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ARTESIA, : : : : NEW MEXICO

HOPE ROAD

Endorsed by Club and W. P. Riley
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AT AMARILLO TUESDAY

Oil Sprinkling Discussed. Will Vote
on Social Features: For State-
hood.

At a special meeting Monday night the Artesia Commercial Club endorsed the plan proposed by the Hope Commercial Club to build a spur from Artesia to the thriving town west, and appointed W. P. Riley to present that fact to the officials of the Eastern Railroad of New Mexico at a conference which was held in Amarillo Tuesday; discussed the proposed route from Cloudcroft to Artesia which seems almost assured now, and instructed the secretary to correspond with the officials of the Cloudcroft road; appointed a committee to investigate the cost of sprinkling the streets with oil; transacted much routine business, and finally voted to submit a proposition to the members eliminating all provision for social features from the constitution of the club.

The first in order was the Hope road proposition. W.

P. Riley explained that Hope had taken the matter up with the Santa Fe in regard to building a spur from Artesia and had been invited to send a delegation to Amarillo to confer with the officials of the road Tuesday. The Hope Club desired to have Artesia send a delegate along with himself and Prof. C. M. Botts (who was present at the meeting later) to present the matter to the road. This was of a purely preliminary nature, as it would be necessary to take the question up with the headquarters of the Santa Fe at Chicago. In the discussion, Messrs. Higgins and Clarke thought that it might be better to build an electric line financed by local capitalists. The effect of a spur upon the securing of a through line was also discussed. A motion to endorse the spur plan and to appoint Mr. Riley as representative for Artesia to be present at the meeting Tuesday, and lay our endorsement before the officials; was carried without opposition.

The secretary read a communication from W. H. Winters of the San Diego, El Paso & St Louis railroad in which it was stated that the company was rapidly finishing the work of collecting data and would likely have something of inter-

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CRACK SHOTS

Representing Different States and
Arms Companies In

INTERSTATE SHOOT HERE

Dec. 30-31. All Prizes and Tro-
phies Will Go to Amateurs.

The closing days of the year will find in Artesia the principal expert marksmen of the United States in a two day contest and demonstration of fancy shooting, the occasion being an interstate contest; the first registered event of the kind ever held in the territory of New Mexico. It will be conducted according to the rules of the interstate association, an organization that has done much to preserve trap shooting free from the objectionable features that characterize many other sports.

It should be remembered that all cash prizes and trophies will be given to amateurs and that no professional will compete for them.

Mark A. Corbin who is looking after the matter here has received letters from Roswell, Carlsbad, Lakewood and other points in the Pecos Valley assuring him that they will be well represented. He has also received word from the Winchester Arms Company that they will send Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Topplewein of international fame to give exhibitions in fancy shooting with rifle, shot-gun and pistol. The Toppleweins, E. F. Fosgard and Charles G. Spencer and about twenty other crack shots are now holding a series of shoots in southwest and south Texas exhibiting the excellent features of many of the leading arms companies and will come from there to Artesia. They include nearly all of the first class marksmen in the interstate Association.

In the clay bird target shooting any professional is invited to participate, the entrance fee being divided into purses for shooters making the best score.

The Hunter Arms Company of Fulton, New York, has do-

nated a magnificent handpainted Rozane vase as a trophy for the contestant making the best score.

Programs for the contest are being issued by the Advocate and may be had on application to Mark A. Corbin who will gladly comply with all requests for same.

STEAM LAUNDRY RUNS.

Splendid Structure With Modern
Machinery. Will Run
Ice Plant.

The new steam laundry under the supervision of its owners Johnson brothers opened business Monday. The machinery is all of the most up-to-date pattern and the work turned out cannot be excelled. They proprietors expect to construct a large ice plant and be ready to supply the trade next year.

They regret delay to patrons this week owing to installing machinery.

Christian Church.

Bible school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. O. J. Allard, of Illinois, will occupy the pulpit Sunday. His morning subject will be "The Responsibility of Parents;" evening subject "Holiness." Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m. Special evangelistic services will begin Jan. 1. Public cordially invited to all services.

Kyle Brooks, Minister.

WILL BUILD

Methodists Determine to Erect
Large Church Next Year

MET MONDAY NIGHT

At Meeting Next Monday Night
Plans Will be Completed.

At a meeting of the board of the Methodist church which was held Monday night it was finally decided to erect a large church here next year. At another meeting next Monday night the plans will be finally worked out. The rapid increase of the congregation necessitates this move.

BISHOP RELECTED

Popular Superintendent Induced to
Remain.

The school board took a popular and righteous course, as usual, when they induced Superintendent Bishop to reconsider his resignation: they raised his salary to \$150 a month for the whole year and engaged him until June 1, 1911.

The Candy Kitchen.

The holiday trade at the new candy kitchen will doubtless be large as it is one of the swellest places in town. It has fine line of goods which is home made and of course, strictly fresh.

The State National Bank of Artesia

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This paper has been entered in the postoffice at Artesia, New Mexico, as second-class mail matter.

The Passing of the "Muckraker."

"We recognize clearly that the day of the 'muckraker' is past. His work, if it ever had any perceptible effect, has none now. Nor is it possible to attract public attention longer by sounding alarm trumpets and other notes of warning. The masses are practically insensible to matters of national and international importance, having been apparently stimulated so often in the past that they have lost the power to respond.

"Our newspapers and magazines, teeming as they are with exposure of horrors almost incredible, of injustice, cruelty, slavery, prostitution, political corruption and murder wholesale and retail, leave us almost untouched and unimpressed, so far as any action taken is concerned. * * * The 'white slave tariff' in our very midst is demonstrated to be an organized, growing and expanding business, close-connected with slum politics and slum politicians. Municipal corruption, 'the shame of the cities' is being exposed on every hand. These things leave us unaffected. They are too commonplace, they do not touch us, they are but items that we read from day to day. They have no particular import to us. We are a busy people and our own individual affairs are much more important to us than these things. Besides, we have had a surfeit for them of late. These many years and, nothing has happened out of the usual. These things have succeeded each other in regular sequence, and the world goes on about the same as always. We can dispose of them by saying they deplorable and 'ought' not to be. We consider them, if at all, as isolated occurrences having no connection with anything fundamental in our general social system, no cumulative import of any kind, nothing sinister or portentous about them in any way.

"Like Micawber, we are waiting for something to turn up, something really startling, something in which we can really get interested."—Wiltshire's Magazine.

The day of the mere exposé of graft is over. During the Roosevelt administration we were treated to a series of sensations by the President, supplemented by almost equally lurid sensations by the press and by writers to magazines. But after all these years we see the cause of civic righteousness but little advanced while the people seem to have lost interest in political purity. In Philadelphia the grafters won a great victory at the last election and so they did in Cleveland and San Francisco and other places.

But we do not regard the present reaction in favor of political corruptionists as permanent. The "muckrakers" from Roosevelt down generally contented themselves with denouncing graft, or at most with proposing the enactment of laws punishing monopolists for taking advantage of special privileges created by law. This seemed good to the small capitalists who thought that they were getting some of the graft themselves and who did not want the big fellows to get it all. To leave privilege intact and then punish the fellow who tried to get more than his share of the booty was the policy of the sort of "muckrakers" who denounced respectable graft. But the big grafters were in the "muckraking" business themselves, for they had an idea that the little thieves were getting too much: so we had municipal purity leagues composed of men who were of our "best people," who wanted to rout out the chaps who were profiting by "jug-handled" contracts, but who were themselves looting the people through "lop-sided" franchises or through the protective tariff.

When a class of reformers arose, like Henning in San Francisco, who insisted upon abolishing all privilege big and little and all graft respectable as well as disreputable the prince of privilege and the little fellow who had a small privilege to protect, united to defeat reform and at the same time they generally got together and tacitly agreed to let each other alone. On the other hand the public conscience had not been sufficiently aroused to unite the common people, who earned their bread in the sweat of their own brows, behind the real reformers. Hence there has been a reaction. But not for long. Those interested in monopoly in a small way will soon realize that in the game of graft the big prince of privilege has all the advantage and that they cannot expect to retain their own special privilege and insist that the other fellow give up his. They will learn that for them at least "honesty is the best policy" in temporal affairs.

An awakened public conscience will assist in the work and then there will be an end of the era of graft.

TURNER'S EXPLANATION.

Railroad Official Tells Why Senatorial Party Passed

"When Mr. Turner stopped on the day he accompanied the senatorial committee down the Valley, he said that he regretted the incident very much. He had ordered a dispatch sent from one of the towns up the line telling when the train would reach Artesia, but, evidently through an oversight, the dispatch was not forwarded as no such message was received at the telegraph office at this depot. He added that the train was late and that even had word been received in Artesia, unavoidable circumstances would have compelled them to confine their stay in Artesia to a very few minutes. He asked me to express to the Ar

tesia Commercial Club through its president his regrets for the miscarriage of the dispatch and the resulting misunderstanding: which I did."

