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RENEWED EFFORTS.

Artesia Citizens Must Unite and Successfully Meet the Issue as They Heretofore Have.

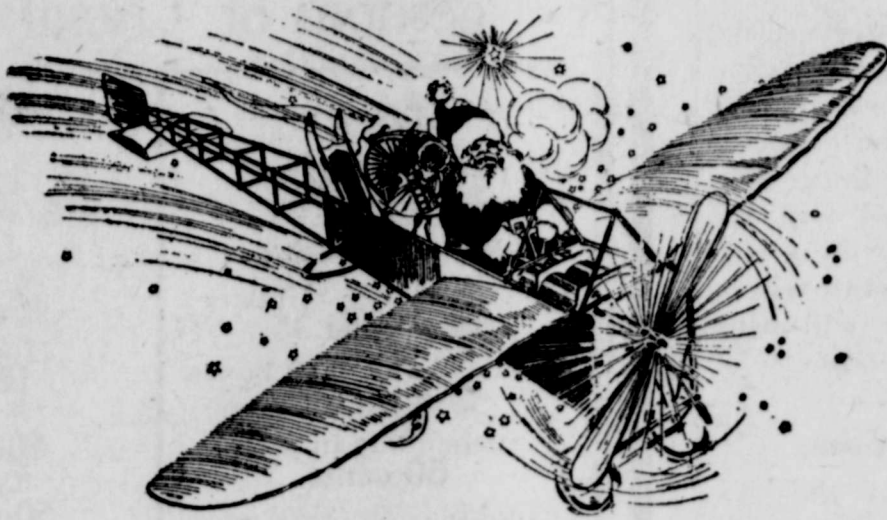
It is time now and a good time for every man, woman and child in Artesia to get back home, look over the situation, check up the casualties pick up the thread where it was left off, and get down to work for home folks and affairs.

We have had base ball, alfalfa festivals, home exhibits, foreign exhibits, and elections up on top of election, primaries and semi primaries, all of which that is here-in-before stated have been highly successful, and their results are being felt and realized, but it is wrong to stop when you have done so well. So it is right and proper that the good fighters, loyal and true, that have built a rail road, had the most successful festival known to the country, won twenty odd prizes from the leading fruit towns of the west, and done divers and sundry other things that are eminently commendable, so it is now time for these sons of industry and civic improvements, to face and take the trail for a still greater Artesia.

The Youngs Men's Business Club, a likely organization full of enterprise and good red blood are entitled to all honor for the part they had in the work of past events. Artesia expects this organization to live, grow, prosper, and continue its good offices as they have started out.

Every town or city in the country has and must have an organization of some kind as a medium through which all public concerns are handled and promoted, and the success of such organization depends di-

SANTA CLAUS
Will Arrive
Saturday 16th



AT THE
Pecos Valley
Drug Company

Santa Claus will arrive in Artesia Saturday afternoon, December 16th, and will distribute letters to every boy and girl in Artesia, from his postoffice in

Pecos Valley Drug Co's. Store.

He cordially invites every child to call and get the letter he has for them, and at the same time will receive letters from them.

While Santa is entertaining the children the parents are invited to inspect the splendid Christmas Display at the Pecos Valley Drug Company, and see the different line of Holiday Goods carried. Presents can be found for every member of the family, and for the distant ones, too. Every facility is provided for preparing packages for shipment, Heavy holly wrapping paper, Christmas Tags, and even the Wells Fargo express company has designated the Pecos Valley Drug Company a branch office.

Follow the crowd. Talk to Santa. Tell him your wants.

ARIZONA IS SAVED.

A Complete Democratic Sweep.—
President Taft's Interference
Emphatically Resented.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 13.—On the crest of a tidal wave of popular approval that exceeded even the expectations of men long schooled in the game of politics, insurgent Democracy rode into power in Arizona's first state election yesterday.

The Democrats elect two United States senators, a representative in congress, a governor and the entire state ticket, and a legislature that is Democratic by a majority of probably 32 on joint ballot. The vast majority of the officers in 10 counties and all in some of them are also the fruits of the Democratic landslide.

On only one state officer is there a shadow of doubt and that is being rapidly dispelled. Fred Cleveland, Republican candidate for secretary of state, gave Sidney Osborn, his Democratic opponent, a close race, but latest returns indicate Osborn's election by a small, though safe majority. In every department of the government the new state will be absolutely in control of the Democrats.

Artesia that are perfectly willing and ever ready to make the sacrifice, pay their dues, attend the club meetings and help everthing along, but naturally enough one half does not care to carry the whole load and it is not right they should, and the little the half can do is not effective enough to get results that count.

Another popular idea is to set aside quite all the collection until there is sufficient money on hand to do something really worth while.

B. STEPHENSON.

Wilson T. Berger Dead.

Friday morning at 7:30, Mr. Wilson T. Berger died of tuberculosis at his home in Artesia. Mr. Berger was born in Pennsylvania about thirty years ago. He moved to this place about two years ago, but came too late to be cured of the dreaded disease with which he was afflicted. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was associated in the insurance and rental business with Mr. Thos. F. Blackmore. A widow and mother survive, the latter living at Muncie, Pa., where the remains of deceased will be shipped Saturday morning.

Calvin Crawford, of Dayton, who had his preliminary trial for enticing away from home the fourteen-year old girl of Bud Lawrence, was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$2,000, which he could not give so was committed to jail.

CHRISTMAS

IS COMING
But We Are Here

With good things to eat of varieties to satisfy every taste.

In selecting our supply of dainties for the Christmas trade we have used every effort to purchase goods of the choicest kind, the Quality and Variety being the best obtainable.

