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## ARTESIA MUSICIANS.

**There is Much Talent Here in the Line of Music and Oratorio Gives it Expression.**

The audience assembled in Western College auditorium, Thursday evening, Dec. 21, to hear The Holy City by the MacDowell Club, was given a musical treat scarcely ever before equalled in the history of our musical little city. Certainly never before had such a chorus been assembled in Artesia, nor a work of such magnitude been attempted either here or in any town of eastern New Mexico. The music lovers were never half so proud of Artesia before. There was just one thing better than to sing that night, and that was to listen.

It is impressive even to see a chorus of forty file in, and the slow deep tones of the piano prelude prepared the mind like a prayer, for the contemplative workshop of the opening chorus. It quieted the audience into that breathless hush, that until the last dip of the baton, alternated only with quick applause.

As the choral department is the very latest experiment of the MacDowell Club, and few weeks ago the singers and director were all new to each other, it is simply wonderful what a baton in Miss Sullivan's hands has accomplished. I believe that up to the present, only men have achieved the title of "Prima Donna Conductor," but Miss Sullivan bids fair to establish the precedent for women.

She was splendidly supported with Miss McIlhany at the piano. Miss McIlhany is to the Pecos Valley what Nikisch has been to Vienna, "the incomparable accompanist." We should be grateful every day, for keeping her with us, for she has not only the technique for concert pyrotechnics but what is a thousand times rarer—the fine poetic feeling, the musical instinct, and the velvet touch to interpret the tenderest or the most intense in music.

The soloists of the Oratorio were in splendid voice, and their parts were beautiful and impressive. Mr. Corrington's finely trained lyric tenor is a treat we hope to hear much oftner in the future than in the past, regardless of the great demand for his violin.

Mr. Kaufman had some of the most important solos, and his fine bass voice carried splendidly in the big hall, and never sounded better.

It is impossible to speak of Mrs. Corbin without the most enthusiastic superlatives. Surely there is something alive in her glorious voice, and to hear her is to name the mockingbird the contralto of the feathered songsters.

Mrs. Gates is equally a favor-

ite, and the contrast of their two voices was especially beautiful. Mrs. Gates' soprano, lovely as silver filagree, and Mrs. Corbin's contralto, rich as molten gold.

The trio by Mesdames. Enfield, Yates and Miss Hecht was very beautiful as the blend of such lovely voices could hardly fail to be.

The oratorio is full of fine tonal coloring, a chorus of treble voices, and chorus of male voices, alternating with magnificent full chorus being especially good.

The treble chorus "List the Cherubic Host," and the climatic final one were ecstatic as in May Festival time we hope to hear this splendid choir sweep a great audience to their feet with the marvellous "Hallelujah Chorus" of "The Messiah."

I want Artesia to appreciate the possibilities of this town musically. It is generally conceded that nothing advances the culture of a community like a singing society, and one with the enthusiasm of this one, is very unusual. We have one of the most ardent club of music lovers this side of Germany. This is the only town in eastern New Mexico with an organized Choral Club, or even a music club of any sort, and our course of study is not simply for pleasure, but for advancement and hard study.

There is a little town in western Kansas—the site of a Swedish Conservatory—that is a Mecca for music lovers of the neighboring states, and the subject of magazine articles anywhere. Every spring the town is taxed to its limit to accommodate the crowds which assemble to hear "The Messiah" given, and repeated several times, by a chorus of five hundred voices and a large orchestra, to hear which, is to dream you heard the heavenly choir.

With Western College here, add the Normal to come, there is no reason why Artesia should not be the Lindsburg of New Mexico.

We can bring artists and lecturers—we can even buy a railroad—but we can't bring an oratorio to town. The only way to hear one is to boost for the MacDowell Club.

While the Christmas season was pre-eminently the time for the presentation of The Holy City, it was a very inopportune time for many to attend, and by urgent request the oratorio will be repeated Friday evening, January 12th, at the Methodist church.

LUCILE E. McCRARY,  
Reporter pro tem.

The Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will be held Thursday, Jan. 4th 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Belsie, on Main street, first house east of Pardon-Sipple lumber yard. Subject; Korea.

## MORMONS GROWING.

**Concerted Action Being Taken to Combat the Growth of Mormonism.**

New York—The anti-Mormon campaign which New York women belonging to the Interdenominational Council of Women for Christian and Patriotic Service plan to open with a mass meeting on Jan. 10, with a view to Federal action against polygamy, comes at the end of a period of careful investigation of the Mormon church in Utah and abroad.

Hans P. Freese and his wife were sent to Great Britain, Holland, Denmark and Sweden last fall. After a year's work they have returned to this country, and results of their investigation were told to a reporter for The World yesterday by Mr. Freese at No. 655 West 177 street.

"Perhaps we all realize that the growth of the Mormon church in America is wonderful, particularly when figures show that the proportion has risen from one in 125,000 of population to one in about 220 in the eighty years since the Mormon church was started.

"In 1909, authorities say, 3,000 converts were baptised on the other side of the water, and as usual, most of them emigrants. Most of them were women. There is no way of finding out the exact number of Mormons who come to this country, for the steamship companies refuse to give information, and there is no way of seeing the Mormon books.

"The Commissioner of Immigration at Boston, writes: About 700 or 800 Mormon converts, a majority of whom are probably women, pass through this port annually. Since it is a fact that other ports of entry for the Mormons are New York, Quebec, Montreal, New Orleans and Portland, Me., it is a certainty that many hundreds pass into this country every year."

"I brought back a bunch of affidavits from unhappy fathers and mothers whose daughters had sailed against their wishes to join the Mormons in Utah. You realize that before these women go they have been assured that polygamous marriage no longer exists.

"The elders and missionaries are young men of good appearance and address and the women are flattered by their attentions. The women are told that if they go to Utah they will have chances to get good positions and marry well. Their fares are paid to Utah by the Mormon church. When they get there and find things different from the representations they have no way of getting back. They haven't the money and they come from a class of people who can't supply

funds for passage. They are obliged to reconcile themselves with the conditions about them.

"The present conditions of polygamous marriage in Utah are shameful. In order to avoid any conflict with the law no marriage licenses are taken out; there are no witnesses of the marriage; no record is put on the books. The man and woman and priest simply go into a room and the priest marries them according to the rites of the church. The woman does not change her name and the children born of this union take the mother's name. The pity of it is that the young Mormon girls are taught that if they submit to such injustice God will reward them for it in the next world. It is an admitted fact that Joseph Smith, the head of the church, is living with five wives, and the man next in succession is also a polygamist."

### New Year's Reception.

The New Year's reception given Monday afternoon at the beautiful Brainard home on Roselawn avenue by the Woman's Club was a lovely affair, and was indeed a fitting social function for the starting of the new year.

The house was beautiful in decoration, a color scheme of red and green throughout, and lovely potted plants and cut flowers lending their fragrance and beauty.

Mrs. G. R. Brainard in her gracious manner received at the door; Mesdames Larrabee and Rohrbough showed the guests to the dressing room and introduced them to the receiving party composed of Mesdames Atkeson, Kemp, Williams, Keinath and Atwood. Mrs. E. C. Slocumb invited the guests into the dining room, where the delicious refreshments were served by Mesdames Cohen, T. R. Smith and Corbin, assisted by Misses Lily McIlhany and Jones. Tiny New Year's bells were given as favors, and these were pinned on by Miss McIlhany.

During the afternoon a delightful program was given. Mesdames Enfield and Corbin rendered a lovely voice selection, and an enjoyable reading by Mrs. Atwood. This reception was one of the most delightful affairs ever given by the Woman's Club and was indeed a social success.

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

## DEMOCRATS GAINED

**In About all the Points at Issue in the Recent Election.—Statehood Expected This Week.**

Santa Fe,—Judge Clarence J. Roberts handed down his decision in the dispute over the Clayton election returns which had been argued before him. The decision upholds the contention of the Democrats in so far as to order the two judges and the clerk of election who had refused to sign the returns from Clayton, Precinct No. 1, Union county, to sign the returns. Election Judge Eaton, is the only one of the recalcitrant election officials in Santa Fe at present but his signature alone was needed as the Democratic judge and clerk had already signed. The other judge and clerk at Clayton will sign the returns later, but Eaton's signature will clear the way for the canvassing board to complete its labors.

