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TELEPHONE NO. 7

One man remarked to us not long ago, "I've been pessimistic so long that I'm getting optimistic now," which serves to remind us that it is a long lane that never turns.

Agitation is being made for the installation of an automatic telephone system in Artesia. It's a move in the right direction and should receive the support of all telephone patrons.

The Buccaneer, a journal of poetry, published at Dallas, Texas has been sent us by Lloyd Cowan, the associate editor. Mr. Cowan is a contributor in the current issue and his works should be of interest to many of his friends here.

CIGARETS IN KANSAS

Cigaretts are against the law in Kansas and more Kansas people smoke than otherwise would, and we're looking for the Kansas Anti-Cigarette league to demand, and probably get, legislation to have them filled with gunpowder, on the Christian ground that if a law-breaker has his nose blown off it's his own lookout.—Ohio State Journal.

EXCUSES

It is easy to travel the well beaten path of least resistance, but the course of the march of progress is not always on a paved road. Progress demands time, money and energy; not excuses.

We sometimes think that the business man who spends his time in thinking up excuses in trying to avoid cooperation in community enterprises, has been misnamed. He ought to be called an excuse, because more than likely that all the community would be if it were left up to the particular individual to run the public affairs.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT

Despite the various and sundry studied efforts of an Albuquerque contemporary to pick a fight with Governor Dillon, after supporting his election, we are constrained to approve heartily the appointment of W. C. Davidson as state highway engineer, for the very good and sufficient reason that we believe he is a first class engineer, regardless of what his occasional alleged political activities may or may not have been.

If there is any more competent man available, we have not heard of him.

We make the little prediction that Davidson will deliver the goods in highway building, which is more important to the public than anything else.—New Mexican.

SUCH IS FAME

Charges dismissed, the woman who did more for the "foursquare gospel" than Ingersoll ever did for the dollar, makes a triumphal tour packing 'em in so that standing room only is at a premium and crowds are turned away.

A score of Fort Worth women welcome their hero home with display of the osculatory emotions and 8,000 persons pack the church of the fighting fundamentalist.

Whatever laymen, fundamentalist and modernist, throughout the country may think of these goings-on, the average earnest pastor who never spoke to more than a few hundred persons at one time, except when asked to deliver a prayer at the national glass blowers' convention will find little solace in these evidences of religious zeal.

Never having been fortunate enough to have been kidnaped or to have shot a man and been acquitted, no inconsiderable number of ministers must continue to worry about



14-YEAR-OLD GIRL TO TRY FOR GRAND OPERA

Known as the "Soprano Prodigy" to radio listeners who have heard her regularly singing over radio station WCOA, Robbye Cook of Pensacola Fla., will be given an audition before Giulio Gatti-Casazza, general manager, and Otto H. Kahn, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Opera Company. The audition was made possible by one of her radio admirers who wrote to Mr. Kahn, and by a subscription in Pensacola to provide her with funds for fare. Photo shows Robbye Cook.

paying off the church mortgage and to furrow their brows over the problem of keeping the young people interested.—El Paso Times.

A DIRTY TRICK

It is hard to conceive of a person who becomes so degraded as to wantonly destroy public property without reason, yet this is what happened in our city recently and if officers have the information correctly, the dirty work was done by a person living here.

Saturday night about 12 o'clock a car, described as a Buick coupe drove out from an alley near the Mann residence on Roselawn on the freshly laid pavement and proceeded south the full length of the paving works. The watchman on the job attempted to halt the car, but the driver only stepped on the gas.

The result of the escapade was that part of the concrete was ruined so we understand and must be replaced. The driver and companions might have kidded themselves into thinking that they would receive a certain amount of pleasure by the act, but if they did their idea of what constitutes pleasure has evidently been considerably warped.

If the guilty parties are apprehended, the maximum penalty will be too light for them. We suggest that they be put on a rock pile and be made to do hard labor for six months and if they still feel frisky, let them do about three months more.

ABOUT YOUR DONATIONS

Hardly a day passes but that the average business man is asked for a donation. If it happens to be for a local cause, you have an opportunity to know the merits in the case and therefore can pass an intelligent opinion on whether or not the particular cause is worthy of support. But more often the solicitor is a stranger, requesting aid for some foreign enterprise, which you know nothing about and which has no particular interest to your locality.

Put your name on the dotted line for a dollar or dollar and a half and dismiss the thought from your mind. Obviously this is the easiest way out of the situation. And you kid yourself till incoming tax time when you begin to scratch your head and figure how much your donations have cost you during the past year.

You find that your donations have run up to a surprising figure and you gently say some mild word like "gosh" under your breath and charge the item off to the advertising fund. Poor little advertising fund is certainly made the goat for many bone head plays and has to cover a multitude of sins. (If everything charged to the advertising fund could be classed and collected by the newspaper we'd retire in a few years).

