

Freight Reduction Recommended on Valley Oil New Pool of Oil Believed Found in Toomie-Allen 6

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New Mexico Oil Men's As... must go the credit for... adjustment as it was... their efforts that the meet... held. The association was... by Dr. J. J. Clarke, M... and P. E. McClanahan... of the Traffic Committee... attending the conference in... to the local committee, were... State Land Commis... E. Montoya of the State... Commission, T. B. Gal... General Freight and Passen... of the Santa Fe, C. O... local agent of the railroad... president of the New J... Oil Men's Association, S. J... traffic manager of the West... number of Commerce, W. W... and W. J. Ross, of the In... Supply Co., and H. B... of the Ohio Oil Co.

...the oil men's argu... better rate, Mr. Danciger... will give you some idea of... of producing here. It is... of us about \$15,000 to... complete a well. We can... complete a well of the... character in Texas, Kansas or... for less money. We get... our oil here than we could... for the same quality of oil... Louisiana crude, known... crude, not of good quality... to 37 gravity is bringing... Wyoming crude, which is fur... a market than we are, 36... gravity is bringing \$1.79 and... on page four, column 1)

CLAUS MAKES APPEARANCE IN SHOW WINDOWS

Efforts have been put forth... Artesia merchants this year... endeavor to accommodate the... Christmas shopper. And sug... of the coming event quite... have seen fit to display... attractive holiday goods... in show windows.

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NEW LUMBER SHED IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY KEMP LUMBER CO.

The Kemp Lumber Co. is making a substantial addition to their lumber yard in the erection of a large lumber shed 41 by 124 feet. The new building has been placed midway between the two sheds now standing and will practically double the housing capacity of the company for new lumber.

Additional features added to the new building will be an office and service room in the front. The service room will be a new feature for lumber yards in this section. A complete stock of builders hardware will be added to a full line of paints, varnishes and lumber.

REFINERY HERE WILL BE IN OPERATION BY THE 15TH OF DECEMBER

Construction Work will be Completed Two Weeks Ahead of the Scheduled Time Which Was January First.

A refinery practically ready for operation will greet the eyes of those who chance to travel the east road out of Artesia. Completing the construction work two weeks ahead of scheduled time, construction superintendent, Shattuck, announced that the refinery of the Continental Oil Co., and Flynn, Welch & Yates will be in operation two weeks before the scheduled time, December 15th. When announcement was made sometime ago that it would take four months to finish the plant it was thought that the refinery would not be running before January 1st, but extra fast time has been made by the construction crew and the buildings stand now practically complete.

Only the finishing touches remain to be put in the interior of the boiler house, the two large stills are almost ready for operation. Connections have been made with the treating plant and the loading rack will soon be finished.

TO GIVE RURAL PATRONS BETTER MAIL SERVICE

Postmaster E. A. Hannah, has announced that in order to conform to the present train schedule and to give the rural patrons better service, all carriers will leave the post office at 9:30 a. m., instead of 8:00 a. m.

ARRESTED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Five members of the Shoop family were arrested Monday on a liquor charge by officers here. The three men were released after making a \$500.00 bond and were bound over until the next district court.

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COTTON PRODUCTION THIS YEAR ESTIMATED AT 15,298,000 BALES

New Mexico's Production is Placed at 61,000 Bales in Monday's Report—Cotton Ginnings in New Mexico Placed at 52,007 Bales.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Cotton production this year will amount to 15,603,000 equivalent 500 pound bales, exclusive of linters, the Department of Agriculture announced Monday from December 1 conditions. An estimate of 15,298,000 bales was made from November 21 conditions. Last year's crop totalled 13,627,936 bales. The abandonment of acreage is estimated at 4.6 per cent of the estimated acreage of cotton in cultivation on June 25, compared with an abandonment of 3.0 per cent in 1924 and 3.3 per cent in the ten year average.

The December revised estimate of area of cotton for harvest this year is 45,945,000 acres compared with 41,360,000 acres in 1924 and 35,581,000 acres, the five year average. The total yield of lint cotton per acre on the area for harvest is estimated at 162.3 pounds compared with 157.4 pounds in 1924 and 146.4 pounds, the five year average.

The December 1 estimate of production by states includes: Texas 4,100,000. Oklahoma, 1,560,000. New Mexico, 61,000. Arizona, 94,000. California, 126,000. About 75,000 bales not included in United States total are being grown in Lower California, Old Mexico.

Cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to December 1 amounted to 13,957,686 running bales, counting round as half bales and excluding linters, compared with 12,237,659 bales to that date last year, the Census Bureau announced. The ginnings prior to December 1 by states included: Arizona 79,944; California 68,263; New Mexico 52,007; Oklahoma 1,333,689; Texas 3,661,010. Included in the total ginnings are 470,671 round bales counted as half bales, compared with 284,844 for 1924 and 229,215 for 1923.

JOHN T. MCCLURE OF ROSWELL NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH SUN.

Judge John T. McClure narrowly escaped death from asphyxiation Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock when he was overcome in his bath room from gas coming from a gas heater.

Judge McClure had shaved and completed his bath when Mrs. McClure in an adjoining room heard his groaning which was followed by a sound of a fall. Mrs. McClure rushed to the bathroom and found the door locked. She was able, however, by throwing her weight against the door to break the lock.

When she entered the bath room she found Judge McClure lying across the foot of the bath tub where he had fallen when finally overcome by the fumes. Mrs. McClure raised a window and attempting to lift him, found this impossible. She then rushed for help.

A physician was called who said that Judge McClure would have been dead in another five minutes. He was unconscious for fifteen minutes after the rescuers reached him, but was in good condition again Monday. —Roswell Record.

BERNALILLO COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST TAX RATE IN THE STATE

Bernalillo county has the highest tax rate of any county in the state says the Tax Payers Association of New Mexico, the rate being practically four per cent. Counties having three per cent in this part of the state are: Chaves, Curry, Lea, Eddy and Roosevelt counties. Figuring on the basis of \$1,000 valuation Eddy county in 1924 had a rate of \$35.35 and in 1925 a rate of \$37.43.

OPERATORS ATTEND OIL MEETING AT ROSWELL CALLED BY ED SWOPE

Regulations Made by State Geologist Wells are Taken Up and Discussed—Future Leases will Carry Well Inspection Fee.

Fully 250 oil men attended the meeting at Roswell Monday called by Land Commissioner Ed Swope of Santa Fe. The purpose of the meeting was to promote a better understanding between the state land office and the operators. While the greatest number probably attended from Artesia, oil men from Texas, Colorado, California and various parts of the state were present also. The meeting was a decided success from every stand point, for not only was the chief aim accomplished, that of promoting a better understanding between the land office and the operators, but the acquaintances formed will be beneficial to all.

The morning session was consumed in a general discussion of interest to both the lease holder and operator. Practically all of the afternoon session was taken up with the operators in going over the regulations made by the state geologist E. H. Wells. Some of the regulations were modified. Of principal interest to the oil men now operating on state land was that the state well inspection fee will not be charged against individuals now operating under a previous lease, but all future leases will carry the inspection fee which will be \$30.00.

Land Commissioner Swope conveyed to the oil men his desire to cooperate and assist them in any way possible. Mr. Swope also said that the state officials were grateful for the financial assistance made possible by the operation of the Artesia field. Although the field has been producing oil practically a year, the state university has already received approximately \$79,000 in royalties, besides the royalty which has been placed to the credit of the public schools.

Other points brought out in the meeting were:

ALBUQUERQUE FIRM HAS AN OFFICE HERE L. T. SHIRLEY IS MGR.

The Artesia office of Southwestern Homes, Inc., opened recently under the supervision of L. T. Shirley, formerly of Albuquerque, is a branch of an Albuquerque concern operating under the same name.

In Albuquerque, Southwestern Homes has been identified with some of the largest construction operations inaugurated in that city. This concern is especially credited with proving by actual example that the home of distinction need not necessarily cost more than the ordinary home of the same size. They have been leaders in introducing a style of architecture that is as distinctive of the southwest as it is practical.

"We were prompted to open our Artesia office because we know of no other town in this part of the state with the bright outlook of Artesia," said Mr. Shirley. "We want a branch of our concern to grow up with the community. Our future is linked up with that of Artesia and our success will be in direct ratio to the growth of the city. We believe in Artesia. That's why we came."

OVER 8000 BALES HAD BEEN GINNED BY THE FOUR GINS WED. NOON

A total of 8,187 bales of cotton had been ginned by the four gins operating in this district according to figures submitted by Wm. Baskin Wednesday noon.

They are:
Larsh Gin, Artesia.....1,743
Alfalfa Ass'n. Gin, Artesia.....2,954
Lake Arthur Gin.....1,420
Hagerman Gin.....2,070
Total.....8,187

ARTESIA ROTARY CLUB ENTERTAINS MANY PROMINENT VISITORS

The Artesia Rotary club entertained many prominent visitors at the last luncheon hour Tuesday. Among the visitors present were: Douglas McElhoney, Opelous, La., W. J. Ross, City, manager the International Supply Co.; Capt. McCullough, lawyer, Roswell; B. Montoya, chairman state corporation commission, Santa Fe; Ed Swope, state land commissioner, Santa Fe; Mrs. Wm. McGinn, City; W. H. Stewart, attorney for the Ohio Oil Co., Casper, Wyoming; S. J. Cole, Amarillo, Texas; M. O. Danciger, oil operator, City; W. W. Stump, Tulsa, Oklahoma; W. W. Piper, banker, New York City.

P. V. COTTON GROWERS HOLD A MEETING AT ROSWELL THURSDAY

President Kent of New Mexico A. & M. Meets With Pecos Valley Farmers at Roswell to Discuss Boll Worm Control.

Four representatives from this section, Messrs. J. B. Cecil, Buchanan, Duran and Wm. Baskin, attended the meeting of Valley cotton growers held at Roswell last Thursday, who met with President Kent, of the New Mexico A. & M. College. Practically all of the session was consumed in a discussion of the pink boll worm situation, the present quarantine and methods of regulating the pest.

No modification of the present quarantine was made or suggested according to all of the information available of the meeting. President Kent, of Las Cruces, who was accompanied to Roswell by the board of regents of the agricultural college, made the visit chiefly for the purpose of getting the various views of the farmers attending. The board of regents it was learned, were anxious to obtain all possible information relative to the situation in Eddy and Chaves counties so that suitable legislation might be recommended to the state legislature regarding the control of the worm, should the occasion demand.

A motion by Dr. Crile, of Roswell that all seed produced in the Valley be sent to the mills to be crushed except that which was used for planting by the farmers, caused considerable discussion and brought stiff opposition from some of the representatives. (Continued on last page, column 1)

REPAIRING BUILDING FOR FILLING STATION

The building formerly occupied by the City Garage opposite the post office is being repaired by the owner, Joe A. Clayton, preparatory to installing a modern filling station in the front. Two commodious offices will also be built in, near the front drive way.

IT WASN'T WHITE MULE THIS TIME THAT LEAD HUNTERS TO TROUBLE

ALAMOGORDO, N. M.—Failure to distinguish a mule from a deer proved an expensive mistake for nimrods from the Pecos valley, according to a story which comes from Avis, in the southeast part of the county.

In the last days of the hunting season a hunting party parked themselves in the George Munson, sr., pasture near Avis. Coming in from the hills late at night, Mr. Munson turned his fawn-colored mule into the pasture, and out of curiosity the animal strolled toward the hunters' camp. Believing the mule to be a deer, the hunters killed him. Mr. Munson, being both a justice of the peace and a game warden, arrested the men on a charge of hunting after sunset, in violation of the state gam laws. They were taken to Hope for trial, where they were convicted, paying fines and costs in the case.

Ohio Well is An Important Extension to Proven Area

800 Feet of Oil in the Hole Coming From a New Level of 2700 Feet.—Texas Co. Prepares to Deepen Well No. 4

The finding of a deeper sand by the Ohio Oil Co. in their No. 6 well on the Toomie-Allen lease in the SE¼ of Sec. 28-18-28 early Wednesday morning at a depth of 2710 feet is considered by many as the most valuable addition made to the local field since the bringing in of the New States producer in Sec. 4 over a year ago. The new pay which when cut with acid showed to be a combination of sand and lime, appears very porous, giving up the fluid rapidly as the hole filled 800 feet with the bit 15 feet in. That it is an altogether new pay level is shown by the amount of lime contained, as the production in the same section that is obtained from the 2000 foot depth comes from an almost pure sugar sand on which the acid has little effect. What the well will be good for when drilled to completion and shot, is a matter of speculation, but from all indications it should be a nice producer judging from the rapidity with which the oil came in. More drilling will probably be started on the east side of the field as the result of the Ohio's completion.

West of the Toomie-Allen lease the Twin Lakes Co. is carrying down their No. 6 which is now below 2450 feet. Streaks of sand and lime have been encountered in this hole below the regular pay that have carried slight showings. The completion of this well will be watched with interest as should it encounter the deeper pay it will mean the deepening of a number of producers in what is considered the proven area.

To the north of the field George Bobb has completed another small producer at a shallow depth, this being his No. 4 located in Sec. 18-17-28 on the Thompson permit. A sand from 600 to 625 feet was shot with 20 quarts and after being cleaned out the hole was deepened to 636 with a new sand being picked up.

The No. 3 on the same lease is now drilling below 547 feet with the log checking with the other producers. A shallow field is being slowly but (Continued on last page, column 2)

HARKEY GIN AT MALAGA DESTROYED BY FIRE \$30,000 IS THE LOSS

About three o'clock Saturday morning, the Harkey Gin Company gin at Malaga caught fire and resulted in a total loss, facilities not being sufficient to curb the raging flames after the fire was noticed. No definite cause is known for the fire.