The speaker was C. O. Brown agent of the Eastern Railway of New Mexico. Mr. Brown's statement ought to be final and satisfactory.

Meeks has watches, clocks, jewelry, cut glass, hand painted china and silverware also toilet and manicure sets. Call and see them.

For A Lame Back.

When you have pains or lameness in the back bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain, and you may be surprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by Fetherree & Mann.

Lakewood Progressives

R. C. Manley visited at Artesia Monday.

A. DeMoss visited at Artesia yesterday.

W. E. Thomson visited at Artesia Monday.

J. N. Harshberger was a visitor to Artesia Monday.

Judge G. U. McCrary and Homer Higgins, of Artesia were here on business Wednesday.

—Lakewood Progress.

GIFTS.

Navajo Blankets.

We would like to call your attention to our Navajo Blankets. They are the work of the finest living Navajo weavers. They are the finest Blankets to be had. There are no finer.

The most pleasing of Gifts for the homes.

Mexican Drawnwork.

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One, 8 inch well six miles northwest of Artesia for Birt Swift, Artesia, 32 inch flow.

One, 6 inch well three and one-half miles southeast of Artesia for Fred Kleeb, Artesia, 46 inch flow.

One, 8 inch well four and one-half miles north of Artesia for Dr. McCormick, Artesia, 36 inch flow.

One, 8 inch well two and one-half miles east of Artesia for R. W. Bruce, Artesia, 24 inch flow.

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We would invite anyone looking for information as to our experience or quality of work to write any of the above. We carry a larger stock of Well Supplies than any other firm in New Mexico. Come and see, or write us.

SPERRY & LUKINS,

Artesia, : : New Mexico.

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TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS.

ARTESIA, - NEW MEXICO.

DOOLEY ON THE CONSTITUTION

Land Man Thinks There is No Danger of Trustmade Constitution. Criticises Talbot.

Editor Advocate:

I believe that Mr. Talbot is unnecessarily alarmed relative to the dangers he claims to see awaiting us, if we get statehood.

I find that the statehood bill provides for the election of delegates to a constitutional convention and that those delegates are to be chosen by the qualified voters of New Mexico. Can we not trust the people of New Mexico to select proper delegates to such a convention?

If the delegates, we should elect for this important work, should go over to the enemy in a body and, as Mr. Talbot fears, permit the corporate interests to dictate or write our new constitution, we still have left us that court of last resort—the people.

The new constitution would not become operative until it was approved by the voters of New Mexico, and if the people should disapprove it, as submitted, provisions are wisely made for the drafting of a new constitution and a re-submitting of the same to the people.

Unless a majority of our good citizens are in league with the "corporate interests," I fail to see how a "trust made constitution" could be unloaded on the people of New Mexico.

The battle for good government is as old as government itself and why should we the sons of citizens of every sovereign state in this Union, shrink from the responsibility of governing ourselves. Are we less capable of self government, than were our Fathers, who built up sovereign states under more trying and unfavorable conditions. Shall the gallant men, who have struggled all these years for statehood, sound a retreat because the corporate interests are strongly entrenched in fair New Mexico?

Are we cowards, or is there any vestige of the old spirit of '76 left within us?

President Taft, in his effort to aid in the work, has wisely sought to eliminate partisan politics from all things connected with the election of delegates and the adoption of our constitution.

Note the wise provisions of the statehood bill, providing for the adoption of the constitution before the election of state officers, members of the Legislatures and representatives to Congress, and also, that at the time of voting on the adoption of the constitution, no other election shall be held.

President Taft has endeavored to aid us in every possible way, relative to securing statehood, and his golden words of advice given to us in his Albuquerque speech, should sink deep into the hearts of every loyal New Mexican.

If we were as broad and liberal as President Taft has proven himself to be in this

matter, we would eliminate party lines in selecting delegates to the constitutional convention and we would call a citizens convention in every New Mexico county, inviting to that convention all the qualified voters of such county.

William Dooley.

Comment.

With all due respect to the acumen of friend Dooley, we think he failed to catch the drift of the Talbot article. Mr. Talbot as we understand him, does not want to beat a retreat, but he does want to warn the people that the great trusts and monopolies wish to run the convention, and that if care is not taken, they will do so, something that everybody who has come to the use of reason, and has used the reason which the Lord has given, knows to be true. Mr. Talbot would doubtless concede, and we certainly cheerfully do concede, that if the people are aroused and take an intelligent interest in the making of the constitution, it will be impossible to foist "trustmade" provisions into the constitution; and it was with this idea in mind that Mr. Talbot told them, as the Advocate has told them time and again for months, that they would have to awake and take an active personal interest in the securing of a good constitution, or if they did not it would be better to wait for statehood until there would be a reapportionment. Therefore the thing to do is to arouse the interest of the people and for this reason we are glad to have such communications as those of Mr. Talbot and Mr. Dooley.

For if the people do not take interest, then the submission of the constitution to them will be no protection to their interests. This has been proven more than once in the history of New Mexico and the statutes of this territory today are monuments of evidence of that fact. When *Colliers Weekly* a couple of months ago showed that in all the decisions handed down by the supreme courts of the territory there was not a single instance wherein a personal damage suit had been won against a railroad, what did the judges say? They said in effect:

"We have interpreted the laws of this territory as we have found them: if they are favorable to natural monopolies, it is the fault of the people who elected the legislators and you should censure them and not us." While the judges for the territories generally have a leaning toward great corporations and ours are not exceptions, yet the position of the judges is virtually correct. We have been electing legislatures which have violated their trust and have passed laws against the peoples interest, for a valuable consideration, and the people have had the same opportunity to "turn the rascals out" of the legislature, that they have to keep them out of a constitutional convention, yet they have failed to do so. Why? Because they have not aroused themselves and have not taken the trouble to find out what laws were bad and what laws were good.

At the risk of being tedious

we shall quote from the Associated Press dispatches of May 9, 1908 in regard to the repeal of the famous Hawkins Liability law which had been on the statute books for several years.

"Under suspension of the rules the House today on a yeay and nay vote passed unanimously the senate resolution repealing the act of the territorial legislature of New Mexico which passed over the governors veto March 11, 1908. The territorial veto deals with civil procedure in personal injury cases. The resolution now goes to the president for his signature having been passed by the senate in March.

"Birdsell of Iowa, having charge of the resolutions, recalled that the law was the most remarkable piece of legislation ever enacted. Instead of being 'an act to regulate the law and procedure in certain cases,' he said, 'it should be entitled an act to prevent the recovery of damages for injuries received in accidents or otherwise upon the railroads within the territory of New Mexico.' It was, he asserted, an iniquitous act of legislation.

"The passage of these resolutions was urged by Henry of Texas, who characterized the act of legislation as infamous. In an opinion Clayton of Alabama said that no layman could read the law without being horrified at its outrages."

The Hawkins bill which was thus unanimously repealed by congress was passed by a legislature elected by the people of New Mexico.

The attention of the people was called to its iniquities by the veto of the measure by the governor. The legislature passed the measure over the veto. The very next year those same people sent delegates to the convention of the dominant party and nominated a man, who as a member of the council voted for the Hawkins bill, and the people elected him and have kept on re-nominating him and re-electing him from that good day to this. Yet this measure was so bad, its intention so palpable that; even the most subservient railroad attorneys in the House not only failed to vote for its maintenance but everyone of them voted for its repeal with every expression of indignation and horror.

New Mexico possesses as high a character of citizenship as the average commonwealth. Her native citizens do not raise the race issue and are progressing rapidly. Her new citizens are of the best class of all the states. There is no more political corruption here than elsewhere. Neither New York nor Pennsylvania nor Colorado can point the finger of scorn at us. But in all the states named, as well as with us, there is much corruption, not because the people are not intelligent enough to govern themselves, but because they do not take enough interest to keep their constitutions and their statutes free from the tampering of the trusts. If they had not kept themselves asleep in a fools paradise by selfadministered soporifics; if they had taken time and thought, there would be no possibility of a condition arising such as Lindsey mentions in Denver and such as a score of reliable writers have described as existing in many cities and states. Talbot is

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Good News.

BUT

If you do read the following, remember that this store is doing business on the theory that

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Our Holiday Offering

For the Christmas Buyer we have made a selection of Gift Goods especially appropriate for the season.

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We are showing a most complete line of this beautiful Ware.

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For the first time in the history of Artesia the ladies are offered a complete line of high grade Chinaware.

SILVER.—Nothing makes a more cherished gift than Silverware of established worth and merit. Ours has that.

Navajo Rugs.—While our assortment of Indian rugs and Blankets is complete

we are anxious for everyone to see this display of Indian Handicraft.

Ask For Cash Piano Coupons

With every purchase you make at our store The piano will soon be here and you can help some friend to secure this beautiful prize.

If you do not know it already, we would like to call your attention to our

Remember These coupons are given on all purchases at our store Paid for at Time of Purchase or Within 5 Days After the First or Succeeding Month.