We can supply you with Fresh Fruit, Vegetables, Nuts both Shelled and Unshelled, Candied Fruits, Imported Figs, Dates, Citron, Lemon Peel and Orange Peel.

Inspect our complete stock of ingredients for fruit cakes before buying, we can supply you.

REMEMBER your order large or small will be appreciated and promptly cared for.

REED & CRAMER,

QUALITY at the RIGHT PRICES our Motto.

rectly on the interest taken, and that interest does not mean the amount of contribution alone by any manner of means, but it takes thought and much

of it, discussion of the business kind and not a half hearted hilarious joke as some seem to think, but the same amount of business management, and the same kind as any other proposition is necessary to make a success of a commercial organization. The question is ever asked what are they doing, you are one of the "they" you ask so particularly about and if you are you ought to know what the "they" are doing and if you are not you have no right to ask.

But there is not a better and a more loyal group of well meaning citizens on the continent than there is in Artesia. They are here and they have shown their faith by their works. Not a single laudable enterprise has been offered that has not received close attention and a magnificent support, but the all important question is has it been done in the best way, in a business like way, and in way that all parties that made the sacrifice understood fully what they were supporting, how and the when of the thing. It rather appears that some of the propositions have been handled some what loose-

ly to say the least of, of course it is easier to see the past and note the mistakes that it is to read the future, but more of the future could be read if investigated closely and deeply, and with a commercial organization with the express purpose of business for the city, well supported, properly handled, and receiving the right amount of business attention then and not till then will you be ready to handle things as they first appear and to handle them, indeed and in truth, as you would your own business that is to come out whole if not a little better. Being prepared and qualified tells the whole story.

Artesia lacks nothing in regard to brains, money, willingness and all the other good things that go to make a lively up-to-date strong little town, but it does lack organization, and concerted action and with a total elimination of a selfish purpose.

If one hundred paying members could be secured and retained the commercial club would be a fixture and a success for there are a large percentage of the business men of

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The Advocate as a Christmas present would not be bad. Try it, and send to some relative or friend back in the states.

Cut that farm into small tracts and sell to some one who is not afraid of work and knows how to get the best results in an irrigated country.

Barns should be built this winter to store the alfalfa crops of next year, and if the price is not satisfactory, store your hay and hold it. See what you could get now, if even a portion of your crop had been held.

Make your arrangements next year to raise hogs, cattle, horses and mules. Your feed crops will bring you more put into stock than shipped out raw. This country can't be beat for raising stock.

Arizona has very properly rebuked President Taft and the republican party. As soon as it can be done the democratic legislature just elected will pro-

vide for amending the constitution so that judges may be recalled.

It is a paper like the Advocate, that issues regularly, has the latest news and is gotten up in newspaper style, that the people subscribe for and read with interest. And in such publications advertising does good because the people read them.

More products will be raised next year in this section than have been in the past year, so better times may be expected regardless of everything else. With the rich soil and the abundance of water from ever flowing wells, the stuff will be produced here that will bring prosperity to this section.

A Christmas Edition.

It is the purpose of the Advocate to issue an eight-page paper next Wednesday the 20th, and have special Christmas articles and illustrations. Extra copies will be printed and distributed to best advantage for the advertisers. This edition will not be in colors but the contents will be appropriate and interesting.

Business men of Artesia will do well to be arranging their advertising copy for that issue, as it will be the most effective means offered to reach the people.

For Rent.

Good three (3) room house cheap, well located.
Herman Harper.

THE BEST

Line of Christmas Presents Ever Shown in Artesia. Below we List a few Suggestions of Useful Presents for Christmas

Men	Women	Children
Pullman Slippers \$1.50	2 pairs Silk Hose in Holy box \$1.00	Work Boxes
Military Brushes	Work Boxes 25c to \$1.00	Children's Coin Purses
Men's House Slippers 50c to \$1.35	Jewel Boxes 15c to 75c	Paper in Holiday Boxes
Men's Tie in Hol. boxes 25c and 50c	Bags 50c to \$5.00	Mirror
Suspenders in boxes 50 cents	Toilet Sets 50c to \$4.00	Children's Manicure Sets
Combination Sets Sox, garters, suspenders, 50c and 75c.	Manicure Sets 50c to \$4.00	Handkerchiefs
Men's Shaving Sets \$1.00 to \$2.00	Back Combs 50c to \$2.00	Hose
Men's Cuff Links 25c to \$1.00	Barrettes 15c to \$1.25	Hair Ribbons
Tie Clasps	Pin Cushions	Aviation Caps
Men's Silk Hose 2 pair in fancy box \$1.00	Silk Hose 15 to \$1.00	
4 pair Lisle Hose in box \$1.00	Pictures	Boys
Mufflers	Knitted Hose Slippers	Mufflers
Handkerchiefs	Felt Horse Slippers	Tie in Fancy Boxes
Gloves	Perfumery	Suspenders in Fancy Boxes
	Belt Pins	Sweaters
	Lace Collars	Shirts
	Side Frills	Purses

Hall Brothers.

Get Ready for CHRISTMAS

Do not wait until the last moment to order your Christmas NUTS, CANDIES, FRUITS and ETC

You get the pick of everything by trading Early and besides you avoid the usual Christmas rush. We have everything you need in the line as well as a fine stock of editables to supply your table.

Ring 46

and supply yourself with everything that's good.

Joyce-Pruit Co

Christmas Trees and Christmas Decorations

Cherokee Bill to Quit Work at 114.

Grand Junction, Colo.—After working at the hardest kind of labor since he was 14 years old, "Cherokee Bill" an indian negro, said to be 114 years old, and declared by the United States census to be the oldest man in America, has announced that he will retire.