The loss is estimated at \$30,000, which includes the plant, some seed, three bales of cotton, bagging, ties and supplies. The loss is covered by insurance, as far as could be.

The cotton destroyed was on wagons next to the gin building. There was sixty tons of seed in the fire, which was damaged, but from which a good percentage of salvage will be realized.

This gin is in the heart of great cotton production, although ginning is practically over in that district, and its loss will not result in great inconvenience at this time. This gin had ginned about 3,000 bales this season.—Carlsbad Current.

DANCE

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TELEPHONE NO. 7

WHAT NEXT NEW MEXICO?

Oil men over the Rocky Mountain area have expressed a fear that the measure now pending before the Ways and Means committee at Washington will seriously hamper the future drilling operations throughout the entire section, if the proposed 50 per cent depletion measure is approved.

The term depletion was defined in a recent article published in the Advocate, but lest the meaning be misunderstood, we are reproducing it again.

Discovery depletion is a deduction against gross income allowed to the mining and oil producing industries to represent the capital value of the oil or mineral in the ground and because the operation of the mine or well exhausts the property. Where producing or proven properties are purchased as such the cost of the property is the basis for the annual depletion deductions. But where the wild-catter or explorer goes out and after much expenditure of time and money finds or discovers a well or mine the cost of which particular mine or well is not great in comparison with the sums he has spent on wild-cat dry holes, etc., he is permitted an appraisal or valuation of the one successful property as the basis for his depletion deductions. This latter is called discovery depletion. It operates to enable the producer to build up cash reserves so that the hazards and risks of the business will not destroy him. It is an equalizer as between this business and other industries not so hazardous.

Depletion as we understand it is figured on the basis of the current price of crude either at the time of discovery of oil or within thirty days after the well has been completed. Under the proposed law it might be possible to prove up an entire area without the depletion benefit except to the original discoverer, in the mean time the expense of drilling dry holes would be borne by individuals, who might be so unfortunate as to drill several dusters, even though the field might be extended several miles in each direction.

Thousands of dollars are sunk annually in an attempt to develop a new territory. Those who are familiar with the history of any oil field realize that development takes time, usually from one to ten years. Is it fair then to the operator that he shall pay an income tax on his first small returns, after spending probably three or four times the amount in finding the oil? What encouragement is there left to the wild-catter to open up new territory under this costly process?

The depletion clause as insignificant as it may seem to the casual observer, means much to New Mexico where the industry is yet in its infancy, where the possibilities are yet unlimited.

Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, Wyoming and California have had the benefit of discovery depletion during their periods of oil expansion. Will Congress now deprive New Mexico, Montana and Colorado and other new and prospective areas of its salutary economic influence? We trust that the senators and representatives of this last mentioned group of states will see to it that this injustice is not done.

DOING THE SHOPPING

If human nature were not what it is, the Christmas season might not be one of rush and worry over what to buy, and sales forces in stores would not be rushed to exhaustion in the two or three weeks before the event. If people did their shopping when it could be done under the

least congested conditions, it might extend over months instead of weeks, and it would be not less seasonable. However, none but the exceptional person thinks of doing shopping until it cannot be put off longer. Then it becomes an ordeal and is so strenuous that it tends to rob the season of the "cheer and good will" that attach to it sentimentally. The "good will" might actually pervade the shoppers were they not overworked trying to find what they want and struggling to get it. Yet it would not be Christmas for a lot of people were it otherwise. They have become so accustomed to waiting and then making a hurry-up job of it that they would not feel right were it done betimes.

Human nature is a peculiar thing despite the fact that all of us have it. It wouldn't be human nature if it wasn't odd. If we did everything in a reasonable and sane way we would not be human beings. We would be super-human and that is too much to expect. It is the prerogative of human beings to do as they please and of course most of please to delay as long as we can the doing of what we cannot avoid. There may be those who are forehanded in Christmas shopping but they are rare and so different from the mass that they are odd, too.

By the way, we must do our shopping pretty soon.

TOO MUCH SPEED

Although many people appear to be of the contrary opinion, it is quite generally agreed that "you can't make human beings good by statute." Is it not time to conclude that neither can people be made careful by law and to attempt to reduce the perils of street traffic by means different from those that have been relied upon in the past? Just what will prove effective will have to be decided after thorough study of the conditions that have grown up. It seems obvious, though, that measures of prevention rather than of punishment will yield the greater benefits.

We are now in the season when the streets are quite commonly wet and very slippery. Common sense tells us that an automobile cannot be safely driven as swiftly on wet as on dry streets. Yet too many drivers are deaf to the voice of common sense. This type changes its habits not at all when conditions favor skidding. If it avoids collisions this can be accounted for only on the ground that there is such a thing as "luck."

Of course, it is impossible to legislate sound sense into the mind of that type commonly called "sap." If we are to have the possible maximum of safety in the streets the "sap" must be legislated out of the driver's seat. This perhaps falls into the category of things "more easily said than done." The "sap" must be proved before he can be deprived of his citizen's right. The real question is, what proof shall be required?

As the laws usually are administered there is no interference with habitual menaces to life and property until they have an "accident." Little is done to prevent accidents. Hundreds of "saps" could be identified when the streets are wet by the sliding of their cars at points where they should be under perfect control. Too much speed on wet pavements is as dangerous as driving while intoxicated. Something can be done about it.

MAY SECURE GAME EXPERT

SANTA FE, N. M.—The fact that almost two-thirds of the deer killed in New Mexico during the big game season just closed were in poor flesh and many of them consequently afflicted with ticks is taken by the state game department as another argument in favor of the employment of a game expert for New Mexico. This expert would make a comprehensive survey of the game situation in the state, after which he would make recommendations for the location of big game refuges, basing his recommendations on a scientific study of the different feeding grounds of the state.

Men who have made a study of the deer situation in New Mexico believe that starvation of deer could be prevented to a great extent by making scientific changes in the present system of refuges, abolishing some of the refuges now in existence and establishing others at more advantageous points. They believe that, in spite of the dry spring this year, there would have been many more fat deer had the refuges been more scientifically located with reference to the forage supply.

Although anything like an accurate estimate of the deer kill this season has not yet been made, many veteran hunters believe it is considerable lighter than last year's. Some of them venture the opinion, however, that this light kill is not due so much to a shortage of deer as to a shift in the feeding grounds. In other words, many hunters have failed to find a deer in the area they have been accustomed to hunt when possibly a few miles away deer would be plentiful because of a good pinon crop.

The problem of securing a game expert for the state is one under consideration by the state game commission in its program of game conservation.

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GLIMPSES OF THE PAST

From the files of the Advocate, December 9th, 1911:

Mr. Hollifield has disposed of the Artesia Mercantile Co., to John B. Enfield.

W. K. Strother was loading his household goods Wednesday to ship to Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis of Des Moines, Iowa, are visiting in the home of Owen McClay this week.

Mrs. Starkweather and son, of Amarillo, Texas, visited Mrs. T. F. Blackmore Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Laura Starkey, who is teaching school in the south part of Eddy county, spent the week end with her parents here.

Miss Alma Porter, of Joliet, Illinois, has returned to her home at Joliet, after a visit with her brother at Artesia.

Messrs Talbot and Brown, the real estate men, closed a deal recently, which will mean the second ice plant for Artesia.

S. W. Gilbert returned home Thursday night from St. Joe, Missouri, where he has been with an apple exhibit.

A. R. Salmon and daughter arrived in the city from Shawnee, Oklahoma, last week and will make Artesia their home.

See our new line of Christmas cards. Select yours now while the stock is full.—The Smoke House. 11-12-tfc

FIVE YOUNG CLUBBERS WIN TRIP TO CHICAGO

Five young people, chaperoned by W. L. Elser of the New Mexico A. & M. College, went as representatives from this state to the National Boys' and Girls' Club Congress at Chicago, November 27 to December 4. The attendance at the Congress was made up of more than 1200 champions from practically every state in the Union.

Free educational trips given by the Santa Fe and Rock Island Railroads, and by the Montgomery-Ward Company, made it possible for boys and girls who had done outstanding club work in the state to attend the Nation's largest club congress held in connection with the International Livestock Exposition.

Opal Brown, of Bellevue, Curry county, is winner of the Montgomery-Ward trip, being chosen from a number of candidates as the outstanding girl in home economics club work in New Mexico for 1925. She has done four years of clothing club work, two of millinery, two of cooking, and one of home management. She has been the winner of numerous prizes in county and state exhibits and demonstrations, as well as putting her training into practical use at home.

Eleanor Gill, of Amistad, Union county, is winner of the Rock Island trip. She has been two years in club work, both in sewing and livestock, and also claims the distinction of being high individual in livestock judging at the 1925 state club contest.

Leland Bryan, of East Las Vegas, San Miguel county; Robert Pegau, of Rancho de Albuquerque, Bernalillo county; and Flavio Romero, of Los Lunas, Valencia county, are winners of the Santa Fe prize trips. Leland has done three years of club work, including two of garden and three of calf. Robert has been in club work two years, doing two of calf, one of garden, and one of poultry. Flavio has done two years of onion club work.

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MEX. INDIANS TOTAL 22,481 SAYS GOVERNMENT REP'T

WASHINGTON, D. C.—New Mexico has an Indian population of 22,481, according to the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in his annual report to Secretary of Interior

Mexico Indians are divided into: San Juan, Navajo, 7,000; Pueblo, 3,333; Southern, 5,225; Jicarilla, 635; Mesquite, 656; Pueblo Bonita, 1,332.

Of all Indian property in Mexico was \$25,843,827 of \$15,019 was individual and \$10,828 was tribal. Land ownership was worth \$2,207,748. Land owned by tribes was \$1,010,348. Homes and furniture of New Mexico Indians is valued at \$1,182,110 and stock, poultry and miscellaneous for individuals valued at \$3,010,261. Timber land held tribally in New Mexico valued at \$5,071,433.

Prospects promise well for western Indians, Secretary said.

During the year six wells were located on leases located on the treaty reservation, four of which are producing," he said. "We are now fourteen producing on the reservation, the oil which is of a very high grade contains a large gasoline content. A deep test well is being drilled in the Rattlesnake structure for purpose of testing out the oil in the lower horizons. The Santa Fe Co. has laid a pipeline from its lease on the Rattlesnake structure to Farmington, a distance of 20.1 miles. The Santa Fe Co. has laid a pipeline from its lease on the Rattlesnake structure to connect with the west end of the Midwest Highway line, a distance of fourteen miles. The United States has built a small refinery at Artesia, New Mexico, which will refine at least part of the oil from the Rattlesnake structure. Based on the report and recommendation of the Bureau of the department on April 25, approved, as a price basis for royalty, a differential of 45 cents per barrel above the market price for 36-28.5 gravity at a differential of 45 cents produced on the Rattlesnake structure.

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Warranty Deeds:

W. P. Lewis to E. A. Cahoon, \$1800 L. 9, 11, 13, B. 1 and E 1/2 L. 12, B. 5, all in Original town of Hope. Carl Smith to R. Gomez, \$10 NWSW 2-23-27, P. L. Lara to Victor Larke \$125 L. 7, San Jose. J. C. Finley to C. W. Beeman \$700 L. 13, B. 14, B. 39, Malaga.

Patent:

U. S. A. to J. W. Hamilton SESW 21; N 1/2 NW, SWNW 28; E 1/2 E 1/2 L 29-23-23.

Oil and Gas Leases:

D. S. Martin to E. M. Switzer SWNW 3-19-25, W. M. Fite to Hope Development Co., NW 9-18-23; 10 A. SWSE 4-18-23, W. F. Hass to Hope Development Co. SW 1/4 17-17-23.

Bill of Equity:

M. E. Muller to Carlsbad Light & Power Co.

December 1, 1925.

District Court:

O. Williams, vs. Alex Williams, Divorce, S. E. Ferre, for Plaintiff.

December 2, 1925.

Warranty Deeds:

A. H. Barron to E. T. Carter \$2500 L. 3, 4, 5, 6 & pt. Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, B. "E" Rio Vista. E. T. Carter to A. Moore \$1.00 Undivided 1-5 interest in L. 3, 4, 5, & 6; Pt. 12, 7, 8, Bk "E" Rio Vista. R. Gomez to T. Calvani S 1/2 NE, NESE, 20-22-27, E. Canal. E. Tanner to I. P. Johnson NENE 8; NENW 9-16-26.

December 3, 1925.

Warranty Deeds:

J. M. Jackson et als to Annie Crosby \$200 L. 11 B. 33, Fairview. M. B. Culpepper to L. Woods \$100 L. 17, B. 17 Orig. D. P. Ares to Joyce Fruit Co. L. 2, SENW S 1/2 NE 1/4 19; NW 1/4; W 1/2 NE 1/4 N 1/2 SE 1/4 20-22-22. L. M. Fletcher to H. M. Gage \$100 L. 4, SESW 7-18-23. A. J. Crawford to H. Tipton \$3100 Bk. 23.

Quit Claim Deed.

Paul Ares to Joyce-Fruit Co. SESE 20-22-22.

In District Court:

No. 4177. Suit on Note. First National Bank of Sloom Springs, Ark. vs. C. C. Campbell et als. J. H. Jackson.

December 4, 1925.

Warranty Deeds:

E. E. Ross to R. R. Carter S 1/2 Bk. 18, Loving. H. E. Cawley to Joyce-Fruit Co. SESE 20-22-22.

Quit Claim Deed:

T. Riley to J. W. Board NWNWSW 20-17-23.

What to Give?

When one thinks of what to give an old friend for Christmas, the first consideration is, "Now what did I give him last year?" Perhaps that is as good a way as any to open the question of New Year's resolutions.