Showing of BUGGIES

This is a new line in our business and we feel especially proud of the selection we have made for our patrons. We will appreciate your inspection of this new line of ours.

Begin Saving Piano Coupons right now, today, and win

GET BUSY--

Hustle, Help Someone Win the Piano.

Remember The Early Buyer Gets the Choice.

Fill Out—Cut Out and Mail to This Store.

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Please nominate as a contestant in your Free Piano Contest,

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The date is **December 27 to January 1.** 15 per cent off of our regular prices, as this season is now coming to a close. Come and see the beautiful patterns and the clever style plates. Worth while looking anyway.

HARPOLD & COMPANY,

ARTESIA,

NEW MEXICO.

right: there is danger.

Nobody has expressed more alarm at the possibility of a bad constitution being adopted than President Taft. He said "The trouble is when you are making a constitution you will take any old thing if you can get statehood." He advised the people to vote down a poor constitution if presented, which indicated that he thought it likely enough that a poor one would be presented.

We have not lost confidence in the people and we do want the statehood bill to be passed this year. But we also want the voters to realize that the sort of men who placed the Hawkins Liability Law on the statute books will try to place similar provisions in the new constitution and that if eternal vigilance is not exercised they will succeed. And unless the people are on the alert and know how to discriminate, they will not know a bad constitutional provision from a good one, and will take the whole thing. That is why the Advocate has talked constitution in season and out of season for a whole year, much to the disgust of the Democratic editorial "snipe-hunters" who just knew we wouldn't get statehood.

Mr. Dooley says that the President wants partisanship laid aside in the selection of delegates. We have previously approved of every word that the president had to say on statehood in his message and we have thought enough of part of his Albuquerque speech to keep it standing in our columns ever since he made it. But neither in the message nor in the speech has he made any suggestion that the delegates should not be elected upon party tickets, nor have we read anything which seemed to us to indicate that such thought ever entered his head. He does not want the state officers elected at the time of voting on the constitution, because that would confuse the matters of the local administration of state affairs with the issues involved in the constitution, which would divert attention from the provisions of the organic law and prevent the people from giving it the proper amount of attention. In this he is right. But he has not suggested that party lines be laid aside in selecting delegates, and his party friends are prepared to carry every Republican county for the Republican delegates, and they will do so: rightly enough, too. For while, as we said last week, there are certain great principles upon which men of all parties ought to agree and for which they ought to work; it is equally certain that even though all the delegates were equal in ability and honesty, a constitution produced by a con-

vention composed exclusively of Republicans would be a different sort of document from one produced by a convention composed exclusively of Democrats and one produced by a bipartisan convention would differ from both. Naturally, Republicans want as many of their own people as possible in the convention.

It is certain that three-fourths of the convention will be composed of Republicans, imbued with the ideas of their party in regard to what ought to be in a constitution. Assuming that they are all honest the instrument produced will be far from satisfactory to the Democrats, who lack less than four hundred votes of constituting one half of the citizenship of New Mexico, unless it is modified by some Democratic flavoring. Whether it would be better for all concerned if all electorates laid aside partisanship and selected delegates without any idea of their party affiliations, is not in the case; since it is certain that the Republican counties will send Republican delegates, a fact which everyone who knows anything about the organizations of the parties in the territory understands. Therefore the best that can be hoped for is that the Democratic counties will send their best Democrats and that the Republican counties will send their best Republicans.

We are not unduly partisan in this matter. For instance we believe in the referendum. We should like to see the Oklahoma plan incorporated into the constitution but we know that is impossible, so we favor the conservative Republican Michigan plan which we published last week, and which, as Mr. Dooley is a Michigander, and interested in government by the people, we assume pleases him.

We are glad that Mr. Dooley has come into our columns in regard to the constitution. Anything that promotes discussion arouses popular interest which is what is needed. And as Mr. Dooley is always honest and intelligent and has the courage of his convictions, we publish his communications with pleasure, even when we fail to entirely agree with him; which is generally the case.

We call our readers attention to the large full page advertisement of the Pecos Valley Drug Company, the "Big Drug Store on the Corner," this week. Every person can be suited at this store and a perusal of their ad will help to make your selection before going down town.

Lost: Double barrelled, breech-loading shot-gun Saturday between Rosedale and the Rose farm. Call and receive reward.

A MERRY



CHRISTMAS.

Suggestions for Christmas.

What to buy for a Christmas gift is at this season of the year is worrying the minds of a great many of Artesia's people. But what's the use?

Come to the **BIG STORE**, here you can find everything a heart desires. Do not let cheapness predominate in your Holiday buying. Purchase a gift that will stand the "Test of Quality" and the recipient will long remember the Christmas of the year 1909.

We carry the largest stock of everything that's good. Here are just a few of the many good things we suggest that will make an acceptable gift for

Grandma.	Grandpa.	Mama.
Work Box. Wool Hose. Silk Shawl. Pin Cushion. Napkin Ring. Long Kimona. Shopping Bag. Medicine Case. Comfy Slippers. Knitting Needles.	Pipe Rack. Match Box. Wool Gloves. Smoking Set. Felt Slippers. Wool Muffler. Checker Board. Good Overcoat. Lounging Robe.	Silk Hose. Cut Glass. Hand Bag. Kid Gloves. Fruit Bowl. Carving Set. Pair Scissors. Foot Warmers. Hair Receiver. Hat Pin Holder. Souvenir Spoon. Silver Shoe Horn.
Papa.	Sister.	Brother.
Silk Tie. Suit Case. Bath Robe. Cigar Case. Suspenders. Fancy Hose. Shaving Pad. Dress Gloves. Cuff Buttons. Pocket Knife. Pair Moccasins. Phoenix Muffler.	Belt Pin. China Set. Glove Box. Jewel Box. Set of Furs. Back Comb. Pretty Scarf. Hair Ribbon. Dainty Collar. Manicure Set. Bon Bon Dish. Bottle Perfume. Mexican Drawnwork.	Stick Pin. Collar Bag. Pearl Studs. Stylish Hat. Pretty Shirt. Fine Necktie. Playing Cards. Suit of Clothes. Hole Proof Sox. Smoking Jacket. Military Brushes. Leather Hat Band. Linen Handkerchief.

We can't catalog everything---Come and see---If it's in town it can be found at the Big Store. Make your Purchase Early and avoid the usual Holiday crowd.

Joyce-Pruit Company.

J. T. Patrick returned this week from the Plains where he has been working the public roads and opening new highways. He says that the people on the Plains are anxious to have our bridge completed as they wish to trade here.

HOPE ROAD

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est to submit soon. This letter was filed as it had already been answered by the secretary. A member then read the letter which secretary Botts of the Hope club had recently received from W. G. Roe on the proposition of a road from Cloudcroft to Hope and Artesia. The secretary was instructed to take the matter up with Mr. Roe.

The question of sprinkling the streets with oil was then taken up and Drs. M. P. Skeen and E. T. Dunaway of the sanitary committee spoke at length on the advantages of the system from the viewpoint of health in the event that it were found practicable. A committee consisting of Skeen, Higgins and Clarke was appointed to ascertain the cost of the system; provided, however that it be understood that the investigation be confined to the cost of irrigating with Pecos Valley Oil.

Some routine work was then done after which E. C. Higgins moved that the question of striking out all provision for social features at the expense of the club from the constitution, be submitted to the members.

Mr. Higgins said that there had been some criticism of this feature which it was alleged was an unprofitable provision and he would be glad to know what the club wished. The critics were generally absent at the meeting when business was to be transacted, and they gave the fact that social affairs were held as the reason for their absence. If the majority did not want them they should be stricken out. Jas. D. Whelan seconded the Higgins motion and endorsed his position. He said that he had always voted for the holding of social events but the criticism of all things of this kind had been so persistent that he wanted a count of noses. The motion was carried unanimously. The provision will be submitted in writing at the regular meeting on the night of the 27th inst after which it lies over for a month when it comes up for final disposition.

Secretary Clarke then stated that he had been requested last week by the secretary of the Roswell Commercial Club to furnish advertising matter which was to be forwarded to Delegate Andrews to assist in the campaign for statehood. He and Prof. Bishop had complied and had received the following from the Roswell secretary:

Roswell, New Mexico, 12-9-09.
J. J. Clarke, Secy.,
Artesia, N. M.

Dear Sir:—I want to thank you for your splendid collections of views of Artesia and surrounding country and sincerely trust they will help Brother Andrews in getting us statehood. I am,

Yours truly,

E. Bedell.

Whelan then said that it was a wise thing to show interest and unanimity of feeling for statehood and he therefore moved that the Club endorse the statehood bill and that the

fact be communicated by the secretary to the senator and representative who introduced the bill, to Delegate Andrews and to Senator Beveridge. Which having been duly seconded and carried the Club adjourned.

Proposed Change in Commercial Club.