It was planned to have the election certificate finished and signed by Saturday evening. This is a laborious task, as in this official certificate to President Taft, the vote of each candidate, state, district and county, is given, necessitating the engrossing of a thousand names with the vote for each. The returns to be taken to Washington Sunday night by Congressmen Elect George Curry, and H. B. Fergusson of Albuquerque. The certificate will be presented to President Taft on next Wednesday; at least, so it is planned, and the proclamation will issue forth, barring accidents.

Counting in Clayton precinct made no change in the general result except to elect T. D. Lieb district judge over Reed Holloman by 33 majority; J. D. Casados a member of the house over J. P. O'Dell by 9 majority, and electing most of the Democratic candidates for county office in Union county.

Misses Cora Freeman and Bernice Adams were the charming hostesses at a delightful affair given to the teacher and members of the Philathea class of Baptist Sunday school, last Thursday afternoon. Dainty handpainted booklets were given as favors and an interesting "Literary Contest" was enjoyed. Later refreshments were served.

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## New Year In Artesia.

They year 1912 was ushered in at Artesia by the ringing of bells, tooting of horns and firing of guns, pistols and what sounded like cannons. The night was a beautiful one, the stars and moon seemingly more brilliant than usual in their glory, in welcoming another year to add to the countless number they have seen come and go.

Monday was a bright, pleasant day, but little business was done in Artesia, as many stores kept closed shop, except some places to supply necessities of the people.

Let us bid a sad farewell to 1911, and extend a welcome and hearty hand clasp to 1912, trusting to make the best possible out of the twelve months to soon roll round again which will mark another mile post on Life's journey.

Try to avoid the mistakes of the old year and do as much good as possible during the year coming.

## Raise Sugar Beets on Alkali Land.

Sugar beets will grow with more alkali in land that alfalfa will, and the worse kind of alkali land after it has been drained makes the best kind of beet land. There are several hundred acres between Artesia and the Pecos River that has most too much alkali for the best results in farming. We don't mean that any great proportion of this land is alkali, for it is a very small proportion but the remedy for this is easy and can, we believe serve a double purpose.

The town of Artesia will not attain to the high class residence town and health resort that it should, until it has a good sewage system. This can be obtained by combining a drainage system with a sewage system, and put in a good sewage pipe line east to the river and let the city pay its proportion and the farming land abutting on the line and as far each side as it can receive any benefit therefrom pay a certain proportion for the privilege of joining onto the sewer for drainage purposes.

We think in this way land that is now practically worthless can be made the highest priced land in the valley; also that the sewage system will be a wonderful benefit to the town.

There are always a few in every town who object to any public improvements who will raise the bonded indebtedness of the town. To all such there may be in Artesia we would simply ask, if for the sake of saving a little taxes, most of which would be paid by the future generation, they would be willing to sacrifice one of

their own families as a victim of the typhoid epidemics that are sure to come where there are no sewers.

We put the question to a physician of Artesia as to how many deaths each year in Artesia could be attributed directly to lack of sewage. He said in his opinion at least there. Is it possible that knowing this any citizen of Artesia would still object to bonding the town for sewage?

Aside from this we know of several families who located in Roswell in preference to Artesia on account of Artesia having no sewage system.

Show us a city heavily in debt but with all the modern improvements and uptodate in everything, sewers, parks, lights, boulevards, sidewalks, clean streets and we will show you a real live city.

## Bull Andrews Sued.

Suit was filed in the district court here yesterday against Delegate in Congress Wm. H. Andrews the plaintiff being the Linesville Saving Bank of Linesville, Pa. According to the complaint which is filed by Attorney A. A. McMillen of this city, New Mexico's representative in congress gave his note for \$2,000 bearing date of April 16, 1910, to J. C. Starlevant. The note later passed into the hands of the bank which now demands payment of the amount of its face together with interest at 6 per cent and the costs of the suit. The interest is alleged to be due since January 16 of the past year.