"One hundred years of work is enough for any man," said Bill today. I wanted to retire with \$100,000 to my credit, an average of \$1000 for every year of my life, but I cannot make it "

He is reputed to have 300 pounds of gold cached away in hiding places about the little shack which he calls home. His gold, according to estimation, is worth between \$75,000 and \$80,000. His fortune has been made within the last 15 years from gold mining in Leadville, Cripple Creek and along the Grand river.

The only name by which he has ever been known in this part of the country is Cherokee Bill.

To Force Nomination of Roosevelt.

Washington.—All attempts to disguise the fact that a concerted movement is on foot looking to the nomination of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt as the republican candidate for president in 1912 were apparently dropped when it became known that members of the National Committee were being sounded as to their view of the feasibility of "forcing" the nomination of the former president.

Ice Plant Changes Ownership.

J. R. Creath has sold his ice plant to I. A. Morgan, taking part in exchange a livery stable at Santa Fe, N. M., which he has gone there to manage. Mr. Morgan and son have arrived in Artesia to take charge of the ice plant. We welcome them as citizens.

New York a Foreign City.

New York is the financial center of the nation, but it is rapidly losing the character of an American city. According to census reports its native white population having both parents native in 1910 numbered only 931,130 out of a total population of 4,766,883. Those having one or both parents foreign born numbered 1,820,374. The others were themselves foreign born.

From 1900 to 1910 there was an increase in the population of New York city as a whole of 38.7 per cent, but the foreign born white element shows the remarkable increase of 52.9 per cent, in the same ten years. The native white element of native parentage increased 24.9 per cent during the decade, while the native white element of foreign parentage increased 32.7 per cent.

The figures show further that the foreign born white element in 1910 constituted nearly one-half of the total population of the borough of Manhattan, a little more than one-third of the total population of the Bronx and Brooklyn and nearly 30 per cent of Queens and Richmond.

These figures confirm our notion that while New York's money is all right, we prefer to look to the interior for sound American politics.—Fort Worth Record.

When you want anything in Job Work call at this office.

Big Jo Lumber Co.

Lumber and Building Material

A complete assortment of grades and sizes

American Block

the best COAL for Domestic use, delivered in lots of 1000 pounds or more at \$9.00 per ton

CASH

The postoffice is one block north.

Earl D. Jones,
Manager



J. R. CREATH

Formerly Owner of the Artesia Ice Factory, who has Moved to Santa Fe, N. M.

Life's Opportunities.

We are never at the end of this life's opportunities—not until this life has ended for us. There never comes to any one living the time when he has the right to say: "My opportunity is gone." A particular opportunity may indeed have passed us—lost through our own carelessness and sin; but in the instant of its passing another opportunity is ours, rich and golden. "Life is in the making as long as an hour of life remains."

And no one less than Christ himself, in whom and through whom all things are created, is at hand—better than that, dwells within us if we will—to lay hold of the new opportunity for us and lead us into it in a triumph that shall be greater than any imagining of ours for ourselves in all our life before has been. That is the way God lavishes his love upon us. He, the Creator, who calls the things that are not as though they were, is ceaselessly calling into being new glories and achievements for us in spite of all our wrecks of the past. If he is not discouraged about us, why should we be?

IN A QUANDARY



Micky—I'd beat him, only gulls is always sympathizing with the under dog.
Jimmy—Then let him lick you.

When you want anything in Job Work call at this office.

If Christ Had Not Come

By DR. JOHN A. EARL
Pastor Belden Avenue Church,
Chicago

TEXT—If I had not come and spoken unto them . . . If I had not done among them the works which none other did.—John 15:22-24.

An innovation in sermons as delivered by the more modern ministers was listened to by a large congregation the other evening when Doctor Earl delivered his sermon in verse.

If Jesus had not come to earth,
If angels had not sung his birth,
If wise men had not seen his worth,
How poor the world would be.
If Jesus had not said the word,
The like of which had ne'er been heard,
How sad for you and me!

If Jesus had not come from heaven,
Our sins could not have been forgiven,
And broken hearts with sorrows riven
Would hopeless beat and bleed.
If Jesus never had been born
There would not be a Christmas morn,
And earth of good things would be shorn—
Things that we sorely need.

No Christmas cheer would lighten hearts,
Nor closing of our busy martins,
No Santa Claus whose reindeer starts
With jingling bells and sleigh,
No "Merry Christmas" greeting glad,
All would be anxious, troubled, sad,
No gifts for little lass and lad
To signalize the day.

No Christmas tree, no mistletoe,
No stockings hanging in a row,
No good will reaching friend and foe,
No Christmas cards and sweets,
No family gathering round the board,
No presents brought from places stored,
No glad surprise for those adored,
No Christmas season treats.

No hampers for the poor who need,
No kindly word, no generous deed,
Nothing to save the world from greed—
A Christless world, alas!
The poor would eat their scanty fare,
Their faces pinched, their cupboards bare,
And men with plenty would not care
To mingle with the mass.

No house of God would grace the street,
With open door, where Christians meet,
Whose noble spire the heavens meet.
If Jesus had not come,
Cathedrals never would have sprung
With valued roof and frescoes hung,
Where praises of the Christ are sung,
Where nothing can be dumb.

But in the place where church would stand
A grogshop would pre-empt the land,
And leave on men its ugly brand—
A drunkard's bloated face,
And where the hospital should be
A prison we should likely see
Guarding the men who might be free—
If Christ had not sought the race.

If Christ in Paradise had stayed,
If sins on him had not been laid,
If ransom price he had not paid,
Distress would be our lot.
No hope, no pardon, no release,
No joy, no cleansing and no peace,
Our growing troubles never cease—
We lose the battles fought.

