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W. E. BASS & CO. CLOSING OUT SALE.

Dress Goods.

1 Lot Mohair 36 inches wide, former price 65c, Sale price 38c. Nice assortment of colors to select from.

1 Lot dress patterns, 7 yards to pattern, regular price \$10.00, Sale price \$7.50.

1 Lot China silks, regular price 50 cents, Sale price 38 cents.

1 Lot Shirt Waist patterns, just a few left 3 1-2 yards to pattern, former price \$3.75, Sale price \$2.50.

Dress and apron Gingham, regular 10c and 12 1-2c sellers, Our price 8c.

Cretons in nice large figures, 10, 12 1-2 and 15c qualities, Our price 8c.

All Calicos go at 5c in this sale. Prices 10c, 12 1-2c and 15c qualities 8c.

Flanneletts, nice lot to select from, 10c, 12 1-2c Sale price 8 1-2c.

Shirtings, the kind you want for every day shirts, 12 1-2c quality, Sale price 8 1-2c.

Outing Flannels, in plain and fancy colors, 12 1-2c quality, Sale price 8 1-2c.

Comforts and Blankets.

1 Lot ordinary size for every day use, \$1.25 kind, Sale price 80c.

1 Lot the \$2.00 kind, Sale price \$1.45.

1 Lot with cotton filling, \$2.25 kind, price \$1.50

1 Lot also cotton filling, \$3.00 kind, price \$2.10

Men's Suits.

1 Lot men's suits, \$18.50 values, Sale price \$12.50.

1 Lot \$12.50 to \$15.00 values, Sale price \$7.50.

1 Lot \$8.00 to \$11.50 values, Sale price \$6.75.

These are just what you will need for present wear.

Men's Odd Pants.

We have in this lot \$6.00 and \$7.00 pants, Sale price \$4.25.

1 Lot \$3.50 to \$5.00, Our price \$3.35.

1 Lot \$2.25 to \$3.25, Sale price \$1.85.

1 Lot \$1.00 to \$1.75, all Wool at 75 cents.

Boy's Knee Suits

From 4 to 16 years in knickerbocker styles.

1 Lot, the \$4.50 kind, Sale price \$3.25.

1 Lot, the \$3.50 kind, Sale price \$2.25.

Boy's Knee Pants.

Most anything you want for school from 20c up to 40 cents.

Boy's Overalls.

1 Lot, 35c value, Sale price 20 cents.

1 Lot, 50 and 65c values, Sale price 40 cents.

Men's Work Shirts.

50 and 65c values, Our price 38 cents.

Men's Underwear, 50c value, 38c a garment, 75c per suit.

Everything Goes in This Sale, Nothing Reserved, If Prices Will Move.

Yours for Low Prices,

W. E. BASS & COMPANY.
ARTESIA, - - - NEW MEXICO.

Home Talent Vaudeville Thursday Evening.

The ladies of the Library Board will give a home-talent vaudeville on Thursday evening January 27 at the Phantom. The program is under the efficient management of Miss Henry, which is sufficient guarantee of its merit, equivalent to saying, we all want to go.

Following the vaudeville bill Mr. Corrington's new orchestra

consisting of the best professional talent in our city, will open the program.

The second number is a black-face sketch which from rumors should make your sides ache.

Third, is a vocal solo en-costume by Pecos Valley's best known contralto.

Feats of unusual daring bearing evidence of skilled and experienced training are performed by the athletic boys on the

SLAYTER

A Hurricane of Fun. A Whirlwind of Mirth

TO NIGHT

Prof. L. C. Slayter, the noted Impersonator and Recitationist will deliver his High Class Readings from the works of James Whitcomb Riley and other popular authors.

In connection with Prof. Slayter's readings there will be 2000 feet of new motion pictures. Admission 10 and 20 cts. The Phantom.

horizontal bar, something entirely new to Artesia.

No program is complete nowadays without a "trip of the light fantastic toe." In this the management has promised us a real skirt dance.

New song hits, new dance steps and new ways to flirt will be shown you by the chorus of girls and boys. Not content with even this, as a finish, the clever little play entitled "Mrs. Busby's Pink Tea" will be given, being a portrayal of modern social life. A young society matron, an inveigled husband, and a dashing widow who

makes it interesting for everybody are the main characters.

Tickets on sale at Pecos Valley Drug Store. Prices 25, 50 and 75 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Duke of Howe, Texas, left last Tuesday for their home after a short visit with Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Strother. They are parents of Mrs. Strother.

Before you buy your coal phone 20.

The W. D. Mahoney sale was a success in every way. The stuff all brought good prices and the proprietor desires us to say that he is well satisfied with the work of the auctioneer, G. DeMoss.

Grant Sooter was down from Enid, Oklahoma on business this week, leaving for his home Thursday. He says that he and his family are going to visit Artesia in a few months.

The State National Bank of Artesia

JOHN W. POE, PRESIDENT.

JOHN B. ENFIELD, CASHIER.

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Capital and Surplus \$77,500.

Our Customers are Accorded Every Courtesy
Consistent with Prudent Banking.

Interest Paid on Time Deposits.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARTESIA, N. M.



We would appreciate your banking and would try to please you at all times.

LET US SERVE YOUR NEEDS.



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H. G. GRAY, Assistant Cashier.

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Statehood.

Statehood is coming. We need it. This is not a political fight. All the people regardless of political affiliation are interested in it. What we want now is a deep abiding sentiment for it. Let us talk about it, write about and plan about it.

The Republican administration is pledged to it and the Congress will grant it. Of course it takes time to do these things. We will exercise patience. If we don't get it when we want it, we will want it when we get it.

It is too early to discuss a constitution, but it is safe to say that the leaders in this territory, or the delegates who will be elected, will have the training, experience and education, to frame a constitution that will be the equal if not the superior of any constitution in the United States. Give us statehood.—Tucumcari Sun.

Why is it too early to discuss constitution? Why are you so sure that we will have a good constitution if we do not discuss some of the things we want in it? In view of the sort of legislators the New Mexico voters dead and alive have been electing in the "Sunshine Territory" because they did not think for themselves, what assurance have you that our delegates will have all the training, education etc, of which you speak unless we do talk beforehand about what we want in the constitution? Remember, friend, that less than two months ago you were denying that we would get statehood at all, while the Advocate has been warning you for eighteen months that it would come at this session of congress; may you not be as badly mistaken in this as in the other matter?

You say "Let us plan about it" (statehood): by all means and since we must have a constitution before we have a state, why not begin by planning what provisions we should insert to secure corporate regulation and a railroad commission? We ask all these things in the best of spirit for we want the Democratic weekly press to be as one in advocating measures for the protection of the rights of the people. Think it over and

see if you do not conclude that we are right?

Let Them Howl.

State taxes seem to effect the state Republican committee worse than usual. Notwithstanding the present administration gave three years of government for two years taxes, because taxes were remitted by the legislature of 1907-8, and at present our tax rate is less than in almost any state in the Union, there is a wail and attempted proof that we are confronted with wild extravagance in the department of the state. It is a matter of common notoriety that all property owners feel the burden of direct taxation keenly in the dull season preceding the time of payment, but the new state need fear no disaster or revulsion of feeling if the two-and-a-half mill tax is all the burden there is to bear. If the Republican state organization wishes to fight out the next state campaign on the present state tax rate let the old belled buzzards of politics have plenty of rope. They will meet the same sort of a cyclone that overtook them the day delegates were elected to the constitutional convention. There is much development to be done in Oklahoma and improvements cost money—hence there will be high tax rates from time to time in certain growing communities, but the state tax rate is light and is not a burden on any one. Let it stand and the attacking squadrons will find the people of Oklahoma are willing to pay a fair price for a good, honest administration of state laws. A negation party never succeeds. The present Republican party leaders never affirm, they just oppose everything and let them continue so to do. They hurt no one enough to warrant taking them to the woodshed for correction.—Guthrie (Oklahoma) Leader.

The Advocate is glad to note that the Lakewood Progress and the Carlsbad Current have both enlisted for the war against a trust-made constitution. One by one the boys are lining up on the side of patriotism. William Jennings Bryan never said a truer thing than when he declared that the country press was the greatest bulwark of liberty. If we are spared a plutocratic constitution in this commonwealth it will be because the weekly Democratic newspapers have warned the people; and the people when aroused have served notice on the trusts that

they will not endorse a monopolistic fundamental law

The taxation system of this territory is all the mean things it can possibly be. It discriminates against Democratic counties and lets the leaders of the gang go practically free. Still if we fail to get the right sort of constitution we may have this thing perpetuated.

The Republicans in congress want to scare the people into voting for Republican state officers by having the election at the same time the constitution is voted on and then saying "If you do not adopt the plutocratic organic law we submit and elect Republicans to office we'll defeat statehood." Never fear. A man who believes that congress will refuse statehood in the event that we adopt a peoples constitution is a fool. Get the best you can and if you do not get what you want vote the constitution down as President Taft advised and make another. Also vote for whatever you want. The Republican congressional machine would defeat statehood if we got a good constitution, if it dared; but it will not dare.

You know Teddy threatened to veto the Oklahoma constitution if it did not suit him; but he signed the bill, even though the Democrats carried the state. Insist on a good constitution and you'll get one which is not too bad. Don't be a coward; don't be a fool.

The Advocate published the Michigan referendum plan some time ago. As it is purely a Republican measure we supposed it would spread like wildfire among the brethren.

There are thousands of progressive Republicans in New Mexico who will not vote for a trust-made constitution if one be presented. It is up to the Democrats to back them. The only way to arouse interest in this matter is through the Democratic WEEKLY press.

It is all very well to publish long articles to show that we are fit for statehood, and so we are, and have been since long before the Republican territorial machine and National Republican platforms began giving us pie-crust promises. But the best way to prove our worthiness now that we are to have statehood is to insist that we have a constitution worthy of intelligent, honest, high-minded American citizens. All argument for statehood is superfluous. The Republican leaders are going to pass the bill at this session as the Advocate has persisted for the last year and a half that they would. Anyone who wastes time either through ignorance or malice in discussing our worthiness is consciously or unconsciously diverting attention from the main issue and furthering the conspiracy to saddle a trust-made constitution upon our people.

The Advocate has an interesting story to tell in regard to the cause of the silence in certain alleged Democratic circles with reference to the danger

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Keeps Out Dust.

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Before contracting, they are Practical Drillers and will do your work cheaper than amateurs will. We invented and made the FIRST ROTARY WELL MACHINE and made the FIRST WELL made by that process.

Why should we not have the Experience? We make a business of Drilling Wells, as may be seen by the list below of all the wells drilled by us during the last six months.

One, 6 inch well three miles southwest of Artesia for Judge Cyrus Eakman, Canyon, Tex., 30 inch flow.

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.

One, 8 inch well six and one-half miles south of Artesia for H. L. Nuncy, Artesia, 45 inch flow.

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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ARTESIA AND HOPE,

REMEMBER THIS.

You can leave either town early in the morning or late in the evening.

New cars. Careful drivers.

Trips made everywhere up and down the valley.