The filing of the suit caused some comment in political circles on account of Mr. Andrews' candidacy for United States senator.—Albuquerque Journal.

## Hotel Hardwick.

As previously announced, Mr. John L. Hunter of Clovis, an experienced and genial hotel man, has taken charge of Hotel Hardwick and will look after the rooming part of the business. Mrs. J. F. Bowman will have charge of the dining room, which is sufficient guarantee that it will be properly run and the very best the market affords be served and it cooked in the most approved style. The first meal to be furnished by Mrs. Bowman will be dinner on Thursday the 4th. Reasonable prices for rooms and meals will be charged at Hotel Hardwick. With the first-class furnishings and modern conveniences at Hotel Hardwick there is no reason the traveling public should not make Artesia one of their special stopping places.

A deal was closed this week through the Independent Land Co. by which L. Peter Jessen sells 150 acres of land one mile south of town to W. P. Stewart of Molson, Washington, the consideration being \$9,000. Mr. Stewart has returned to close out his holdings in Washington and is to move here in about sixty days.—Dayton New State Informer.

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## China Will Be Republic.

Nanking, China.—The new republic of China has been formally inaugurated by the unanimous election of Dr. Sun Yat Sen as president.

Notification of his election to the presidency was immediately sent to Dr. Sen, at Shanghai. The capital of the new republic, it is believed will be Nanking.

Immediately following the receipt of word from Nanking that he had been elected president of the republic of China, Dr. Sun Yat Sen gave the following statement to the Associated Press, with the request that it be transmitted to his friends in the United States.

"I consider it my duty to accept the presidency. My policy will be to secure peace and a stable government by promptest moves possible. My single aim is to assure the peace and the contentment of the millions of my fellow countrymen."

## Carlsbad Chat.

[Argus 29th ult.]

Robert Ezell passed through Carlsbad this week enroute to Artesia after a short visit with his parents at Mont Clair, near the state line.

The announcement of change of agents at the depot this week came as a surprise to everyone, even to B. F. Rose, the agent himself. The change comes in the nature of a promotion for Mr. Rose, who takes the position of agent at Roswell, where he formerly held the position of cashier before coming to Carlsbad in August, 1908.

Wednesday evening at the rectory of Grace church occurred the marriage of Marvin Livingston of Carlsbad, and Miss Louise Balz, of Malaga, Rev. Mr. Pratt officiating. The groom is a prominent stock man of Eddy county, and the bride came to Carlsbad about two years ago as a health seeker. After an extended wedding tour, the couple will go to housekeeping in the cottage of Miss Henley on Canal street. A large circle of friends extend congratulations.

[Current 39th ult.]

Miss Faye Elder, of Artesia, left on the Wednesday auto for Nadine, where she will teach the coming term.

County Commissioner J. H. Graham came in last night from an extended visit among relatives in Oklahoma and Texas, having visited with a sister whom he had not seen for seventeen years.

## "The Water of Eternal Youth."

The beauties of the Austrian court used a lotion which was so effectual in keeping the face smooth and free from wrinkles, even in the aged, that they named it the "water of eternal youth."

Some one has recently divulged the secret of this wonderful, though excessively simple, wrinkle lotion, which in her gratitude she has similarly dubbed as a preserver of youth: One ounce pure saxolite (powdered), dissolved in a half pint of witch hazel—that's all there is to it. Any woman can get these ingredients at her drug store, put them together, and use the solution with entire safety. To bathe the face in the same brings immediate results, even in the case of the deeper wrinkles and furrows. This is also effective for hanging cheeks and double chin.—Home Queen.

## Simple Enough.

"I don't know how to make conversation when in society."  
"It's simple enough. When you're with automobile people you talk auto mobile, and when you're with bridge people you talk bridge."

## TIMELY TIP ON LINGERIE

Among Prettiest Corset Covers Are Those That Fit into Peplum at Waist.