With the beginning of the New Year we made a little resolution not to part with our hard earned money so freely unless we knew the whys and wherefores of its final destination. The little scheme we've adopted works very nicely and we'll give it to you for what its worth.

Two or three years ago we suggested that a committee be appointed to look into the merits of the foreign donation proposition. We were informed that Artesia had a charity organization and that it was the function of one committee to investigate cases of this kind when requested. When the committee puts its stamp of approval on donations of this kind, then we donate, otherwise not.

Add This up

From a death certificate—"Age at Time of Death: 80 years, 12 months, 5 days."

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DISTANCE LENDS CHARM



Just as in every town or small city, many a man in Artesia gets the idea he must go elsewhere to make a fortune or to become successful in any degree. Distant fields always look richer, deceivingly so, even to the man who has but to dig beneath his feet to unearth untold treasures.

Of the thousands who rush off to every new gold or oil discovery or real estate boom, nine-tenths are doomed to disappointment. The best advice that can be given to the average American is to cut out the wanderlust and apply himself at home. Most of us have oil wells in our back yards, figuratively speaking, and it takes but a little energy and perseverance to locate them.

If any Artesia readers are fishing for opportunities, and no doubt most of them are, they might find a suggestion in our cartoon and begin right where they are.

COMPLETE ITINEARY OF EL PASO TRADE TRIP ANNOUNCED

Complete itinerary for the El Paso trade excursion to points east of El Paso was announced Friday by D. A. Bandede, manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Bandede said cost of the trip will be \$40 for each person attending. Those who sign up agree to make the entire trip. If anyone has a car he wishes to drive he will be allowed \$25 for each passenger carried. He will be required to pay \$40, but will be counted as a passenger and given \$25 for carrying himself in his car.

A trouble car will accompany the party to take care of tire and other troubles. The \$40 pays only for transportation and advertising. The trade trippers pay their own meal and hotel bills.

The motorcade leaves El Paso at 7:30 a. m., March 4, and returns at 10:30 a. m., March 9. Complete itinerary follows:

- Leave El Paso 7:30 a. m.; arrive Alamogordo (91 miles), 10:30 a. m., March 4. Dinner and meeting.
- Leave Alamogordo 1 p. m.; arrive Tularosa (14 miles), 1:30 p. m., March 4.
- Leave Tularosa 2 p. m.; arrive Hondo (59 miles), 4 p. m., March 4.
- Leave Hondo 4:30 p. m.; arrive Roswell (51 miles), 6:30 p. m., March 4. Dinner and meeting. Stay all night.
- Leave Roswell 9 a. m., March 5; arrive Dexter (16 miles), 9:40 a. m., March 5.
- Leave Dexter 10:10 a. m., March 5; arrive Hagerman (8 miles), 10:25 a. m., March 5.
- Leave Hagerman 11 a. m., March 5; arrive Lake Arthur (12 miles), 11:30 a. m., March 5.
- Leave Lake Arthur 11:45 a. m., March 5; arrive Artesia (12 miles), 12:15 p. m., March 5. Lunch and meeting.
- Leave Artesia 3 p. m., March 5; arrive Lakewood (16 miles), 3:40 p. m., March 5.
- Leave Lakewood 4:10 p. m., March 5; arrive Carlsbad (22 miles), 5:10 p. m., March 5. Mass meeting at

MICKIE SAYS—

WHILE WE ARE PRINTING THIS NEWSPAPER, WE LIKE TO HAVE OUR SUBSCRIBERS REFER TO IT AS "THEIR PAPER" AND TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN IT, FOR IT REALLY IS A COMMUNITY AFFAIR. WITH EVERYBODY SUBSCRIBING TO OUR NEWSPAPER, ADVERTISING IN IT, AND HELPING SUPPLY NEWS, WHAT IS IT BUT EVERYBODY'S PAPER?



HOW DEEP IS THE WATER

I heard a story about a man who fell out of a boat and began to yell for help.

"Lower your legs!" shouted the captain.

And the man did, and found himself standing in four feet of water.

That is often the way. Our troubles are seldom as bad as we think they are.—Staley Journal.

night. Stay two nights. Trip to Caverns on March 6.

Leave Carlsbad, 7:30 a. m., March 7; arrive Loving (13 miles), 8:15 a. m., March 7.

Leave Loving 8:30 a. m., March 7; arrive Malaga (5 miles), 8:45 a. m., March 7.

Leave Malaga 9 a. m., March 7; arrive Pecos (8 miles) 12 noon, March 7. Lunch and meeting.

Leave Pecos 2 p. m., March 7; arrive Barstow (7 miles) 2:20 p. m., March 7.

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Good credit is a possession to be proud of—to cherish and to guard. Good credit is rarely achieved or maintained by those who are careless in the handling of their money.