Cars leave from Pecos Valley Drug Store and Hope Mercantile Co.

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WARNING to the PUBLIC.

Notice is hereby given that the Artesia Light and Power Company will assume no responsibility or risk whatever in attaching power to houses wired by other parties than those in the employ of this company. Transient and wholly irresponsible parties have solicited and secured the wiring of a number of houses in town by representing themselves as employees of this company. Parties employing such transient workmen assume all risks of fire that may occur. This company reserves the right to refuse to connect with wiring that our electrician cannot approve as safe. We keep competent electricians employed regularly and our charges for the work are very moderate. An application to the undersigned or a telephone call to the light plant will bring an immediate response to anyone wanting work done. Anyone having complaint to make against service will please notify the office. We promise the very best possible service and will take pleasure in answering trouble calls.

Artesia Light & Power Company,

By J. P. Lowry.

of a trust-made constitution, which it will be glad to publish at the "Psychological moment" and it will beat the exposure of how Sol Luna lost out when we do publish it.

The Advocate will continue to publish good things from Republican state constituents in the future as it has been doing from time to time during the past couple of months. If we get a constitution as good as the best Republican organic laws, we shall have a fair fundamental law.

Mr. Rose Brodie,

HAIR DRESSING.

Facial Massage, Manicuring and Shampooing. Scalp Massage a Specialty. Puffs and Switches made from Combing.

Leave your orders at the MILLINERY STORE, any time. I will be there

TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS.

ARTESIA, - NEW MEXICO.

GRAND LEADER'S

Big Remnant and Odd and End Sale Will Commence, Saturday Morning, January 22, And Continue Until They are all Closed Out.

OWING OT THE SUCCESS

We had during our clearing sale, we have on hand a big lot of remnants and odds and ends of almost everything that was offered during our sale.

THESE ARE ALL GOING TO BE SOLD

And they are going to go, regardless of Style, Value, or Cost. Everything we offer you is bran-new, clean as a whistle and right up to the standard of Grand Leader merchandise. You can come here expecting to find **BETTER GOODS FOR LESS MONEY** and not go away disappointed.

Remnants of Calicos all standard brands (none better made) in lengths from 3 to 8 yards 3, 3 1-2 and 4 cents.

Remnants of Outings and Flanneletts that are the best in town at 10 and 12 1-2c, lengths run from 2 1-2 to 9 yards, 6 to 7 1-2 cents.

Remnants of 15 and 17 1-2c Madras cloths in lengths running from 3 to 7 yards, 9 to 10 cents per yard.

Remnants of 12 1-2 and 15 cent Dress Gingham in lengths running from 3 to 10 yards at 7 1-2 to 8 1-2 cents.

Remnants of White Goods.

Remnants of Laces and Embroideries.

Remnants of Woolen Goods.

Remnants of Denims and Cretone.

Remnants of Madras cloth.

Remnants of Suitings and Poplin.

They all go at
prices that will tickle
your pocketbook.

Odds and Ends in Woolen Goods.

3 pieces all wool Panama, colors dark red, light gray and brown, Sale price 25c.

1 piece 54 inch black Broadcloth, regular \$1.25 value, price to close 75c.

2 pieces gray plaid suiting, regular 65 and 75c value, odd and end sale price 35c.

6 pieces plain and fancy novelty goods, all wool and 36 inches wide, price to close 25c.

20 per cent off on all other Woolen Dress Goods.

Odds and Ends in Ladies' Skirts.

Out of 95 skirts on hand after Xmas we find just 41 left.

Do You Want One?

They were \$2.50 to \$15.00.

But Now

What—a—difference

Yes Indeed

We have a few suits left and they will be on sale. Would quote prices but Cooper might arrest us and say we stole them—else we could'nt sell them so cheap.

Odds and Ends in Ladies' Shoes.

Not a pile of junk, but all good styles, bran new, made on stylish lasts and all this seasons goods.

Queen Quality \$4.00 in good styles but only a pair or two of a kind, Choice \$2.85.

Choice of our \$3.50 Queen Quality grades in all the odd lots for \$2.45.

All \$3.00 Queen Quality shoes that are in odd lots will be put out on sale for \$2.15.

SPECIAL—A big assortment of our regular \$2.50 shoes. To make a clean sweep \$1.45.

Boy's Knee Pant Suits

At Half Price.

All boy's suits with straight leg pants will go at just 1-2 regular price. **BETTER COME EARLY.**

Clean Up Prices

On ladies', childrens' and misses Cloaks. We can show you both facts and figures.

Odds and Ends in ladies' and misses Underwear. Odd lots at odd prices. You'll say so when you hear them priced.

Odds and Ends

In men's Woolen Shirts and Underwear at prices that will make you wish **YOU HAD WAITED.**

Men's and Youths Suits

All go at reduced prices. You can't afford to buy until you see our line and get our prices. The biggest and best line in Artesia.

Overcoats.

Only a few left. Going at prices that are sure to clean them up. Cost nothing to take a look.

Overcoats.

Odds and Ends in Ladies Shirt Waists.

Only a few left. They must all be sold.
Nuf Sed. See Them.

Odds and Ends in Men's Dress Shirts.

All good styles, clean and strictly right up to now.

Odds and ends in our \$1.75 and \$2.00 Shirts will be put in one pile for \$1.15.

Odds and ends of our \$1.50 grades will sell for 95c

Odds and ends in our \$1.25 line go for 80c.

Odds and ends in our \$1.00 line will sell for 70c

Odds and ends of our 75c line, price 45c.

We will show a good line to every man that wears from 14 to 17. Tell us your number and we will do the rest.

Odd Pants.

Big lot of men's pants in broken sizes, only one, two and three pairs of a kind, all fresh and clean, and are our \$2.50 and \$2.75 sellers. Sale price \$1.50.

Big lot of odds and ends, selected out of our \$3.50 and \$3.00 line, will be on sale for \$2.00.

Choice of odds and ends from our \$5.00 line for only \$3.25.

MANY MORE THINGS ON SALE.

That we have neither time nor space to mention, but you know from former events given by us just what a Grand Leader Sale means, and if you are looking for good clean reliable merchandise for less money, drop in **SOON AS POSSIBLE**, for we are going to put out a line of bargains, that are Going To Go In a Hurry.

BE WISE, COME EARLY.

Sale begins Saturday Morning, and lasts until all lots are sold out.—But we repeat, come early.—The best won't be the last to go. The character of goods we offer you at the prices We Make will not bear charging. So all goods on Sale **MUST BE CASH.**

THE GRAND LEADER.

Not the first store in Artesia, but the first store to ever give the public the benefit of a special Sale. Always in the lead—The rest can only follow.

WESTERN COLLEGE

And Artesia as Seen by President

Casper S. Wright

OF EL PASO TEXAS

Writes Advocate Interesting Letter
About Visit.

Editor Advocate:

It was my pleasure to visit Artesia and Western College this week, for the first time since the erection of the College buildings. My trip to Artesia and to the College was a great delight to me, and caused me a great surprise when I found what had been done and what was being done at the College. No mistake about it, it is simply wonderful, the development of this school and what it means to the Pecos Valley and the New Mexico Annual Conference.

I found a first class faculty in charge of the school, and they hard at work, under the leadership of W. K. Strother. The influence of the school over mind and heart of the students is of a purest type. The college life at Western College to each student, so far as I could tell, after an intimate association with them, for two days, was home-like and tended to make them most happy in their work. Not only is W. K. Strother "the right man in the right place" but the same and more might be said of his splendid wife. All the faculty, consisting of eight members, together with Bro. J. F. Hedgpeth and his wife are doing their utmost to give the College the right start, and if I may be permitted to judge in this matter, I would say that they are making a great success of it.

I was amazed to find two such buildings as we have on the campus. Elegant brick buildings, out of first class material and workmanship, and large enough to meet all our demands for the present. I take it that not a member of the New Mexico Conference has the slightest idea of how elegant and substantial are these buildings, unless you have made a visit to the college, and look them over. Both buildings supplied with a first class system of water-works from bottom to top, and the students all made quite comfortable in their rooms, and last and best of all, Mrs. Strother knows how to feed them.

It came to me, while on my visit to Artesia, that some people were inclined to discredit our work here at the College. I would like to say as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, that there is not the semblance of ground for adverse criticism, and we are not in the college work to humbug the parent in his or her effort to live up to the most sacred duty that could devolve upon them—that of the duty of parent to child, in fitting them for life's problems by educating both mind and heart. Adverse criticism to Western College, in any particular, is unchristian, unkind and untrue.

A word to the public as to what we will do as to our

course of study. I don't only want to send my boy to College, but I mean to send him to the best in the land. Under this statement, I am sure that I can get the accommodation at Western College for him. At this meeting of our Board, we adopted the regular College course as prescribed by the General Board of Education of the church and this is the highest known to the best colleges of the country. Under this college course we have adopted a Sub Fresh course, so that pupils not ready for college work, can make use of the Sub Fresh work to bring up the requirement necessary to enter upon the regular college course of four years.

At the last session of our New Mexico Conference we made an assessment upon the various charges of our conference to assist in the running expenses of the college, and I am writing to the various pastors to day to send said fund to Mr. E. B. Kemp, at once, and I have no hesitancy in saying that the first year of the college will be brought to a successful close on Wednesday after the first Sunday in June. I look that next year will far exceed our most sanguine expectation both in patronage and in thoroughness of work done; and my reason for this is, that we have Rev. J. F. Hedgpeth in the field, and what Joe wont tell the folks of the college, will not be worth telling. We are sure that with a kindly co-operation on the part of the pastors and churches throughout the Conference that his work will be a powerful factor for success in the work of the college.

In conclusion I desire to say that even the people of Artesia do not realize fully the wonderful work that has been done in establishing this College, so Artesia, go out and take a look; let Carlsbad do the same, also Roswell, and every town in the Pecos Valley, and people from all over New Mexico and West Texas and see what has been done, and what we are doing, and what we can do, if you will put your shoulder to the wheel. Great is Artesia and great is Western College.

Casper S. Wright.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 8th, 1910.

The Roswell Record says we will probably get statehood but will have to allow our constitution to be written for us. Rot. We will get statehood, but if we draft a good constitution along the lines of the best in the Union, congress will not dare refuse us admission. Talk of amendment is all right, and the referendum ought to be inserted for that reason, but let us get a document that will require no amendment for some time.

The revelation concerning the defeat of Sol Luna in the governorship fight gives a line on why the Albuquerque Journal thought it could safely break the truce with the erstwhile boss; while the same thing coupled with certain activities of "Bull" Andrews in Albuquerque journalistic affairs might throw a sort of sidelight on why the King of Valencia ploughed with the Democratic heifer; incidental-

Grand Removal Sale Still Continues.

Don't think for a moment that we have discontinued this Grand Event. Several thousand dollars worth of merchandise has got to be disposed of

CASH—OR—CREDIT.

We don't particularly care whether we have the cash just at present or not—If you have an account with us—Purchase what you need on Credit.

