

Pecos Valley News.

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ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO, DECEMBER 20, 1906

NO. 15

About the City

Read the ads in this week's issue.

Remember the Artesia Cornet Band Concert Dec. 20

The election for Artesia precinct will be held Jan. 14.

Now is the time to announce yourself as a candidate for office.

Final proof blanks at this office.

Come in and get samples of the News and send to your friends

W. L. Kemp is back from the mountains until the weather settles.

Blank deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, etc., at the News office. If

Judge Temple's son Molar, has been very sick for several days.

Miss Plant, of Canton, Mo., is the guest of her uncle, Dr. McIlhenny.

Editor J. M. Wood, of the Lakewood Progress, was in town Saturday.

Lakewood will have a big "community" Christmas tree Monday night.

The telephone line has been extended from Hope westward into the mountains.

Horace A. Lav of Roswell was here last week looking after insurance business.

Jack Dearing left for his home at Lakewood Saturday night, returning Monday.

The Pecos Valley Immigration Co. sold 800 acres of land south of Artesia last week.

A light snow fell Saturday night but it soon disappeared when the sun came up.

The city council has ordered a new walk across Main street in front of the Post office.

Ten turkeys at the News office for ten cents. All on first page of our Christmas edition.

That 15c Candy Special at Joyce-Fruit store is pure food and the 25c kind.

For Sale.—200 apple trees. Number of other fruit and shade trees. Call at Depot.

Try our Candy Special 15c for December only.

Joyce Fruit Co.

J. R. Blair has just received a carload of the famous Studebaker wagons. Best on earth.

Our December Special 25c candies for 15c.

Joyce-Fruit Co.

Please report your Christmas coming's and goings to us that they may be published in the News.

C. L. Hon, a former resident of the Valley but now of Deming, N. M., was here the first of the week.

W. R. Allison of Carlsbad was here last week. Mr. Allison is a member of the Pecos Valley Immigration Co.

LEGAL BLANKS

This office now has an assortment of legal blanks, not all that are used but all that are in common use.

We request remembrance when in need of anything in this line.

F. E. GRIMES PAYS UP

RETURNS NEARLY \$10,000 FROM PERSONAL FUNDS TO PAY THE ALLEGED SHORTAGE.

Topeka, Kansas, Dec. 11.—F. E. Grimes, ex-state treasurer, today voluntarily paid to the State of Kansas the sum of \$9,381, for which amount an investigating committee some time ago held his administration responsible.

SHORTAGE NOT A DEFALCATION

The alleged shortage was never considered in the light of a defalcation in any sense of the word, and resulted from the practice that has been the rule in the state treasurer's office for many years before and after Grimes assumed office. The investigation showed conclusively that Grimes was not benefited in any way through this practice in his administration.

PAID MONEY FROM OWN FUNDS

Therefore in making the payment to the state now of the amount involved he has in an effort to clear his administration assumed the responsibility at a personal loss to himself.

BUSINESS CHANGE

We have sold our interest and goodwill, both at Artesia and Dayton, to the Big Jo Lumber Company, who will continue the business.

We bespeak for them the continued patronage of our customers and friends.

All persons indebted to the John Schreck Lumber Co. will please make immediate settlement of their accounts at this office of the company.

John Schrock Lumber Co.
By Edward Gessert.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.

United States Land Office,
Roswell, N. M.

November 24, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Eugene F. Hardwick, of Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1158, for the Lot 13, W 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 5; Lots 13, 14, 15, 16 Sec. 6, T. 16 S., R. 26 E., before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico, on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1906.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

Arthur C. Keinath of Artesia, N. M., Chris Totten of Artesia, N. M., Melville G. Tuttle of Artesia, N. M., Samuel A. Butler of Artesia, N. M.

Howard Leland, Register.

COMMISSION RECEIVED.

J. W. Turknott has received his commission from Governor Hagerman and is now county commissioner from this district.

When Mr. Turknott came in town he was surprised to find his bond had already been made out and signed by his friends.

We believe Mr. Turknott will make a satisfactory officer.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Washington, Dec. 17.—In presenting to the senate today a memorial from the cattle raisers of the Western States, Senator Culberson said the cattle raisers were suffering more extensive damage at this time from shortage of cars and bad service from transportation companies than from disease of cattle, limited markets and all other causes combined. He expressed the hope that the memorial would receive speedy consideration looking to relief.

RAILROADS TRY TO SHIFT BLAME.

Washington, Dec. 17.—In response to telegrams of inquiry addressed to several western railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission as to the cause of the reported shortage of cars for the transportation of fuel by reason of which suffering is entailed, President Howard Elliott, of the Northern Pacific, telegraphs the Commission from St. Paul that while there is a shortage of coal in some parts of the country along his line, he does not know of any shortage in other necessities of life. He stated that he did not think the cause of car shortage was caused by extraordinary delay in moving coal as alleged, but rather due to increased domestic trade, and that in Montana and Idaho not enough coal had been mined to supply the increase. In North Dakota and Minnesota he said the difficulty was partly due to trying to move too much fuel in a very short time, and partly to an increased consumption of fuel that is greater than the facilities for hauling, moving and storing.