Whether your income be little or much, it is a wise plan to have a checking account, through which your payments are made by check and—a savings account in which you place regularly a fixed portion of your income for reserve and investment.

Safeguard your credit by budgeting your income and using the facilities of this bank in making your payments. Our officers are always glad to help you figure out your personal or business problems.

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"WHAT TO HAVE FOR DINNER"

The most perplexing question of the housewife usually is "what to cook." A visit to the City Market will find so many palatable and appetizing things to tempt "the folks" that it is easy to determine what to feed them. If you are busy, us up and you will find our suggestions will include the newest and freshest the market affords.

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Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

ARTICLE No. 15

question is often asked: "With the hand is the preemptive or the bid sound or advisable?" The five bid is sound when two elements are present. First, when the bid is made with but average help from partner; and second, if, in case the bid is made, it will save or shut out a bid by the opponents. In other words, a preemptive bid is either a sound preemptive bid or a shut-out bid. A shut-out bid is one that makes this result impossible. The following hand was dealt recently and an opinion asked for the proper bid:

Hearts—A, 10, 3
Clubs—J, 10, 3
Diamonds—none
Spades—A, Q, 10, 8, 7, 6, 2

No score, Y-Z a game in. Z dealt and passed. If A and Y also passed, what should B bid? B's proper bid is one spade. The reason for this bid, rather than one of three spades, is that partner may bid hearts, and if so, the hand should be played at hearts rather than spades. If, however, opponents bid hearts or one of the other suits, fourth hand should bid to three spades, irrespective of help by partner. It is strong enough to warrant a three spade bid but should be bid only one at first to get the heart bid from partner if possible.

Preemptive bids as a rule should be avoided and only handled by players who understand why and when to make them. They are apt to react on the bidder and be a source of loss rather than gain. If handled at all, they should be used with great discretion.

The test hand forwarded from England and given as a problem in the previous article, is a freak, and most anything could happen to it. It is as follows:

Answer to Problem No. 18

Hearts—K, Q, J, 4
Clubs—K, Q, 10, 7, 3
Diamonds—2
Spades—J, 8, 6

Hearts—10
Clubs—A, 9, 6, 4, 2
Diamonds—7
Spades—K, 10, 9, 7, 4, 2

Hearts—9
Clubs—J, 5
Diamonds—K, J, 10, 8, 6, 4
Spades—A, Q, 5, 3

ere, first game. Z should bid one exact result. The foregoing, however, is hardly a sound original bid. It is too strong to pass. If he bids one heart, Y then has the bid of bidding two clubs or one no-trump. If he bids one no-trump, the bid, B should pass. If he bids two spades, Z should bid three. Y, of course, will double this should pass. A-B should be dealt two, possibly three tricks. If he bid one no-trump, instead of the all should pass and B should bid the ten of spades. Y should win his own hand and lead a low B winning the second club trick the ace. B should now abandon and play for his partner, leading ten of hearts. Played in this Y-Z should score game at no-trump, winning three spade tricks, two heart tricks, and three club tricks. They also should win at least one diamond trick, making enough for a game. It is a tricky hand and the cards peculiarly distributed that only a careful analysis could give the

years in the Artesia community and enjoys a wide acquaintance. Mr. Wilson, who has resided here for the past year, is an employee of the Dancier Oil & Refining Co. They will make their home in the oil field.

Problem No. 19

Hearts—Q, 8, 7, 5
Clubs—10, 4
Diamonds—A, J, 10, 7
Spades—K, 10, 3

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one spade. If A doubled one spade (informative) and Y passed, what should B bid? Should he bid one no-trump or two hearts? An analysis of this interesting hand and of the principles underlying the informative double will be given in the next article.

BUYS FANCY HEREFORDS

E. S. Shattuck returned Wednesday from Hereford, Texas, where he went to purchase fancy pure bred Hereford bulls. He found some splendid individuals, and purchased a carload, which is being shipped here. He will resell them to local stockmen excepting four which he chose for his own herd. These four cost \$1800, and will be real additions to his fine herd.—Carlsbad Current-Argus.

For Coal Phone 86

Advocate Want Ads get results.

FILED FOR RECORD IN CO. CLERK'S OFFICE

January 25, 1927.
Articles of Incorporation:
W. S. Williams Cattle & Sheep Company.
Assignment of Oil & Gas Lease:
Wm. H. Hill to J. D. Hedleg 1-32 Int. in Lots 8, 10, 11, Sec. 5-16-27; 1-4 interest in Lot 14, sec. 5-16-27.
Warranty Deeds:
W. S. Gilbert to S. P. Page, \$7500 S½SE; 25-22-27 W. R. L. R. Meeks to N. S. West, et al \$1.00 All Blk. 15 Fairview Add Art.