In view of the amount of criticism which has been levelled at the Commercial Club, because of its social feature, it is to be hoped that everybody will vote when the question is presented as to whether the possibility of holding social functions be made impossible by constitutional inhibition, is presented to the members. The proposed amendment was offered orally at the special meeting Monday night and the Club voted to submit it. It will be necessary to present the matter in writing at a regular meeting and then hold it over for a month for final action. We believe that everyone should consider this matter. As soon as the proposed change has been presented in writing we shall publish and invite anyone member who desires to do so over his own signature to express an opinion through the Advocate. The present system will continue until the vote is taken. At present a sum not to exceed \$10 is laid aside monthly for social features. It is the rule to spend not to exceed \$10 for a program and reception without a dance one month and not to exceed the same amount for a dance without a program and reception on the next month. Making a total of six dances and six receptions per year, at a total expense not to exceed \$120. It is this system which it is proposed to allow the members to eliminate by a constitutional amendment if they wish to do so.

Dayton Echoes

Mrs. J. B. Heck and daughter Miss Wave, visited Artesia Wednesday.

Attorney G. U. McCrary, of Artesia, was here on business, E. C. Higgins has recently become sole owner of Hotel Gibson at Artesia.

G. W. Chisholm, F. A. Todd, F. A. Berry and J. B. Randolph all went to Artesia Wednesday in Mr. Chisholm's Reo.

Dayton Echo.

Penasco Valley Presses

A. D. Swepston has returned from a visit with his brother at Artesia.

E. P. McCormick of Artesia was here during the week to see Hope grow.

—Penasco Valley Press.

Miss Sangster Entertains Sunday School Class.

The Sunday School class of Mr. Murray Schenck, of the Presbyterian Sunday School of which Miss Sangster is a member, was entertained by her most royally on last Sunday evening.

A short business session was held, the remainder of the evening being donated to games of various kinds. Delicious refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed by all.

For the Holidays--- Your Choice of the World's Best Oysters

Please understand, first, that the best oysters are not necessarily Shell Oysters. The shell has no more to do with the taste of the oyster than feathers have to do with the taste of a chicked.

Sealshipt Oysters are "shucked" oysters—your favorite oyster AT THEIR BEST.

Blue Points—Narragansetts—North-ports—Chesapeakes—Gulfs—any oyster you like—with ALL OF THE SEA FLAVOR SAVED.

The Sealshipt System embraces 80 oyster shipping stations. It protects the oyster at every move—from oyster bed to you.

Sealshipt Oysters

"The Only Oysters With the Tang of the Sea"

We are registered agents of The Sealshipt Oyster System, which embraces the cream of the oyster shippers in the very best oyster districts on the coast.

Under the terms of our contract, the oyster planters and shippers are bound to us to observe specified restrictions covering the growing, shucking and shipping of Sealshipt Oysters—oysters at their best.

We demand that as soon as the oysters are taken from the ocean beds, they shall be shucked, given a quick wash with pure, fresh water to remove any particles of shell, and the solid meats immediately packed in sterilized, air-tight steel containers and sealed.

We demand that the oysters be delivered at our store with this seal unbroken; that the oysters shall be kept thoroughly iced from the outside every mile of the journey from the sea coast.

How the Sealshipt System Safeguards you.

You should know that the Sealshipt Oyster System means oyster insurance to you.

As a protection to the public, our contract binds us to sell Sealshipt Oysters only, and to sell them from a cleanly blue and white porcelain display case and to keep them thoroughly iced from the outside as in transit.

The addition of water is absolutely prohibited.



We have the white and blue Sealshipt case in our store. We are bona fide members of the Sealshipt System.

This system enables us to deliver Sealshipt Oysters to our customers as pure, fresh and full of the genuine sea flavor as when eaten from the shell. They taste the same and are the same.

Sealshipt Oysters Are Not Sold in Tins.

Oysters are grown in salt water. Fresh water makes them soggy, shapeless, insipid, and washes out the salty tang of the sea which is the oyster's true charm.

Yet oysters soaked or floated in fresh water with the surplus water

drawn off, so the oysters appear fairly solid, are put up in tin cans. These are often dishonestly offered as Sealshipt Oysters.

Beware of this fraud. Genuine Sealshipt Oysters are never packed, sealed or shipped in tin cans.

You can always make sure of getting the genuine Sealshipt Oysters by seeing them taken from the white and blue Sealshipt case.

Get What You Pay For.

Sealshipt Oysters are the standard of the oyster value. When you pay less you get less. For the lower price means that you are paying for water.

When you are offered "solid meat" oysters for 25c and 35c a quart, you can be sure these oysters are only half oysters. If some dealer advertises oysters at such a price, insist that he give you oysters as solidly packed as Sealshipt Oysters. He will tell you that he cannot afford to do it.

This will prove to you that Sealshipt Oysters are Worth their small additional cost.

Only in Sealshipt Oysters do you get a guarantee of purity, of freshness of flavor, of honest value.

Call at our store and get a copy of our booklet "Seaside Oyster Dishes." It tells how to prepare many toothsome dishes. Examine the cleanly white and blue Sealshipt case and take home a pint of its pure contents. All of the salty tang of the sea is there.

Fletcher's Market,

PHONE 37.

Artesia, N. M.

Contest Notice

Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, Nov. 13, 1909.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Walter B. Putnam, contestant, against Shomas D. Carter entry No. 7715, made April 23, 1906, for NW ¼ Section 6, Township 18 S, Range 24 E, by Thomas D. Carter Contestee, in which it is alleged that the said Thomas D. Carter has wholly abandoned the same, and has not resided thereon for more than the last six months past, (and that said alleged absence from said land has not been due to his employment in army, navy, or Marine Corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman, or marine during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.)

said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 8th, 1910, before C. F. Erb, at his office in Artesia, New Mexico (and that final hearing will be held at 9 o'clock a. m. on January 16th, 1910 before) the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed November 13th 1909, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such service be given due and proper publication.

T. C. Tillotson, Register

Notary Public! Always In!

Rear of First National Bank.

L. A. KELLER.

W. C. RAY.

Star Livery,

KELLER & RAY, Proprietors.

Good Rigs at Reasonable Prices.

PROMPT SERVICE.

PHONE 23.

Artesia,

New Mexico.

Santa Fe, Winter Excursions.

Los Angeles, Cal. and San Diego, Cal. and return \$74.80. On sale until Dec. 31, 1909. Limit 6 months.

San Francisco, Cal. and return \$84.80. On sale until Dec. 31, 1909. Limit 6 months from date of sale.

Holiday rates between Higgins, Texas and Pecos, Texas, 1 ½ fare for round trip, on sale Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31, '09 and Jan'y 1, 1910 limit Jan'y 5, 1910. For other holiday rates see agent.

C. O. BROWN, Agent.

Associated Charities.

The Associated charities wish to explain to the public that this organization has been created and lately reorganized for the purpose of assisting all in need—regardless of church affiliation. Its chief object is to care for those in immediate want and to protect the general public from unlicensed and miscellaneous alms seeking. The organization is composed of two women from each religious denomination represented in Artesia and two business men of experience and excellent judgment.

It confers and cooperates with pastors and physicians in need and requests all persons to bring such cases immediately to its knowledge.

All donations such as clothing, jellies for sick, etc., will be gratefully received and distributed. As the town grows the need of this organization will make itself felt and it is the earnest desire of this organization to grow in wisdom, judgment and efficiency that this work may be done promptly and well.

All books—all disbursements are open to public inspection at any time and reports of work done will be published from time to time. No names of recipients will be published. Anyone wishing further information in regard to this association may apply to members of Lookout Committee: Mrs. J. M. Milhuff, phone 131; Mrs. W. F. Schwartz, phone 111; Mrs. L. G. Hadley, phone 89.

Ruth L. Skeen,
Chairman Printing Com.

The Oratorical Contest

The oratorical contest Tuesday night, the program for which appeared in the Advocate December 4, was something of which any school might well be proud. The special features of music and recitations were splendid. All the orations showed depth of thought and excellent composition and were delivered with rare ability. Miss Beulah Stagner, whose fine oration on "The Poetry of the Revolution," won the first prize, will represent Artesia at the territorial contest in Roswell.

The Presbyterian Bazaar

The Presbyterian bazaar at the old Lowry-Looney store room which was held last Saturday was a success in every way. The ladies sold everything they had for sale and cleared nearly seventy-five dollars.

Sure of Railroad.

Dr. F. M. Smith who knows a good deal about railroad building informs us that he has recently had a talk with a gentleman who stands high in railroad circles who informed him that the Frisco expects to build from Quanah through Artesia and Hope within a year. Dr. Smith says that he believes that the gentleman knew what he was talking about.

Enterprize Pianos: Cyclone Racket

We sell the Enterprize piano and guarantee it to be the peer of the best. Terms easy. Come in and test it.
The Cyclone Racket.

Epworths Entertain.

The Epworth League entertained at the Gayle Talbot home Friday night and had a most enjoyable evening. There were about eighty present. Dainty refreshments were served. The following program was given:

Piano solo, Miss Louise Callans.

Piano solo, Miss Sara Owen. Reading, Mrs. A. O. Strother. Piano solo, Miss Zoda.