FUEL SITUATION SERIOUS IN DAKOTA.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 17.—A special from Grand Forks, N. D. says: "The fuel situation today presents the most critical condition in the history of the state. Careful inquiry in every portion of the northern half of the state show that there is not a town in which coal can be had except in small quantities to supply immediate needs, and in a dozen places not a pound is to be bought, the dealers having been out for days, and in some instances for a week or more.

Lintou, N. D., Dec. 17.—Ex-cepting a little anthracite, which cannot be used in most cook stoves and many heaters, there is no coal and no signs of bettering the condition. There is plenty of lignite at Bismark, but it cannot be gotten here.

The first Christmas present bestowed this season was that of a fine Oxford bible given Wednesday evening to Hugh M. Gage by David Runyan.

Be sure to attend the entertainment tonight and help the band boys out. There is no other class of people on earth who do so much work and receive as little pay as the members of a band in a small town.

See our Xmas special in candies 15c. They are the "pure Sood" make.

Joyce-Fruit Co.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 68.

Providing for the Filling in of Ditches and Exposing Danger Signals.

Be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Artesia, New Mexico.

Section 1. That any person, company, co-partnership or corporation who shall hereafter for the purpose of repairing, altering or constructing any gas mains or lateral running thereto or water works main or lateral, or any other piping, or for the purpose of repairing, altering or constructing any bridge, culvert or ditch of any kind or nature whatsoever along or upon any of the streets or alleys within the limits of the Town of Artesia, New Mexico, dig any holes, ditches or trenches during the process of said construction, repair or alteration, shall immediately upon completion of said work, grade to the level all such holes, ditches or trenches and make the same safe and convenient for passage thereover at all times and in as good condition as before said work was commenced. PROVIDED, that in all cases during the process of said work, and such person, company, co-partnership or corporation shall continuously maintain in prominent place or places on the premises being so repaired, altered or constructed, a warning sign to the public that such premises are unsafe and dangerous for travel, PROVIDED further, that in night time between dark and daylight, such warning sign shall consist of a lighted lantern hung over the place if it be a hole, or if it be a ditch, trench, or culvert, or lighted lantern shall be hung at each end thereof, and if said ditch, trench or culvert shall be more than fifteen feet long, lighted lanterns shall be hung at intervals of not more than ten feet apart along such ditch, trench or culvert.

Section 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person, company, co-partnership or corporation to have along or upon any of the streets or alleys of the said town of Artesia any lumber, stone, or other material of any kind, class or nature, so that passage thereover is rendered inconvenient or unsafe.

Section 3. Any person, company, co-partnership or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than fifty dollars in the discretion of the court trying the case.

Section 4. This ordinance shall have full force and effect from five days after its publication.

Declared, passed and approved this 11th day of December, 1906, with the following vote.

J. E. Enfield, Yes.
Earl McBride, Yes.
J. H. Beckham, Yes.
Wm. Crandall, Yes.

Attest:
Wm. CRANDALL, J. E. SWAPSTON,
Chairman. Clerk.

FOR SALE.

Nearly new sideboard, Oregon bookcase and dresser, at residence south of schoolhouse.

Miss Eva McNaught of Girard Kansas, is guest of D. L. Newkirk and family during the holidays.

Note the change in the John Schtock Lumber Co. It has been purchased by the Big Jo Lumber Co., of Wichita, Kansas.

Geo Bane has opened up a neat tidy restaurant on east Main St. where he will be pleased to meet the hungry and administer to their wants.

FOR SALE.—Portable 15 horse gasoline engine and drop well machine as good as new. Cost \$1,400. \$650 buys same. A bargain. Box 204.

CONGRESSMAN BABCOCK HUNTING KANSAS CONGRESSMAN NOT A SENATORIAL CANDIDATE

Washington, Dec. 11. (Special.) Congressman Babcock, of Wisconsin who felt the LaFollette ax in the recent election and as a consequence will retire from congress on March 4, was tripping through the capital at a lively gait the other day. He ran into a bunch of Kansas congressmen.

"What are you looking for?" asked one of them.

"I am trying to locate a Kansas congressman who is not a candidate for United States senator," replied Babcock.

"The only one I know of," replied Curtis, "is Ed Madison, who doesn't take his seat until March 4."

HORSESHOEING.

We will put on four new shoes for \$1.25. Shoes reset 75cts. at Artesia Machine Shop.

FOR SALE.

Four room house, one block from main street. \$300 down balance on easy payment.

Martin & Flook.

See those carving sets at Blair's for Christmas presents.

Hope will have two Christmas entertainments. One will be Christmas eve and the other Christmas night.

Lee Turknott is prepared to do all kinds of well rig moving as he is now moving Bob Ramey's well rig.

J. M. Shockey left for his home in Abilene, Kansas, after spending several days looking after property interests here.

FOR SALE.—Scholarship in the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pa. Will sell cheap. Call at the News office.

John A. Orr's son George and his wife left Monday morning for their home in Mt. Vernon, Mo., after a two week's visit here.

Your Christmas cake will not be a failure if they use Gold Bond Flour.

Joyce-Fruit Co.