The Christmas Spirit; It Can Never Be Cheap

SHE worked in what was considered a second-rate store in a big city. To her, though, the store was a beautiful one. And when it was decorated at Christmas time with its tinsel and gay Christmas touches, she thought it the most beautiful place on earth.

She loved the jewelry that was sold there. Sometimes she would hold a bit of cardboard from which hung a cheap earring to her ear and would think that when she got her pay the following week she might buy a pair. They were certainly becoming and would be more so when off the cardboard.

How crowded the store became around Christmas time. The people would look and admire and buy. She would be so busy. It was splendid to be busy, and even to be tired with the Christmas rush. There was something so stimulating about the Christmas rush.

There were several floor walkers in the store—an extra one was added for the Christmas season. True, their presence was not so magnificent as the floor walkers in the great, expensive stores, but they were grand to her. And she loved to say, with a beautiful manner:

"Just a moment, madame; I will call the floor walker."

And then, this Christmas, greater happiness than ever came to her. A most wonderful floor walker came as an "extra," but they said he would be taken on for good—he was such a capable man.

And she took him on for good. For hadn't they fallen in love with each other at once?

Oh, to some the store might seem cheap, the people in it might seem funny imitations of the people who belonged to the very expensive stores. But there was glorious Christmas happiness in that store. For it radiated the Christmas spirit. And the Christmas spirit can never be cheap!—Mary Graham Bonner.

DEPLETION MAY BE CUT TO 50 PERCENT BY PROPOSED LAW

WASHINGTON.—The depletion allowance section of the new revenue bill made public by the ways and means committee Friday, probably will be received with varying degrees of approval and disapproval by oil men.

The section as contained in the committee's final draft leaves the amount of depletion at fifty per cent as at present, but specifically provides that a well discovered in an unproven territory proves an area of 10 acres, and no other property owner within a quarter of a mile of the mouth of the discovery well is entitled to the fifty per cent allowance.

There is a compensating provision for joint drilling operations that takes a little of the sting out of this arbitrary provision. However, under the custom of oil men to drill as near as possible to a discovery well, it is possible under the language of the committee bill for an entire field to be explored with only one property owner being allowed the advantage of the discovery, as each new well would push the discovered area a little farther out. This, however, would be an extreme condition.

In view of the original announcement of Chairman Green of the committee, that he favored complete elimination of the discovery provision, and the fact that all but eight of the twenty-five members are said to have held the same view as the chairman. The industry probably will accept the committee action as a partial victory, and go before the senate finance committee in an effort to have the depletion provision liberalized.

The full discovery depletion clause as contained in the bill made public is as follows: "In the case of oil and gas wells discovered by the taxpayer on or after January 1, 1925, in an area not proven at the date of such discovery, where the fair market value of the property is materially disproportionate to the cost, the basis for depletion shall be the fair market value at the date of discovery, or within thirty days thereafter of the property proven by such discovery and included within the taxpayers tracts or leases.

"In the case of oil or gas well, each well, producing oil or gas in commercial quantities, shall be considered as having proven at least that portion of the productive sand zone, or reservoir which is included in a square surface area of 160 acres, having as its center the mouth of such well.

"In the case of discovery of an oil or gas well by a person under an agreement whereby the cost of the well shall be shared with one or more other persons or whereby the cost of the well shall, if oil and gas in commercial quantities is not found, be shared with such other person or persons, then such well shall not be considered as having proven any part of a tract or lease held by such other person or persons.

"The depletion allowances based on discovery value provided in paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivisions (c) shall not exceed 50 per centum of the net income of the taxpayer

LAKWOOD ITEMS

(Mrs. M. C. Lee, Reporter)

(Received too late for publication last week)

Mrs. Ora Hellyer motored to Artesia Tuesday.

H. A. Stedeman was a Carlsbad visitor the latter part of last week.

A large crowd attended the dance given by J. H. Angel at Linger Longr Thursday night.

Miss Lucille McLeod and friend spent Thanksgiving with her uncle, Willard Shafer and family.

Luther Wilcox and wife, of Carlsbad attended the entertainment and pie supper Thursday night.

B. F. Butler and son, George from O'Donnel, Texas, were shaking hands with old friends the first of the week.

Don F. Lyman received word that his wife was very seriously ill at her home in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. M. C. Lee, son Forrest, and R. L. House and wife, spent Thanksgiving with the Morrison family near Artesia.

A very interesting program was given at the school house Thanksgiving night before the pie supper. A large crowd was in attendance and twenty-two dollars were taken in which will be used for books for the library.

Common Type

Jud Tunkins says his folks always put off their Christmas arrangements so that along about the 23rd of December they have to shop both early and late.—Washington Evening Star.

Box of 20 Christmas cards, assorted, \$1.50, at The Advocate.

(computed without allowance for depletion) from the property upon which the discovery was made, except that in no case shall the depletion allowance be less than it would be, if computed without reference to discovery value.

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GALLAHER WILL RECOMMEND CUT FREIGHT RATE ON CRUDE

(Continued from page one)
37 to 37.9 gravity is bringing \$1.87. North Texas crude from 36 to 36.9 gravity is bringing \$1.79 and 37 to 37.9 gravity is bringing \$1.87. Sommerset crude, which field is near San Antonio, is bringing for 36 gravity, which is poorer than ours, \$1.95.

"The best freight rates we have now are from Artesia to El Paso, which is 75c a barrel, and it costs 59c to move from Artesia to Amarillo.

"It takes 100,000 lbs. of freight to drill one oil well in this field. We are using 300 ft. of 10-inch 20 lb. pipe, which totals 1,200 lbs.; 600 ft. of 8-inch pipe, 28 lb., or 16,800 lbs.; 2000 ft. of 6-1/2 inch casing, 20 lb., or 40,000 lbs.; 2000 ft. of 2-inch tubing, 4 1/2 lbs. or 9000 lbs.; 2000 ft. circle rods, 1 1/2 lbs to the foot, 3000 lbs.; rig timbers, etc. 3000 lbs.; tanks, etc., 500 lbs.; engine, power, etc., will average 10,000 lbs. This makes a total of 94,300 lbs. The crude lines to storge, gas line, etc., will easily run 4000 lbs.

"Then we must house our men, buying cement, lumber, etc., which will mean at least 1700 lbs. This gives an average of \$1.40 per cwt. for 100,000 lbs or \$1,400.00 freight. This does not include the drilling machine which means an additional 40,000 lbs. and this does not include wire lines and equipment.

"From the producers standpoint, say the well comes in for 100 barrels flush, before we can make any money we must first pay for our well because these wells only last a short time and then they are dry. We must pay back to ourselves the \$15,000. If the well is not paid out the first year it never pays out.

"We have good field conditions and working conditions and yet we are losing money. The producer is losing money and the state is losing money.

"In shipping oil from Fort Worth to Artesia the freight rate is 48c cwt.; shipping from Artesia to Fort Worth the rate is \$1.18 cwt.

"When we ship oil from points in Texas and Oklahoma to Farwell, Texas the rate is 36 1/2c. From Farwell to Artesia the rate is 64 1/2c.

"Following are some figures on revenue derived by the state from oil in Oklahoma and Texas on production tax: Income derived in Oklahoma in 1923: Oil men paid an income tax of \$3,075,657. The pipe lines paid taxes of \$89,023. In 1924 the gross production tax was \$4,046,495, and pipe lines paid \$101,094. In 1925 the gross production tax was \$4,819,458 and the pipe lines paid \$118,076. In Texas in 1922 the gross production tax paid was \$6,784,997; 1923 the tax was \$8,181,080. In 1924 the tax was \$7,511,854 and up to September 13th of this year oil men have paid \$6,561,064. The state of New

Mexico has an oil field and has collected over \$100,000 in royalties.

"The freight rates prohibit moving oil. It costs 24c a cwt. to move oil into El Paso. The solution is that we must have a new market and that market is Texas. If we can get a rate to Texas City it will relieve the situation here and wells will be started and we will get Mid-continent prices as the producers can then put in their own pipe lines."

Mr. Gallaher then told the committee that: "The Santa Fe is very much interested in the development of the field. We think there is wonderful prospects here and we want to do everything we can to help development of the field. We will not stand in your way because we would then be standing in our own way. We have had a line in here since the early 90's. It has never paid anything on the investment and if we can develop traffic here we have some chance of pulling our investment out of the fire. As you develop we develop. We are shaving the oil well supply rates to \$1.02 and after the Interstate Commerce Commission makes a decision we may go further.

"On the matter of production, I think the difficulty here is you have reached a point in production where the demand does not meet the production."

Mr. H. W. Stewart, of the Ohio Company state, "Our tanks at Dayton, which is our shipping point, are full and we are not able to move the oil. We are inconveniently located as to railroad connections, being on a branch line. The situation at present is that we are up against it. We figure it costs 50c a barrel, or more to build storage."

Mr. Gallaher: "The export rate then is the best insurance you have against over production."

Mr. Stewart: "Yes, since the refiners cannot consume the production. There is one small refinery in Roswell, another here and the production here is between 4000 and 4500 barrels. All the refineries in the state would not take one-third of this."

Mr. Cole's opinion was then asked by Mr. Gallaher and he stated in part that he felt the crude rates here should be on a competitive basis with rates from other points. He felt they should give the lowest possible rate to the markets where there would be a sale for the crude.

Mr. Baish then spoke of production being off since the shut down, stating that "when the \$1.35 price was put into effect we ceased drilling. We had to continue drilling for the past 30 to 45 days due to offsets drilling, etc. Now we have quit because we came to the conclusion that we might as well stop as produce oil at \$1.35. At one time we had production of around 1600 barrels. Now it is 800 and we are still producing nearly as much oil as any one. All independents have quit and I counted 28 idle strings that were working thirty days ago. The effect of the shut down will not be felt for another thirty days. I doubt if the production will be 3000 barrels by the first of the year."

That the Santa Fe intends to do its share in the development of southeastern New Mexico was shown by the statement of Mr. Gallaher, who said:

"We would be making a rate that would not yield us a fair return on our investment. Is it a business proposition for me to come here realizing this? The railroad wants to see the community develop but we cannot gamble to any great extent. We must be very careful as to how far we go in meeting situations of this kind. We have quite a bit of local pride, because we are as much a part of the Pecos Valley as any one. We are permanently located here and we are here to stay. We are large taxpayers in New Mexico and we have pride in it. We certainly hope conditions here will be an improvement over the past. It looks like the oil development may be the salvation of the valley. The Santa Fe is willing to do its part. We will go along with you and I

SOCIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND ARTESIA

PIANO RECITAL

The piano recital given by Mrs. Constance Barrington Jones at the Presbyterian church last Monday evening demonstrated that Artesia appreciates high class music for the program was given to a full house. Mrs. Jones' mastery of her instrument was evidenced in a selection of difficult numbers, which were wonderfully well executed. Mrs. Jones was assisted in the program by Mesdames Lu Eyck Corbin and Nelle Winghamton Gates, whose beautiful singing made a pleasing variation. Artesia is fortunate indeed in having musicians of the class who entertained the audience Monday night.

FRESHMAN PARTY

The Freshman Class had a jolly party at the home of Lowell Hoffman last Friday evening. Several lively games made the time pass merrily until the serving of refreshments. Prof. West class sponsor, was present.

DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cole were hosts at a dinner at noon on Monday at which the guests were Rev. Moore of Montezuma College and Rev. Simmons and family.

RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Christian church is planning to hold a reception for the new members, converts of the revival, which closed last Sunday after a successful meeting, which continued three weeks.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of the Cemetery Association was held at the home of Mrs. M. A. Corbin last Wednesday afternoon. The newly elected board took charge of affairs and elected officers from their members. Mrs. Tex Polk was elected president; Mrs. J. J. Clarke, vice president; Mrs. Will Gray, secretary; Mrs. Ed Wingfield, treasurer. The other members of the board are Mesdames C. M. Cole, George Frisch, Pete Loving, A. F. Wittkopp, Tom Heflin, Wm. Gissler, Reed Brainard and E. B. Bullock.

FORTNIGHTLY BRIDGE CLUB

The new Fortnightly Bridge Club held its second meeting at the home of Mrs. C. R. Blocker on Tuesday afternoon. The club always begins with a one o'clock luncheon. Mesdames Williamson and Shattuck substituted for Mrs. C. W. Williams and Mrs. Albert Richards, who are out of town.

EASTERN STAR INSTALLS OFFICERS TUESDAY NIGHT

The regular election of officers of the Eastern Star was held at the meeting of the Order last Tuesday night and installation ceremonies followed immediately and a social time and refreshments followed that. The newly installed officers are Mrs. Eva Coll, Worthy Matron; Mr. S. E. Ferree, Worthy Patron, re-elected for the fourth year; Mrs. Tempy Bates, Associate Matron; Mrs. Jessie Morgan, secretary; Mrs. J. H. Jackson, treasurer, re-elected; Mrs. Matties Story, Conductor; Mrs. Virgil, Assistant Conductor; Mrs. S. E. Ferree, Warden; Mr. Carey Bishop, Sentinel; Miss Ruth Morgan, Organist; Mrs. J. C. Floore, Marshal; Star Points—Mrs. Dora Polk, Ada; Miss Virginia Atteberry, Ruth; Mrs. F. J. Lukins, Esther; Mrs. Billie Berry, Martha; Miss Addie Coll, Electra.

COOKED FOOD SALE

The Baptist Missionary Union will have a cooked food sale in Joyce-Pruit's grocery next Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. 12-10-1tc

Hear the Montezuma Male Quartette, Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock at Baptist church. 12-10-1tc

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To this Mr. Danciger replied: "It will mean the reviving of the field and put new life into everyone, and encourage the spending of money and development."