Reading, Miss Clara Kissinger.

Violin duet, Mrs. Kauffman and Mr. Corrington.

Piano solo, Miss Francis. Reading, Miss Stowe.

Vocal solo, Mr. Kauffman. Piano solo, Miss Grace Talbot.

Christmas Entertainment.

The entertainment to be given at the Christian church on Christmas night promises to be something out of the ordinary this year.

The Supt. Mr. Schwartz, has arranged the program which, has many unique features. He will also have charge of the decorations, as usual, and it goes without saying, that they will be beautiful and appropriate for the occasion.

Santa will be there as usual, and in addition to having a treat for the school, he will have a number of Bibles to be distributed to members of the school and possibly others.

For Sale—A Bargain.

On account of poor health and my age, I will relinquish my homestead claim of 160 acres on the main road to Hope, five and a half miles West of town for \$160. Mail and express autos pass the place making round trips daily. It is the S. E. quarter of Sec. 8, T. 17, formerly held by J. E. Swepston's wife.
It Jas. G. Watson.

Bible Giving Xmas.

This is to be a Bible giving Christmas for the Sunday School classes of the Christian church and each member of the school is asked to present at least one copy of the American Standard Revision Bible in order that all may have the same edition. The Bibles will be presented at the entertainment Christmas night.

Road From Cloudcroft.

Under the date of December 15th, the Albuquerque Tribune published an El Paso dispatch saying that the Southwestern had finally decided to build the proposed line from Alamogordo and Russia to Artesia to connect with Santa Fe here. This looks like the real thing.

Notice to All Water Users.

You are hereby notified that it is a violation of the city laws to use water on lots other than the one you get the permit for, this I see some are doing, from now on this must be stopped and the use of water in one place all night is a violation; and I will positively prosecute any one found meddling in any way with our fire plugs—remember this and save trouble.
E. F. Cooper
12-18-21 City Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mackey spent Sunday in Roswell.



Plants never freeze in a home heated by COLE'S HOT BLAST

You know where plants never freeze it doesn't get cold.

Cole's Hot Blast maintains a continuous fire; it will hold fire from Saturday night to Monday morning; it will keep fire over night with a hat full of coal. With this stove you need only open a draft in the morning and the rooms are quickly heated with fuel put in the evening before. No other stove does this.

Cole's Hot Blast stove saves half the soft coal or slack or lignite, because it burns the gas as it arises from coal, and as gas is half the fuel in coal, Cole's Hot Blast makes soft coal, slack or lignite go twice as far as any ordinary stove.

The unequalled fuel saving, the heat radiation, the even temperature, the holding of fire, are all the result of the patented features in the construction of this remarkable stove which cannot be used in making any other stove; and to the Patented Hot Blast draft which burns the wasting gases in the fuel. Soft coal, as you know, is half gas. The makeup of the stove is interesting. Read:

In an ordinary stove the gas (half the heat value) arises from the coal as the coal burns and the gas goes right on up the chimney. In Cole's Hot Blast the hot blast draft on top of the fire burns the coal from the top—burns the gas. Makes the coal last twice as long.

Note this—you cannot shut off or control ordinary stoves promptly because, though you do shut the air out of the main draft, air is coming in through dozens of small cracks, giving the fire a draft which is in no way controlled. You notice this when a stove keeps on heating long after you have shut it off.

The patented construction of the Original Hot Blast stove enables the manufacturer to guarantee it to remain always air-tight.

Remember, that is part of the guarantee. You have perfect control over the fire at all times. Thus the coal doesn't waste away—and will hold fire so well that you don't have to kindle a fire in the morning as with other stoves, but actually dress and eat breakfast in warm rooms, warmed by the fuel put in the night before.

Lots of satisfaction, isn't it? Don't expose the children to cold. No need of losing your plants! Cold kindle fires daily.

Call and let us show you.



Burns Soft Coal, Hard Coal, Wood or Cobs

ARTESIA FURNITURE COMPANY

OWEN McCLAY, MANAGER.

For Soft Coal, Hard Coal, Wood or Cobs

No. 9468.

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Treasury Department
Office of Comptroller of the Currency

Washington, D. C. July 1 1909.

Whereas by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The State National Bank of Artesia," in the town of Artesia, in the County of Eddy and Territory of New Mexico, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking:

Now Therefore, I, Willis J. Fowler, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The State National Bank of Artesia," in the Town of Artesia, in the County of Eddy and Territory of New Mexico, is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Conversion of the Bank of Artesia.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of office this First day of July, 1909.

Willis J. Fowler,
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.
(Seal)

Notice to Shareholders.

The regular annual meeting of shareholders of the First National Bank, of Artesia, New Mexico, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such business as may come before such meeting, will be held at the banking house between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. on Tuesday the 11th day of January 1910.

Also the following resolution will be voted on by the shareholders at this meeting:

Resolved that the capital stock of this association be increased in the sum of \$25,000.00 making the total capital \$50,000.00.

By order of the board of directors.

C. W. Williams, President.
J. E. Robertson, Cashier.

Carlsbad Project

(U. S. Reclamation Service.)

We have 1000 acres of choice unimproved irrigated land under the Project at \$40 to \$45 per

acre, 10 to 160 acre tracts, one to four

miles of the beautiful little town of

Loving on P. V. R. R. Terms

\$11½ to \$16½ per acre cash,

balance in five

years.

Loving is about 15 miles south of Carlsbad and located in the heart of the Government Project.

It promises to be one of the coming towns of the Valley.

For detailed information call on or address

Farmers Land League,

Artesia, N. M.

Carlsbad, N. M.

How One Doctor Successfully Treats Pneumonia.

"In treating pneumonia," says Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., "the only remedy I use for the lungs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. While, of course, I would treat other symptoms with different medicines, I have used this remedy many times in my medical practice and have yet failed to find a case where it has not controlled the trouble. I have used it myself, as has also my wife for coughs and colds repeatedly, and I most willingly and cheerfully recommend it as superior to any other remedy to my knowledge." For sale by Fatherree & Mann.

Beatty's Best Photos.

Are things of beauty for ever and a day. They are the finest ever shown in Artesia. There is nothing better for a Christmas present than a photograph done by an artist. Look at the pictures in the sample case and then have your likeness taken.

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by Fatherree & Mann.

Best line of cigars and fine candies at Bindle's Cafe.

RICHARD'S Blacksmith Shop.

General Blacksmithing,
Horseshoeing a Specialty.
Also does Woodwork and Repairs Wagons and Farm Implements. Buggies repaired and painted,
Next Door North Artesia Hotel.

Ill Health is More Expensive Than any Cure.

This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by Fatherree & Mann.

Kaffir corn fodder for sale, \$1.50 per ton. Phone Craven Ranch.

HOLIDAY GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Look this advertisement over thoroughly. It is full of suggestions and will no doubt help you greatly in reaching a decision as to what to give all whom you desire to favor at Christmas time. Our this year's showing is the finest we have ever had and believe it the best and largest this town has ever seen. Only the lines are named here. Each line represents scores of desirable items. It will be to your interest to see these goods at your earliest convenience. Come whether you are prepared to buy or not. We know that you will come prepared to buy just as soon as you realize the possibilities of our stock. Your money will go farther here than elsewhere.



We carry a full line of **Eastman Kodaks**, at prices from **\$2.00 TO \$20.00** each, and supplies for such kind. They make acceptable gifts, and are enjoyed every day in the year.

Our Stock of

Victor Talking Machines

cover all sizes, ranging in price from \$18.00 to \$40.00. The entire family will enjoy the Victor Concerts, and they are entertainers par excellence.



FOR WOMEN.

We think you surely can be satisfied with this range of presents to select from:

- Souvenir Spoons, five different designs.
- All-Won Manicure Buffers.
- Cut Glass, a large assortment.
- Gold Pens with Pearl Holders.
- Mexican Drawnwork.
- Eastman Kodaks, all sizes.
- Musical Instruments, Guitars, Mandolins, Etc.
- Passepartout Pictures.
- Hand Painted China.
- Toilet Sets.
- Hand Mirrors.
- Chafing Dishes, dandy fine ones
- Holly Box Paper, always acceptable.
- Post Card Albums, Plain and Fancy.
- Autograph Albums.
- Paul Rieger's California Perfumes.
- Eastern Star Hat Pins.
- Eastern Star Souvenir Spoons.
- Navajo Blankets.
- Indian Pottery.
- Artesia Pennants.
- Music Rolls.
- Nice Water Sets.

FOR MEN.

We have set aside one case to show the following articles most prized by men:

- Leather Traveling Sets.
- Military Brush Sets.
- Gillette Razor Sets.
- Shaving Stands.
- Cigar Cases.
- Cigars in Boxes of 25.
- Fountain Pens.
- Diaries for 1910.
- Desk Calendars.
- Elk Card Cases.
- Elk Watch Fobs.
- Cloth Brushes.

FOR BABY.

