
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