KLAN ATTENDS REVIVAL WITH "KRIST" BANNER

"Krist, Kristerian of our Kharacter" was the legend on a large banner brought to the Hogg revival services at Roswell last week by large numbers of klansmen who attended. The klansmen also displayed the American flag and the red cross of the order.

"If foreigners," said the evangelist during the sermon, "do not like American ideals and ideas and American institutions and our flag, let them call their dogs, pack up their bananas and go back to the country from whence they came."

The speaker also said that "no fraternal order can take the place of the blood of Jesus Christ in the cleansing of sin."

"Hell," he said, after referring to

the "ginks" (Pharisees) who tried to trap Jesus, "has room for the cussler, the thief, the booze seller and the booze fighter."

Audiences have been as large as 2,000 people.

GET YOUR PIANO TUNED NOW

If you do not know me ask any music teacher in Artesia about me. I have tuned for all of them. Leave orders at Syferd's Cafe. 12-10-2tc

F. M. DENTON.

NOTICE TO EX-SERVICE MEN

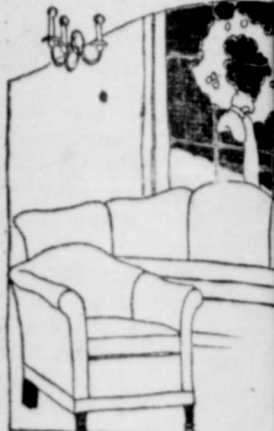
Reorganization of Clarence Kepple Post American Legion is well under way. Come and meet with us Monday night at 8:00 p. m., Chamber of Commerce hall over Brainard-Corbin Hdw. Co. A good time for all. 12-10-1tc

Mrs. C. T. Schenck Allinger attended the meeting in Roswell during the fifth week, seems to be a great success, some tired people being in the meetings.

Newman Smith, who from New York City gives an average of month's visit with Mrs. Sallie Smith, her and brother-in-law Mrs. Otis Brown.

The Dorcas Society annual Bazaar and Cook Saturday, December 12th, City Cafe room.

Is Your House A Home



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Is your place of abode merely a hovel or is it a real home? home such as is the foundation of our family life can not function out an attractive atmosphere. It can not have the proper influence our children unless the environments are made desirable, unless we it a real center of attraction for the family.

As family life decays so will the nation, we will not be able to maintain this stable institution unless we create a desire for home life, for the thing that has meant so much to us.

Shall we spend money in making the place in which we stay a desirable place in which to live or shall we put our extra earnings outside entertainments that will keep us away from our family and loved ones?

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We will thus be required to make a local market for our local oil production if our oil fields are to prosper.

If you buy a home refined product, produced in New Mexico fields, you help to create a local market for our production, thus making it more inducive for local oil development and the more attractive the proposition is the greater efforts will be made to produce and the greater New Mexico we will have.

From a mutual standpoint, if no other—SURELY YOU WILL ASK FOR, AND DEMAND A HOME PRODUCT—and if awarded to us, you will find TRIOCO GASOLINE to be straight run, water white, sweet odor, stands the corrosion and doctor tests; it is powerful; gives maximum mileage; and is made from New Mexico crude, by New Mexico refineries, distributed by a New Mexico firm in New Mexico.

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and see something worth while for an automobile, a fine Xmas present for any car owner

Something Good

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5:00 O'CLOCK P. M. DECEMBER 24th, 1925

so the second ticket will not have to be drawn

Everyone turning in fifty tickets on this Cabinet Christmas Eve will be given a small present.

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TO MARK GRAVE OF "APPLESEED"

Fort Wayne to Honor Man
Who Planted First
Nursery in West.

Washington.—The chamber of commerce at Fort Wayne, Ind., has instructed a committee to locate, mark and make accessible to the public the grave of Johnny Appleseed. This action on the part of the business men of Fort Wayne arouses public interest again in a man whom Secretary Sherman once described as "one of the most striking figures this republic has ever produced."

In 1847 a representative from Ohio, on the floor of the house of representatives, announced the death of "an old man who has done more for the West than any other man of his era." He alluded to John Chapman, popularly and affectionately known as Johnny Appleseed, who planted orchards and nurseries in the wilderness of Ohio and Indiana in advance of civilization.

Meager knowledge of Johnny Appleseed rests chiefly on tradition and legend. He was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1775, the year the embattled farmers stood by the rude bridge and "fired the shot heard round the world." Johnny's half-sister, who went West long after he did, said that when he was a boy he was fond of nature; he loved the flowers and the birds and the animals, and on summer nights he would lie on his back for hours gazing up into the starry heavens.

Disappointed in Love.

Why John Chapman left his native state to wander in the Western wilderness is one of the mysteries of his life. It has been a fertile but futile subject of speculation for generations among poets, novelists and historians. A tradition says it was disappointed love which drove him from his neighbors and friends and relatives in the Old Bay state; and this belief has the very faint support of the fact that Chapman never married.

He appeared as a wanderer in the valley of the Potomac in 1799. The following summer he was in western Pennsylvania. One day in the fall of 1800 a woman living on the banks of the Ohio river near Steubenville saw a crazy-looking craft floating down the stream. It consisted of two canoes lashed together, heavily loaded with bags and piloted by a barefooted, oddly dressed man wearing a broad-brimmed hat.

It was John Chapman with a cargo of apple seeds which he had gathered from the cider presses of Pennsylvania. He told the woman he was on his way into the wilderness to plant nurseries in advance of the pioneers. "My mission in life," he told her, "is to have apple trees ready for the settlers when they come."

Physically Johnny Appleseed was a man of medium height and spare build. The generosity and sincerity of the blameless soul within were reflected in his soft blue eyes. Had it not been for his clownish garments he would have been a handsome man; but it was his conviction that man should not clothe himself for show but only to cover his nakedness. He was not an ignorant or illiterate man; his conversation bore the marks of the good training and education he had received in his youth. He was of a meditative and deeply religious turn of mind, professing himself a disciple of Emmanuel Swedenborg, whose teachings he had somewhat, perhaps unconsciously, modified to suit his own convictions. His two missions in life were to make converts to his religion and to plant apple trees in the wilderness.

First Nursery in Ohio.

His first nursery, so far as known, was in a narrow valley along the Ohio, opposite what is now Wellsburg, W. Va. Later he penetrated the interior of Ohio, and for years his chief field of operations was along the Muskingum and its tributaries. He went westward as far as eastern Indiana as civilization moved in that direction. It is estimated that this eccentric man set out more than one hundred nurseries in the forest. Many of the finest orchards in the early days of Ohio and Indiana were composed of trees bought from Johnny Appleseed, the patron saint of American orchards.

Equipped with an ax, a hatchet and a Virginia hoe, he would seek out a protected spot among the trees near a stream; there he would dig up the soil until it was thoroughly pulverized and plant several thousand apple, peach and pear seeds. Then, after building a brush fence around the infant nursery to keep away deer and other grazing animals, the pioneer orchardist would continue his journey until he found another suitable place for a nursery.

When the settlers arrived from the East they found fruit trees waiting for them, to be bought for practically nothing. A "fippenny bit," which was worth about one-sixteenth of a Spanish dollar, was the customary price for a tree. But if the pioneer had no money, if he could not afford the fippenny bit, he got his trees anyway, either on credit or in exchange for a few old clothes which Johnny Appleseed was only too glad to get. Fortunately, there is still in existence a piece of paper containing some of Johnny Appleseed's writing. It reads as follows: "Due John Oliver one hundred and fifty trees when he goes for them to some of my nurseries on Mohican waters. John Chapman."

Johnny Appleseed did not limit his activities to planting fruit trees; he also planted small fruit, such as grapes, and he scattered through the forest the seeds of supposedly valuable medicinal plants—pennyroyal, horehound, rattlesnake root and dog fennel. A simpler and truer child of the wilderness never lived than he; he loved its solitude and its wild inhabitants. By the Indians he was regarded as a great "medicine man," and was always a welcome guest at the fireside of the settlers.

During the War of 1812 Johnny Appleseed did yeoman's service for the settlements. He frequently traveled long distances to warn the pioneers of the approach of hostile Indians.

The legends hovering around the death of this half mythical character are legion. A man who rode the Indiana circuits many years used to tell his congregations of an autumn day when he found an old man dying under the trees near Fort Wayne. He was being taken care of by some pioneers who had stopped for the night. The venerable man, said the circuit rider, called the children of the campers together, asked them to kneel and then offered up the most impressive and touching prayer he had ever heard. The circuit rider declared that Johnny Appleseed had the sweetest smile and the greatest soul he ever knew.

But fortunately there is a more complete and authentic account of the death of Johnny Appleseed. About a week before his death, when near the site of the present city of Fort Wayne, he heard that cattle had broken into one of the nurseries 20 miles away. He immediately set out on the long journey to rebuild the fence and to protect his property. The weather was cold and wet; the fatigue and exposure were too much for a man past the Biblical allotment of three score and ten. On his return he stopped one night at the home of William Worth. It was March and the day had been cold and raw.

The sage refused to sit at the family table, instead eating a bowl of bread and milk beside the fireplace. He also declined the bed offered him, preferring, true to his nature and convictions, to sleep with a quilt and pillow on the floor. Before retiring for the night he asked Mr. Worth permission to read aloud from the Bible and to conduct family worship. He read: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted; blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth," etc. He then offered a prayer which made an impression on his host so profound that he never forgot it.

According to Mr. Worth, the old man prayed "for all sorts and conditions of men, that righteousness might be made clear unto them, that saving grace might be freely given to all nations, that the Holy Spirit might guide and govern all who profess and call themselves Christian; that all who were afflicted in mind, body or estate might be comforted and relieved, and that all might at last come to the knowledge of the truth and in the world to come have happiness and everlasting life."

The next morning Johnny had a high fever; pneumonia had set in during the night. Doctors were called, the patient put to bed and everything possible was done to relieve him. But the doctors said the case was hopeless—nothing could be done for the dying man. All those who saw him in his last hours afterward testified that they never before saw any man so calm and self-possessed on the threshold of eternity. He smiled sweetly, with prayers on his lips, as his life faded out.

This was in 1847; Johnny was then seventy-two years old. Mr. Worth and his neighbors buried him at the foot of a natural mound in the corner of David Archer's private graveyard near Fort Wayne.—New York World.

Eskimos Prosper in Farming of Foxes

Nome, Alaska.—Frank Du Fresno, in charge of the Stewart peninsula for the United States biological survey, reports that Eskimos are taking a full part in developing the farming of foxes and the marketing of their pelts.

The south side of the peninsula is on Bering sea and the north on the Arctic ocean. On the north coast line, white men destroyed the Eskimo livelihood by annihilating the whales and burning the driftwood.

The Eskimos have taken to white foxes and some families are making incomes of \$2,000 annually. From catching wild foxes and selling the furs, the natives have gone on to developing simple ranches.

The women do most of the work—it's the aboriginal way—but, Du Fresno pointed out, families threatened with extinction are beginning to thrive, though father sits around the cabin that has replaced the igloo.

Fashion Expert Predicts Return of the "Plug Hat"

Omaha, Neb.—American man is probably the best-dressed male. This is the opinion of Charles F. Wetzel of New York, president of the National Association of Merchant Tailors. The top hat and cutaway coat for formal afternoon wear and full dress for evening wear will soon regain the place they occupied in the American social life of a decade ago, Wetzel declared. Mr. Wetzel is on a tour of the country, studying conditions in the tailoring industry.

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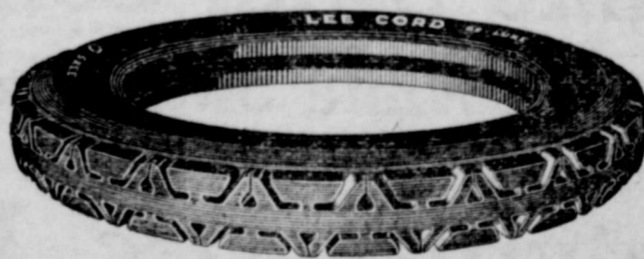
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LAKE ARTHUR ITEMS

Alva Spence, Reporter)

Mrs. A. V. Flowers went shopping last Saturday.

Grace Murphy and Red were in Roswell shopping last week.

Dunbar, who has been in for the past few weeks, returned last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Crane, of Childress, went to attend the bed of their son, Zollie, who is very

Bartlett of Artesia, has been this week wiring the Methodist and other buildings for

Mrs. Zollie Crane left this week to the hospital, following

Mrs. J. P. Shaddock, of came in this week to visit Mrs. Shaddock's sister, Spence.

school students are preparing elimination contest in music, for the holidays, and place of procedure will



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be announced later.

All of the teachers of Lake Arthur public school and quite a few others went to Hagerman Saturday morning, to attend the Teachers Convention, held at that place.

In the basket ball game Friday the Hope boys defeated our boys, but our boys played a good game according to their size. The line-up was as follows: Hope—White, Taylor, Blakley, Johnson and French. Lake Arthur—Beasley, Bradley, Walton, Williams and Pate.

The members of the Senior Epworth League were entertained last Saturday evening with a very jolly and unique social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hamilton. The evening was spent in contest, games and repartee. Music was furnished by the orchestra. Refreshments consisting of hot milk chocolate, doughnuts and cookies were served at a late hour to about forty guests.

J. B. Crook and Miss Eva Russell were quietly married at the home of the bride's mother last Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, after which the couple left overland for points in Arkansas, where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Crook's relatives. Miss Eva is well and favorably known in this part of the country, having been raised here, and has many friends who wish them many years of happy wedded bliss. Mr. Crook has many friends here also that congratulate him upon his choice.