We have selected a stock that will add comfort to the little one, and each article is the best of its class.

- Sterling Baby Spoons.
- Spoon and Pusher Sets.
- Silver Bib Holders.
- Small Hot Water Bottles.
- Silver Mugs.
- Baby Biography Books.
- Fancy Baskets.
- Comb and Brush Sets.
- Famous Thermos Bottles.

BOOKS.

We are proud of our stock of Books, and call your attention to only a few of the titles:

- Eugene Fields Works.
- Riley's Works.
- Alcott Books for Girls, 50cts to \$1.50.
- Reade's Books for Girls.
- Prentice Books for Girls.
- Alger's Books for Boys.
- Ophtic's Books for Boys.
- Henty's Books for Boys.
- Ellis' Books for Boys.
- Gen. Chas. King's Books for Boys.
- The Younger Set.
- War in the Air.
- The Inner Shrine.
- The Special Messenger.
- Heart Throbs.
- Waylaid by Wireless.
- Bar 20.
- A Certain Rich Man.
- The Danger mark.
- A Cheque for \$3,000.
- The Orphans.
- The Homesteaders.
- The Case of Dr. Horace.
- The Promoter.



TO THE WOMAN IN SEARCH

of a man's Xmas gift a Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen is just the thing, because it will be useful to him every day.



MUST MAKE GOOD

It is after Christmas that a gift must make good, must furnish its warranty for having been worth the giving. If it is not the genuine, it will only be a short time before the recipient will realize that his fountain pen is not

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen

The pen with the Clip-Cap

Every Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen is fitted with a nib of the purest gold tipped with the best iridium. It will last for years and give good service every day.

Ask for the genuine—"Waterman's Ideal." Sold by best local dealers.

361 Broadway, Oakland Prices \$2.50 to \$8.00 742 Market Street, near Grant Avenue.

PICTURES.

Pictures appeal to everybody—no home has too many of them. Those we have are exceptionally good subjects and will go quickly. Better make your selection soon.

Holiday Books in Fancy Bindings.

- Legend of Sleepy Hollow.
- Snow Bound.
- Sweethearts Always.
- While the Heart Beats Young.
- The Love of Azalea.
- Green Fields and Running Brooks

Pictures of old Chinatown.

- Songs of Summer.
- Riley's Farm Rhymes.
- Riley's Rhymes of Childhood.
- Riley Roses.
- Lullaby Land.
- The Missions of California and

the Old Southwest.

- Montana, the Land of Shining Mountains.
- Holy Bibles, in limp leather bindings from \$1.00 to \$3.50.
- Picture Books, Muslin Books, and hundreds of others.

Our stock of small Musical Instruments includes Guitars, Violins, Mandolins, and Harmonicas. Many different designs to select from, and prices to suit every purse.



An elegant line of Christmas Post Cards. Booklets. Souvenirs, both plain and perfumed. Santa Clause Stamps. Holly Crepe Paper and Holly Ribbon for wrapping packages.

Don't wait until the last day. Come now, at once. You get better service, better goods, and better satisfaction than by waiting. Later the express and mail will be crowded so your presents will not arrive on time. Come now. We want to see you at



Pecos Valley Drug Company,
The Big Corner Store. Artesia, N. M.

IMPRESSIONS OF A TENDERFOOT

Being Unorthodox Sketches of Real Human Interest.

I notice in reading the big papers that John D. Rockefeller has reached a grand total of \$200,000,000 in his "contribution to charity," and it is often said his record in this particular has never been equaled in either modern or ancient times. Such charity always seems to me to be rather on the order of the same sentiment as outlined in the old Scotch story of the laird who gave to his peasants enormous sums of money each year, and each year raised the rent so as to cover and leave a good percentage in the bargain. That is simply the way the oil man does. And every alleged "donation," the price of kerosene and oil products go up a fraction of a cent, and in a few days the millions come back and then some. If there is any real charity about such monkey business as that I am too much of an old fogey to see it. There is really little wonder that the popular prejudice has gotten so strong against the Rockefeller interests that realizing it, the sphinx of Wall street is constantly studying ways and means of neutralizing the constantly growing tendency toward government ownership and all that sort of thing. The world-wide exactions and arrogance of the oil trust is simply bearing its own fruit, and in the present distrust and hatred of the common people for the great corporation is to be found a graphic prophecy of the trend of the future. Sops thrown to charity of lained money must certainly fail of their purpose in the long run, and really add to the power that will force a final accounting.

REGULATION.

The nervousness of the Standard in this connection is shared by the great railroad combines, an indication of which is found in the appeal of the magnates to President Taft to use his influence to stop the alleged "baiting" of the railroads by the various states. Everybody else calls it rate regulation, and the principle is the direct outgrowth of the rapaciousness of the roads themselves. The average man does not believe in the oppression of the railroad just because it is a railroad, or of any other great interest simply because it happens to be the centralized expression of great wealth. It is only when he is brought into constant touch with the greed and absence of principle of the railroad managements themselves, and sees the end to which is invariably called oppression by the railroads. Perhaps the best instance of this has been in Texas, which has been far in advance of the other divisions in the protection of its people. When the Texas Railroads and Warehouse commission began business many of the railroads predicted all sorts of calamities the stoppage of construction and all sorts of things, but when it was once realized that the commission had come to

really regulate, the bluffs stopped and Texas has been prosperous as never before. The Hudspeth two-cent fare bill was another pointer in this direction and the efforts made by the railroad lobby to smother it, probably added more to the anti sentiment than anything that ever came up before. The railroads have so long considered the territories as their legitimate prey that any attempt to break their grasp is naturally resented, skilfully to be true, but none the less fervently. The standard of common intelligence is getting higher each year and the present attempt to quiet the people in this regard can have but one effect, and that to add to the anti-railroad feeling, and incidentally, in the Pecos Valley, build up the sentiment for annexation of Texas.

ANNEXATION

Some people have elected to look upon the annexation business in the light of a joke, but it is not a joke by any means, and is certain to be more or less of an issue in the Pecos Valley in event New Mexico is not admitted this session. It is something that will not go down, and the railroads themselves are doing more than any other agency in building the public mind in favor of it. Nor is the other thing impossible. While in congress there may be a general tendency against enlarging Texas, there are many elements in the present matter to cause a change of opinion. In the first place if the country east of the Rock Island were annexed to Texas; what was left of New Mexico with Arizona would make a Republican state forever, and at the same time the representation of Texas, which will always be a Democratic state, will be unchanged. That is a tempting inducement to the majority in congress. There is no question of the consent of anybody except Texas and the nation in the preceding, or of the fact that when the matter gets under way it is going to be extremely popular with the people of the valley, who are not to be misled by ridicule, who do not care a snap about history, and who have nothing except the barest tolerance toward the rest of the territory. When they have the opportunity, there is going to be a climbing into the annexation bandwagon that will surprise many of the wise men, and while it may not succeed, the movement will be valuable as showing how the minds of the people of the Pecos Valley incline town clean and vigorous and equitable state government.

MAIL ORDERS.

The growing business of the great mail order houses is a matter of no little concern to the merchant of the western towns, and of the east for that matter, and all of those gentlemen, or at least most of them are not prone to speak of them very respectfully. It always makes me smile when I hear one of them dressing down Montgomery, Ward & Co., and the rest of the bunch. Along with all other good citizens I believe in the principle of trading at home—it is the

only way to build up the community in which one is interested—and in the long run is both cheaper and more satisfactory. If all the people in the trade zone of this town spent all of their money here the volume of business would be thousands of dollars greater, and the prices of goods would be reduced in proportion. At the same time the condition complained of is so palpably the fault of the merchants themselves, that it always seems to me they are kicking without reason. The mail order houses are masters of the art of advertising, and use that powerful leverage to the fullest extent, and that is all there is to it. You notice that in those towns where the local dealers spend the most money in advertising the mail order business is least. The rule is inflexible. People have no means of knowing what is in a store, or what it costs, unless the merchant tells it through the public media, and the catalogue of the mail houses cover the ground fully. The consumer sees set before him what an article costs and if he needs it, he is more than apt to order it. If the same announcement from a local merchant caught his eye, in nine cases out of ten he would buy at home. That is all there is to the mail order business. It is a matter of advertising, in which the local merchant is more than apt to sleep on his rights and possibilities. Of course there is a certain element who would rather buy anything from a needle to a feed mill away from home, but they are in the great minority, the same as those who send away for the job printing. In the long run they lose more than they save, and come back to the original proposition. No argument except costly, experience will touch this class, but for the great mass who buy, every advertisement giving names and prices is a nail in the coffin of the mail order houses. In the course of time the people generally will realize these facts and when they do, the mail order houses will die a natural death. The tendency of the times is slowly in that direction now.

Will Robinson.

Pecos Valley Abstract Co.

The only Abstract Co., having complete set of Abstract Books of all lands in Eddy County. Rear of First National Bank.

For that Dull Feeling After Eating.

I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets 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 Fetherree & Mann's drug store and see what a splendid medicine it is.