If Christ had kept himself away,
How empty would our bookshelves stay,
And poor indeed would be our day
Of letters' golden store.
The gospels four would not appear,
New Testaments would not be here,
For Lives of Christ we'd drop a tear,
And many, many more.

All literature we must revise
If Christ remained above the skies,
From Chaucer to the Brownings wise,
For Christ inspired their pen,
And songs shall lose their noble tone
From Gregory to Mendelssohn,
And in their place a hopeless moan
Will fill the world of men.

The pictures from the walls now take;
Madonnas are a huge mistake,
No Ecce Homo longer make
If Jesus never came,
The letters B. C. now destroy,
And A. D. never more employ,
For there is but a false decoy,
If Christ is but a name.

But Christ has come; His day we hail!
Before his star all others pale;
His song transforms every wall—
His manger is a throne.
And since He came the burden's light;
Death has no sting, the future's bright;
We walk by faith and not by sight,
And trust in Him alone.

White Felt Hats.

Although every one may not accept the fashion for white felt hats in hot weather, it is probable that they will be the first choice as soon as the cool weather comes back. They will make admirable early fall hats, simply trimmed, with a bow of black velvet or taffeta ribbon.

One should not attempt to put anything ornate on them, although it is probable we shall see them trimmed in morning glories, in cherries, in plums, and in small red apples.

The Resourceful Girl.

She is a perfect treasure, and far more necessary for the comfort of a home than a patent carpet sweeper or even a telephone. Her suggestions in an emergency are always sensible and to the point; she does not waste time in moaning and groaning over what can't be helped, and makes the best of whatever material comes to hand.

Artesia Advocate \$1 50 a year

This Store Meets the Gift Buyers Purse

In order to simplify your Christmas shopping please look over the following list and make your selections.

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| Dining Tables. | Ladies' Desks. |
| Library Tables. | Music Cabinets. |
| Rugs. | Shaving Cabinets. |
| Rockers. | Center Tables. |
| Couches. | Child's Rockers. |
| Carpet Sweepers. | Youth's Chairs. |
| Tabouretts. | Pedestals. |
| Skirt Boxes. | Book Cases. |

Doll Carts. 2 In 1 Sulkies

In fact our sample floor is lined with articles that make most practical gifts for any member of the family. They are both ornamental and servicable.

We will give a 10% discount on all Cash Purchases made at our store before Christmas.

McClay's Furniture Store
AGENTS FOR
Globe-Wernicke Book Cases

The Premium Brides

"If we can't drive the fellow out, by George, we'll starve him out," said the managers of the diamond mines at Kimberly, South Africa. For Nathanson, the notorious buyer of illicit diamonds, was back again from exile, ubiquitous and smiling and evidently prosperous.

Nathanson's first move was to purchase some waste land adjoining the Phoenix and to set up a native store. Therein were displayed goods calculated to drag the money from the native laborers' pockets—blankets, beads, mirrors, hair oil, canned foods, glass jewels—all the miscellany of the trade. And thither flocked the natives of the Phoenix mines, to the detriment of the company's own store.

Native laborers in South Africa are recruited from the interior villages by contractors. They work for a year or more and then return, to purchase wives from fathers of daughters with their accumulated savings, thenceforward to exist in idleness while the women work for them. But a good portion of the native's earnings is spent in the stores.

At once a furious competition broke out between Nathanson and the company. Prices were cut below wholesale; the company's purse was longer and gradually Nathanson's patronage fell away; bankruptcy menaced him. Kimberly surmised that he was at his wit's end; yet knowing Nathanson, they waited in anticipation of some coup.

One morning the inhabitants were amazed to see the daily down-country train steam into the station, bearing twelve dusky maidens of marriageable age. Formed into a phalanx, they were conducted by a military band to a large wattle and daub building newly erected on Nathanson's land, attended by all the colored riff-raff of the town. Then Nathanson appeared at the entrance of his store, shouting vigorously in half a score of native dialects and beating a drum. "Walk up," he cried, "walk up and see Nathanson's unrivaled premium attraction. To every purchaser of ten shillings' worth of goods will be given one red trading stamp. Fifty stamps entitle the holder to the selection of a wife among Nathanson's newly arrived stock. For such as desire it, the ceremony will be performed free of cost by a colored clergyman."

This attraction proved irresistible. In vain the manager of the Phoenix invoked the law against slavery. Nathanson, still smiling, offered liberty and a free passage home to all the girls who desired it. Not one accepted. Why should they relinquish a life of luxury, with food and quarters free! The company's store was abandoned and Nathanson took on a half dozen assistants to handle his increasing trade.

No more hoarding of shillings for the lative laborers! They flung away their money like prodigals, secure in

the knowledge that brides would thus accrue to them. The race was close, but by the end of six months a dozen of the Phoenix laborers, mostly old, thrifty men, were running neck-and-neck for the fiftieth red trading stamp.

The last pay day arrived; twelve proud and happy laborers, each with fifty red trading stamps, marched in a body to the church, where an enormous throng had collected to see twelve weddings performed simultaneously by the Rev. Ezekiel Brown of the African Baptist congregation. Nathanson, wearing his widest smile, was present, as was the scowling manager of the Phoenix. In the station near by the up-country train was getting up steam. The brides were late, and the train that was to convey the newly married couples would start in a half hour.

Where were the brides? Time passed; they had not arrived; no one could find them. Slowly the train pulled out, and, as it passed the church a dozen comely nesses and a dozen shiftless young laborers leaned from the windows and saluted the gathering with ironical cheers. Then the train passed and was swallowed up in the distance. The manager of the Phoenix was the first to break the silence.

"By George!" he roared, "trust women to outwit a man. That's a knock-down blow for our friend Nathanson!"