Under the direction of the new officers the Methodist Sunday school continues to have splendid attendance. The officers elected were as follows: Superintendent, R. G. Pate; assistant, John Lane; Secretary, Mrs. C. K. Ledlie; assistant, Edgar Dunbar. Superintendent Pate called a meeting of the teachers council last Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements for the community Christmas tree. We all feel that this is a time of unselfish giving of time and means to promote the happiness of the children, especially at this time of the year, as well as to bring to their minds the wonderful significance of the celebration of Christmas.

Last Friday afternoon the Hope basket ball teams met the Lake Arthur teams in two swift and snappy games. The Hope girls, who have not been defeated in two years continued to hold their championship at the conclusion of the game with Lake Arthur, although our girls fought hard and bravely until the last. The Lake Arthur line-up was as follows: Montine Pate, Nantie Spence, Alice Williamson, Mary Rogers, Jewell Whinnery, and Mattie Derrick; the Hope line-up was: Annabel Prude, Julia Smith, Mary Keller, Mary Smith, Mary Coffin, Clara Fite and Ivy Ruth Glasscock. Mr. Hall proved a very efficient and impartial coach. They were accompanied from Hope by Mr. Brownlee and Mr. Smith.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Dorcas Society, of the Christian church, will hold a Christmas bazaar and cooked food sale in the room, just west of the Busy Bee Cafe, next Saturday. 12-10-1tc

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COTTONWOOD ITEMS

Mrs. Wilson is on the sick list this week.

Miss Alice Robbins, who has been nursing on Cottonwood has returned to Artesia.

Mrs. G. L. Burnett left Monday for her home at Wichita Falls, Texas. Her sister, Mrs. Houston Felton is greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepherd and Chester Shepherd, who lived on Cottonwood several years ago, were visiting here Sunday.

A. J. Bazel, of San Angelo, Texas, is visiting A. D. Wells and looking after his farming interests on Cottonwood.

Mrs. Effie Manning and family, of Oglesby, Texas are visiting Mr. Manning's sister, Mrs. Rogers of Hagerman and Mrs. Manning's cousin, Mrs. E. C. Henderson.

T. J. Terry and family have returned from their visit to Oklahoma. Their son, Jack, spent his Thanksgiving vacation with them at Mr. Terry's sister's home in Altus.

Lower Cottonwood school is busy working on a program to be given at the school house Christmas evening. There are rumors afloat that old Santa himself will attend to ascertain the wants of his little friends. Upper Cottonwood is also planning a Christmas program.

W. L. Bradley and family, Walter Hill and family, Munroe Howard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn O'Bannon, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Buck, Mrs. Nelson Doering, Mrs. Bob O'Bannon, Mrs. Clarence Pearson

INTERESTING DISCOVERY

CARRIZOZO, N. M.—Interest has been aroused here over the discovery of an ancient cave containing a saddle with a plate bearing the date of June 10, 1842. Hunters trying to head off a flock of turkeys found the cave high on a cliff.

The cave had been fitted for habitation but most of the articles fell apart when touched. Coffee grains crumbled when the can was opened. The leather on the saddle dropped apart when a hunter attempted to pick it up. Several pictures were found, one of a heavily bearded man but all were dim.

On the wall of the cave was written "John Rawlings, never more." As many of the articles as possible have been brought here for exhibition.

Hear the Montezuma Male Quartette, Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock at Baptist church. 12-10-1tc

and Mrs. Oscar Pearson were among the Cottonwood folks shopping in Artesia Saturday.

Word has been received of the death of Miss Josephine Busch of Mission, Texas, from typhoid fever. Other members of the family who were very low are reported better. Mr. and Mrs. Busch were residents of Cottonwood for many years and Miss Josephine attended school at Lower Cottonwood and Artesia.

Services were held at the Methodist church Sunday, Rev. Lanning preaching in the morning and Rev. Moon in the afternoon. About twenty-five were present from Hope and a large crowd from Cottonwood. Special music was rendered by the Artesia orchestra and Mrs. Lester Hendrichsen and Ocie Marie Spence.



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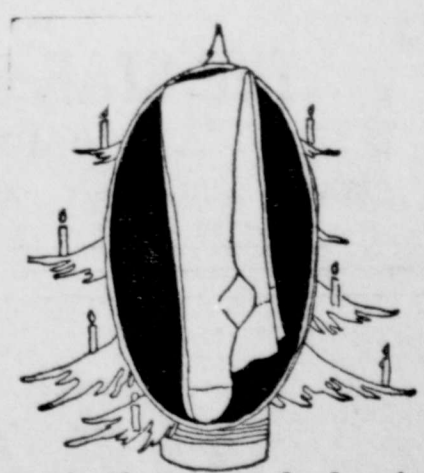


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SANTA FE, N. M.—Strict enforcement of the law; personal registration, purging of registration lists before each election, a longer period for registration, and no voting by affidavit are recommended to the state election board by the New Mexico League of Women Voters in an outline of election law reform submitted to the board by the legislative committee. It is suggested that absent voters should register by affidavit only during the regular registration period; that there be separate boards to count votes, precincts be made smaller where necessary and other measures taken to have the count complete when the last vote is cast. Uniform ballot boxes, it is pointed out, should be furnished by the secretary of state, the county clerk should notify the secretary in ample time when the boxes are not supplied, and the clerk be held responsible for the supply. All entries in the poll books should be in ink, proper instructions to election judges should be mandatory, with heavy penalty for violations; and the ballot, it is declared, should be explicit in regard to each candidate.

TWO BROTHERS KILLED

FORT BAYARD, N. M.—Two Velines brothers were killed and a third brother was injured when the automobiles in which they were riding turned over about one-half mile from Central Thursday afternoon. Ed Vilnes was killed instantly, and Heyes Vilnes died in a Silver City hospital at 7:30 p. m. William Velines, who was brought to a hospital here, is not believed to be fatally or even seriously injured. All of the young men were from Canadum, not far from the mining town of Santa Rita.

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DAYTON ITEMS

(Mrs. W. H. Rambo, Reporter)

Mr. and Mrs. Cooley of Hagerman have moved to Dayton.

Mr. Hunt has moved his barber shop to the Proctor building.

Mr. Toler, of the oil field made a business trip to Dayton Monday.

Judge E. L. Medler, of El Paso was in Dayton Saturday of last week.

Lewis Hellburg made a business trip to Roswell Wednesday, returning Friday.

Lewis Hellburg left for El Paso and other western points on business Saturday.

F. A. Hill and his brother-in-law, Mr. Gordon, are building a filling station in Dayton.

I. L. Kerr returned Tuesday from the Texas oil field and says he is glad to get home again.

Rex and Kenneth Carroll of Artesia are spending a few days with their sister, Mrs. John Legg.

Mr. McClintock and Mr. Hane, of Wichita Falls, were in our town prospecting Friday of last week.

Mr. Gordon expects to leave for Linsey, Oklahoma, Wednesday to bring his parents and sisters here to live.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Willis and family, of Roswell, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. W. M. Lange.

Arthur Turnbull and Ted Puckett came down from Elida Thursday and Friday while Mr. Turnbull was looking for a buyer for his first grain crop he received a message from his wife saying their house, barn and everything they had was burned Thursday night. There was no one home so the origin of the fire is undetermined.

We are glad to announce that the revival has been a wonderful success with forty-two additions. We were sorry to have to close Sunday but by no means have we closed working for the cause but have only made preparations to start. We are having a reception and get acquainted meeting Thursday night of this week in the I. O. F. hall. A great time is expected. We invite you to all services and count on us being your friend. We want you to call on us in hours of trouble or any time as our motto is "Living to Serve." Come and get acquainted.

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Evening sermon 7:30 p. m. Subject of sermon "What Think Ye of Christ?"

Intermediate and Senior Endeavor 6:30 p. m. We enjoyed a great day Sunday, the Bible school nearing the 150 mark. The young peoples class winning the banner. The men are fast rallying to the cause and we look for a men's banner class in a couple of weeks. Bro. Wolfe will lecture Sunday morning to them on the ministry of Jesus. Brother Smith is expecting to take up the subject "Scheme of Redemption" and deliver in about four lectures to his class of young people. Sister Manda is leading the women's class on to a great victory. The church is making preparation to have pictures and illustrated songs of Christ, Christmas eve. Mrs. Wolfe is expected to be with us then and fine music is also going to be a treat and we are expecting Santa Clause to pay us a visit also.

Week from Sunday we are going to start our evening services at 7 o'clock in order to have all churches beginning at the same time.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday night and we humbly beg to see the members loyal and bring friends. We hope to keep our prayer meeting near the 100 mark. Come and take part we ask.

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Bible school, 10:00 a. m. Preaching, 11:00 a. m. Communion, 12:00 a. m. Bro. Cox will preach at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. We urge all members to come out and give him a good hearing.

All visiting brethren are especially invited to come and worship with us. We need you and you need us. Everyone who enjoys to hear the pure Gospel preached is invited.

BAPTIST CHURCH

We are glad to announce to our Artesia friends the coming of the Montezuma Male Quartet next Sunday evening. If you are fond of gospel music I assure you you will not be disappointed in our boys from Montezuma college.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching service at 11:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U., 6:00 p. m. Preaching, 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:00 p. m.

We welcome any and all to come and worship with us.

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Residence 407 W. Richardson, Phone 26.

9:30 a. m., Sunday school. Mr. M. A. Brown, superintendent. 11:00 a. m., Morning worship. Sermon subject: "The Eagle's Nest."—a message of comfort. 6:00 p. m. Senior and Intermediate Epworth Leagues. 8:00 p. m., evening service. Sermon subject: "Person and Work of the Holy Spirit."

7:00 p. m., Wednesday, mid-week

HOPE ITEMS

(Noel L. Johnson, Reporter)

Messrs. Theo. Murphy and George Teel have purchased new Ford cars recently.

Boyd Williams came in from Trail's End last week and reports conditions fine in his vicinity.

The water canal has been cleaned out and preparations are being made by the farmers for their winter irrigation.

School is running smoothly despite the fact that the pupils have been handicapped on account of room, caused by the fire at the school building sometime ago.

The election for water directors and Mayor Domo was held Monday. The results were as follows: water directors, F. E. Fite, L. P. Glasscock and Joe Puckett, Mayor Domo, Wm. Keller.

Another contract for a test well has been signed between H. White, Derrick and Williams, which will be drilled about three miles north of Hope. This is the second test for oil in the Hope territory.

The government geologist is in Hope now completing his survey of the artesian water belt, on the Penasco. He is expected to make his report soon and it is very likely that a test for the artesian water will be made soon after the first of the year. Indications found in the Fite well near Hope point to that fact that a measurable quantity of artesian water may be found in this section.

N. MEX. COAL WORTH \$9,774,000

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Coal produced in New Mexico in 1924 amounted to 2,786,063 tons, the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce last week announced. The total value of the coal produced was \$9,774,000 or an average of \$3.51 per ton.

There were 4,206 employees including surface and underground, in 1924 the Department said, who averaged 204 days work and 3.25 tons of coal per man per day.

Colfax county led in the amount of coal produced with 1,644,611 tons. Other counties were as follows: McKinley, 889,827; Rio Arriba, 31,662; San Juan 4,414; and other counties 215,549.

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prayer service and Bible study. 7:00 p. m., Thursday, choir rehearsal, home of Mrs. W. E. Ragsdale. 4:00 p. m., Friday, orchestra practice, home of Mrs. W. E. Ragsdale. A hearty welcome to a Home-like church.

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Masses: 7:30 a. m. (English sermon); 9:30 a. m. (Spanish sermon).

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Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., Mr. C. J. Wilde, superintendent. We are now preparing for our Christmas program, we invite all the children who attend to meet with the program committee and take an active part in the holiday activities.

Preaching service, 11:00 a. m. N. Y. P. S. at 6:00 p. m. Preaching service each evening at 7:00 p. m.

We are now in the midst of a revival, with Dr. Neely as the evangelist. He is a man of experience in the evangelistic field. His messages are forceful, logical and Biblical. Be sure to hear him, each evening at seven. He will deliver a lecture Sunday p. m. at 2:30 on the subject of The Bible, Versus the Tongues theory, every body invited.

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Corner Fourth and Grand L. B. Jones, Minister.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m., V. L. Gates general superintendent. A comparative study of our church with last year shows a good gain. Let us make it better. Come and be with us. Church services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. We invite you to attend our services.



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THE MAN AND THE MERMAID

By W. GEORGE GRIBBLE

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MR. JOHN FRANKLIN HIGGINSON, senior partner of the firm of Higginson & Rush, lay stretched at ease in his chair on a transatlantic liner. Mr. Higginson had drawn his chair to a secluded corner of the lower deck where he was closer to the water and unsheltered from the heavens. He looked out over the silver world of water, and sighed slightly, as if troubled by the exceeding beauty of the universe.

The moonlight seemed to penetrate into his brain and there to discover something which had for years been buried under a mass of legal matter, deep in the recesses of his mind. Then something stirred, took form, and turned out to be a couplet of poetry:

Ah, moon of my delight—that knows no wane,
The moon of heaven is rising once again!

Mr. Higginson smiled. Where had he heard that? Then he remembered it; it was at a musicale last winter, where some one had sung the lines just as he had entered the room. He reasoned it could only be that it aroused memories of some former sensations, in the same way as might a perfume or a few bars of music.

Mr. Higginson turned to wider and less personal thoughts, prompted by the beauty of the night. How luminous the water seemed tonight! It must be full of those phosphorescent animalcula Mr. Higginson had read about.

As he tipped off some more ashes from his cigar daintily with his little finger, he noticed how the ruby on his ring flashed in the moonlight. It was a handsome "pigeon-blood" ruby of considerable value. For a while Mr. Higginson watched the strange light it emitted under the rays of the moon.