January 26, 1927.
Warranty Deeds:
L. G. Wilson to M. W. Evans \$600 NE¼ Lot 8 Sec. 3, Twp. 16 S. R. 26 E.
W. M. Clyde to J. E. DeArcy \$1,000 N½SWSE 18-17-26 W. R.

January 27, 1927.
Certificate of Redemption:
R. B. Armstrong to R. F. Ruse Tr. No. 562 Sec. 34, Twp. 23 S., Range 28 E.

January 28, 1927.
Certificate of Redemption:
R. B. Armstrong to Heirs of W. H. Wilson NESW 23-22-27.

Warranty Deeds:
D. W. Bynum to Geo. O. Skinner \$1.00 Lot 7, Blk. 79, Lowe Add. Carlsbad. R. S. Benson Cattle Co. to Louise B. Benson \$1.00 all 2-3 Int. in NENE 3; All SWSW 5-20-30; SENE 10-19-30; NWSE 26-18-30.

In The District Court:
No. 4391 Appeal from Probate Court. In the matter of the estate of Samuel Ramey, Dec.

January 29, 1927.
Lease:
Artesia Alfalfa Milling Co. to H. T. Gage, et als that certain building located on lots 1, 3, 5, 7, blk. 13, Original Artesia.

Notice of Suit Pending:
Della Mae Butler vs. A. G. McIlhinney SE¼ of sec. 28; E½SE 21; SENW; NESW 2; SWSE; NYSE; NESW 21; N½SW; SWSW 26, Twp. 19 S., R. 29 E. NENW 36; twp. 26 S., range 26 E.; N½SE 36-16-23; S½SE 22; NWSW 9; NESW; SWSW; SENW sec. 9, twp. 16 S., range 23 E.; NWSW 36; Lots 10, 2, 3, 4, sec. 2 twp. 16 S., range 23 E. January 31, 1927.

Quit Claim Deed:
Martin Yates, Jr. to E. B. Bullock, tract of land in SE corner of Blk. 16 Fairview Add., Artesia, same being Pat. NESE 8-17-26.

Warranty Deeds:
Ona Lea Millman Lee to Wm. I. Johnson \$1.00 Oil and Gas right on SENE 24-17-29.

Love Townsite & Bldg. Co. to Geo. C. Morris \$350.00 Lots 2 and 3, Blk. 3 Eastmain Add. Artesia.

Joyce Fruit Co. to F. M. Robinson, \$1.00 Lot 3, Blk 15 Blair Add. Artesia.

G. Jones to G. H. Stephens \$2,000 Pt. SENE 18-17-26, Pt. NENE 18-17-26.

In the District Court:
No. 4392 Replevin Henry Tipton & Son vs. Francisco M. Hernandez \$2,125.90.
No. 4393 Replevin Henry Tipton & Son vs. Francisco Hernandez \$2,450.14.
No. 4394 Replevin. Henry Tipton & Son vs. Monico Gomez \$1,237.30.

Reasonable Relative.—She told her girl friends who came to see her trousseau the day before the wedding that "Uncle George was going to send her the equipment for her kitchen" and as Uncle George was the president of the Tightwad club, the girls had the laugh on her when she got a can opener with his card attached saying it would probably be all the equipment she would need.

STATE INSTITUTIONS SEND UP A HEAVY BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

The heaviest requests for appropriations made upon the legislature in the budget sent up to the senate Friday by Governor Dillon came from the state institutions.

The annual average wanted for each of the next two fiscal years by the institutions is \$997,963 for running expenses plus \$550,300 for buildings. Their total demands, for the biennium including the next two fiscal years, for which this legislature is to make provision, are twice these figures.

In some cases the building appropriations are not wanted until the 16th fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1928; in other cases, they are wanted for the next fiscal year. In a statement submitted to the senate along with the budget, Rupert F. Asplund, Governor Dillon's budget clerk, has reduced all requests to average annual terms whether the full amount is sought next year or the year following.

All requests, from institutions, state offices and other sources, total \$4,830,292 for the biennium. Reduced to terms of average annual appropriations this is \$2,415,146 for each of the coming two fiscal years. The state departments rank second in their demands, although far behind the institutions. The average annual appropriation sought by the departments is \$393,793.

The American Trust and Saving Bank of El Paso, closed its doors Thursday morning. A statement posted on the doors by the directors was to the effect that the bank had been voluntarily closed in order to liquidate its affairs.

You Just Don't Know

and we haven't the space to tell you of all the good things to eat that we have here—BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU COME IN AND SEE THEM.

WELTON'S GROCERY

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NOTICE

To Property Owners in Artesia

ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN ARTESIA AND VICINITY ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT IT IS NOW TIME TO RENDER YOUR PROPERTY FOR TAXATION.

I will be in Artesia at the City Office for five days beginning February 8th to 12th inclusive, for the purpose of receiving renditions of all property. Have your descriptions, etc., and render promptly to avoid the 25 per cent penalty for non-rendition.