The busy "bachelor maid," who has no one to look after the little details of her wardrobe, but must attend to them in the bits and edges of time after business hours when she would be glad to stretch out and relax in place of fussing with tapes and ribbons, continues to buy or make her corset covers and "combinations" with beadings or casings at waist and neck edges, in which ribbons must be run if they are to be worn with any comfort.

Yet among the prettiest corset covers of the present day are those that fit into a peplum at the waist line, a narrow insertion or tiny band of folded lawn covering the join and rendering a "draw tape" superfluous, and those that have the fullness at the upper edge gathered daintily, to fit once and for all, under a similar finishing band to which the lace or embroidery around the neck is joined.

Reference is not made to the close fitting corset cover, which reminds one of a fitted lining. These peplum corset covers have a slight fullness at the waist line, gathered into the band, and almost as much at the upper edges, before finishing, as if the beadings were to be used, with baby ribbon to draw it close. And they yield nothing to the other style, either in prettiness of appearance or perfection of finish. Moreover, they quite eliminate all unnecessary "bunching" at the waist line, which advantage, considering the present styles, is recommending them more and more to "those who know."

## A Good Hint.

In an emergency, where one has to evolve a "fancy" costume with little time and apparently less material, something very lovely can be made of several of the beautiful evening scarfs, either the spangled ones or plain ones. Nearly every woman will possess a scarf of one kind or another and these can be borrowed, as no damage need be done to them. Over a white dress hang two or more of the silver spangled ones, so that they fall from the shoulders down as far as possible on either side. Then wind others about the hips and around the head, crossing a piece over the forehead and another over the chin and lower part of the face. The eastern effect is graceful and usually very becoming.

## Gulpure Lace Again.

The revival of white lace for gowns has brought about the use of gulpure, which is one of the best of the heavy laces. It is used in its original light tan color, and effective Empire gowns of it are made over black mousseline, which is hemstitched wherever it shows, and is touched off with narrow velvet ribbon.



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## HOBBLE SKIRTS ARE TO BLAME

Thousands of People Thrown Out of Employment and Are in Destitution.

Paris, France.—Manufacturers and workmen in some of the principal industrial centers of France are uniting in the prayer that the women of this and other countries may once more adopt the vogue of more ample skirts. The appeal made to the minister of commerce recently was unheeded, women continuing to wear hobbles and "harem scarems."

The result has been the crippling of several business enterprises, with several hundreds of families actually facing hunger. M. Dewitte, one of the principal manufacturers in Roubaix, which is in the richest industrial district in France says that the hobble skirt is responsible for stopping half the looms in that city. Joseph Wibaux, president of the manufacturers' syndicate, said recently:

"The textile industry of Roubaix is passing through the severest crisis it has even known. As dresses can now be made with half the material formerly required in production has been reduced in proportion. It is not exaggeration to say that twenty thousand men and women have been affected by the stopping of the looms. Many of the workers from Belgium have been dismissed and French work people have suffered a reduction in hours.

"The effects have been felt in the combing and spinning mills and in the allied branches of the dying and spinning. The loss in wages this year is estimated to be from 15 million to 20 million francs."

Francois Rossel, president of Roubaix chamber of commerce, said:

"In my opinion we owe the new fashions to the craze for sports. Women go in for open air recreation much more than formerly and a tendency has arisen to make their costumes similar to those of men. Thus they adopted the tailor made costumes and finally [the narrow skirt, in which, however, they can neither run nor walk comfortably. As the hobble dress brought with it the suppression of the underskirt, the manufacture of the latter has been diminished and the crisis aggravated"

"Sometime we now work only two days a week," a workman said, "and with our reduced wages we are only watching one another die of hunger. It is time women stopped wearing hobble skirts."

### Lakewood Locals.

[Progress, 29th inst.]

Dave Runyan, of Artesia, visited his brother, Tom, here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Lucile Taylor, of Artesia, visited Mrs. E. C. Cook and other friends here this week.

J. L. Pate had the misfortune to get a good young horse killed Wednesday afternoon. He had just bought the colt at the Brown sale and brought him home, and when about to enter his corral the horse ran on the rope, fell and broke his neck.