We are still offering such values that you cannot afford to pass them by—It's well worth your while to come to the Big Store—for anything you may want you will find plenty of

Bargains.—Bargains.

Big Reductions in Our Ready-to-Wear Department.



Ladies' Tailored

Suits.

Ladies' Coats.

Ladies' Skirts.

Ladies' Shirt

Waists.

Ladies' Furs.

Sorosis Under-
skirts.

Children's Coats.

Boy's Clothing.

BLANKETS—AT REMOVAL SALE PRICES.

Come in and see our Special Values.

SPECIAL ON BED SHEETS.

Armorside Brand, the household favorite

60c Sheets, size 72 x 90, only 35c

70c Sheets, size 81 x 90, only 49c

80c Sheets, size 81 x 90, only 59c

EXTRA BARGAINS ONLY 98 CENTS.



We have a quantity of Long Sleeve Gloves in Black and White, worth regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 a pair, to move them quick, only 98c a pair.

Big Reductions in Every Department.

COME TO-DAY

Joyce-Pruit Company,

The Big Store.

ly the indisposition in certain quarters to talk constitution and the like. Perhaps we can give our readers a line on this later.

Red Top Tidings

Mrs. Vance is expecting a visit from her father Jake Kissinger in a few days.

Sperry & Lukins well rig is moving from the Mrs. Anderson place. The well drilled on this place is said to be the best in the valley.

Miss Rama Vance visited Winona Traylor Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Gessler and family have moved on the Stormburg place near Red School House Spur.

Richard Daugherty visited the Dayton school while others in his class were taking examinations.

Mr. Enochs is having a well drilled south of town.

The box supper at Red Top School House will be given

Friday January 28. A program will be given. All are invited.

John Watkins is going to school at Red Top.

Dick Nelson has moved to Dayton; Mr. Kidds from Lakewood is living on the place he had rented.

The Club entertainment last night was a very successful social affair; the program being especially fine. The skilful manipulation of the piano by Miss Williams; the clear, sweet tones of the delightful vocalist, Mrs Hobbs with accompaniment of the ever pleasing Miss McIlhany, and the soul-inspiring readings by that accomplished elocutionist, Miss Stowe, brought enthusiastic responses from an appreciative audience of about one hundred guests. As usual, refreshments were served.

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RICHARD'S Blacksmith Shop.

General Blacksmithing,
Horseshoeing a Specialty.
Also does Woodwork and Repairs Wagons and Farm Implements. Buggies repaired and painted.

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Important Meeting.



All K of P's in good standing are urged to meet at our Castle Hall, Friday Jan. 28th 7:30 p. m.

Henry Nimitz
K of R and seals.

PERTINENT FACTS

A Few Remarks on the School Book Proposition That May Prove Interesting to Artesia Patrons.

There come times in the affairs of every business man when circumstances arise over which he has no control, and which demand explanation. Such a time arrived in our affairs this week, and we think it nothing but right we should make an explanation to our many customers and friends. Usually the various ups and downs of a private party's affairs have no interest for the public, but the local school book situation is one in which every parent in Artesia is interested, hence our explanation.

The price of school books is a hardship here, even under the best of circumstances but when a man uses his official position to strangle competition it seems time for an investigation.

The facts we wish to bring forth are these: When the Territory has an adopted list of text books to be used in the grades, it also provides that certain other books may be used supplementary to the regular texts. Sometimes these supplementary books are used and sometimes not. It is not compulsory.

Usually when new books are to be introduced it is customary to submit lists to each dealer in town, that all may be supplied when the time comes to use these books. This practice has been followed in Artesia with a few exceptions. The latest exception came to light Monday morning.

Last week the mid-term examinations were held, and some time previous it was decided to use some of these supplementary books, and a list of the desired books was furnished another concern selling books here, but the Pecos Valley Drug Company, that usually furnishes about three fourths of the books, was ignored. Monday morning bright and early many pupils came in and asked for these new books. Having heard nothing about any new books that were to be used we told them we did not have them, and they, almost without exception, stated they had been told these books could be had only at another local book dealer, but that having always bought books of us, thought some mistake had been made. Finally the calls becoming so numerous, and we being of an inquiring turn of mind, started out to find the why and wherefore.

Mr. Sullivan, chairman of the board of education, and Mr. Gilbert, secretary, were separately interviewed, and each declared the board had nothing to do with books sold by dealers. They also stated it was proper and right each dealer should be furnished lists. We next inquired of Prof. Bishop, the superintendent, if he had furnished the list to the other dealer, and he admitted that he had. Upon being asked why he had not furnished a list to each dealer he replied he had no use for

the Pecos Valley Drug Company and did not propose to furnish them lists. He had not been treated right by the Pecos Valley Drug Company and had no favors to offer. We were not looking for anything but a square deal, so had no further use for Prof. Bishop, for by his own confession he was so prejudiced against us he could not extend the boon we craved.

Mr. Mann, upon request, very kindly gave us the list of the books and the publisher.

Now it is to be deplored when a man has the mental ability Prof. Bishop is said to have, and who occupies so honorable a position as superintendent of schools of the importance as Artesia schools, allows his personal spite to so dominate his better judgment as to stoop to such methods of retaliating for fancied wrongs. He should stop and consider that every such action will only serve as a boomerang, and the very ends he wishes to accomplish will be defeated.

It is a fact that Prof. Bishop resigned in December. It is a fact his salary was raised and he decided to warm the superintendents chair for the remainder of the term. It is a fact that Mr. Fatherree was a member of the board that originally employed Prof. Bishop. It is a fact that Mr. Mann is now a member of the board that raised Prof. Bishop's salary. It is a fact that Mr. Fatherree and Mr. Mann own the City Drug Store. It is a fact that the City Drug Store sells school books. It is a fact the City Drug Store was furnished a list of the new books while we were not—draw your own conclusions.

We will say in passing that we have a few other facts in our possession, equally interesting, but we think these sufficient for the present.

We have telegraphed for these new books. They will be on sale at our store Friday morning at the uniform price of 35 cents each. They are "Control of Body and Mind," "Town and City," "Body and Work," "Good Health," and "Emergencies." You cannot miss our place for it is the "Big Drug Store on the Corner."

Pecos Valley Drug Co.

The above was offered to the Advocate as an advertisement at regular line space rates and as such we accepted it and gave publication.

We have no personal knowledge of the statements set forth and do not wish the public to consider us as at all connected with the controversy. Ed.

Country Club Notes.

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, the ladies of the country club, held a most enjoyable meeting with their president, Mrs. Allard at her home north of Artesia.

Those present were Mesdames Kuns, White, Kennedy, Brownlee, Sheets, Thompson, Vance, Harroll, Speck and Bigelow and the Misses Horrall, Simmons, Kuns, Thompson and Inskeep.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess, closing a very pleasant afternoon. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. White.

State National Bank.

The meeting of the State National Bank directors which took place Friday was eminently satisfactory and all were pleased at the manner in which that enterprising and growing financial institution was advancing. The growth of the bank has been rapid and steady ever since it came under the active control of the present cashier John B. Enfield and its upward movement is still unabated.

Officers elected were, John W. Poe, president; J. O. Kuykendall and J. H. Askew, vice presidents; John B. Enfield, cashier; James J. Sullivan and Albert Blake, assistant cashiers.

The board of directors are: John W. Poe, J. H. Askew, John B. Enfield, Joe J. Jaffa, C. A. Sipple, S. S. Ward, Jas. J. Sullivan and Owen McClay.

Odd Fellows Recital.

The Artesia Lodge of the I. O. O. F. will give a recital and readings at their new hall Thursday evening, February 10. The star of the occasion will be the well-known dramatic reader, Miss Bess May MacClane, "our own Pecos Valley elocutionist" who will be assisted by the best musical talent in Artesia. The Odd Fellows hall is among the finest in the valley and the lodge will do its utmost to make the occasion a happy one for all who attend. Tickets will be on sale at both drug stores after February 1st.

J. H. Nicholson, staff representative of the Roswell Register-Tribune, who exploited Artesia in his paper of Friday on a very extensive scale, will be in Artesia again Monday and Tuesday of next week. He will make his headquarters at the Smoke House, where he will receipt all statements sent out by his paper for subscriptions.

Fruit and Shade Trees.

In good supply principally home grown and of the varieties best adapted for the Pecos Valley. It will be largely to your interest to see my stock before placing your order elsewhere. This is my fifth year growing nursery stock here at Artesia and my customers include the largest and most successful orchardists of the Pecos Valley. Better place order early as stock is in good demand and price likely be higher soon. Yours to please,

Rest. J. S. Highsmith,
4t Prop. Artesia Nursery.

New Meat Market.

I have opened a new meat market in the Clayton office on the corner 4th and Main and solicit a share of your patronage. B. F. Brown.

Martin Yates of the firm of Gilbert, Collins & Yates left for Missouri Thursday to be gone a couple of weeks.

A Wretched Mistake.

to endure the itching, painful distress of Piles. There's no need to. Listen: "I suffered much from Piles," writes Will A. Marsh, of Siler City, N. C., "till I got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon cured." Burns, Boils, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Eczema, Cuts, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, vanish before it. 25c at all druggists.

Saved at Deaths Door.

The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved. "I was in a dreadful condition," he writes, "my skin was almost yellow; eyes sunken; tongue coated; emaciated from losing 40 pounds, growing weaker daily. Virulent liver trouble pulling me down to death in spite of doctors. Then that matchless medicine, Electric Bitters, cured me. I regained the 40 pounds pounds lost and now am well and strong." For all stomach, liver and kidney troubles they're supreme. 50c at all Druggists.

Notice.

Department of Territorial Engineer Number of Application 366. Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dec. 22, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of December 1909, in accordance with Section 26, Irrigation Law of 1907 Thomas C. Tillotson of Roswell, County of Chaves, Territory of New Mexico, made an application to the Territorial Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate from the Public waters of the Territory of New Mexico.

Such appropriation is to be made from Penasco river at points near S E Cor of Sec 11 T 16 S R 16 E by means of diversion and 100 cu ft per sec. is to be conveyed to NE 1/4 Sec 29 T 16 S R 17 E by means of canal and there used for power generation, water being returned to river at same point.

The Territorial Engineer will take this application up for consideration on the 22nd day of March 1910 and all persons who may oppose the granting of the above application must file their objections substantiated with affidavits (properly backed with application number) with the Territorial Engineer on or before that date.

Vernon L. Sullivan
Territorial Engineer.

A Sprained Ankle.

As a rule a man will feel well satisfied if he can hobble around on crutches in two or three weeks after spraining his ankle and it is often two or three months before he is fully recovered. This is an unnecessary loss of time, as by applying Chamberlain's Liniment, as directed a cure may as a rule be effected in less than one week's time, and in many cases within three days. Sold by Fatherree & Mann.

Notice.

Department of Territorial Engineer. Number of application 354. Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dec. 22, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that on the 30 day of November 1909 in accordance with Section 26, Irrigation Law of 1907 W. P. Turner, V. R. Kinney of Roswell, County of Chaves, Territory of New Mexico and W. R. Allison, of Houston, Harris County, Texas, made an application to the Territorial Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate from the Public waters of the Territory of New Mexico.