Richard H. Westaway
Tax Assessor

New Cars of IMPLEMENTS

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1927 Models of Plows, Land Rollers, Stalk Cutters, Etc., Now on Display

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(Daily Lectures by Jeff Hightower)

DAYTON ITEMS

W. H. Rambo, Reporter)

Henry Canfield returned from Sunday.

C. Turnbull left for McKamey, Wednesday morning.

D. Terry left for Altus, on a business trip Thursday.

Terry and family, of Cottonwood, are guests of their mother, D. Terry Sunday evening.

reported that Miss Mary who is now in Los Angeles, has the scarlet fever.

night a birthday party at the home of T. H. in honor of Miss May Bur-

Margaret Meeks, of Artesia, Exa Terry, of Cottonwood, Sunday night with Mrs. J. D.

one of the Dayton Epanguers attended the Fifth Union League meeting at Thursday Sunday.

Harber, manager of the Lumber Co., was called to Monday on account of the illness of his daughter.

of the Dayton young people the home of Louis and Cap Friday evening. Those present Miss Fay and Nannie Mc-Camilla Horner, Frank and Harry Turnbull. Games played and all report a very evening.

VOGEL—WILSON

Margaret Vogel and Harry both of Artesia were quietly in Roswell on January 26th. on has spent the past nine

THE TAXPAYERS ASS'N. MAKE REQUEST FOR MANY NEW MEASURES

SANTA FE.—The adoption of the so-called short ballot, a reorganization and simplification of county government in centralizing responsibility of administration in the board of county commissioners with power to select the heads of departments and four year terms of office for all state and local officials will be recommended to the legislature by the State Taxpayers association through the New Mexico Tax Bulletin, now in press. A simple system providing some reasonable test of efficiency for positions in public service will also be recommended.

Fifteen suggestions of methods by which the taxpayers burden would be made lighter are also suggested in the Bulletin.

1—Spread the program of road construction so that the annual burden on general property will not be increased, favoring an increase in the gasoline tax to raise the general property tax rate.

2—That state and county should provide only for reasonable essentials to education and that each district should assume the burden of extensions beyond such essentials.

3—The collection of motor vehicle license fees and gas tax with a burden responsible to the highway department.

4—Establishment of a board of commission to whom the comptroller would be responsible.

5—The expensive and time consuming audits under the supervision of the comptroller should be avoided except where essential.

6—The appointment of a bank in Santa Fe as fiscal agent.

7—A study of methods of accounting used in the offices of the state auditor and state treasurer.

8—Reorganization of the system of higher education.

9—Encouragement to the tax commission.

10—Enforcement of the collection of taxes levied on a fair, full and uniform assessment.

11—Available funds allocated proportionately to the relative importance of the various essential state's activities.

DID HIS BEST

"Did you struggle against the consequences of temptation?" asked the prison chaplain.

"Yes, I did," replied the convict.

"Ah, but you should have fought a little harder and you would not be here now!"

"I done the best I could, mister. It took seven policemen to get me to the station."

Doctor Takes Life Easy

Two friends met in the street one morning and stopped to have a chat. In the course of conversation one said to the other:

"By the way, dear, how do you like your new doctor?"

"Oh, he's a perfectly charming man," replied the other; "always so cheerful and good-tempered. He takes life so easily!"

WHAT NEW WAIL?



Farmer—Yes, I can't say we haven't had a big harvest this season.

City Man—What'll be the ruin of you this year, do you think?

The Discouraging Old-Timers
I struggle to express my mind
Enriching human wisdom's store.
But everything I think I find
Has been much better think of yore!

Every Port

Sailor—I want a ticket to Shanghai, Singapore, Port Said, Naples, Marseilles, Liverpool, Belfast, Yokohama, Cape Town and Rotterdam.

Ticket Agent—Why to so many places?

Sailor—Well, you see, this is Old Home week, the week when a fellow is supposed to go back and see his girl.

For Coal Phone 86

Sale Bills PRINTED
If you intend to have a sale get our prices

We are fixed for turning out work of this kind in double-quick time.

REVIVAL MEETING

As announced in the columns of The Advocate some weeks ago, a revival meeting will be held at the Methodist church beginning the last Sunday in February and extending well into the month of March. The first plan was to have Rev. Durke Culpepper do the preaching. On account of conflicting dates Rev. Frank Morris—commonly known as Judge Morris, because of his having entered the evangelistic work from the bench—will be the leader instead of Rev. Culpepper.

Judge Morris will come to Artesia from Dallas, Texas, where he makes his home. He has held a large number of highly profitable meetings over the Southwest in the past few years and reports of his work are uniformly complimentary. Judge Morris usually holds union meetings in a down-town building. The revival here will be at the Methodist church building where most of our large gatherings are housed on account of the commodious auditorium. The hearty co-operation of every citizen who stands for righteousness is earnestly solicited.