From this musing Mr. Higginson's attention was again drawn to the water by something moving near the ship. Probably some larger species of fish, he mused, possibly—as there was a white flash—possibly even a porpoise. Then he remembered that porpoises come only in schools and leap out of the water. Mr. Higginson idly wondered at the swirling luminous water. Suddenly he stared below him. Strange, he thought, that might have been a white arm! He would liked to have asked a sailor the meaning of such phenomena, but there seemed no one about; it was evidently late, as the passengers had all turned in.

Again came a white flash in the moonlight. Then a streak of whiteness, splashing and flashing in the shimmering water. Mr. Higginson gazed spellbound; sometimes nearer, sometimes farther off, whatever it was it kept well up with the steamer. Mr. Higginson felt a little ripple creep down his spine. Suppose it should be—! The thought was too unpleasant—besides, it was obviously alive and moving. Now it was quite close in—and beyond a doubt, it had white feelers, which looked and moved like arms. Mr. Higginson's brain swam. Pictures by Bocklin came dancing before his mental vision. Then he shuddered, for there, in the moonlight, by the boat's side, swam a woman, beautifully nude! What was he to do? Could it be some demented passenger? The French lady had seemed to him somewhat unbalanced. Then, he had heard of somnambulism. Great Scott! And he would be required as a witness in case anything happened! In a turmoil of emotions Mr. Higginson waved to the lady. She came nearer somewhat cautiously. He deemed it best to humor her and temporize, as she seemed such an excellent swimmer, hoping for help to appear meanwhile. A brilliant idea presented itself to Mr. Higginson.

"I suppose you are a mermaid?" he called, very softly. He heard only what sounded like a faint laugh, while the lady, as Mr. Higginson expressed to himself, moved with a gallic abandon through the water. Perhaps she didn't understand English. "Vouss-etes une petite nymphe, n'est-ce pas?" he called again, with a sympathetic side gesture, suggestive of aquatic origin. This time he heard an unmistakable and impudent little giggle.

Mr. Higginson tried another tack. "I wish I were down there with you!" he said as enviously as he could—then he stopped and blushed as he remembered the full significance of his remark. He only hoped no one had heard him!

"Do you sing?—chantez-vous?" he called again, hoping she would throw discretion to the winds in her desire to act out the part of a Lorelei, and thus attract the attention of the watch. This time his question was answered. Soft, like silver cadences, came the most exquisite singing Mr. Higginson had ever heard. He could not tell the words, but it sounded like "Wela-Wala, Wala-Wela!" repeated in ever changing modulations. The nearest approach to it he had ever heard was a part of that otherwise sadly muddled opera "Das Rheingold."

Like a sigh the singing ended, and Mr. Higginson scarcely yet breathed, afraid to lose a note of it. A laugh rippled up to him. There below him was the lady whose singing was only matched by her swimming.

Mr. Higginson once more became embarrassed at the propinquity of her gleaming body, but she seemed honestly and frankly unashamed. Her hair glistened like gold and silver in the

moonlight, while one arm moved out of the water and in with scarcely a ripple.

"What do you want?" he asked almost in a whisper. She made a gesture with one hand and the little finger of the other. He looked at his hand and saw the ruby shining there. He looked at her doubtfully. She made a pleading gesture and gazed at him so fully, that as in a dream he took off his ring and dropped it into the ocean. She caught it deftly as it flashed into the water and pressed it to her lips. "Thank you! thank you!" she exclaimed in perfect English.

"So you can speak English?" he queried. "Yes," she replied, and her voice sounded like a ripple of water. "I can speak any language once I have touched to my lips something belonging to one who speaks it." Mr. Higginson's mind ran over cases he had heard of witnesses who could speak under the spell of a golden coin. "She might have asked for my handkerchief or my necktie," he thought to himself a little ruefully, but aloud he said: "Who are you?"

"You wouldn't believe me," she laughed.

"Not really!" he exclaimed with a vague shudder. She nodded, and splashed the water up to him with a little laugh.

"Where do you live?" he asked. . . "Do not move and I will tell you, as you have been so kind to me." And, softly splashing by the vessel's side, she told him the following, half singing in a curious, fascinating rhythm: "My name is Pelagia, and I was born in a sea-shell in a cave of corals, many miles below the surface. Down there is a world of beings of all sorts—mermaids like me, mermen, oyster maidens, which grow from pearls; mothers-of-pearl, which are the mothers of the oyster maidens; coral dwarfs, which never come to the surface; and sea anemones, which are old men, descendants, they say, of the god Neptune. We have our laws and we are bound to keep them. One of them is that we may only appear once in our lives to human beings."

Mr. Higginson felt a subtle glow of satisfaction at these words.

"So you are having your night out?" he ventured. But she ignored his remark by diving under the water. When she came up she continued: "Have you ever heard of Undine?" He remembered the name vaguely, but could not recall her story. "Well," she went on, "you should read it, for it is quite true. A recollection flashed through his mind. "Do you mean to say that that old story of mermaids not having souls, but being able to acquire them through human love, is true?" She nodded her head half sadly. "That is why we are allowed to show ourselves to a human being once in our lives." "And do you generally choose an ocean liner?" he asked, thinking mermaids must be developing a sense for business. "Not generally," she replied, mostly it is sailors or fishermen. But do you remember, last year, hearing of a very rich man who was lost at sea?" Mr. Higginson remembered perfectly—a very wealthy Wall street broker who had thrown himself overboard from a transatlantic steamer. "Yes," he said, "I remember very distinctly." "Well, he is married to one of my friends," she said, with a mischievous glance that made Mr. Higginson shiver. "I hope he's happy!" he managed to say in a conventional tone. "Oh, perfectly!" she replied coolly, "he gave her a most lovely engagement ring, almost as handsome as this one!" Mr. Higginson turned icy cold. "But," he choked, and his voice sounded strange, "that is not an engagement ring!" She sent out a ripple of laughter and splashed the water merrily, "Oh, yes it is!" "And do you mean to say that I am affianced to you?" gasped Mr. Higginson. "By the laws of our realm you are bound to me!" she said, tossing her golden hair in the spray. "But I know nothing of your laws. By our laws—by the laws of Great Britain and the law of the United States—I am not bound to you or any woman!" His tone was almost defiant. "But, sweetheart mine!" she laughed, "don't you see you are not in any one of those countries, but on the ocean, and should you not be tied by the law of the realm you are in?" An awful logic in her remark struck him speechless with horror. "Besides," she resumed reflectively, gazing at the ring, "you ought to be glad to have me, Am I not beautiful?" and with naive frankness she half lifted herself on a little wave and clasped her hands behind her head, gazing up at him in a way to make him giddy and set his heart racing wildly. In truth, she was gloriously beautiful! His antipathy for her seemed to melt into the moonlight.

"But I know nothing of your language, your customs, your laws," he expostulated weakly.

"You could go to school," she whispered, with a glance that made his heart stand still with ecstasy.

"School!" he said. "What school? Have you schools down there?" "Of course!" and she smiled. "We have a school of porpoises which you might attend. That is where the rich man went to." There was a flash of merriment in her eyes, which wholly escaped him. He was bending over, devouring her beauty with his eyes. She stretched up her arms to him. "When," he whispered, "when shall I come?"

A yearning look crept into her face and her mouth seemed formed as if for an answer—or a kiss. His elbow and one foot were on the taffrail, when he was seized from behind with a grip of iron and forced backwards, while a gruff voice said in his ear:

"It's against the cap'n's orders to jump overboard."

Mr. Higginson started, stared, and walked slowly to his stateroom.

AUTO LICENSE TO BE ISSUED AT CARLSBAD

Carlsbad, N. M., Dec. 5, 1925. The Artesia Advocate, Artesia, N. M. Gentlemen:

In order to facilitate the issuance of automobile licenses for the year 1926 and for the convenience of the people of the lower Pecos Valley and Eddy county, the State Comptroller has arranged to issue the license plates for motor vehicle owners of this community at Carlsbad.

An office will be maintained at the Court House during the months of December and January and applications will be received and plates issued at the office. This will save the owners of motor vehicles much delay in securing their license. A sufficient office force will be on duty to assist in making out the applications of those who wish or need this assistance.

It is also planned to have a representative of the Comptroller's office visit Artesia for several days later in the month of December and accept applications and issue plates there for the convenience of the residents of that community.

Owing to an unavoidable delay in printing the County Assessor's automobile tax blanks, licenses cannot be issued probably before about December 15th, as it will be necessary for the owner to have first paid his property tax on his automobile before a license can be issued to him.

Yours very truly,
W. S. BARNES,
Assistant State Comptroller.

Expensive Presents Do

Not Give Most Pleasure

MR. AND MRS. GORSE were invited to spend Christmas with Mr. Gorse's wealthy sister on her farm. "But we can't; we can't," insisted Mrs. Gorse. "Our rent has been raised this year, and living is so dear in town we cannot afford presents that even her children will enjoy."

"It's us they want, and not our gifts," rejoined Mr. Gorse. "You leave the presents to me."

On Christmas Day the Gorses drove up to the big white country house in their flivver. Such a welcome as they received. Not an idle nor an embarrassing moment—even for Mrs. Gorse who discarded so reluctantly the weight of city poverty. Laughter, music, fun prevailed. And after dinner, when the grown-ups peeked into the nursery to see what the children were doing, Mr. Gorse had his triumph. The children had discarded their expensive toys, and sat in a circle on the floor playing industriously with some ten-cent magnets he had brought.

"You know our children's likes better than we do," said the charming hostess, as she led the Gorses back to the living room. "And nothing I received pleases me so much as the books you brought me, unless it is to have you here on Christmas day."

Even Mrs. Gorse knew that her words rang true.—H. Lucius Cook.

Gob Humor

She loves my company;
She always will—
She knows the places;
I pay the bill.

Greek Meets Greek

"You said you were a member of the A. E. F."
"Yes."
"Ah—would you mind telling what chapter?"—Centre Colonel.

Christmas Cards at the Advocate

A COMPARISON OF VALUES IN N. M.

The figures as to the values and assessments of livestock for a period of ten years afford some interesting comparisons between valuations for purposes of taxation and the values as reported by government statisticians. The statements below are based upon compilations by the Taxpayers' association of New Mexico.

In 1915 the total assessment of cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats and swine amounted to \$49,473,902 and the value reported by the government for the same classes of livestock was \$64,998,000. In 1924 the total assessed value was \$26,688,133 and the government value \$51,825,000. Assessed value fell off 45 per cent and government value 20 per cent.

In 1915 there were returned 878,072 head of cattle assessed at \$32,036,312, while the government reported 1,059,000 head valued at \$39,362,000. In 1924 there were returned 947,714 head of cattle assessed at \$17,780,565, while the government reported 1,207,000 head valued at \$28,450,000. The number of assessed increased 8 per cent and the assessment decreased 44 per cent. The number reported by the government increased 14 per cent and the value reported decreased 27 per cent. Of horses and mules, there were 147,133 head returned in 1915 assessed at \$6,895,499, the government reports showing 233,000 head for that year valued at \$13,231,000. In 1924 130,563 head were assessed, a total of \$3,655,168, while the government reported 197,000 head valued at \$8,124,000. The number assessed decreased 11 per cent and the number reported by the government 15 per cent. The total assessment fell off 45 per cent and the government valuations 39 per cent.

In 1915 there were 2,345,060 sheep and goats returned with a total assessment of \$10,330,544. The government figures showed 3,340,000 head valued at \$11,690,000. For 1924 we found 1,072,238 sheep and goats assessed at \$5,141,731 while the government reports showed 2,248,000 head valued at \$14,612,000. The number assessed decreased 55 per cent in ten years and the assessment 50 per cent. In the government figures, the number decreased 30 per cent and the total value of 25 per cent.

In 1915 swine numbered 20,633 on the tax rolls, assessed at \$211,547, while government figures showed 73,000 head valued at \$715,000. In 1924 there were found 19,926 head for taxation assessed at \$110,663, the government statistics showing 71,000 head valued at \$639,000. The number assessed decreased 3 per cent and the total assessment 48 per cent. In the government reports the number decreased 3 per cent and the value sixteen per cent.

Livestock reached its highest assessment and its highest estimated value in 1918 when the assessment reached 71,049,240 and the value estimated by government statisticians was \$109,966,000.

In 1915 the average assessment per head of cattle was \$36.18 and in 1918 it was \$43.07. The government reports indicated a value of \$43.88 in 1918. The big crops came in 1921 and in 1922, the assessments being \$27.73 and \$19.28 for these years respectively. For 1924 the average assessment was \$18.76 while the government reports indicated \$23.57 for that year and \$22.55 for 1925.

Horses and mules were assessed at their highest figure in 1918, the average being \$58.59, government reports showing \$63.76. For 1924 the average assessment was \$28.00 and the government valuation \$41.24. For 1925 the value estimated by the statisticians was \$39.34.

Sheep and goats were assessed at an average of \$7.44 in 1918, when government estimates showed a value of \$10.00. The average assessment for 1924 was \$4.80 and the government average estimate was \$6.50. For 1925 the government reports indicated an average value of \$6.00.

Swine reached the highest assessment in 1919, the average being \$10.43 per head. For 1924 the average assessment was only \$5.55. Government reports indicate the highest value, \$21.68 in 1920. For 1924 and 1925 the government estimates were \$9.00 and \$11.00 respectively.

Hear the Montezuma Male Quartette, Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock at Baptist church. 12-10-ltc

A MATTER OF MONEY



He—'I'm going to give you a Christmas present this year that no money can buy.
She—I prefer cue that some money can buy.

LOCALS

Mrs. Howell Gage visited in Roswell Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hammond, Dec. 3rd, a daughter.

Charles Horne, of Carlsbad, was the guest of Keith Hoffman over the week-end.