Money to loan 8 per cent net. W. G. Tight Roswell, N. M.

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Artesia Abstract Company (incorporated) State National Bank Bldg.

The Pecos Valley NURSERIES,

Located at

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Have for this winter's trade a large stock of STRICTLY FIRST CLASS, one and two year

Apple, Pear, Plum, Prune, Cherry, Peach, Apricot, &c., &c.

This stock consists of the Best Leading Commercial Varieties especially adapted to the Pecos Valley.

Our stock will be ready for delivery in December, January and February—the best months in which to plant your orchard to insure a good and satisfactory stand.

Would advise placing your order early, as good, first-class stock is very scarce and will be difficult to get at any price late in the season. Order now and get a good selection of varieties of high grade trees.

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Daily Passenger Service to Hope via Hope-Artesia Auto Line.

Car leaves Artesia at 8:00 a. m., arriving at Hope 9:30 a. m. Returning leaves Hope at 2:00 p. m. arriving at Artesia 3:30 p. m. All kinds of express carried at reasonable rates.

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Special parties of six or less may have use of the car for excursions and pleasure parties, by notifying the manager a few days in advance. For further information address.

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for that cough. There are many consumptives who now would be well if they had cared for their health.

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SAVED SICK SPELLS.

Mrs. Emma Johns, Las Vegas, N. Mex. writes: "I recommend Horehound Syrup to all I know troubled with coughs, colds, etc., I have been saved numerous sick spells, by using this remarkable preparation."

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Ballard Snow Liniment Co. ST. LOUIS, MO.,

Sold and Recommended by **REDFORD & MANN.**

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ALEXANDER'S SUBDIVISION,

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Adjoining Western College Campus on the South. Close enough in to make a good city home and yet far enough out to escape municipal taxes.

For Sale in One and Five-Acre Tracts. Planted in Fruit and Alfalfa.

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If you want a choice home, see us immediately. These choice tracts cannot last long at the money.

Talbot, Requa & Brown.

ordinarily we employ cheaper teachers for these than for any grades in the school.

When we consider how many pupils are in each of these grades and how few of them ever go any higher it is at once apparent that they should have the very best training possible to give them.

The increase in the scholastic enrollment this year is 37 per cent over last year, and the attendance would have increased accordingly but for the diphtheria, with a reasonable increase next year it will be necessary to provide more room and desks, in fact we need about 50 more desks now.

The only further suggestion that I would make is that it is no capital offense for even a member of the School Board to visit the school while it is in session.

The Correct Time.

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for some time the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by Fatherree & Mann.

Go to the B. Bindle cafe for your short orders. Everything up to date.

Pecos Valley Abstract Co.

Member of the American Association of Title-men. 20 years experience in Title business. Rear of First National Bank.

For Sale.

Everything including household goods and stock of all kinds, chickens, turkeys, hogs, sheep, calf, cow, colts and horses. Wagons, buggies, rake, mower, disk plow, hay press and bees. Other things too numerous to mention at my place one mile east of Artesia, N. M.

12-18-2t C. A. Sperber.

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Artesia Abstract Company
(Incorporated)
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Cash!

Feed and fuel for cash. Artesia Feed & Fuel Co.

Election of Officers Library Ass'n.

The annual election of officers for the Artesia Library Association will be held at the Library rooms on Monday January 3 1910. At this election twelve directors will be selected for the ensuing year. All subscribers are entitled to vote.

Mrs. J. H. Askew, president.
Mrs. Kittie L. Bruning, sec'y.

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We can duplicate your lenses—No matter how complicated.

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Notice for Publication.

Department of The Interior.
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M.
Nov. 8, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that Bernard Pos of Artesia, N. M. who, on April 19, 1905, made D. L. E No. 2057, Serial No. 015651 for N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 3, 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 C. F. Erb, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia N. M. on the 21th day of December, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
C. A. Sipple, F. C. White, W. A. Byrum, J. M. Conn, all of Artesia, N. M.

11-13-0t T. C. Tillotson
Register.

Superintendent Bishops Report.

To the Honorable School Board, of Artesia, School District:

Gentlemen:—It is but proper that you should have at this time a report of the progress, standing, conditions, and needs of the schools under your charge, for this reason I am submitting for your consideration the accompanying report.

The work of the school as a whole has been very satisfactory this year, both with regard to the actual results accomplished, and to the feeling of harmony now existing between the teachers and the student body, also between the school and the community. Our attendance has been below the average during the preceding two months, but this has been from an unpreventable cause, the prevalence of diphtheria in the town. While the average daily absent for the first month was only fifteen, for the second month the same item was fifty four, or more than three times as many as the month preceding. One or two weeks of this time some of the rooms showed not more than 50 per cent of the enrollment present.

In regard to discipline the school has been very successful, out of the entire enrollment there has been only about twenty cases of corporal punishment or an average of six a month, there have been only four cases of truancy, and not a suspension for the entire time. The pupils and parents have given loyal support to the directions and suggestions of the faculty.

Not one complaint has been brought to the Superintendent by any of the teachers against any of the other teachers, and whatever dissatisfactions may have arisen they have never been made public, but kept quiet. The teachers have been extremely loyal as a whole and have accepted willingly all work assigned them; in fact they have manifested a spirit of cheerful interest as good as

I have ever seen any where.

Regular teachers meetings have been held twice a month during the past year, at which meetings the teachers in addition to discussing their work, have carefully studied a textbook on methods, and one on psychology, I have conducted these lessons and found the teachers trying to improve themselves in their work.

At the meeting of the Pecos Valley Teachers' Ass'n Artesia had more teachers present than any other town in the Ter., and all teachers who had been assigned work had prepared the same.

I am personally acquainted with more than nine tenths of the teachers of the Eastern Territory, and know that there is not a better faculty in this Territory than the one you have under your direction both from scholarship and character.

At this time I would advise that the salary of the English teacher and the Mathematics teacher in the High School be raised to \$75.00 per month each.

You now have fifteen teachers, with the music teacher, employed at a salary of \$1015.00 per month, when added to this is the expenses of janitors, fuel, etc., the actual running expenses are not less than \$1200.00 per month, or \$10,800.00 per term.

While this may seem high at first if we will consider the rapid growth of the district it will at once be seen that are not more than we keeping up with it, while the Territorial Supt's., report for past year showed the Artesia school to be conducted at a far more economical plan than any H. S. in the Territory.

From his report the following items are taken:

Total cost of tuition per capita; for first four grades, on basis of enrollment, Albuquerque \$17.95, ranging down to Artesia, \$10.88, the same on basis of actual attendance; Alb. \$29.91,—Silver City 26.15, Las Vegas 19.71,—Artesia, 15.

63, or an expense of three fourths of the average, and little more than half of the highest.

For the next four grades: on basis of enrollment,

Alb.—21.81, Las Vegas E. 23.76, Silver City 14.40, Average 16.38 at the same time Artesia spent for the same \$10.95.

For the entire school on basis of enrollment:

Alb. 21.91, Deming 17.43, E. Las Vegas 20.61, Average 17.73 at the same time Artesia pays 12.72 or 5.00 less per capita than the average.

One thing is sure to follow, that is that we will not be able to keep up the present state of efficiency, at the present expenditures, board is as high in Artesia as in most any town in the Ter., and the teachers must be paid a salary that will enable them to save a little of their earnings.

Roswell pays her High School teachers \$90.00 per month, in Portales the highest price paid by any teacher for board is \$18.00.

The music department is accomplishing some good, not however what I would like to have it do, this is impossible with the small amount of time allotted to the supervisor, while at the same time most of the teachers are unable to drill the pupils on the rudiments, but they can do much toward giving them good training in breathing and singing. The report of the music supervisor is attached to this report. I would be glad that at least one more day each week be given to the work.

The system in use now of dividing the work of the seventh and eighth grades among the High School Dept. teachers is proving in every way successful, while Artesia is the only town in the Ter. I feel sure from reports that others will soon follow. There is every reason why this will prove successful and the only thing that could be called a disadvantage is that it necessitates specially trained teachers for those grades while

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**LOCALS ABOUT TOWN
 AND COUNTRY.**
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Sterling silverware at Meeks store.

Go to Mansion for furnished rooms.

L. G. Hadley left Monday to attend court.

Will P. Walsh was in the "Queen City" Sunday.

H. H. Henninger was down from Roswell this week.

L. W. Feemster came up from Lakewood Sunday.

To give away fine Jersey bull calf. Wm Crandall

Go to Bindle's Cafe for quick service and short orders.

V. E. Trimble went to Roswell Monday on business.

3-4 karat diamond ring for sale. Inquire at this office.

Martin Yates is back from a visit to his old home in Fulton Missouri.

E. E. Hanger left Tuesday for a week's visit to Pueblo, Colorado.

Get your coffee at "Hills." It tastes like more, Prices 15 to 40 cents.

H. H. Hess left Sunday morning for a few days trip to Estancia.

Attorney J. F. York went to Pecos Texas on legal business Wednesday.