## DASHING COSTUME



Calling gown of dahlia crepe de chine, with 1830 yoke of coarse ecru lace edged with folds of dahlia ottoman silk. Belt of dahlia silk fastened with enameled buttons.

### A Handy Gift.

An inexpensive gift for the woman who sews or embroiders is a book made of stiff cardboard backs, four by ten inches, and covered with heavy silk or an art linen in dull colors.

Embroider across the upper face the word "Silk." Run this in a diagonal direction and put a little spray of flowers around it.

On the back cover work the recipient's monogram or her three initials in a corded outline.

Inside the covers are a dozen manila envelopes, arranged with the flap to the outer edge of the book, that are destined to hold as many colors of silk. The make and number of the silk is to be marked on the outside of the envelopes. Three holes are cut through the covers and also in the envelopes; ribbon is run through these holes and tied at the back in small bows.

The book is fastened together with a cord or ribbon to match.

### "The Rainway."

A large, loose fitting coat of white material, having gone through a process of rainproofing, now calls itself a "rainway." It goes about quite festive in all conditions of rain and slush, and when it comes home, if it has splashed about in too many puddles, it can go right into the washtub.

## "I Suffered Intense Pains in My Left Side."

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For five consecutive years of testing potato spraying has proven each year a useful and profitable practice with me, says a writer in the Baltimore American.

The test of three seasons ago was the least favorable of any of the five for the development of the principal potato disease, late blight and rot, yet even in that year the test showed good returns for the money expended and the labor applied.

The results for five years on sprayed and unsprayed fields show an average gain of 90 bushels per acre on the sprayed field, which this season is worth \$72 in the retail market at home. The cost of spraying on an average was \$2.84 each year.

Any farmer can test these figures by planting one acre of ground for two or three years, so as to allow for the seasons that late blight and rot are less prevalent.

The whole acre should receive the same attention as to work and fertilization, except one-half must be sprayed anywhere from two to five times. The unsprayed must also be kept free from bugs to warrant a fair test.

### Harvesting Sorghum.

Sorghum sown for fodder should not be cut until cool weather comes. The ideal time is just before the first heavy frost. If cut before the cool weather, there is great danger of souring and a consequent loss of the crop. Let the sorghum alone until time for the first frost approaches.

### Cantaloupes.

The Annual meeting of the Cantaloupe Association will be held on Saturday, January 13th, at 2 P. M. There is some money to distribute. Plans for the coming season to be talked. Everyone interested in the cantaloupe industry be on hand. Election of Directors for the ensuing year.

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## Proof That Mine Blew Up the Maine



THE Maine was destroyed by an external explosion. There no longer remains any doubt as to the manner in which the United States battleship was sunk in Havana harbor on February 15, 1898. The double bottom of the ship has been revealed with part of the keel standing perpendicular, some 28 feet higher than its normal position. This confirms the report and testimony which Ensign Powelson gave before the investigating board after the disaster and which was based upon the reports made to him by divers just after the explosion.

Military experts who inspected the vessel recently found that the bottom of the ship stands in a perpendicular position, supported by stanchions. The lowest, or platform, deck is an upheaved mass of steel, above the submerged bow. The position of this part

of the bottom, experts declare, indicates that what is now the highest point originally and structurally occupied a position at about frame 18. This suggests that there was an explosion of a mine under that part of the ship, say about midway between the stem and the midship section.

The explosion, experts believe, broke the ship into two parts, throwing one section, including the conning tower, toward the stern, the conning tower falling on the superstructure on the starboard side. From this position, in cutting away the wreckage, it has been allowed to settle to the main deck slightly forward of the after turret, which is on the port side. Thus the tower is on the opposite side to that on which the explosion took place.

It is a confirmed belief that such a tearing of the ship's bottom could not have been produced by an interior explosion. It is further said that no regulation military mine could have wrought such terrific havoc. It must have been a huge mine, as Captain Sigsbee and others suggested at the time, perhaps a sugar mill boiler or a large cask loaded with explosives.

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