Mrs. Oscar Bullock and baby have been visiting her parents at Hagerman this week.

A. H. Ramage of Joplin, Missouri, is in Artesia this week, looking after his oil interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Montray, who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ira Reesor, north of town, left last week for La Mesa this state.

J. Gregory, of Clayton arrived in Artesia this week with a bunch of horses and mules which he plans to auction off the latter part of the week.

Mrs. J. H. Felton, of the Cottonwood community, who has been seriously ill for the past ten days, with a severe case of pneumonia is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Alta Linell returned this week from Long Beach, California, where she had been for several months. She visited relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards, at Albuquerque en route home.

Frank Howard, a Cottonwood farmer was attending to business matters here Monday. Mr. Howard has proved himself a very successful bean grower, from five acres of beans he will gather approximately 3000 pounds this year. He also has some corn which will yield about 90 bushels per acre, although the crop this year will not average this amount.

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NOTICE

In the Probate Court, County of Eddy, New Mexico.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AUGUST E. WITTKOPP,
Deceased.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that Martha Wilhelmine Wittkopp has filed her petition and affidavit herein for her appointment as administratrix of the estate of August E. Wittkopp, deceased, and that by order of said Probate Court the 4th day of January, 1926, at ten o'clock A. M. at the courtroom of said court at Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, is the time and place set for hearing said petition.

Therefore any person or persons wishing to enter objections to said petition are hereby notified to file their objections in the office of the County Clerk of Eddy County, New Mexico on or before the time set for said hearing.

Dated at Carlsbad, New Mexico, this 14th day of November, 1925.
G. W. SHEPHERD,
County Clerk, Eddy County, New Mexico.
L. M. NELSON, Deputy.

11-19-4t

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

ROBERT H. SAVAGE, Plaintiff,
Vs.
KATHRYN SAVAGE, Defendant.
No. 4167.

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
to Kathryn Savage, defendant,
GREETING:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the above entitled court wherein Robert H. Savage is plaintiff and you, the said Kathryn Savage are defendant, said cause being numbered 4167 upon the Civil Docket of said Court.

The general objects of said suit are as follows: Plaintiff complains and alleges that you wilfully and without cause deserted and abandoned him on or about the 30th day of September, 1925 and prays the court for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between himself and you, the said defendant, and restoring him to his full status as a single person.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause and plead or answer therein on or before the 11th day of January, 1926, you will be adjudged in default and the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed in his complaint.

You are further notified that Threlkeld & Reese are Attorneys for the plaintiff and that their business address is Artesia, New Mexico.

Witness the hand of the Clerk of said Court and the seal thereof at Carlsbad, New Mexico this 14th day of November, 1925.

(SEAL)
G. W. SHEPHERD, Clerk.
By L. M. NELSON, Deputy.

11-19-4t

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

DAVID YOUNG, Plaintiff,
Vs.
RUTH YOUNG, Defendant.
No. 4168.

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
TO RUTH YOUNG, defendant,
GREETING:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the above entitled court wherein David Young is plaintiff and you, the said Ruth Young are defendant, said cause being numbered 4168 upon the Civil Docket of said Court.

The general objects of said suit are as follows: Plaintiff complains and alleges that you wilfully and without cause deserted and abandoned him on or about the 30th day of September, 1925, and prays the court for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between himself and you, the said defendant, and restoring him to his full status as a single person.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause and plead or answer therein on or before the 11th day of January, 1926, you will be adjudged in default and the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed in his complaint.

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G. W. SHEPHERD, Clerk.
By L. M. NELSON, Deputy.

11-19-4t

NOTICE

In the Probate Court, County of Eddy, New Mexico

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTIAN ROADY,
Deceased.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that Charles H. Roady has filed his petition and affidavit herein for his appointment as administrator of the estate of Christian Roady, deceased, and that by order of said Probate Court the 4th day of January, 1926, at ten o'clock A. M. at the courtroom of said court at Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, is the time and place set for hearing said petition.

Therefore, any person or persons wishing to enter objections to said petition are hereby notified to file their objections in the office of the County Clerk of Eddy County, New Mexico, on or before the time set for said hearing.

Dated at Carlsbad, New Mexico,

DEE McCALLISTER IS FATALLY INJURED IN ROSWELL AUTO CRASH

Dee McCallister was fatally injured in an auto accident Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock at Roswell, according to an account of the accident appearing in the Roswell Record. Following the accident he was rushed to the St. Mary's hospital, suffering from a fractured skull, concussion of the brain and internal injuries. In some manner he was pinned underneath the car and suffered numerous injuries. He never regained consciousness after being carried to the hospital and died at 4:30 p. m. Friday.

His body was placed in the Talamage mortuary to await the arrival of relatives. No funeral arrangements were made at the early part of the week.

McCallister and J. F. Fenson were on their way south on Main street when in front of the South Side Market they collided with a car driven by G. G. Gilmore, who was turning around at the intersection of Main and Bland streets. The car driven by Fenson, a Ford touring, hit the front wheel of the Gilmore car and turned over, pinning McCallister underneath. The car was lifted off of McCallister and he was rushed to the hospital.

McCallister came to Roswell with his wife and son, age nine years, last summer from Oklahoma and has been working in and out of this city since that time. He is a man fifty years of age.

Coroner's Jury Empaneled.
Placing the blame on no one, a coroner's jury was empaneled, Saturday morning to inquire into the circumstances connected with and surrounding the death of Dee McCallister, who died late Friday afternoon following injuries received in an automobile accident near the South Side Market on South Main street.

The jury after hearing all the evidence returned a verdict to the effect that Dee McCallister died as the result of injuries received in a collision between two cars, one driven by G. G. Gilmore and the other by J. F. Fenson.

The evidence at this hearing showed that when the two cars collided that G. G. Gilmore was turning around at the intersection of Main and Bland streets, and that he was east and south of the center of the street, where he had a right to be.

The evidence also showed that Fenson was driving south at a rate of speed between 25 and 30 miles an hour; that the right front wheel of the Fenson car struck the right hind wheel of the Gilmore car and that the Fenson car turned completely over and then fell on its side.

The jury by this verdict failed to place the blame for McCallister's death on any person, neither did they say that the accident was unavoidable.

MAN AND CHILD BURNED
On last Saturday night about 7:00 o'clock the residence of R. Hardy was discovered to be on fire.

Mr. Hardy was pumping up an air pressure oil heater, when the tank bursted, throwing the burning oil all over himself and little Woodrow.

Mrs. Goodloe, daughter of Mr. Hardy, got her father out of the burning building and her daughter took Woodrow out. The oil had covered the little fellow so that as he ran across the street his clothing were a mass of flames. He sustained serious burns of body and face, which made a grafting of the skin necessary.

Mr. Hardy was severely burned on the right arm, the burns reaching the muscles of the arm.

Before assistance could arrive the building was an inferno of flames, and beyond all hope of extinguishing.

The building and contents were a total loss.

There was insurance of \$2000 on the building and \$100 on the contents.

Mr. Hardy and Woodrow were removed to the residence of C. S. Turner, where every assistance possible was given their injuries.—Portales News.

Chocolate Caramels
Use one pound of brown sugar, one-fourth pound unsweetened chocolate, shaved, and one-half cupful of water. Boil same as fudge and before removing from fire add a generous lump of butter and one cupful of walnut or other nut meats or they may be omitted. After it is poured into a buttered pan cut it in squares before it gets hard.

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OVER HALF MILLION DOLLARS DELINQUENT TAXES SAYS OWENS

That over half a million in back taxes have been collected was the statement of J. E. Owens to the state finance board this week. He says that at this rate it is only a question of a short time until the state will have reduced its past due taxes to the vanishing point.

The tax commission's campaign to reduce outstanding franchise and succession taxes brought in \$8,080.84 of the former and \$10,511.83 of the latter up to December 1, he said.

Mr. Owens reported that the special tax collectors, charged with clearing up the delinquency in taxes, are doing splendid work in most of the counties.

The state highway department was authorized by the board to purchase a Dodge roadster for J. A. Sandoval, maintenance superintendent, and a Buick coupe for O. L. McRae, gasoline tax collector, while the state health bureau was given permission to buy a Ford.

The Meadow City bank, recently opened at Las Vegas was designated as a state depository.

Loans were granted by the board, as follows:
Institute for the blind, \$7,500.

Catron county school board, \$5,000.
Roy school board, \$2,000.
State Teachers College, \$5,000.
Des Moines school board, \$2,000.—
State Record.

Santa a Curiosity

Jud Tunkins says he wishes there were a Santa Claus, because it would be such a relief to have a stranger drive up to the house and not try to sell him something.—Washington Evening Star.

Notice of Trustees Sale

I, as trustee of The Vogue, Inc., bankrupt, will sell at

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Friday, Dec. 18, 1925

at 10 o'clock a. m., at the building occupied by said stock in Artesia, New Mexico, all of the stock and fixtures belonging to said incorporation, the stock consists of Ladies' Ready to Wear, Men's Suits, Hats, Shirts, Ties, Shoes, Underwear and etc. The fixtures consist of Desk, Tables, Chairs, Filing Cabinet, Show Cases, Counters, Shelving and etc.

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TURNING ON THE GAS

Perhaps the most hopeless combination on earth is that of a jay walker and a jay driver.

The groom at the wedding, like an automobile engine, is unseen but very necessary to make the thing go.

Grocers and dry goods merchants have to pay for a lot of automobiles they don't own.

That "He Who Hesitates Is Lost" was not written of the wise man who hesitates at railroad crossings.

There's small choice. When a road is freed of all other hazards, there's a speed cop.

How many Sunday automobile accidents are due to people hurrying to church, asks Rev. L. B. Jones?

The speed of your car, says Guy Stevenson, depends on whether you are bragging to a friend or explaining to a judge.

The man who got disgusted strap hanging is now going crazy looking for a parking place.

Letter of Self Made Father to Son

There are times when reason, advice, supplication and order fail to produce results in the rising generation. Satire may still be tried. Here, to illustrate, is a letter of a self-made man to his son in college.

Mr. Peterson Blank, Jr., Spoor University.
My Dear Son:

Enclosed you will be pleased to find the eleventh check sent you since college opened, two weeks ago. I imagine that you will apply it as payment on your purchase of the campus. If you are about to buy a stadium, museum and memorial chapel, you had better demand quit claim deeds. It gives me great satisfaction to observe your earnestness and devotion in respect of that important branch of your college studies listed as football, as indicated by the following.

Due for professional service, Jno. J. Jones, M. D.:

To resetting both knee caps, \$10.00; straightening nose, \$25.00; removal of epiglottis from stomach, \$40.00; restoration of diaphragm from rear to front, \$50.00; amputation of left ear, \$1.00—total \$126.00.

My dear boy, by close application and concentration through your four years of college life, you ought to be able to stand, if at all, at the head of your class in football, but I suggest that you either get your remaining ear insured or make some arrangements with Dr. Jones for a discount for cash for his amputations.

Reviewing your ten eloquent letters, I gather that you now have 18 pairs of trousers and 12 coats. Your mother suggests that it would be well you should have enough coats to go with the pants—a vital point in your determined struggle for the higher education that, unfortunately your father had fully overlooked in making his semi-weekly remittances.

Rest assured, my dear son, that this part of the family will spare no pains in aiding you to return with the polish of a college diploma.

Affectionately your father,
PETERSON BLANK, SR.
—Exchange.

A man I know, in a hurry to get rid of some of his home-brew, poured it into the goldfish globe. And on his return he discovered the fish had eaten their way out of the globe, had killed the cat, overturned the kitchen stove, and were putting the finishing touches to the family bulldog.—West Point Pointer.

A farmer came to town to insert an obituary notice.

"How much do you charge?" he asked.

"A dollar an inch," was the reply. "Migod! He was six feet tall!"—Ski-U-M.

The small boy from the city was roaming about in the country when he came upon a dozen or more empty condensed milk cans. Greatly excited, he yelled to his companions: "Hey, fellers, come here quick! I've found a cow's nest!"

FINISH ROUGH OUTLINE NEW ELECTION CODE

SANTA FE, N. M.—Finishing a rough outline of the new election code, the board appointed by Gov. A. T. Hannett to draft the law, recessed Saturday afternoon after being in session here all week.

The board meets again December 17 in Albuquerque to prepare a tentative draft which is to be published in the press of the state and submitted to senators and representatives for criticism. The straw vote, to determine whether the law can be enacted, is not to be taken until the final draft is made, incorporating criticisms suggested by the law makers and others.

Rather Thin Pie

"I know the pie was rather thin," said the landlady, "but I don't think my boarder should have said what he did."
"What did he say?"
"He asked if I didn't think the pie crust would be improved if it had another coat of paint."

N. MEX. ALL TOGETHER

(By Kyle S. CRICHTON)

"Tex" Austin, an internationally known promoter of rodeos, and a staunch New Mexican, advocates the revival of the old Mexico State Fair. Austin, who left Las Vegas ten years ago and struck out into rodeo promotion on a large scale has since had shows at the Wembley Exhibition in London; Madison Square Stadium, New York; Yankee Stadium, New York; and Lincoln Park, Chicago, is one of the best publicity assets New Mexico has. His words on any amusement proposition bear weight. He has just built himself a ranch home near Pecos, N. M., and wants to help get the State Fair idea back on its feet in this state. More power to him or anybody else who will do it!

The Seaberg Hotel of Raton is the only hotel in the United States having as many as one hundred and sixty rooms in a population of six thousand or less, with the exception in resort cities in which hotels are not open the year around.

"When New Mexico learns to think in millions of dollars as they do in Florida, New Mexico will experience a greater 'boom' than Florida ever thought of," says R. H. Carter, State Comptroller, who has just returned from a visit to the southern state. Mr. Carter expressed his belief that New Mexico is the better of the two states in which to make investments in land.