He paused, he glanced over toward the magnificent emporium and his own deserted store. An expression of perplexity passed over his features.

"By George!" he murmured slowly. "Was it a knock-down blow for Nathanson, after all?"

A Woman Who Hunts.

Mrs. Walter Judkins of Portland is a woman to whom the lure of the Maine woods is strong. She recently returned from her twenty-third season in the autumn forest with a record of twenty-eight deer to her credit. Mrs. Judkins shot her first deer when a girl of fifteen while in the woods in search of partridge in her home town of Gilead.

Mrs. Judkins during her twenty-three years of hunting experience has tried many varieties of hunting costumes and has finally settled upon what she deems the most practical. She wears in the woods a stout gray sweater, a pair of very full bloomers, the stout huntsman's stockings and shoes similar in shape to a moccasin and waterproof, with top of skin and vamp and soles of heavy rubber.

Railroad Time Table.

114 Kansas City and Chicago Express, North bound leaves at 5:29 a. m.

117 Pecos Valley Express, South bound, leaves at 4:42 p. m.

87 North bound local, leaves at 11:15 a. m.

87 South bound local, leaves at 1:47 p. m.

Public Sale
On TUESDAY,
December 19, 1911

The undersigned will hold a Public Auction at C. A. P. Ranch, 2 miles east and 1 1-2 miles south of Artesia. Sale begins promptly at 10 A. M.

Free Lunch at Noon

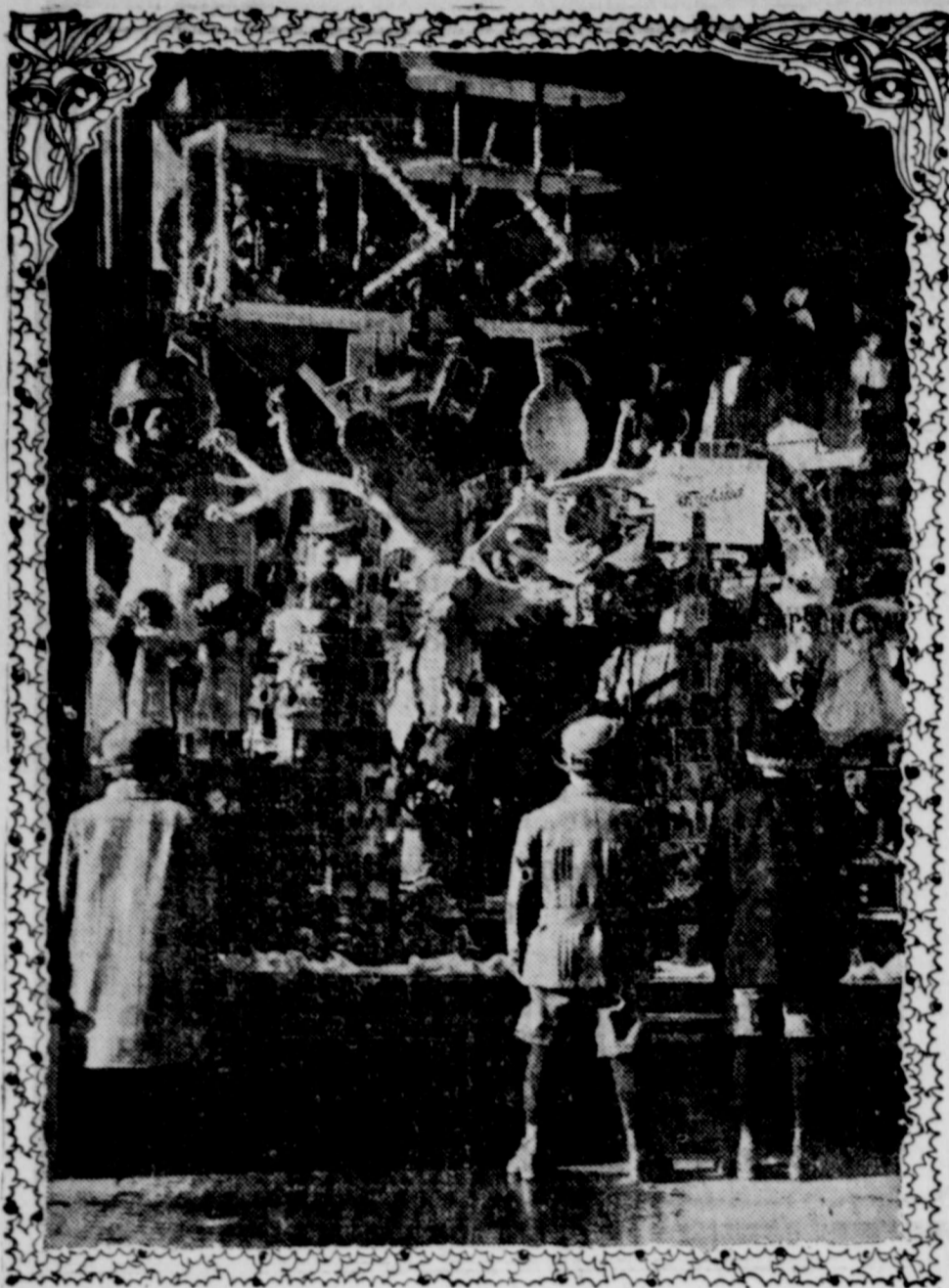
Conducted under shelter if stormy weather prevails.