STILL AND BOOZE TAKEN ON THE DELEWARE

A call to the local sheriff's office from the sheriff at Loving, yesterday, stated that the force there was suspicious of booze manufacture being carried on at the Code ranch, near the Delaware. Undersheriff Walter McDonald and Tom Wood went down to the scene of action and found a small still with ten gallons of mash and a jug of corn whiskey. In charge of operations was A. J. Harris, elderly supervisor of the young distillery, who was arrested and brought to the local jail. Harris has twice previously been in the toils of the federal enforcement officers, and is now beginning his third round with them.—Carlsbad Current-Argus.

Too Deep for Her

Nancy Jane, age seven and a half, was a member of a family party taking a drive one evening. A number of hills were encountered and it was seen they made the child nervous. However, she said nothing until the car stood poised at the top of the last and steepest descent of all, when she burst out: "Well, I wish when the world wrinkled it hadn't wrinkled so deep!"

If you are not already a subscriber to The Advocate write or telephone us this week. Get on the list and receive the "Newsy" newspaper regularly.

MALLERY WILL RETAIN POSITION AS ASSISTANT HIGHWAY ENGINEER

SANTA FE.—E. T. Mallery, acting state highway engineer and assistant to the late James A. French, will retain his position as assistant state highway engineer under the new administration. Frank Kimball, former city engineer of Albuquerque has been appointed district engineer in the northwest district with headquarters in Roswell. He succeeds E. B. Bail; P. M. Bowen will take over the northeast district, at Las Vegas, with Sam Fulton succeeding W. R. Eckles as district engineer of the southwest district. Headquarters of this district will be moved from Silver City to Deming, N. M., it is understood. B. F. Kelley, assistant to W. C. Davidson, the new state highway engineer, is reported as the probable successor to Davidson's position of district engineer at Roswell. There has been no indication of what disposition will be made of the maintenance headquarters now at Albuquerque.

SILO BURNED SUNDAY

The big Crawford silo caught fire Saturday night or early Sunday morning, and was gutted of all wood timbers, window sills and other woodwork. The fire also destroyed motors and other equipment and ruined six tons of corn and sixteen tons of hay.—Carlsbad Current-Argus.

KEEP YOUR CHICKENS UP

Many will soon be planting spring gardens and flowers and in order to keep down trouble with your neighbors, you are kindly requested to pen your chickens.

M. STEVENSON, Marshal.

Jews in Exile

The Jews, contrary to general supposition, were not settled after the captivity entirely in the city of Babylon, but in the country of Babylonia, a large part of which is now known as Mesopotamia. The distance they traveled in their return to Jerusalem, therefore, was between 500 and 700 miles.

CALENDARS—Call and see samples before you buy—Advocate.

Advocate Want Ads get results.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Artesia Council of churches met in the Christian church last Monday evening. The Rev. C. C. Higbee was reelected president; Rev. J. P. Sinclair as secretary and Rev. A. S. Dowd as vice-president. The council decided to sponsor a Young Peoples' Social to be held in the Baptist church the evening of Washington's birthday, February 22nd. Methodist church to supply games; Presbyterian church, the music; Christian and Nazarene churches, literary; and Baptist church will be responsible for refreshments.

The members of the council were of the opinion that a union revival campaign in the fall to be conducted by Rev. James Rayburn, was what the churches should aim for and the matter referred to the various churches for suitable action.

COOKED FOOD SALE

The Woman's Association of the Christian church will have a cooked food sale at the Joyce-Pruit Co. grocery department, Saturday, February 12th.

Loose-leaf binders, special ruling and stock forms—Advocate.

The Sanitary

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Barber Service and Porter Service

We sincerely appreciate your patronage and friendship.

Special courtesy to all—especially ladies and children.

Jess Truit and Jack Boren

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A Buying Guide

BEFORE you order dinner at a restaurant, you consult the bill-of-fare. Before you take a long trip by motor-car, you pore over road maps. Before you start out on a shopping trip, you should consult the advertisements in this paper. For the same reasons!

The advertising columns are a buying guide to you in the purchase of everything you need—including amusements! A guide that saves your time and conserves your energy; that saves useless steps and guards against false ones; that puts the s-t-r-e-t-c-h in family budgets.

The advertisements in this paper are so interesting, it is difficult to see how anyone could overlook them . . . fail to profit by them. Just check with yourself and be sure that you are reading the advertisements regularly—the big ones and the little ones. It is time well spent . . . always.