The male quartette will sing at the Methodist church Sunday evening.

Judge J. G. Osburn transacted legal business in Roswell well this week.

W. L. Bobo, Ed Tyson and John W. Price came up from Carlsbad Tuesday.

Rev. R. C. Medaris and Martin Yates went to Pecos Texas on business Wednesday.

Mrs. D. L. Bishop returned Monday from a few days visit with friends in Roswell.

T. R. Roester went to Lake Arthur Tuesday morning to put in cement sidewalks.

Fresh evaporated apricots, peaches and prunes at prices that are right. R. J. Hill.

E. E. Glass who spent Sunday visiting his brother Jack Glass returned to L. A. Monday

W. W. Black and F. H. Howey are down from Beatrice Nebraska improving their farms.

W. C. Haney went North Monday in the interest of the firm of Talbot, Requa & Brown.

Mr. Rohrbaugh has purchased an interest in the Gibson Hotel property from E. C. Higgins.

John B. Enfield cashier of the State National Bank was in Greenfield on business Tuesday.

Charles Brown of the firm of Talbot, Requa & Brown left Sunday for a week's trip to Oklahoma City.

W. W. Meeks graduate optician is having splendid success in fitting glasses. If your eyes give you trouble try him.

Lost or Loaned: Copy of History of New Mexico. Possessor kindly inform D. W. Runyan of its whereabouts.

Use "Red Star" flour and you will have better bread.
 R. J. Hill.

A. W. Rodgers who finished a second new house for Bernard Pos in Artesia this week left for Roswell Monday.

We have a new meat cutter and your orders will receive careful attention in the future. R. J. Hill, the corner store.

Meeks the jeweler has a few diamond rings and brooches. Don't fail to see his stock before buying that Christmas gift.

The growth of the railroad business in Artesia for the past year has amounted to more than \$100,000 according to current report.

J. Stackhouse of Crowley Louisiana who invested in city property here this week left for his home Tuesday but expects to return to Artesia.

Mrs. Sallie L. Roberts and William Allen left Tuesday for New Madrid, Missouri, where they will visit friends and relatives during the holidays.

H. H. Henninger will continue his undertaking business in Artesia. Call up phone 36 Artesia Hotel and inquire of J. C. Gage or J. D. Christopher.

What is the use of subscribing for a paper thru the mail when you can have it delivered to your door every morning at the same price? Welton does it.

H. K. Rea left for Kenton, Tennessee, Tuesday morning to visit home folks for a few weeks. His mother who was quite ill for some time is now much better.

Rev. J. B. Cochran of El Paso, presiding elder of the Methodist church was in Artesia Sunday and delivered the morning sermon. At night the pulpit was occupied by Dr. Marshall McIlhany.

Lucius Dills, W. G. Hamilton and several other Roswellians passed through Artesia on an auto Wednesday on their way from Hope to the "Queen City". Lucius made us a pleasant call while on the way.

T. C. Tillotson, Judge G. A. Richardson, R. H. Crews and Mr. Wilson of Roswell came in from the Tillotson ranch at Weed Monday night. They spent the night in Artesia and left for their home next morning.

A. B. Gerrells and Jo Conn left Thursday morning for towns up the line in the interest of the Artesia Heights Company. The Heights are beautifully located and those who purchased at their sales made no mistake.

Among the many good things which we were compelled to leave out this week was a last tribute paid to the memory of Austin Eyck by a home paper. It is a fitting tribute to the memory of a good man and will appear next week.

M. O. Tuttle returned from the North last week. He has been away several weeks in behalf of the Artesia Nursery Company and brought back over 100,000 choice trees. He says that the difference in climate between New Mexico and Kansas is unusually striking this year.

Bob Ramey started to drill a surface well last week and when the depth of one hundred and forty feet was reached Monday water was struck

which acted up just like the artesian stuff and it is still flowing over the casing. This well is in the city limits across Eagle Draw.

The Christian church will begin a series of special evangelistic services January 1st. The church has secured the services of a noted evangelist Rev. A. C. Rankine, to assist

A baptismal fount was unveiled and formally presented to the congregation at the Presbyterian church Sunday. The fount was bought by the choir, as an enduring evidence of its appreciation and grateful remembrance of the work of Mrs. H. G. Gray, who served them so faithfully.

Successful Trip to Amarillo.
 W. P. Riley and C. M. Botts returned Thursday night from their trip to Amarillo. They feel much encouraged. They say that Messrs. Brinker, Starkweather and Peabody are enthusiastic. Mr. Cowan says the thing looks good, but it will be necessary to prove to the head office that it is a paying proposition, which we believe can be done.

A Fake Report Nailed.
 Some unscrupulous varmint disregarding the danger involved to his eternal felicity, has been loading the municipal papers of Roswell with the story that automobilists from the "Queen City" are fined here for running without license. Marshall Cooper says that whoever started the story is what Teddy used to call them. Nobody has been arrested on such charge and Artesia has no ordinance requiring a license to be paid by visiting autoists. Only one automobilist from Roswell was ever arrested here. He was taken into custody and fined for violating the speed ordinance after being repeatedly warned.

North End Notes
 Mrs. Parker returned last week from a short visit at her old home at Pittsburg Penn.
 Mrs. Oaks who has spent the last four months with her daughter Mrs. Allard returned to her home in Iowa Thursday of last week.
 The Happy Hour Club was entertained this week by Mrs. Brownlee, but for various reasons the attendance was small. Those present were Mesdames Allard, Sheets and Busch and Miss Simmons. The afternoon was spent socially and much enjoyed. The next meeting will be Jan. 5th with Miss Simmons.
 W. H. Allard is enjoying a visit from his brother O. J. Allard of Iowa. While here Mr. Allard will conduct a series of meetings at the Christian church continuing up until Christmas. Cordial invitation is extended to all.

"A Finer Shoe for Men"

In the "R. J. & R." specialty factory, equipped with the best shoe making machinery in the world, which is operated by the most expert fine shoe makers, none but the best materials are used. The workmen in this big, high grade factory are artists who have gained a knowledge of fine shoe making through year's of experience working only on fine shoes.



THE "R. J. & R." SHOE
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This is "R. J. & R." Style No. 1146 - Made of Russian calf with Mary-Willow brass eyelets, Club last, cap Oxford. A very dressy tan Oxford and a member of the "Star Brand" Family.

The "R. J. & R." Shoe, if sold for \$10.00, could not be made better.

Lowry-Looney Company.

High School Notes
 The Artesia High School Basketball and Foot Ball teams played the Lake Arthur teams at that place last Saturday. The girls lost the Basketball game, the score being 13 to 5 in favor of Lake Arthur. However the boys gallantly redeemed the day by beating L. Arthur in the Football game 42 to 0. A game is scheduled to be played in Artesia Sat. 18th. Come and encourage High School athletics.

The Christmas program of the Hawthorne Society has been postponed until next Friday. It will meet at one o'clock.

A new Underwood typewriter for the use of the Commercial Class has arrived at the school house.

The High School football team will play the town team Christmas day at the ball park.

A call meeting of the Hawthorne Literary Society will be held Monday afternoon to hear the report of the committee on society colors and motto, and to consider the motion to extend an invitation to the Washington Irving society to attend the next meeting of the H. L. S.

The oratorical contest was held at the Phantom Tuesday night. Quite a number of people were present and the highly interesting program consisting of the orations, readings and musical numbers was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Miss Beulah Stagner won first honors and will represent the Artesia High School at Roswell in the territorial contest to be held there the 27th. Her school mates wish her success.

Who is going to thrash your Kaffir corn? I am going to get old man Allen.

Reduction Sale.
 In order to reduce my stock in these lines, I will sell at 20 per cent discount until Jan. 1st solid gold set rings, mantle clocks, cut glass, and hand painted china. Call early for selection. W. W. Meeks.

The death of George A. Puckett, editor of the Roswell Record, which took place this week cast a gloom over the newspaper fraternity of the Pecos Valley. Puckett was a scholar and a bright writer. He fought a brave battle against "The Great White Plague" for many years but at last passed away.

Notice to all Dog Owners.
 I have been called upon lately to kill several dogs, and I shall continue to thin them out, if you have one and have no tag for him, look out. E. F. Cooper, City Marshal. 12-18-2t

Pasture to Rent.
 1 1/4 miles North of Cottonwood school house. \$1.00 per month. 12-18-4t B. C. Nickerson.

Notice For Publication.
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M. Dec. 21, 1909.
 Notice is hereby given that David C. Hall of Artesia, N. M., who on September 16, 1904, made homestead entry No. 5389, serial No. 06349, for S 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 22 and NE 1/4 NE 1/4 and Section 27 and NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 24 East N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. F. Erb, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia N. M., on the 31th day of January 1910.
 Claimant names as witnesses: James W. Turknott, George J. Foster, Andrew J. Shookley of Artesia, N. M. John A. Pierce of Hope, N. M. 12-18-6t. T. C. Tillotson, Register.

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