Good Housekeeping and other national magazines have taken up the Christmas tree idea of Lloyd Storm of Albuquerque. Storm's plan of taking poor families into his home and entertaining them as a member of his family has taken the fancy of people everywhere. It is known as the "Albuquerque Plan," and has had publicity from dozens of national sources.

Socorro county on November 21 shipped its first carload of cotton. It was shipped to the gin at Las Cruces. The yield resulted from an experiment which was so successful that 300 acres will be planted next year.

See our samples of Engraving—Artesia Advocate.

Found Out Too Late
"Not happy? With so beautiful a bride? Why, man, you got the girl who was the talk of the town!"
"So I discover."

Woodstock typewriters for sale—Advocate Office.

DISEASES REPORTED FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 28, 1925

Chickenpox—Bernalillo 12, De Baca 6, Luna 1, McKinley 5, Quay 4, Santa Fe 2.
Diphtheria—Bernalillo 1, Chaves 7.
Gonorrhoea—Bernalillo 5, McKinley 2.
Influenza—Dona Ana 2.
Mumps—Bernalillo 1, Chaves 1.
Pellagra—Chaves 1.
Pneumonia—Dona Ana 1, McKinley 2.
Pupetral Sepsis—San Miguel 1.
Scarlet Fever—Bernalillo 8, Guadalupe 1, Chaves 1, De Baca 1, Lincoln 3, Union 3.
Syphilis—Bernalillo 2, Santa Fe 1.
Tuberculosis—Bernalillo 15, Grant 11, Luna 5.
Typhoid—Bernalillo 2, Catron 3, Chaves 1, Roosevelt 1, San Juan 1, Sierra 1.
Whooping Cough—Grant 2, McKinley 10.
A beautiful line of Xmas cards now on display for your approval. The Smoke House. 11-12-1fc

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OPERATORS ATTEND OIL MEETING AT ROSWELL

(Continued from page one)
The state of New Mexico will back the five-year leases to the limit, and will make any reasonable regulations to encourage oil development in the state. There are 8,000,000 acres of state land in New Mexico under lease for oil and gas.

So long as state lands in the counties of Chaves, Eddy and Lea can be leased for 15 cents an acre, this rental will be charged by the state land office, except in cases where a well is drilled on the lease, in which event 5 cents an acre rental will be charged.

Leases on state land should be recorded in the state land office. The last state legislature passed a law making the state land office the office of record in New Mexico and the recording of the leases at Santa Fe is sufficient. There is no reason, however, why these leases can't be recorded in the counties where the land is situated, if the lease owners so desire.

All red-tape and regulations interfering in any way with development of New Mexico will be eliminated by the state land commissioner just so long as the people generally lose no rights thereby.

Fees of \$5.00 will be charged for recording leases in the state land office. This charge covers only the cost of the recording fee and is the only way in which this overhead may be maintained.

Artesia Oil Field Maps, 25c—Advocate.

P. V. COTTON GROWERS MEET

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Representatives of Eddy county. The seed used for planting should either be sterilized or fumigated. The motion, however, was never brought to a vote.

Representatives from the farming district near Las Cruces agreed to a movement of seed between the two valleys provided the seed were properly sterilized.

Recommendations for the control of the worm were that the cotton fields be pastured with stock and that all trash be removed from the gins and burned.

Representatives from all the districts in the Valley attended. Of the Eddy county farmers who went, Carlsbad headed the list with nine representatives led by Messrs. Tracy and Beeman.

WANTED—Clean cotton rags at The Advocate.

HEALTH CLINIC

A Baby Health Clinic will be held in the Presbyterian Sunday school room tomorrow afternoon from 2:30 to 5:00 p. m. by the county health nurse, Miss Edith Clement. All children under school age are entitled to examination in this clinic and Miss Clement is very anxious that the mothers bring their children.

See Joe A. Clayton for plans and estimates before you build. 11-19-tfc

FOUR CARLSBAD GIRLS DISAPPEAR

Officers were on an all night search for four young girls, who disappeared from Carlsbad last night. They were dressed in overalls and boys clothing when last seen.

Nothing has been learned as to their whereabouts as we go to press.

THINKING THAT COUNTS



"All the girls think she's perfectly beautiful."
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Very Little More Now and a Lot Less Finally

There's the whole story of Goodyear Balloon Tire prices as compared with the cost of your present tires. For the little more now you get vastly increased riding comfort, much-reduced repair bills, better appearance, speed and mileage.

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Come in and talk it over with us. We have records to show you.

LANNING SERVICE STATION

TELEPHONE 179—EAST OF TRACKS

OHIO WELL IS IMPORTANT EXTENSION TO PROVEN AREA

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surely developed to the north to which little attention is being paid.

Other activity in the field during the week was the shooting of the Flynn, Welch & Yates No. 2 well on the Dunn permit in Sec. 11-18-28, it being shot by the New Mexico Glycerin Co., with 240 quarts from 2348 to 2560 feet. From a late report 800 feet of oil is standing in the hole.

Another well to be shot was the Ohio Oil Co.'s No. 2 Daugherty in Sec. 4-1-28, which was bumped by the American Glycerin Co., with 190 quarts from 2202 to 2350 feet. This will make a good producer when cleaned out. The Texas Co. are preparing to shoot their No. 4 in the north extension, it now standing with 250 feet of fluid in the hole. The Frontier Petroleum Co. are also completing another producer, this being the No. 5 on the McQuigg Bros. lease in Sec. 4-18-28. The No. 1 of this company is now on production.

From the amount of oil being made in the Pueblo Oil Co.'s No. 2, in Sec. 4-18-28, it is one of the best wells in the field, it putting the fluid out at the rate of 250 barrels daily. The No. 4 on the same lease gives indication of being an even better producer, it now standing 1800 feet in fluid following a shot of 120 quarts.

To the east of the field the Cheesman-Ballard-Clark No. 1 on the Massey permit is drilling at 2525 feet, having had another showing. This however is a characteristic of wells drilled to the east.

To the southeast, Snowden-McSweeney are carrying their No. 1 on the McNutt permit in Sec. 4-21-30 down, it now drilling at 4287 feet. A hat full of gas was picked up from the 500 feet of sand topped at 3700 feet.

South of Hope the Seider Drilling Co. are under-reaming the 12 1/2 inch at 1130 feet on the Fite No. 1 test of the Hope Development Co. Work has been resumed on the Manning Dome well of the Arkansas Gas & Fuel Co. at 2400 feet. The Magnolia Petroleum Co. have entered the Manning Dome country by the purchase of Sec. 6-16-17. Other wells to resume drilling are the New States No. 1 in the Roswell area, which has been shut down at 1050 feet. Campbell is also starting up on his No. 1, which suspended operations at 3625 feet.

SANTA CLAUS APPEARS IN MANY SHOW WINDOWS

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dows of the Dewell store are likewise an attractive spot.

Coming down Main street lovers of jewelry will find an artistic arrangement of diamonds, watches and pins in the window of the Mogul Jewelry Co. This company now has the largest stock of diamonds ever seen here.

The Smoke House is preparing for the coming holiday season and have arranged many tasty decorations in the windows. Likewise the hardware department of Joyce-Pruit Co., who are featuring toys for the kiddies and an assortment of crockery and dishes.

The Richards Electrical Shop have on display many useful gifts in the electrical line, which will no doubt aid the window shoppers in solving the gift problem. The Bartlett Electric Co. are also displaying many Christmas wares.

The Peoples Mercantile Co., last evening completed the arrangement of their windows and have attractively displayed many suggestions. The dry goods department have effectively used holly paper, suggestive of the coming season in arranging the various articles.

OIL LEASES ARE PROPERTY ASS'T ATTORNEY GEN. RULES

Oil leases are property and may be accepted in payment of capital stock, according to a ruling made public by Assistant Attorney General Bujac at Santa Fe in an opinion handed down Monday afternoon. The opinion was made in reply to a query made by the state corporation commission.

WANTED—Clean cotton rags at The Advocate.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The American Home Department gave the program at the regular club meeting yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the president, Mrs. G. R. Brainard, the vice president, Mrs. J. W. Graham presided and Mrs. Frank Wilson acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Albert Richards. Mrs. Tom Heflin was admitted to membership.

Preceding the regular study Mrs. M. A. Corbin, chairman of the music department, read an interesting chapter upon music appreciation.

A very worth-while program was given upon the subject of the "American Home," by the department under the direction of the acting chairman, Mrs. A. L. Allinger, who was assisted in giving it by Mesdames Fred Brainard, Kennedy, Graham, Alf Coll and Reed Brainard. The program was divided into the following subjects—"Four Essentials in Establishing an Ideal Home," "Is Something Wrong With Our Homes," "Remarks on Home Survey," "Four Fundamental Failures in Family Life," and the "Ladder." Responses to roll call were some thought upon the subject of the afternoon and tasteful souvenirs formed part of this good program.

The club is pleased to have a state chairman among its membership. Mrs. J. B. Atkeson was recently appointed state chairman of Conservation by the state president, Mrs. L. M. Taylor, of Springer, and gave a little talk upon the objectives of her department, one of the most important being the conservation of our forests and the prevention of forest fires.

It was voted to dispose of the dramatic program scheduled for December 23rd. The next meeting, therefore, will be the annual business meeting in January.

Box of 20 Christmas cards, assorted, \$1.50, at The Advocate.

SIX MEMBERS OF BUSH FAMILY VERY SICK

The many friends of the Bush family here will be grieved to learn of their sad misfortune at Mission, Texas, where they moved about a year ago. The following clipping from the Mission Times explains their unfortunate circumstances. Since the article was printed the news has been received here that the oldest daughter, Josephine, has succumbed to typhoid.

John Bush has the sympathy of our people in his severe ordeal he is passing through. Six of his family are very ill with fever. He is the only member of the family that has escaped. Neighbors and friends have done everything possible in rendering service both in caring for the sick and rendering financial aid, as two nurses are necessary to give the sick the attention necessary. Father Fassbender asked for financial aid last Sunday morning. At the Union Thanksgiving service at the Methodist church a free will offering was taken which will go to this family.

Mr. Bush and family came here about a year ago from Artesia, New Mexico. They are very fine people and are deserving of help in this time of need.

Old friends and neighbors of the Bush family in and around Artesia, who wish to send a contribution should hand their check to Wm. Dooley or mail remittance direct to J. G. Busch, Mission, Texas.

MRS DILLARD NOW ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

Owing to the continued disability of Mrs. A. A. Kaiser at Carlsbad, Mrs. J. M. Dillard has been chosen to fill the office of county superintendent until such time as Mrs. Kaiser is able to perform her office duties again.

Mrs. Dillard is conversant with every phase of the office work connected with the superintendent's office and those who may have business to transact with the superintendent may rest assured that their wants will receive prompt attention.

Artesia Oil Field Maps, 25c—Advocate.

FOUR TEST HOLES FOR 3RD RESERVOIR FINISHED

The work of drilling the test holes at the proposed third reservoir was finished last week, and the results have been forwarded to the interior department at Washington. Just what the recommendations will be will not be known until after the report has been gone over by the secretary of the interior, and on such report hangs the fate of the third reservoir.

The fact that four holes were drilled is considered of importance, and the managers of the additional water storage reservoir here feel greatly encouraged for the success of the movement.—Carlsbad Argus.

ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL WILL OPEN BASKET BALL SEASON

The Artesia high school boys basket ball team will open the season tomorrow at Hagerman when they will meet the strong Hagerman aggregation. The Artesia high team has developed some splendid material and will no doubt be able to give a good account of themselves against all comers.

Oh, Boy! those Xmas cards. See them at the Smoke House. 11-12-tfc

Christmas Suggestion Both Practical and Appropriate

Received this morning a full shipment of Ladies Hats, all shades, styles and colors. You can now get the benefit of selection among these new Hats for your Christmas present.

Ladies' Dresses at Greatly Reduced Price
Special Price on every Dress in the store.
They make attractive gifts.

Don't forget kiddies, we have the Doll you want, Mamma Dolls, Papa Dolls, Walking Dolls and Talking Dolls.

Peoples Mercantile Company THE CHRISTMAS STORE

LOCAL

S. S. Ward went to Santa Fe Tuesday on business.

Miss Katherine Walterscheid has been on the sick list this week.

A ten pound girl was born to Prof. Harold Mehrens and wife, this morning, the 10th.

W. E. Ragsdale and Wm. Kissinger went to Roswell Tuesday to attend a meeting of oil men.

Mrs. A. F. Phillips and daughter, Miss Rosita and Mesdames Carr and Clady motored to Roswell today.

Superintendent Reid of the Artesia schools is in Arizona this week and will be home Sunday or Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brown enjoyed a visit this week from Mr. Brown's parents, who drove over from Leuders, Texas, to see their new grandson.

The Episcopal Guild held a very successful bazaar and cooked food sale in the room west of the City Cafe last Saturday. Something over \$200 was realized.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lanning, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manda, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Coll and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hartell were among the Artesia people, who were in Roswell Tuesday.

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P. T. A. MEETING

The Parent Teachers Association will hold an open meeting next Thursday evening, the place to be announced later, probably from the churches Sunday. All patrons of the school, both fathers and mothers are invited to be present.

The second grade will render an operetta entitled "Cinderella's Visit." Music numbers will be given by Mesdames Corbin, Gates, Jones and the Misses Laura Raguse and Harriett Rose.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the program.

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- Blazers
- Sweaters
- Gloves
- Scarfs
- Ties and Sox
- Coat Bag
- Hand Bag
- House Shoes
- Traveling Set

FOR THE CHILDREN

- Dolls
- Handkerchiefs
- House Shoes
- Ties
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