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We have a full supply of Garden Seeds.
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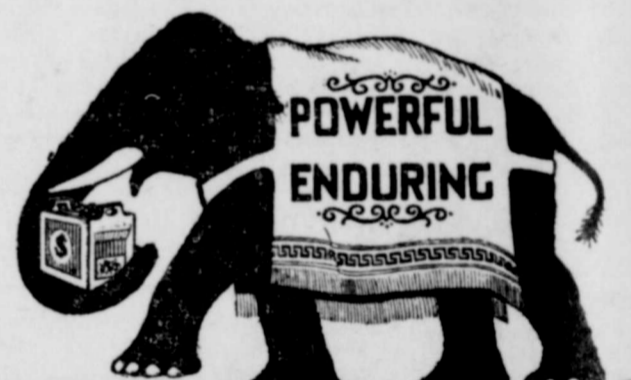
Lloyd Bennett

is now in charge of our

REPAIR DEPARTMENT

and will be glad to meet his motorist friends at

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STANDARD BATTERIES

AUTOMOBILE—RADIO—HOUSELIGHTS
PECOS VALLEY GARAGE & MACHINE SHOP
Artesia—Phone 35

All Kinds of Job Printing on Short Notice—Phone

Some Medicines

deteriorate and lose their strength after setting on the shelf for a period of time. It is a good plan to go thru your medicine chest at least once a year and destroy all articles which have lost their original strength.

Mann Drug Co.

"Between the Banks"

Come To

New Dresses and Dress Goods
Real Merchandise you will Appreciate

"Our Store"

New Hats are Here Now and New
Shoes will be in Soon

Saturday

NEW IMMIGRATION LAW DEFERRED FOR A YEAR

WASHINGTON.—Without a record vote, the senate yesterday approved and sent to the house a resolution deferring for one year the operation of a provision in the immigration act for the fixing of quotas after next July 1 on the basis of national origins.

Data Not Sufficient.
The immigration act provision fixing national origin as the basis of immigration quotas would be deferred for one year under a resolution approved by the senate immigration committee.

The national origin basis otherwise would become effective next July 1 under a proclamation by President Coolidge fixing the new quota.

Considerable opposition to this basis has developed because it would reduce substantially the number of immigrants who could come from Germany, the Irish Free State and the Scandinavian countries. The English quota would be correspondingly increased.

The committee believes the data at hand is insufficient to justify action at this time," Senator Johnson said in a statement, "and therefore is determined upon postponing for a year any change in the law. Within the year and the next session when there will be ample time it is hoped that definite action may be taken."

THE ARTESIA EX-STAR BASKETBALL TEAM WINS TWO AND LOSES ONE

(Continued from first page)
The following represented Artesia: Watson, Priest, Henderson, forwards; Naylor and Bates, centers; Cole and Williams, guards.

DEFEATS HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

The Artesia town team met and defeated the Hope high school on the local court here last night by a score of 13 to 9. The game was fast and interesting and the locals apparently hit their stride. The lineup: Hope High school, (9) White and Taylor, forwards; Santo and Roy Jernigan, guards; Blake, center. Artesia (13) Priest, Covy, Watson and French, forwards; Jernigan and Yeager, guards; and Sterman, center.

Doctor Takes Life Easy

Two friends met in the street one morning and stopped to have a chat. In the course of conversation one said to the other:
"By the way, dear, how do you like your new doctor?"
"Oh, he's a perfectly charming man," replied the other; "always so cheerful and good-tempered. He takes life so easily!"

WHAT NEW WAIL?



Farmer—Yes, I can't say we haven't had a big harvest this season.
City Man—What'll be the ruin of you this year, do you think?

SEARCH INSTITUTED FOR FOUR HASSELL VICTIMS IN CALIF.

WHITTIER, CALIF.—A barrier of clay Tuesday stood between the police and the possible recovery of four mere victims in the murder career of George J. Hassell, now awaiting execution in Texas for the slaying of his wife and eight step children there.

Hassell, according to a letter received from Sheriff L. L. Steward of Walker county, Texas, confessed recently that ten years ago he killed a woman with whom he was living and her three adopted children, burying their bodies beneath the house.

Guided by a chart prepared by Hassell, police in relays last night had dug their way through hard clay to a point which they estimated to be within two feet of where the bodies should be found. When the digging was concluded for the night, a pit five feet deep and five feet long had been made. Because of the cramped quarters only one man is permitted to dig at a time.

Authorities expressed the belief that the victims of Hassell's admitted slaying may have been Mrs. Marie Vogel, formerly of Pittsburgh, and her three adopted children who disappeared from here under mysterious circumstances in 1917.

Hassell, in his purported confession, said he was living here under the name of G. Baker, when he murdered the woman with which he was living over an argument as to whether he should go to the army. This was shortly after the United States entered the World War and the selective draft was about to be enforced. He said he choked and clubbed "Mrs. Baker" to death and then killed the sleeping children.

Mrs. Laura Lark, a neighbor, Wednesday told the police of the strange disappearance of "Mrs. Baker" and her children. Baker, as he was known here, told neighbors that his wife had been called to San Francisco by the death of a sister.