- 45 Pure Bred Short Horn Cows, Heifers and Heifer calves.
- 2 Pure Bred Short Horn Bulls—young.
- 2 1400 pound Work Horses.
- 2 1050 pound Work Horses.
- 1 Saddle Horse.
- 7 Full Blood Duroc Jersey Boars—young.
- 50 Head of Sheep—ewes.
- 15 Bronze Hen Turkeys—fine breeding stock.
- Lot of Fancy Barred Plymouth Rock Cockrels.
- 1 Alfalfa Renevator—Emerson.

TERMS:—Over \$10.00 6 months time, 10 per cent bankable notes, 5 per cent off for cash.

C. A. P. Land & Cattle Co
J. B. CECIL, Manager. I. V. WHITESIDE, Auctioneer
A. C. KEINATH, Clerk.

Tell your friends and all come whether you buy or not.



Selecting Their Presents. At this season the shop window, with its wealth of Christmas offerings, has an unusual charm for every child. Every store front has its quota of admiring little folks eagerly selecting from the vast variety of good things those which they most wish, and many a note to good old Santa is being written based on what they see.

Public Sale

At the Farm of W. E. CLARK, 6 Miles North of Artesia postoffice,
Thursday, December 21st.

1 Barrel Churn.
Several lots of Fruit Jars and Glasses.
Kitchen Cabinet
Stone Jars, Pots, Pans, Pails, etc.
1 Art Square, Sideboard, 2 Refrigerators.
2 4-hole Kitchen Ranges, 2 Rockers.
Sewing Machine, 3 Iron Beds, Springs.
Cotton Mattress, 1 Trunk, 1 Baby Bed.
1 New Writing Table, Kitchen Table.
6 Chairs, 1 Dining Table, Small Tools.
Saws, Axe, Hammers, Bolts and Nails.
3 Large Barrels, 1 Water Cask.
1 Iron Boiler and Stand.
1 Galvanized Boiler and Tub, Crowbars.
Hose, Shovels, Rakes, Cornknives, etc.
Several Galvanized Iron Dams.
1 Wagon Jack.
1 2-Sash Hot Bed with Cypress Frame.
1 Wheelbarrow, 1 14-inch Truck Cultivator.
1 Single Shovel and Sweep, 1 Scraper.
1 V. 2 Floats, 1 12-inch J. Deere Plow.
1 14-inch Riding Plow, 1 Double Disk Plow.
1 Orchard Disk.
1 Double Action Cutaway Disk.
1 Hoosier Grain Drill with Alfalfa Attachment
1 Tower 2-horse Cultivator.
1 Combined Lister and Planter.

1 McCormick Mower, 1 33 Tooth Rake.
1 Sickle Grinder.
1 set Plow heavy Double Harness.
6 sets Chain Harness.
1 Elkhart Hack capacity 32 crates cantaloupes.
1 good old Hack 1 1-4 axles.
1 Iron Wheel Wagon and Hay Rack.
1 Extending Wagon Bed.
1 Single Buggy Harness, 1 Saddle.
1 Manure Spreader.
10 tons loose Alfalfa Hay, 4 tons baled.
15 shocks Hickory King Corn.
1 Large 14-months-old Filly about 900 pounds sired by Fine stallion.
1 9-year-old Black Mare, good driver, work and saddle, in foal, also one Pony.
1 pair Dapple Gray Mares, 5 years old extra workers, weight about 1050 each.
1 17-hand 4-year-old Bay Trotting Stallion weight 1300 lbs., Allerton and Ormand Blood, Registered.
1 Extra Milk Cow 24 gallons when fresh.
1 Fine Jersey Heifer due calf March 21, coming 3 years old.
1 Extra large 10-months-old Heifer, choice milk stock, 100 Willow and Poplar Trees.
Several other Cows etc.
About 60 Rhode Island Red Hens and Pullets.

TERMS:--Over \$10.00 6 months time, 10 per cent bankable notes, 5 per cent off for cash.

I. V. WHITESIDE, Auctioneer.

FRIGHTENED BY SANTA CLAUS

How the Dear Old Saint Carried Consternation into an African Mission House.

An amusing story of how Santa Claus frightened the black children at a mission station when he first appeared to them a few years ago, is told by the wife of a missionary stationed at Ballunda, Africa. They had celebrated Christmas at Ballunda before, but they never had had Santa Claus, so Mr. Stover, the missionary, dressed up as good Saint Nick.

"He had been padded and powdered and packed until his own mother would not have known him," Mrs. Stover afterward related. "Presently we gave the signal, the door flew open and in walked Santa Claus. But dear me! What consternation! He was greeted with shrieks and groans and cries of 'Let me out! It is the evil one. It is the day of judgment!'"

"The urchins, catching the infection of terror from the older black people, fled to their bedrooms, fell down upon their faces, crept under chairs and tables—anywhere to hide themselves. Poor old Santa Claus never had such a greeting before. As soon as he realized the panic he had caused, he tore off his tall hat and white cotton beard. Then from the bags on his back he began to throw gifts right and left and to tell who he was.

"Reassured once more, everyone was soon laughing and chatting, munching the great 'red breads' (doughnuts), tasting their fruits or nibbling at the sweets from the familiar little bags.

"It seemed as though everyone tried to talk louder than his neighbor as they examined the costume of Santa Claus, whom they now no longer feared. One man said that he thought it was John the Baptist, another that it was Elijah returned. Yet another thought it was Satan himself, 'and all my sins rose up before me;' while a fourth confessed, 'My only thought was to hide myself.'"

ON EARLY CHRISTMAS DAYS

quaint and interesting Customs That Prevailed When the Church and Festival Were Young.

In the early days of the church, it is said that the bishops used to sing carols on Christmas day among their clergy, and around the sixteenth century the well-known practice observed by children of going around the neighborhood singing Christmas carols beneath the windows of the houses, was commonly observed, usually taking place on Christmas morning. One of the oldest and most beautiful of the Christmas carols that has come down to the present day open with these words:

"God rest you, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Savior,
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power,
When we were gone astray,
O, tidings of comfort and joy!
For Jesus Christ, our Savior,
Was born on Christmas Day."