Such appropriation is to be made from Penasco at points in NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 18, Tp 16 South, Range 17 East by means of Diversion and 100 cu ft per sec. is to be conveyed to SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 18, T 16 S. R 17 E, by means of Flume and there used for Power purposes, water being returned to river at same point.

The Territorial Engineer will take this application up for consideration on the 22 of March 1910, and all persons who may oppose the granting of the above application must file their objections substantiated with affidavits (properly backed with application number) with the Territorial Engineer on or before that date.

Vernon L. Sullivan
Territorial Engineer.

Came Near Choking to Death.

A little boy, the son of Chris. D. Peterson, a well known resident of the village of Jacksonville, Iowa, had a sudden and violent attack of croup. Much thick stringy phlegm came up after giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. Peterson says: "I think he would have choked to death had we not given him this remedy." Sold by Fatherree & Mann.

Get our prices of abstracts!
Rear of First National Bank.

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior. United States Land Office, Roswell New Mexico, Dec. 29, 1909.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by William W. Meeks, contestant, against Desert Land entry No. 2804, made February 26th, 1907, for Southwest Quarter, Section 15, Township 16 S, Range 26 E, by Newt C. Landerdale Contestee, in which it is alleged that the said Newt C. Landerdale has not expended the necessary amount of One Dollar per acre per annum in the necessary irrigation, reclamation and in permanent improvements on the said land for either of the two years next after entry thereof, as the law requires.

Affiant is informed and believes that Chas. Hoffman, of Rockport, Ind, claims some kind of an interest in said land by virtue of Quit-Claim deed and asks that he be served with notice of this contest, that he may appear and show what interest he has in the said land, if any.

said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on Jan. 31, 1910 before C. F. Erb, United States Court Commissioner, Artesia, N. M. (and that final hearing be held at 9 o'clock a. m. on Feb. 10 1910 before, the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M.

T. C. Tillotson
Register.

Auto for Trade.

Almost new Mitchell auto, four cylinders, to exchange for Artesia property.

H. C. Rohrbouge.

Notice.

Department of Territorial Engineer Number of Application 347. Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dec. 22 1909.

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of October 1909 in accordance with section 26, Irrigation Law of 1907 Cat Claw Canal Co of Artesia, County of Eddy, Territory of New Mexico, made an application to the Territorial Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate from the Public Waters of the Territory of New Mexico.

Such appropriation is to be made from Eagle Draw at points SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 35, T 16 S, R 21 E, by means of diversion and storage and 350 cu ft per sec. or 14,000 ac. ft. is to be conveyed to Secs. 1, 2, 5, and 12 T, 17 S R, 25 E 12, 14, 2, 17, 13, 11, 9, 4 and 6 T 17 S R 24 E 23, 33, 27, 6, 4, 31 and 32 T 16 S R 24 E and Sec. 7 T 17 S R 26 E by means of ditches and reservoirs and there used for irrigation of 5600 acres.

The Territorial Engineer will take this application up for consideration on the 22nd of March 1910, and all persons who may oppose the granting of the above application must file their objections substantiated with affidavits (properly backed with application number) with the Territorial Engineer on or before that date.

Vernon L. Sullivan
1-1-1t. Territorial Engineer.

A Wild Blizzard Raging.

brings danger, suffering—often death—to thousands, who take colds, coughs and lagrippe—that terror of winter and spring. Its danger signals are "stuffed up," nostrils, lower part of nose sore, chills and fever, pain in back of head, and a throat-gripping cough. When Grip attacks, as you value your life, don't delay getting Dr. King's New Discovery. "One bottle cured me," writes A. L. Dunn, of Pine Valley Miss., "after being 'laid up' three weeks with Grip." For sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma its supreme. 50c. Guaranteed by all Druggists.

Notice.

My land No. 32-15-25 on the Cottonwood is withdrawn from the market.

D. F. Thomas,
Roswell, N. M.

For Sale—Six first class milk cows and farming implements at my place three miles North of Artesia,

R, Inskeep.

Artesia Abstract Company.

INCORPORATED

OFFICE

STATE NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

SHOOT IN FEBRUARY

Gun Club and Expert Finally Makes Arrangements That Will Stick.

The meeting of the expert shooters under the auspices of the Interstate Gun Club will be held here about the middle of February. As stated in the Advocate some time ago, the delay occasioned by the bad weather in Texas necessitated the postponement of the shoot and it was supposed that the event would be pulled off late this month. However, it was discovered that the other towns which preceded this on the list and which had been unable to hold their shoots wanted them held in the order named on the original list. The result is that the affair will take place here late in February instead of in January.

The delay will prove beneficial to the event. A number of fine gunmen who have been at state contests and for that reason could not attend will now be able to be with us and the affair will assume a much greater magnitude than its most enthusiastic votaries had dared to hope for. There is to be a big international shoot in California in the last days of February and the noted marksmen from all over the United States are going and will stop at Artesia while en route.

In the meantime our local talent is practicing. There are gun clubs at Lakewood and Carlsbad and others will be organized. It is believed that there will be a series of local events before the big affairs.

Will Erect Ice Plant.

C. M. Mead of Oklahoma City is here and has already shipped machinery for a ten ton plant and has purchased site for same. It will be in operation inside of three months. Mr. Mead is an old ice manufacturer and will do well in Artesia.

Feed and fuel are cash at our house. Artesia Feed & Fuel Company. Phone 20.

The criticisms of Rev. E. McQueen Gray president of the University of New Mexico by congressional leaders, because he went to Washington in behalf of the University, are uncalled for. We think that a professional politician would do better with most congressmen than Mr. Gray. The average congressman isn't a scholarly individual "so as to hurt," and he generally thinks more of where the votes ought to come from than of what would be the most benefit to the American youth. Still Rev. Gray could explain the real needs of the school better perhaps than any other New Mexican and his honesty and singleness of purpose are above question.

C. H. Montgomery was in Roswell Thursday.

Sembrich Meeting.

Roswell, N. M. Jan. 16 '10. The Advocate,

Artesia, N. M.
Dear Editor:—We have been guaranteed a special train from Carlsbad on the night of the Sembrich concert here.

The rate will be one and one third fare, with a maximum of \$3.00. Which will give your people a very good rate.

Give us all the help you can and we will feel under lasting obligations to you.

The train will be held at Roswell until the people are all aboard and will leave Carlsbad at about 4 p. m.

The R. R. Co. say that they will give the train and the rates mention in your paper as well.

I will hope to have a good crowd from your town, and that you will be with them.

Yours sincerely,
Albert A. White.

Tickets on sale at Pecos Valley Drug Store.

Railroad, Quannah to El Paso at Once.

Quannah, Texas, Jan. 15.—Chief engineer E. N. Sminger left from Paduch with an engineering corps today to survey the Quannah, Acme & Pacific railway from Paduch to Acme, N. M. From Acme he will survey to Roswell, Artesia and Hope, across Hagerman pass to El Paso.

The line is to be immediately constructed to Roswell and El Paso, it is announced.—El Paso Herald.

COULDN'T BUNCO HIM



The Gent—My little man, speaking from experience, I would like to see you throw that cigar away.

The Kid—Aw, fergit dat line of talk; I ain't goin' to throw dis big two-fer and let you pick it up. But say, follow me up and I'll save de butt fer youse.

The Artesia Advocate of last week printed a letter that would seem to indicate that when it comes to sure enough politics, one William Henry Pope, supreme judge, is capable of going some himself. This is admitting that the story is true, and it is interesting and plausible enough to be true. If it is true, the slate makers of the future will do well to consult Judge Pope before elevating their lightning rods.—Register Tribune.

Chas. F. Robble died near Hope Tuesday at the age of forty-four years. He resided near Hope for the past seven years. He was a member of the W. O. W. and the Sons of Herman. Interment took place Wednesday.

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PHILANTHROPIST



Boys—Hey, Fat, ain't yer goin' ter give us any o' that candy?

Fatty—Nope, fellers, can't do it. If I gave yer some you'd get fat an' be made fun of just like me.

COMPLETE ANGLER



Smith—Well, what on earth—
Brown—Merely dressed as a tree, dear boy, so as not to scare the fish.

HE KNEW



Knicker—Think we'll have a dry summer?

Bocker—Don't know, but I think I shall.

Knicker—What do you mean?

Bocker—We're going to spend the summer in Loneleyville, and it's a prohibition town.

Fifty good hats at one dollar each. Millinery Emporium next door to Advocate office.

No. 9468.

(E S)
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

Department of Territorial Engineer.
Number of Application 350. Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dec. 22, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of November 1909, in accordance with Section 26, Irrigation Law of 1907 E. M. Teel of Hope, County of Eddy, Territory of New Mexico, made an application to the Territorial Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate from the Public waters of the Territory of New Mexico.

Such appropriation is to be made from Penasco river at points N 71 degrees 16 sec. W 1448 ft from S E Cor. of Sec 14 T 17 R 20 E by means of diversion and 1 cu ft per sec is to be conveyed to Sec. 27, 20 and 21 T S R 20 E by means of ditches and there used for irrigation of 400 acres.

The Territorial Engineer will take this application up for consideration on the 22nd of March 1910 and all persons who may oppose the granting of the above application must file their objections substantiated with affidavits (properly backed with application number) with the Territorial Engineer on or before that date.

Vernon L. Sullivan
Territorial Engineer.

The Only Way.

"Nobody listens to advice."
"You're wrong. One fellow always does."
"Who's that?"
"The fellow who's giving it."—Exchange.

Feed and fuel phone 20.

Notice

Department of Territorial Engineer.
Number of Application 257. Santa Fe, New Mexico, Jan. 8, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of March 1909 in accordance with Section 26, Irrigation Law of 1907 Bert Mackey of Dayton County of Eddy, Territory of New Mexico, made an application to the Territorial Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate from the Public waters of the Territory of New Mexico.

Such appropriation is to be made from Springs on Penasco river at points South Bank of Penasco Secs. 18 and 13 T 18 S R 27 E by means of diversion and 28 cu. ft. per sec is to be conveyed to Sec. 24 T 18 S R 26 E and Secs. 19 and 18 T 18 S R 27 E by means of ditches and there used for irrigation of 200 acres.

The Territorial Engineer will take this application up for consideration on the 8th day of April 1910, and all persons who may oppose the granting of the above application must file their objections substantiated with affidavits (properly backed with application number) with the Territorial Engineer on or before that date.

Vernon L. Sullivan
Territorial Engineer.

Notice for Publication.

Act February 8, 1909.
Department of The Interior.
U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M.
January 6, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that Kitty S. Bruning of Artesia, N. M. who, on June 6, 1908, made homestead entry No. 15568, serial number No. 015227, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 22, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. A. Kauffman U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia N. M. on the 28th day of February 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Myron S. Bruning, Olin H. Ragsdale, Harry W. Hamilton, Leonidas W. Martin all of Artesia, N. M.

1-15-6t
T. C. Tillotson
Register.