Mrs. Lark said she saw Baker carry a large trunk to the garage on the day that the woman and children were first missed. At night she saw him carrying "other small bundles" into the garage. During the days which followed, Baker was noticed crawling under the house, throwing out dirt and rubbish.

Later Mrs. Lark observed Baker digging a large hole in the floor of his garage. Late Baker brought another woman and child to live with him. She was introduced to Mrs. Lark as his housekeeper. Soon after that Baker disappeared.

Several years after the disappearance of the Baker family, authorities here were asked to search for Mrs. Vogel. The request came from Mrs. Gertrude Hoffman of Pittsburgh, a sister, who said she had not heard from Mrs. Vogel in eleven years. No trace of the woman was found at that time.

TWO CHECK ARTISTS PAY VISIT HERE—ONE MAKES HIS GETAWAY

Claud Robinson, alias C. M. Abbott, was arrested here Friday night on charge of forgery and was placed in the city jail. Robinson had given several fictitious checks on an Elida bank, signed C. M. Abbott. He was sent to Carlsbad and placed in the county jail, to await the action of the grand jury.

A second forger also made his appearance here during the past week. A. Gardner, an employee of the highway construction crew, is reported to have forged checks exceeding the amount of \$400.00 on Joe Bowers, highway contractor. In addition to issuing fictitious checks to several business houses, Gardner purchased a new Chevrolet car and made his getaway. The car was caught at Fort Sumner, but Gardner made his escape.

In Washington

Megaphone Man on Rubberneck Wagon—In front of you is the national capitol.
Sweet Young Thing—Oh, isn't it angelic!
Mr. Grouch—Angelic? Why, young woman, how can you speak of it as being angelic?
Sweet Young Thing—Well, it has wings, hasn't it?—Florida Times-Union.

New Educational Ideas

"A knowledge of French used to be regarded as necessary to a polite education."
"It is not so now," replied Miss Cayenne. "When you go abroad you are better off if you can't understand what the people around you are saying about American tourists."—Washington Star.

The Discouraging Old-Timers

I struggle to express my mind
Enriching human wisdom's store.
But everything I think I find
Has been much better think of yore!
Loose-leaf binders, special ruling and stock forms—Advocate.

Just a Few of Our CASH PRICES

That Will Save You Money

FLOUR GARDINA, made by Great West Mill & Elevator Co.	
Two 48 lb Sacks for	\$3.25
Two 24 lb Sacks for	\$1.65
POTATOES, Colorado Brown Beauty—	
14 lbs for	55c
SHORTENING, Domino, Advance or White Ribbon—	
Two 8 lb Buckets for	\$2.20
PINK BEANS—	
15 lbs for	\$1.00
PORK AND BEANS, Van Camp's—	
10c Size, 12 cans for	95c
15c Size, 12 cans for	\$1.25
25c Size, 6 cans for	\$1.25
BUTTER PAPER, Best Grade Parchment—	
Per 3 lb Package, 500 sheets	\$1.00
CORN, Standard No. 2 Cans—	
12 Cans for	\$1.35
DRIED FRUITS—	
Peaches, 5 lbs for	90c
Apricots, 4 lbs for	95c
Prunes, 5 lbs for	60c

Peoples Merc. Co.

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?

By E. R. Waite

Frank Grimes, editor of the Abilene (Texas) Reporter and Abilene Morning News, says:

THAT what this country needs is not more votes, but more intelligent voters. The booby prize should go to the man who suggested a law compelling people to cast their ballots. I'm not one of those who believe the country is going to the dogs because millions of voters stay away from the polls. I'm appalled because so many do go to the polls who should stay away. A vote cast in ignorance or in prejudice or in spite is the most dangerous form of suffrage I know. Thousands of voters go to the polls for the purpose of voting for or against one man or group of men; they blindly and blindly vote for or against the others on the ballot, simply because they haven't taken the trouble to look them up. That is the kind of a voter who is doing the country real

harm, infinitely more harm than the voter who merely stays away from the polls altogether.

As between a sloth and a bull in the china shop, give me the sloth every time. He may not amount to much, but at least he isn't throwing the crockery about and smashing up valuable bric-a-brac. He isn't inserting monkey wrenches into the machinery of government and pouring sand into the bearings.

We need a campaign of education in the fundamentals of good government. Then, when we've impressed the voters with the sacredness of the ballot and their responsibility of their fellow-voters, we can begin to talk about more votes.

Some argue that only the intelligent voters remain away from the polls. It is easy to believe this, in light of some recent political development; but happily it isn't true. It isn't true because intelligent persons

are not always intelligent. The intelligent person who ignores ignorant ballot is a greater to free institutions than the person who has sense enough to cast an intelligent ballot.

COTTON COMPRESS

More than 27,500 bales have been compressed at from the various valley date, according to official Roswell Compress Co.

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