It is sometimes more appropriate to sing the Christmas carols on Christmas eve than on Christmas day, although they are sung at both times; but in England the choir of the village church used to go around to the principal houses in the parish and sing some of these simple hymns on Christmas eve regularly.

Frequently the singers were accompanied on some instrument and often the picture presented was a pretty one. The figures of the group of singers, only visible in the darkness by the lanterns they carried, and the sweet melody sung and played, made the observance a striking and beautiful one.

Sometimes in England, the carols were also sung in the churches in place of the usual psalms and hymns; although it was more customary for the clerk at the close of the service in a loud voice to wish all the congregation a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Improving Matters

"It was very good and neighborly of you to come to see me so soon," said Mrs. Ashby to Miss Gordon, who was making a first call. "You know we were perfect strangers out here in Bentwood when we arrived last week."

"Why, George Thompkins is a friend of yours, isn't he?" asked Miss Gordon, with a smile that Mrs. Ashley thought she understood.

"Well, yes, we do know him," she replied. "He is a business acquaintance of my husband's, but, of course, we have never had anything to do with him socially. He is odd, isn't he? But Mr. Ashley says he's bright in business, notwithstanding his crudities."

"It often happens, doesn't it," went on Mrs. Ashley, warming to her subject, "that men who care nothing for the little amenities of life are wonderfully successful commercially? But, for my part," Mrs. Ashley went on complacently, "I'd rather my husband should have his own good manners and excellent taste than all the money that aggressive people like Mr. Thompkins find it so easy to make. Shouldn't you feel that way?"

"Why, really, I never thought much about the matter," answered Miss Gordon as she took her leave.

"I don't believe you'll be lonesome very long out here in Bentwood," said Ashley that night at dinner. "You'll probably get acquainted quickly, for I saw Thompkins today, and he told me that he had set the ball rolling by asking his fiancée to call on you."

"What's her name?" asked Mrs. Ashley, with more interest than she cared to show.

"I believe it's Gordon."
"She was here today," Mrs. Ashley said, a trifle faintly. "I must return her call very soon."

It was difficult for Mrs. Ashley to carry out this good resolution, for the thought of seeing Miss Gordon again made her extremely uncomfortable. So it was not until several weeks had passed that she brought herself to the point of ringing the Gordon door-bell.

She kept hoping during the rather languid conversation that Miss Gordon would mention Thompkins, but his

name was not spoken until the caller herself dragged it into the talk in a manner she strove to make casual.

"We have scarcely seen anything of our one friend in common, Mr. Thompkins, since we came to Bentwood," and I'm sorry, for I'm sure he would be a delightful person to know well. I used to be foolish enough to think him—well, a little brusque, you know, but that was because I didn't appreciate his frankness. There's so much pretense and affectation in the world that it's a great pleasure to meet people who—well, who are just their own selves. I'm beginning to find that I care very little for an elaborate manner in any one."

"Really?" was all the comment Miss Gordon made to this somewhat labored speech.

Mrs. Ashley left the house, feeling that somehow her efforts at making amends had not been quite successful.

"I don't believe Miss Gordon and I can ever be very congenial," she remarked to her husband that evening. "She is so cold and self-contained and she seems to be half-smiling all the time at something in her own thoughts."

"Maybe she's smiling with satisfaction because her engagement with Thompkins is broken," returned Ashley.

"Good gracious, is her engagement broken?"

"Yes, didn't I mention it to you? Thompkins told me several weeks ago."

"Why in the world didn't you tell me? I don't see how you could be so thoughtless and inconsiderate."

"Thoughtless and inconsiderate?" repeated Ashley, startled from his usual calm by his wife's sudden burst of vehemence. "Why, I never supposed you took such a frantic interest in that engagement. In fact, I thought you didn't care much for poor old Thompkins."

"I don't—I don't care anything about either of them—him or her!" exclaimed Mrs. Ashley hysterically, "but I've been a perfect goose."

When Ashley heard the story he laughed so heartily that his wife considered him highly unsympathetic, though she could not help laughing a little herself.

Crow's Raid on Golf Balls.

A golfing incident is reported from St. Jean de Luz, Pyrenees. David Scott and M. Carlos de Candamo were playing a match a few days ago on

the Nivelle links. Both had driven on to the second green and were walking toward the hole when a crow swooped down, picked up Mr. Scott's ball and flew away with it.

The players had nearly reached the green when a second crow picked up M. de Candamo's ball and made off in the direction of a neighboring tree. Pursued by the golfers and caddies the bird dropped the ball, but pounced down and secured it again while the pursuers were still fifty yards away.

Neither ball was seen again. Golfers are asking, "What if it had been a four ball match?"

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\$8.00 Stetson Hats going at.....	\$5.35
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Choice of all \$3.00 Hats for.....	\$2.00
Choice of all \$2.50 Hats for.....	\$1.65
Choice of all \$2.00 Hats for.....	\$1.35
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Cadet Hose.....	19 cents
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50 cent Men's Ties for.....	25 cents
Men's 50c Ribbed or fleece lined Un'ware 35 cts	
Wrights health Underware always \$1.00	
now.....	75 cents

Prices good from now until Christmas.

Will You be Here?

Men's Shoes.