Making Life Safer.

Everywhere life is being made more safe through the work of Dr. King's New Life Pills in Constipation, Biliousness, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Liver troubles, Kidney Diseases and Bowel Disorders. They're easy, but sure, and perfectly build up the health. 25c at all Druggists.

Twenty-five choice hats at two dollars each. Millinery Emporium next door to Advocate office.

Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. Fore sale by Fatherree & Mann.

Womans' Club.

The meeting was called to order at the usual hour two-thirty by President Mrs. Atkeson. Roll call by the secretary Mrs. Fatherree, was responded by New Year's resolutions, two particularly impressive ones being repeated by Dr. Eva Walker and Mrs. Williams.

The illness of Mrs. Skeen delayed the revision of the constitution and by-laws as planned at the previous meeting. Dr. Walker read a letter from the secretary of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs authorizing her to perfect the plans by which this club is to be admitted into the Federation.

Chairman of the membership committee reported as applicants the names of Mrs. Slocum and Misses McIlhany, Williams and Henry, all elected without a dissenting voice. This is the first time a young lady has ever been admitted to the club, the constitution being amended in order to receive them.

This ending the business meeting the lesson subjects George Elliot and her "Silas Marner" were introduced by the leader for the afternoon Mrs. Williams who requested her helper, Mrs. Keinath, to proceed with the lesson. Mrs. Keinath then gave the biography of George Elliott in her own interesting style which proved to be complete and very instructive. This was followed by Mrs. Williams' comprehensive review of "Silas Marner" emphasizing great truths that the author endeavored to bring out in the work. The sympathies awakened by the characters in Silas Marner reveal the truthfulness by which George Elliott portrayed the metaphysical conditions of her fellow beings, reminding one Dickens descriptions of the physical deformities of the masses. Mrs. Williams questions called forth ample expression concerning the different characters in Silas Marner. Mrs. Kauffman skilfully displayed the plot, and Mrs. Corbin entered enthusiastically upon the retrospective estimate of the narrative bringing out the scenes around the hearth-stone of Silas with tender life-like reality.

The abuse of license in Geo. Elliot's own experience, in order to accomplish her literary purpose, finds extenuating circumstances by her conformity to the form of law in her marriage to Mr. Cross.

Mrs. Mathes perceiving a genuine honesty in the character of Geo. Elliott as revealed in the child as leading Silas back to his early faith in religion and humanity, overwhelming his depraved love of sordid gold was an agreeable suggestion. Geo. Elliotts recognition of the influence of environment and the more powerful law of action and reaction in the moral world is evinced by her having the erring character in Silas Marner exclaim: "It never pays to do evil that good may come." (Signed)

Kate Wilson Jacobson
Journalist of Womans Club.
Save the dog by getting a tag. 1-22-23

Methodist Church, Sunday.

At the Methodist church Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the theme, "The Church of Christ." The following is the program for the day.

MORNING SERVICE.
Voluntary, Instrumental.
Hymn, Congregation.
Apostles Creed, Congregation.
Prayer.
Anthem, Choir.
Scripture Lesson, Old Testament.
Gloria Patri.
Scripture Lesson, New Testament.
Notices and Collections.
Solo, Mrs. Edna Hobbs.
Sermon.
Hymn, Congregation.
Benediction.

EVENING SERVICE.
Fifteen minute song service.
Hymn, Congregation.
Prayer.
Anthem, Choir.
Scripture Lesson.
Notices and Collection.
Quartette, Mixed Voices.
Sermon.
Hymn, Congregation.
Benediction.

The Advocate is glad to announce that next week it will be able to publish an article on the constitution by one of the many able lawyers of the Pecos Valley. It is soundly Democratic and will add much to the educational value of the crusade for a good constitution, which up to the present time has been pretty largely monopolized by the Advocate and its corps of distinguished contributors. We are also in hopes of having a special article from a Republican source on the same subject.

The Register-Tribune Writeup.

The Register-Tribune handed Artesia a bunch that wasn't a lemon in its issue of yesterday. This week, that enterprising sheet sent J. H. Nicholson, a prominent special writer of twenty years reportorial experience to do the town justice: which he did. The write-up was in no way a grafting scheme for it was freely given without money or price. The solicitor did not ask ads and refused job work of all kinds. He took subscriptions, of course, but did not make any part of the writeup contingent upon anybody subscribing and it would have been given just the same had nobody subscribed. Moreover, the Register-Tribune presented the people of the town with five hundred copies free to send to friends who might want to learn how an outsider looked at Artesia. Mr. Nicholson will accord similar treatment to all other valley towns. Incidentally the story is splendidly told and thoroughly illustrated.

Dr. Hunsbeger, of the Valley Optical Company of Roswell, will make his next regular trip to Artesia Saturday Feb. 5th. The Doctor makes his headquarters with Dr. P. M. Baker. This is the right time to have your eyes examined and glasses fitted.

Satisfaction guaranteed if you have D. L. Looney to do your tailoring. 1st door west of the smoke house. Phone 51.

A SOFT ANSWER



The Little Man (wrathfully)—I ain't afraid of yer; I ain't afraid of yer.
The Big Man (reassuringly)—That's all right. Why, I wouldn't hurt a worm.—Weekly Telegraph.

ON THE MEND



Bessie—Do you find that golf is of any real benefit to you?
Bob—Sure thing! I'm getting excellent control of my temper. Many of the strokes that I make with the utmost calmness now would have caused me to swear like a trooper six months ago.

THE BICYCLE CRAZE



"It is simply astonishing the way the bicycle is displacing the horse!"
"It is, indeed! Yesterday I found a piece of rubber tire in my sausage."

IN PREHISTORIC DAYS



Fanny Fairy—How does it come that your family all have such fiery tongues?
Danny Dragon—Well, you see, my family used to live in the volcanic flats, and as they were simply hot re torts we got into the habit.

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Golden Words From President Taft

"Make yourselves statesmen and send statesmen to your convention when you draft a constitution.

"The trouble is when you are making a constitution you will take any old thing if you can only get statehood. I know that. Well, there ought to be a provision by which you should first vote on your officers, and I hope you have the strength of character enough to vote down a poor constitution and wait until you can get a good one by a new convention.

"If you could get one, why then come in with it, but if you do not then have courage enough to vote it down. I don't know whether you will have or not. You have that yet to prove. I like to look into your faces and see that you are Americans, and you are just as conscious that you are going to be the most perfect state in the union as possible. You do not assume that these burdens in respect to statehood amounts to anything—only give us statehood and everything else is heaven beyond."

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J. E. Swepston, Clerk.

Meets the second and fourth Friday nights in each month, in the Masonic Hall, over First National Bank.
J. S. Major, C. C.
J. W. Foster, K. R. & S.

Meets each Thursday evening, in the Masonic Hall, over First National Bank bldg.
Dean Sampson, N. G.
W. L. Kemp, Sec.

Artesia Lodge No. 28, meets first Saturday night in each month in hall over First National Bank.
E. F. Phillips, W. M.
S. E. Ferree, Sec.

R. A. M.

Penasco Chapter No. 12, meets fourth Monday evening in each month, over First National bank.
J. B. Cecill, H. P.
E. E. McNatt, Secy.

Eastern Star.

Meets every second and fourth Tuesdays in the month, in Masonic hall, over First National bank.
F. M. Frisk, Matron.
Rosa T. Lowry, Secy.

M. B. A.

Meets every Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock p. m. in the Fenton building.
F. A. Linell, Pres.
J. J. Clark, Sec. & Tres.

AT THE CHURCHES.

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.
Preaching, 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:00.

Baptist.

A. E. BOYD, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching 11:00 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. 6:0 p. m.
Preaching 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:00.

Presbyterian.

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

Christian.

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

Railroad Time Table.

South bound passenger, arrives at 7:53 p. m., local time.
North bound passenger, arrives at 6:18 a. m. local time.
South bound local, arrives at 1:00 p. m. local time, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
North bound local, arrives at 10:00 a. m. local time, on Tuesday Thursday and Saturday.

Phone 51 for up-to-date cleaning and pressing.

Statehood.

"Lest we forget" and therefore misunderstand the statehood situation, let us remember that the present attitude of the senate simply adds to the proclamation of the president, already required, the additional sanction of congress; let us remember that congress will be pushed by public opinion to accept anything like a decent constitution; if we must think of the matter from a partisan viewpoint, let us remember that the new departure is preferable from a Democratic point of view to the proposition to hold a snap convention and then vote on both constitution and state officers, since that would mean a Republican victory and a trust-made constitution; let us remember that the danger of graft in the statehood bill is just as real as the senators say, in which connection, let us not forget the Hawkins Liability law, the theft of the school lands obtained by the Ferguson bill and other similar legislation; let us remember that the trusts will elect the majority of the delegates to the proposed constitutional convention in any event, and therefore the possibility that we shall have a constitution similar to that of Oklahoma, or that we could have such constitution in any case, even without congressional interference, is absurd and unthinkable. Let us remember all these things and then agree that the delay will make for good government rather than for bad; and instead of shedding crocodile tears, let us get to work to get up a good constitution with the assurance that under present conditions we cannot draw up a fundamental law so radical that congress will dare to turn it down. The delay occasioned, if any delay will be occasioned will all be for the good of the people if they will take advantage of it to work for a good organic law.

Library Association.

RECEIPTS FOR 1909.

Monthly collections 213.32.
Books rented 12.80.
Fines 17.90.
Membership cards 69.25.
Renting freezers, sale of music etc 4.60.
Paid on lost book 1.15.
Collected on telephone directory and other sources (not itemize) 306.72.
Contributed by Artesia ball team 10.00.
Contributed for magazines by individual members of board 7.00.
Mrs. Baughman for magazines .50.
Total receipts to date \$643.24.

PAID OUT BY CHECK 1909.

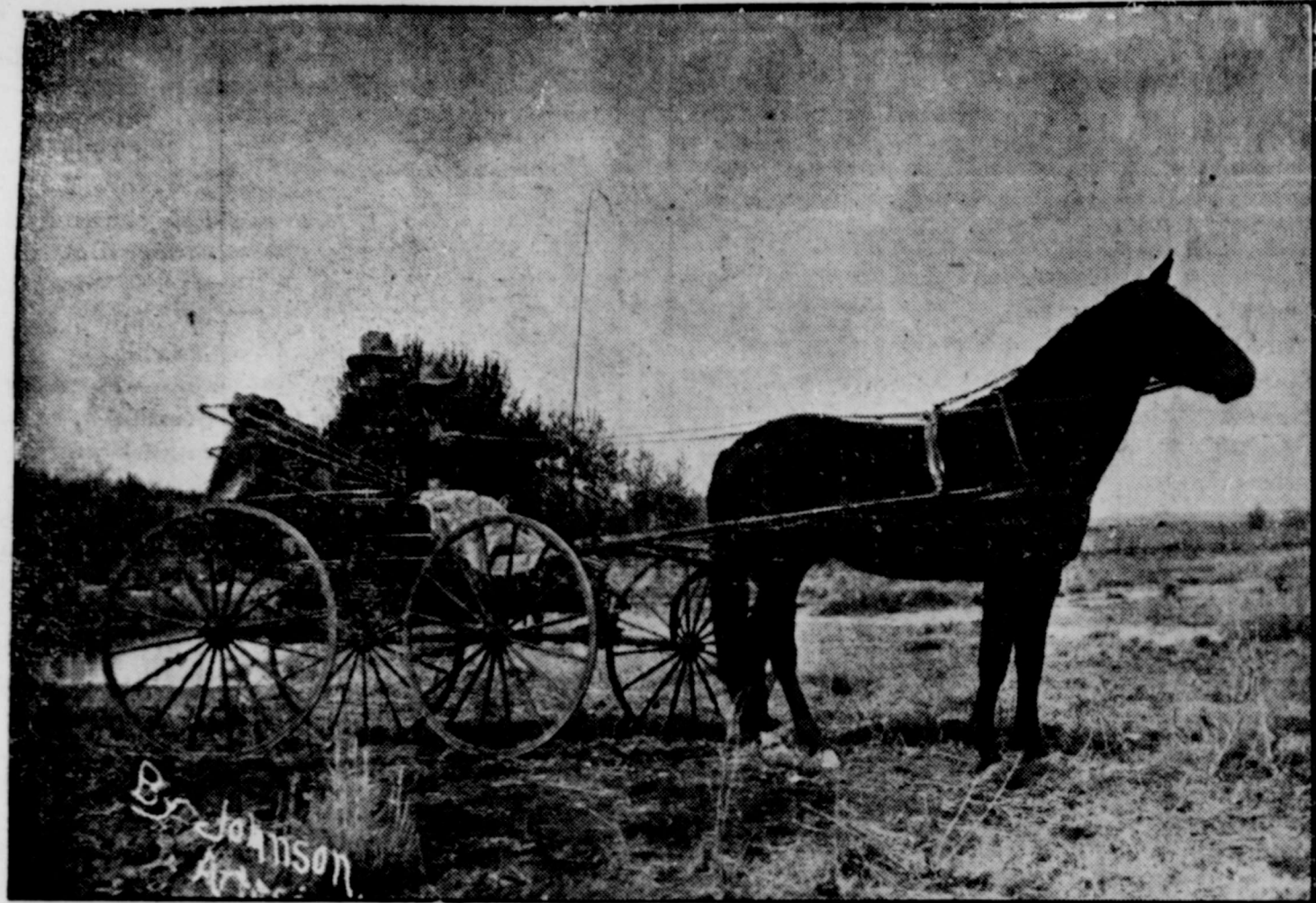
Rent 132.00.
To librarian 181.95.
Fuel and lights 9.57.
Books 76.90.
Printing and notices 113.95.
Book case 15.00.
Disinfecting box 5.60.
Box holder 2.75.
Oiling floor 3.50.
Insurance 14.00.
Magazines 16.77.
Sundries 23.55.
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Fine Rigs, Turnouts and Hacks of all kinds. Horses swift and safe. Prompt service. Give us a call.

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Sunday School Rally Beginning Tuesday Evening.

The Sunday school rally at the Baptist church will begin at 7 p. m. Tuesday evening. J. L. Rupard, Sunday school missionary of the Territory and other prominent workers will be present during the meetings. It is the purpose of this rally to offer most progressive standards of work and engender greater interest and enthusiasm in the Sunday school. Good things will characterize the program all along. A large attendance is urged. Make your arrangements to come and come through all the services. A. E. Boyd.

The hat sale at the Millinery Emporium will continue until all the stock is disposed of to make room for the spring stock.

Public Sale: I will sell all my horses, cows, mules and other live stock; also all my hay, farm implements and some household articles at public auction at my farm south of Artesia on Thursday, February 3rd. Watch for bills announcing terms. Wm. Walterscheid.

NEXT VISIT TO ARTESIA,



Saturday, February 5th.

Office with Dr. Baker over City Drug Store, first Saturday of each month.

VALLEY OPTICAL COMPANY,
Special in Fitting Glasses,
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When in Dayton call on W. F. Daugherty & Co for gasoline or any kind of lubricating oil you want. 1-22-2t

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One hundred and sixty acres of land in Pecos Valley, patent ed, well-watered, for city property in Artesia
Talbot, Requa & Brown.

Notice.

All my property in the Pecos Valley is hereby withdrawn from the market.
A. L. Sooter.

For Sale.

45 head of Herford cattle. Mostly cows with calf. 6 head full blood, very fine. Inquire this office. It

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Wm. Walterscheid.

Notice to the Citizens of the Pecos Valley.

You are hereby requested to call at my place of business, 1st door west of the smoke house some time within 30 days from date, to inspect one of the nobbiest line of all wool suitings and made to measure shirts ever brought to the Valley. Suits from 12.50 to 45.00 over 1200 patterns to select from. Shirts from 1.50 to 5.00 each. Fits that fit guarantee. D. L. Looney tailor for careful dressers.

Feed and fuel are cash at our house. Artesia Feed & Fuel Company, phone 20.

To The Public.

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, propose to pass the below and following Ordinance No. 112 of the Ordinance of the Town of Artesia, New Mexico at their next regular meeting to be held January the 25th, 1910 at the office of the Town Clerk, at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m.

Witness my hand and the seal of the said town on this the 13th day of January 1910.

J. E. Swepston, Clerk.

(Seal)

Ordinance No. 112.

An Ordinance In Relation To Plumbing And The Tapping Of Water Mains And Amending Parts of Ordinance No. 76 Of The Ordinances Of The Town Of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Artesia.

Sec. 1. That Section 4 of Ordinance No. 76 of the Ordinances of the Town of Artesia, New Mexico be amended so as to read as follows:

That, All persons desiring to tap the water main shall first file application with the Water Superintendent for a permit accompanying such application with a fee of \$10.00 which fee will cover all cost of tapping and bringing water to the property line on residence streets and to curb line in business streets; PROVIDED HOWEVER, that in case a tap is made at a tee or a cross a fee of \$7.50 must accompany the application, Provided Also, that these prices apply only to property adjoining streets where mains are laid. All tapping of mains and laying of connections to the property and curb line shall be done by the water supervisor or some

one under his supervision, but ditches must be dug and filled by the applicant.

The said permit shall state the owner of said lot, the plumber engaged to do the work inside the line and when said tapping has been completed and the water turned in on said lot the owner thereof shall report the same to the Water supervisor, as water rent will be charged from that date, but any such owner failing to report the day said work is completed and said water turned on shall be charged water rent from the day such permit is issued.

Sec. 2. That Section 7 of Ordinance No. 76 of the Ordinances of the Town of Artesia be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That the following be added to Section 9 of Ordinance No. 76 of the Ordinances of the Town of Artesia, after the words "separate offense hereunder", in the last line of said Section 9; No person, firm or corporation supplied with water from the city water works shall use the water for any other purpose than that stated in the application or supply water in any other way to others or permit others to use water furnished them by the city water works, and for any violation of this rule the water shall be cut off and not turned on until a penalty of \$1.00 is paid.

Sec. 4. This ordinance shall have been published one week prior to its passage in the Artesia Advocate a newspaper of general circulation published in the town of Artesia, New Mexico (there being no daily paper published in said town) and shall be published twice in said newspaper after said passage and shall be in full force and effect from and after said last publication.

FINE CLIMATE

**Pecos Valley Strikes B. W. Hale
Just Right**

LIVING IS REASONABLE

**Missouri Man Who Has Been
Shown Near Artesia.**

Lake Arthur, N. M., Jan. 4—A good many people have asked me to write them in regard to the Pecos Valley of New Mexico and with your kind permission I will write all my friends a letter through the columns of your valuable paper.

I made my first trip to this country last July and was very much impressed, in fact, so favorably impressed that I immediately purchased a 280 acre ranch with 100 acres of alfalfa and 50 acres of young orchard growing on it, and I may as well say now that I have never for a moment regretted my haste, in fact, I have many times since congratulated myself.

I suppose everyone understands that the Pecos Valley is an irrigated country, I had never before visited an irrigated country, consequently had never before realized how much more valuable irrigated land is than land that must depend upon nature for its moisture. Dame Nature is very munificent with her gifts but left to herself she would soon convert this whole country into a wilderness. Under a good system of irrigation the growing crop gets just enough moisture and not too much.

Almost any kind of land can be irrigated but the best land for irrigating lies smooth and level with just enough fall in one direction to carry the water over the field. This is the Pecos Valley exactly, a wide level plain with a gentle slope to the east.

Sources of water supply in the Pecos Valley are several and all abundant. The best and most popular method of obtaining water is from artesian wells. These wells vary in depth from 300 to 1200 feet and the average well will furnish an abundance of water for 160 acres of land, some of them more. With one of these wells on your farm, working day and night, you are independent of water companies and water rates and can use as much or as little water as you please.

The soil is of great depth and of inexhaustible fertility never having had the rains of a humid climate to wash away and leach out the plant food. It but awaits the life-giving water to make it "blossom like the rose" or develop into a mine of untold wealth.

The great crop is, of course, alfalfa, the most wonderful crop that grows in America today. There is no other crop in cultivation by means of which you can take hundreds of dollars per acre off your land and leave it richer than when you began. This statement may be challenged by some, but abundant proofs are in evidence. Alfalfa hay is worth \$15 per ton there now and you can cut from 5 to 8 tons per

acre every year. But I could write a book about this wonderful plant and not exhaust the subject, so must pass on.

The climate is almost ideal, just enough frost in the air in winter to make the blood tingle with an occasional cold snap of short duration to make you appreciate the warm days that follow. Having spent practically all the month of December here I know something about the winter weather. During the month of December we had about four stormy, cold days. One morning the thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero. This is the coldest on record in the Valley, three times since 1893 when the Government weather bureau was established at Roswell the thermometer has registered below zero. But it only lasted a day or two: when on December 29th, the sun was shining and it was as bright and pretty as a September day in Missouri.

Living expenses are no higher here than in Missouri, some items are higher, some cheaper. The average is about the same. I bought the best grade of coal at \$9 per ton, flour \$1.65 per sack for the highest grade, meat of all kinds is cheaper than in Missouri, sugar and such staple groceries are about the same, all kinds of hardware and machinery about the same.

Of course the country is new and a person coming here from Missouri must not expect to find everything as it is there and anyone who is subject to that homesick feeling when in a new and strange country had as well stay at home. But for the man with a little determination and backbone the opportunities are vastly greater than there, be he rich or poor.

In conclusion let me say that Mrs. Hale and myself and Paul and Donnie will be "at home" after January 20th and any wandering Missourian will always find the latch string on the outside at "Sunshine Ranch." I cannot refrain from adding that the children too, have the "Western fever. Little 'Donnie' (aged 7) was telling her grandfather about the merits of alfalfa, she says "why, they are making flour out of it, and meal and gravy, too, I guess."

Yours truly
B. W. Hale.
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Paint Devoe's the paint of quality, lasts longest, wears best, covers one-third more surface than any other paint which makes it the cheapest paint to buy.