\$6.00 Edwin Clapp Shoes, now.....	\$4.50
\$5.00 Walk-Over and Douglas Shoes.....	\$3.75
\$4.50 Walk-Over and Douglas Shoes.....	\$3.40
\$4.00 Walk-Over and Douglas Shoes.....	\$3.00
\$3.50 Walk-Over and Douglas Shoes.....	\$2.65
All \$3.00 men's and boy's Shoes for.....	\$2.25
All \$2.50 men's and boy's Shoes for.....	\$1.85
All \$2.00 men's and boy's Shoes for.....	\$1.50

Big lot of Odds and Ends for almost half price.

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\$17.50 Suits and Cloaks will be.....	11.65
\$15.00 Suits and Cloaks will be.....	10.00
\$12.50 Suits, Cloaks and Skirts.....	8.25
\$10.00 Suits, Cloaks and Skirts.....	6.65
\$8.50 Cloaks and Skirts.....	5.65
\$7.50 Cloaks and Skirts.....	5.00
\$6.00 Cloaks and Skirts.....	4.00
\$5.00 Skirts—your choice.....	3.35
\$3.50 Skirts—your choice.....	2.35

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\$1.00 American Beauty Corsets.....	\$.69
\$1.50 " " ".....	.98
\$2.00 " " ".....	1.43
\$2.50 " " ".....	1.73
\$3.00 " " ".....	2.18

Sale continued—All of the above prices are good from now until Christmas.

Will You be Here?

Ladies Shoes.

\$4.00 Queen Quality Shoes.....	\$3.00
\$3.50 Queen Quality Shoes.....	2.65
All \$3.00 Shoes go during Sale for.....	2.25
All \$2.50 Shoes go during Sale for.....	1.85
All \$2.00 Shoes go during Sale for.....	1.50

Big values in Ladies' High and Low Cut Shoes from our Albuquerque purchase—See them.

Sale continued—Prices good from now until Christmas.

Will You be Here?

Children's Cloaks.

Your choice of our entire stock for 33 1-3 off.

Remember--Don't Forget--Remember

That the above listed articles only represent a small part of the many bargains we offer you, and that this is a Clean Cut Sale from start to finish. Every article in the house with a 25c value or more will be offered you at a sacrifice.

We Mean Business---Come and See.

Sale Now on and will not Close Until Christmas.

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Statehood Situation.

Santa Fe, Dec. 13.—Statehood as a Christmas present is the likelihood if present plans mature. The official canvassing board today completed count of Santa Fe and Sierra counties and hopes to have its final report ready by next Wednesday and in President Taft's hands by Dec. 24th, so that he can issue the statehood proclamation for Christmas and enable Governor-elect McDonald and the fifteen other state officers to be inaugurated on New Year.

The result has sufficiently progressed to make certain that the democrats have elected five, the progressive republicans two and the republicans nine of the officers on the state tickets; that the republicans have forty-six, the progressive republicans five and the democrats twenty-two of the members of the state legislature on joint ballot; that of the sixteen district judges and district attorneys the dem-

ocrats have six, the progressive republicans two and the republicans eight.

Methodist Church.

Last Sunday witnessed large crowds and additional new members. The communion wcs served to large numbers.

Services next Sunday at the usual hours. The pastor's text at 11 a. m. will be "Dig this Valley full of Ditches." It may seem strange but it is in the Bible. Everybody welcomed as long as room remains.

P. T. RAMSEY, Pastor.

Dynamiting Demonstration.

The dynamiting demonstration that was to have been made by the DuPont Powder Co., December 14th, on the farm of Francis Wetig, near Artesia, could not take place because those in charge of the work were unavoidably delayed at Roswell. The dynamite demonstration will take place later and will be thorough as more time will be given to it.

CONTINUING THE COUNT.

Additional Democratic Gains in the Returns.

Santa Fe, N. M.—That President Taft has indicated his intention to issue his proclamation admitting New Mexico as a state immediately upon receipt by him of the report of the official canvass of the vote was the pleasing information telegraphed here from Washington. There has been some talk of a possible delay in the issuance of the proclamation and, while little attention was paid to the gloomy predictions of the pessimistic ones, the news of the president's decision to brook no delay, was received with general satisfaction around the capital.

The canvass of Otero and Quay counties was completed today and Burkhart made a further gain over the unofficial returns. The canvass of the Otero county gave Hewitt for

district judge one over the unofficial canvass. The three counties of that district have been canvassed and election of Medier is practically assured. No changes of importance were made in the canvass today from the unofficial figures.

It is said that an examination of the returns from Taos county shows a loss of from forty to fifty votes for all the republican candidates in that county.

As on previous days since the court was inaugurated the corridors and rooms of the capitol re-echoed with the voices prominent candidates, both on the democratic and republican tickets, and only a glance at their faces was necessary to reveal the intense interest they are manifesting in the work now going on in the senate chamber.

Probably there is nothing on earth more pitiable than the sight of a mature woman trying to conceal her age by wearing school girl clothes.

SMART WRAPS FOR THE FALL

Many and Varied Are the Varieties Seen From Heavy Polo to Dainty Jacket.

Nowadays the wrap is the thing for a coat of some sort is worn on almost every occasion, and many and varied are the varieties seen from the heavy polo coat worn last season and the gay-striped blazer to the dainty little jacket of silk worn over the lingerie frock. Thus it behooves the woman who must count the pennies if she wishes to be well dressed to look out for fashions which may be made at home, for so great a number of wraps come high.

One little mantle for evenings which seems to be designed especially for this very woman was seen the other day. It was a graceful affair of broadcloth cut on the inevitable kimono lines with little or no slope to the side seams, making the coat hang straight and loose, the sleeves were short and the front of the coat was several inches longer than the back. The entire coat was finished in marbou, this furnishing the only trimming, a lining of inexpensive silk made the wrap slip off and on easily while tassels formed the fastenings at the bust line.

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