Saddles and Harness.

In charge of our saddlery and harness department we have the most skilled workmen that we can possibly obtain. We build our own saddles and harness, do repairing and serve you with everything in leather goods. Order work a specialty.

Builder's Material.

We are headquarters for builders' material, our stock is complete with the newest designs, and we would be pleased to figure with you on that new house.

Robes and Blankets.

We especially wish to call your attention to our line of winter Robes and Blankets.

Wishing to close out our stock of these goods we will give 10 per cent discount for a limited time.

YOURS TRULY,

JOYCE-PRUIT COMPANY.

County Surveyor Joe Cunningham was up from Carlsbad Monday in regard to the bridge location. He accompanied a committee of the Commercial Club consisting of Gayle Talbot, S. E. Ferree, S. W. Gilbert, J. T. Patrick, I. R. Daniels, Jas. D. Whelan, William Dooley, W. J. Williamson, and Olin Ragsdale to the site of the bridge and after inspection it was determined to move the site down some fifty or seventy-five feet in the event that a good foundation could

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Roswell Seed Company,

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Are the best to plant, whether you are starting a commercial orchard or a home fruit garden. Love's Agency has for many years secured choice fruit trees, California grape vines, shade trees and monthly rose bushes for patrons in the Artesia country. The season is advancing. NOW is the time to place your order.

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R. M. LOVE,
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO.

TAFT SUBMIT CONSTITUTION

Republican Journalist Thinks President Cannot Improve on Oklahoma Plan.

A brilliant thought has penetrated the inner circle of my think tank in regard to this state constitution business. Nearly every day we are told that the chief thing that holds back statehood is the fear that if we are left to ourselves that we will adopt something on the order of the document that Oklahoma did, and which by the way takes a smarter man than your Uncle Dudley to find any fault with it. President Taft began this game during his historic pause at Albuquerque, and we are not allowed to forget it. In the first place it is a pretty tough jolt to be told that we haven't sense enough to get up a suitable constitution, when as a matter of fact the citizenship of New Mexico will compare favorably in point of intelligence with any state in the union. Furthermore, the constitution will be submitted plank by plank, when it is submitted, and the great mass of the people can very safely be trusted to wipe out any bad spots. They have a way of attending to such things when they have a chance to do so. All of which has nothing to do with the above mentioned think, however. The substance of the said think is this: If President Taft really feels that we cannot be trusted to form a constitution, why would it not be a good thing for him to make up one complete, just as he thinks it should be, and hand it over to us, to be submitted to the people, plank by plank, for their acceptance or rejection? If he is inclined to be reasonable, he would not want us to accept any plank of it that we felt was wrong and as he himself would prepare what he considered to be the real dope in the way of a constitution, he could not consistently object to the action of the great American people in trimming his pet document to suit. He should expect no privilege that the people themselves do not enjoy. If he has a right to trim and to fashion a constitution of our making, we would certainly have the same right to manhandle one of his, and he ought to be willing to give us the benefit of his experience and vast knowledge. I will bet a \$40 dog that we would make a better stab at it than he would. All of which is spoken in the deepest spirit of respect and also of fair play for as one of the masses I am getting dogged tired of being treated by the effete east as incapable of independent and effective thought.

THAT TAX REFORM.

I am one of those who must confess to a very deep sense of dissatisfaction over the death of the movement for a reform of the territorial tax system, which occurred at Santa Fe on Monday of last week, when the territorial board of equalization turned down the law of the last legislature, the urgency of the governor (Curry),

the resolutions of the district attorneys, and the recommendation of the tax commission. If there anybody else of official caste behind the scheme, I should say so. It is not necessary for me to recall here the part the protected interests had in the decision of the board, it being enough to recall that they were all there at the meeting and that the board was minded to listen to their dulcet voices raised in protest. Of course it was raised in protest. They have paid on a valuation of 30 cents an acre so long, while the poor man has paid \$1.25 on dirt sometimes not nearly so valuable, that they would be darned fools not to want that condition continued forever. As is usual in the first round between the land hogs and the common people, the land hogs won. Be it said to the shame of New Mexico. It is another one of those cases in which a mighty good party has another load of ignominy heaped on by its children. So long has the tax system of New Mexico been a stench and a reproach that every thoughtful man of every party had hoped that the time had come when the honesty of the masses was to have a chance. How in thunder can we expect statehood when we proclaim to the world, and prove it each year that we are a people of perjury and privileged tax dodging? This is strong tobacco beloved but just use a little of your own powers of observation and see if you do not agree with me. In your own county, how many of the poor cusses are there who escape a heavy taxation, and how many of the big fellows pay a fair one? The question can have but one answer in New Mexico, so far as I have seen, and it may be admitted that I have seen pretty much all over it. Is it very much wonder that when we insist on statehood and hand out the oxalina about our great population, our vast resources, and all that sort of thing, that our friends the enemy should point with a sardonic grin to our tax renditions, and say that a people as poor as that should not be removed from the parental care of the national government? As may be gathered from these remarks, I am not pleased at the action of the said board of equalization. You have guessed my secret, Lucy, I am profoundlyly disgusted. If I were governor Curry I would remove every last one of them, take their chewing tobacco away from them, and send them home to more fully share in the disgrace they have put upon New Mexico.

The proposed reform was immortally right. That it was turned down by the board of equalization, with the sleek representative of the protected interests sitting at the elbow, emphasizes its rightness. It was simply that every dollar's worth of property in New Mexico be assessed at its actual cash value. If this were done the tax rate would come down with a rush, and the landhogs would pay his rightful proportion of the expense of government. This the land hog will never do as long as the present system prevails, for

the poor man cannot journey to Santa Fe to lay his troubles before the board, and judging by this case he would receive scant attention if he did. About the only thing he can do is to dig his toes into the sand and rustle the biggest share of the taxes. As it has been, so must it continue to be, at least so long as the present territorial board of equalization continues in office.----It must not be supposed from this that I am an anarchist or a political anti-Christ. I am simply imbued with the old Republican idea that the process of government is designed for the best interests of the many, and that there should be absolute equity in the tithe-ment of the fellow who has much and the fellow who has little. New Mexico is the best division of the country, with the best people in it, in spite of a few exceptions that occasionally stray onto official boards. This particular fault is going to be straightened out in time, the people will see to it. Until it is we can not very consistently invite the sweet chariot of statehood to swing low. In the intervening time, every citizen should ponder over these remarks and make a few of his own, when opportunity opens, for such is the road by which the real wish of the people is attained. Nor is there reason for pessimism without bound in the incident, for it is one of those that will some day impel the people to a realization of where they are at. Then the single, the ideal principle, will be applied—even in New Mexico, now taxed mostly on the property of the fellow with a roan mare and a dry claim.

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H. A. VanEpps and wife to J. B. Stallings, Block 16 Second Addition to West Dayton.

John R. Blair and wife to J. H. Meyers, SW-4 NE-4 and part of W-2 SE-4 SE-4 Sec. 11-24-28.

Lou M. Blair and husband to J. H. Meyers, SW-4 SE-4 and NE-4 SW-4 Sec. 11-24-28.

Hugh M. Gage and wife to Lee W. Smith, Lots 10, 12, 14 and 16, Block 9, Hope.

Ezra C. Higgins to B. R. Kimball, SE-4 Sec. 26-18-26.

N. L. Baar to Joseph L. Tyler S-2 1-2 acres of Lot 4, Block 2, Rose Lawn.

Seymour S. Mead and wife to Kenneth Coates, NW-4 Sec. 24-16-25.

David T. Wynn to M. E. Gaither, N-2 SE-4; NE-4 SW-4 and SE-4 NW-4 Sec. 34-19-36.

James P. Tatum and wife to Harry Gaither, W-2 NE-4 and E-2 NW-4 Sec. 26-19-36.

James H. Beckham Jr. and wife to George W. Jernigan, Lots 1 and 14, Block 4, Forest Hill Addition to Artesia.

G. W. Jernigan and wife to Luella Millhuff, Lots 8, 10, 12 and 14, Block 4, Forest Hill Addition to Artesia.

J. A. Cottingham and wife to Thomas J. Knight, Lots 10 and 12, Block 28, Artesia Improvement Co. Addition.

E. M. Williams and wife to G. W. Jernigan, Lots 1 to 10, Block 4 and Lots 10, 12, 14 and 16, Block 3, Orchard Park Addition to Hope.

Jesse W. Killgore and wife to W. E. Thayer, NW-4 Sec. 10-26-21.

James A. Cottingham and wife to A. T. Rutherford, Lot 8, Block 28 Artesia Improvement Co. Addition.

Reason Inskip and wife to S. R. Thom, NW-4 Sec. 32-16-26

James W. Chisum to Kenneth Coates, Lots 2 and 4, Block 48, Artesia Improvement Co. Addition.

Mattie E. Lawyer and husband to John C. Hansen, Lots 1 and 3, Block 20, Clayton & Stegman Addition to Artesia.

United States to Wm. M. Waltersched (Patent) E-2 SW-4 and W-2 SE-4 Sec. 28-17-26.

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

Twenty-five choice hats at two dollars each. Millinery Emporium next door to Advocate office.

Two Roads.

The St Louis Republic, under date of Jan. 10th, furnishes the information that two railroads are under contract to be built from Texas points to El Paso via the Pecos Valley. The first mentioned is the A. R. & E. P., which has been partially built and graded. The M. K. & T., the best passenger road in the southwest has taken this project. This is assurance that it will be built. Any road headed from Roswell to El Paso will certainly pass through the Hope country. The other road, under contract, is the Quannah, Acme and Pacific. This road is headed for the Valley. It will probably strike the Valley at Artesia, and connect with the

Altus road at Hope.

When the flood-waters of the Penasco are diverted into reservoirs and the thousands of acres of fertile land, tributary to Hope, are brought under cultivation, then we shall have a proposition second to none in the Valley. With the advent of the railroads, the reservoir system and the water power proposition are sure to be developed.—Penasco Valley Press

It is pretty certain that some of the numerous projected roads will cross the Pecos Valley, via Artesia and Hope, within a comparatively short time. We feel assured that the San Diego, El Paso & St Louis intends to build soon and their project seems far and away the most feasible at the present time, though others will also probably pass through before long.

Notice to Pupils.

After Feb. 1st I will teach at my home 2 blocks west of H. S. Winter terms begins Feb. 1. Mrs. E. S. Porter.

Master's Sale in Partition.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of an order of sale made by the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1909, in that certain cause therein pending, entitled "Richard M. Bell, et al. Plaintiff, vs Mary L. Lacey et al Defendants," and which said order of sale was modified by order of said court on January, 6, 1910, in which said order of sale the undersigned was, by said court, appointed Special Master for the purpose of making sale of the premises in said order and hereinafter described.

Now, therefore, in obedience to said order of sale as modified, I will, on Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1910, at the south front door of the court house, in the town of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and the setting of the sun of that day, sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder therefor, the following described real estate and water rights, situate, lying and being in the county of Eddy, Territory of New Mexico, to wit:--The south half of the south half of Section 28, township 17 south, of range 23 east of the New Mexico Meridian; also, two six-hour water rights in the "Hope Community Ditch" in Eddy County, New Mexico, upon the following terms and conditions, to wit:--One half cash in hand, and the balance in two equal installments, payable in one and two years respectively, with interest from date at 10 per cent per annum, and secured by first mortgage on the property sold.

An abstract of title to said land and water rights is on file at the law office of Dye & Woodwell, Attorneys, at Carlsbad, N. M. for the inspection of prospective bidders.

C. M. Richards, Special Master, Carlsbad, N.M.

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Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior. United States Land Office. Roswell New Mexico, Dec. 22, 1909.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John J. Clarke, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 1506, made April 30th, 1908 for E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 20, Township 18 S, Range 24 E, by Adrian Wright Contestee, in which it is alleged that the said Adrian Wright has wholly abandoned said land for more than six months last past: said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on Feb. 14, 1910, before C. F. Erb U. S. Court Commissioner at Artesia, New Mexico (and that final hearing will be held at 9 o'clock a. m. on Feb. 24, 1910) before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Dec. 22 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 notice be given by due and proper publication.

T. C. Tillotson Register.

1-1-6t.

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. 09349, for S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and Section 27 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, 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. Turknett, George J. Foster, Andrew J. Shockley of Artesia, N. M. John A. Pierce of Hope, N. M. 12-18-6t. T. C. Tillotson, Register.

Cured of a Severe Attack of Bronchitis by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"On October 18th, last, my little three year old daughter contracted a severe cold which resulted in a bad case of bronchitis," says Mrs. W. G. Gibson, Lexington, Ky. "She lost the power of speech completely and was a very sick child. Fortunately we had a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house and gave it to her according to the printed directions. On the second day she was a great deal better, and on the fifth day, October 23rd, she was entirely well of her cold and bronchitis, which I attribute to this splendid medicine. I recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy unreservedly as I have found it the surest, safest and quickest cure for colds, both for children and adults, of any I have ever used." For sale by Fetherree & Mann.

Methodist Property for Sale.

All the Methodist property, church building, parsonage and lots are for sale. If you are interested see one of the undersigned trustees.

Gayle Talbot E. B. Kemp Trustees.

Notice.

Department of Territorial Engineer Number of application 359, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Dec. 22, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of December 1909, in accordance with Section 26, Irrigation Law of 1907 Will Benson of Artesia, County of Eddy, Territory of New Mexico, made an application to the Territorial Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate from the Public waters of the Territory of New Mexico.

Such appropriation is to be made from Penasco river at points SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 16 S R 16 E by means of diversion and 90 cu ft per sec. is to be conveyed to Power houses in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, T 16 S, R 17 E. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14, T. S. R. 18 E and in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T 17 S, R 19 E by means of pipe lines and there used for power, municipal and other purposes.

The Territorial Engineer will take this application up for consideration on the 22nd of March 1910, and all persons who may oppose the granting of the above application must file their objections substantiated with affidavits (properly backed with application number) with the Territorial Engineer on or before that date.

Vernon L. Sullivan Territorial Engineer.

1-1-4t

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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.

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LOCALS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Phone No. 20.
 Phone 20, we have it, phone 20.
 P. Murphy was in Roswell Tuesday.
 John Mook went to Roswell Thursday.
 George Frisk was in Roswell Thursday.
 Get a dog tax now for 1910 if you want the dog. 1-22-2t
 Mrs. Sallie I. Roberts visited in Roswell Thursday.
 Phone 51 for up-to-date cleaning and pressing.
 Notary Public! Always in? Rear of First National Bank.
 When you need feed or fuel don't forget to call phone 20.
 Rev. J. C. Gage spent this week in Roswell on business.
 Abstracts at reduced prices. Rear of First National Bank.
 H. G. Southworth went to Roswell on business yesterday.
 J. S. Perkins passed the day in the "Queen City" Thursday.
 Family sewing neatly done. See Mrs. Reed at Mansion Bldg.
 For all kinds of feed, Bran shorts, corn chops, Kaffir chops call 20.
 E. E. Willis left Monday for a short business visit to Oklahoma.
 It will cost you more to get your dog after he is in the Pound. 1-22-2t
 Mr. Gail of Chicago is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Charles Milnuff.
 We do grinding any old time. Artesia Feed & Fuel Company.
 Misses Jewel Logsdon and Minerva Zook spent Thursday in Roswell.
 A good 4 passenger auto for sale at a bargain, enquire Advocate office.
 Mrs. M. Attebury went to Roswell Wednesday to visit her parents.
 President W. K. Strother of Western College was in Roswell Tuesday.
 G. W. Snyder left Wednesday for a brief business trip to Oklahoma City.
 The box supper at the Red Top Friday night will be well worth the while.
 W. L. Garrison started for Jonesboro, Arkansas on a business trip Tuesday.
 Money to loan on town lots. P. V. Abstract Co. Rear of First National Bank.
 H. L. Robertson left Wednesday for a short stay in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
 W. F. Hird of the Continental Oil Company was down from Roswell Wednesday.
 C. E. Flemming was down from Roswell Tuesday visiting Mr. Springer near Artesia.
 E. S. Porter left Sunday for Chicago where he was called by the death of his mother.
 Fifty good hats at one dollar each. Millinery Emporium next door to Advocate office.
 1-3 acre of land mostly set to alfalfa. Just east of depot, \$225. Johnson Bros, 1-7-2t. Hope,

Phone No. 20.
 Phone 51 for everything in the Tailoring line.
 Best line of cigars and fine candies at Bindle's Cafe.
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 To the ladies who are particular phone 254.
 Melton the Tailor.
 Francis Wetig went to Roswell yesterday to spend several days in the "Queen City."
 Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hurst of Kansas City visited Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Garrard this week.
 W. T. Hickerson has bought half a block in the south part of town and will build at once.
 Mrs. E. J. Brooks left Tuesday for a trip to St Louis, Missouri and Memphis, Tennessee.
 John W. Armstrong of the firm of Gatewood & Armstrong was in town on legal business Tuesday.
 Twenty-five choice hats at two dollars each at Millinery Emporium next door to Advocate office.
 E. I. Allen and his son Quincy went to Lake Arthur Monday to bring home their threshing machine.
 Some more kaffir corn fodder for sale. \$1.50 per ton. Come soon if you want it. Can phone Craven ranch.
 Miss Fern Yandel visited her parents in Lakewood Sunday. She was accompanied by Misses Opal and Ruby Greer.
 Dr. E. T. Presley, eye, ear nose and throat specialist of Roswell will be in Dr. Graham's office Monday, Jan. 24.
 If you want to have a good time go to the Red Top School-house box supper Friday night: there will be a good program.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Trombly left Tuesday for Kansas City where Mr. Trombly will enter college. They expect to return.
 Satisfaction guaranteed if you have L. L. Looney to do your tailoring, 1st door west of the smoke house. Phone 51.
 C. W. May of Lake Arthur, one of the proprietors of the Star Stables was in town Sunday looking over the business.
 D. L. Looney the tailor for careful men and women, 1st door west of the Smokehouse. Satisfaction guaranteed Phone 51.
 Dr. John R. Gass of Albuquerque was in town Sunday looking after the work of the Presbyterian congregation here.
 J. C. Eoff a merchant of Plainview was in town Wednesday looking over the road with a view of beginning to trade here.
 Attend the home talent Vau-deville given by the Library Board next Thursday evening. Tickets on sale at Pecos Valley Drug Store.
 Miss Isabel Bourbonnias who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. Mary Bourbonnias south of town left for her home in Oklahoma Tuesday.
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CLUB ASKS

Switch Extension, Declares for Park Improvements, Jogs Sanitary

COMMITTEE. DISCUSSES

Plainview Plan and Refers Constitutional Amendment.

The Artesia Commercial Club at its regular meeting Thursday night transacted much business: voting to work actively and at once for the extension of the switch to the proposed site of the new iceplant (about 1000 feet); to ask the sanitary committee to take up a small matter with the health officer; to ask the park board or city council to plant trees in and beautify the park, to consider the Plainview plan for raising funds for advertising and then (in accordance with the terms of the constitution) laid over until next regular meeting, the proposed change in the constitution eliminating social features from the club, also adopting report of special bridge committee.
 When the ice plant switch came up for discussion it developed that the company is trying to make Mr. Mead pay \$730 for the construction of a switch which it has been promising to put in for its own convenience from time to time. The railroad committee was instructed to get busy Friday and urge the matter both in its own capacity and by means of petition. It also developed that there is a plan on foot to put in a wool and hide warehouse and other improvements, which are kept back by the attitude of the company. This was explained by Talbot and the motion made by Whelan and seconded by Dooley.
 A letter from Plainview proposed a new way to raise funds. It proposes that a voluntary levy of a small per cent of the assessed value of each business man and farmer be made yearly for advertising purposes: that those contributing make notes for the sum and place them in the bank at the beginning of each year so that the club knows right at the start what it will have. After a discussion by Dooley and others, in which co-operation and good will between the several towns of the valley was urged and a letter had been read from a real estate man in Raton relative to a touring car, it was moved by Gesler, seconded by E. G. Higgins and carried that the advertising committee take up the proposition and also get in touch with the other commercial clubs of the valley with a view of securing co-operative effort.
 On motion by J. B. Atkeson seconded by Daugherty, it was resolved that the club favors the planting of trees at once in the new park and planting of grass in the small park around the original town well, and that it takes steps to bring the matter before the city council.
 The Bridge committee reported in favor of moving the site for the bridge down a short distance, which report was adopted in motion of Smith, seconded by Ferree.
 The proposed change in con-

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stitution eliminating social features from the proposes of the club was read and announcement made that it would be posted thirty days in accordance with the constitutional provision governing such cases.
 A minor matter of sanitation brought instructions to that committee to notify the health officer. J. Kendrick and W. S. Holifield were elected as new members under suspension of rules.
 The club then adjourned.
 Attend the home talent Vau-deville given by the Library Board next Thursday evening. Tickets on sale at Pecos Valley Drug Store.
 Mrs. Ernest Best who visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Kinsinger for several days last week left for her home in Roswell Monday.
 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
 Sidney Williams of Hagerman and Robert Boyd of Lake Arthur entered the Western College Monday. Their Fathers came to town to see them begin their work.
 The New Mexican "refutes" our account Mill's appointment by denying the presence of Bursum at the famous interview of Luna with Taft and Pope. Very essential, isn't it!

The hat sale at the Millinery Emporium will continue until all the stock is disposed of to make room for the spring stock.

Public Sale: I will sell all my horses, cows, mules and other live stock; also all my hay, farm implements and some household articles at public auction at my farm south of Artesia on Thursday February 3rd. Watch for bills announcing terms.
 Wm. Walterscheid.

STRENUOUS HINT TO GO



Reggy—I was weeding an—aw—ac count of a woman being hooked to death by a beastly cow, doncher know. Weally, I can't imagine a more how-ible affair, can you?
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