Get your shoeing done at the Artesia Machine Shop. Four new shoes \$1.25, shoes reset seventy five cents.

"Gold Bond Flour" makes perfect cakes and pastry. Try a 25c sack.

Joyce-Fruit Co.

It was Butler's men and machine that made the quickest well for the depth in the valley. Got em all skinned.

Don't run any chances in making your Xmas cake use Gold Bond Flour. Success is sure. If Joyce-Fruit Co.

J. R. Blair will sell those Hurd Oak and Snap heaters the next few days at greatly reduced prices. They are an ornament to any parlor.

Lee Turknott & Son in addition to hauling as usual will sell manure and haul it out on the fields. They will also plow and cultivate gardens: having just bought a complete set of implements for that purpose. See them.

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Published every Thursday at the office of Pecos Valley News, Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico.

D. L. NEWKIRK, Publisher. J. F. NEWKIRK, Manager.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Justice of the Peace—We are authorized to announce the name of L. W. Martin as candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace, subject to the will of the voters of Artesia Precinct.

For Constable—We are authorized to announce the name of G. W. Batton as candidate for the office of constable, subject to the will of the voters of Artesia Precinct.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

We are authorized to announce the candidacy of J. E. Swepton for the office of Justice of the Peace, subject to the will of the voters of Artesia precinct.

FOR CONSTABLE.

We are authorized to announce the name of G. T. Bane as candidate for the office of constable subject to the will of the voters of Artesia precinct.

Start right New Year's Day by subscribing for the Pecos Valley News.

The first of the year will bring some important business changes in Artesia.

SANTA CLAUSE may be able to drive his reindeer far into the southland this year.

The Lake Arthur Times ran Number 67, Volume 2, last week and yet it is only a weekly paper.

If the Storers did "create" President Roosevelt, they have every reason to be proud of the job.

PARIS has experienced another sensational separation: church and state are now walking in different paths.

It would be a sad blow to the editorial columns of the Roswell Record if the New Mexican should be annihilated.

The imperial boo-a-boo is again frightening democratic statesmen. We are not keeping strict tab, but we think the charge of theft regularly follows this.

It is reported that the Omaha Coal Trust has been found guilty. After this we may expect prompt shipments and lower prices. Note the changes as they come.

THE Lakewood Commercial Club has been reorganized with E. C. Cook, chairman, and J. M. Wood, secretary. This is a sign of returning activity to the town.

As there are 265 convicts in the Arizona Territorial prison, we may congratulate ourselves that she rejected us. From the way they abused the "Sunshine Territory" we are of the opinion that more Arizonians should be incarcerated.

There is much suffering in the northwest because of a coal fa-

mine. The mine owners place the blame with the railroads in their failure to furnish cars. As the snow is twenty feet deep in places, the railroads are not having an easy time moving trains.

The House voted to increase the salaries of the Vice President and members of the cabinet to \$12,000 each and that of Senators to \$7,500. They refused to increase their own salaries, for which we would commend them had they not meddled with editorial mileage.

It is poor policy to send wolves into a flock of sheep to win their good graces lest the sheep become frightened and keep out of reach. It is equally bad judgment to send innocent sheep into the midst of a pack of wolves on a peaceful mission lest the sheep be apprehended and devoured.

Since we came here four months ago, the Lake Arthur Times, the Artesia Advocate, the Dayton Echo and the Lakewood Progress have all changed hands. Between Hagerman and Carlsbad we are the "senior" editor and hereby notify all the boys that we expect due consideration because of our term of service in Valley.

In January we are to elect a constable and a justice of the peace, and several have announced themselves as candidates for the offices. So far all have announced their candidacy as "subject to the will of the voters of Artesia precinct" or in words to that effect. This is as it should be as it has a tendency to eliminate party lines, prevent bitter party feelings and leave the voters free to cast their ballots for the candidate best suited to fill the office. We have just passed through a very exciting campaign and it will be nearly two years before another occurs. There should be no politics in Artesia in the interim. We should select the best person possible to fill these minor but important offices irrespective of political affiliation and devote our energies to the development of Artesia and the Pecos Valley. We want citizens and especially farmers here and not Republicans or Democrats. We want people to fill up our town and cultivate our farms let them vote as they may in the elections to come. We have work to do other than fostering the party spirit. If at the end of nearly two years those who engaged in the recent contest are still alive, are residents of the Territory and are still at liberty, it will be time enough then to champion their cause. At the present, here in our prosperous little city let us lay aside everything that tends to disturb harmony and prevent the united efforts of our citizenship in securing to Artesia all the good possible to attain.

TURKEYS FOR SALE.

I have some fine turkeys for the Christmas trade.

J. B. Cecil.

SEVERELY INJURED.

Green Caraway met with a very serious accident last Thursday night while driving some stock near the Spencer farm. Some of the horses started to run away and he urged his horse to a gallop to head them off, and while so doing ran into a barb wire fence. His left leg was carried along the wire and the sharp barbs sawed the flesh from the bone and even cut down some distance into the bone itself.

Drs. Baker and Stoker dressed the injured member and think that amputation will not be necessary.

DEAD LETTER SALE.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The annual sale of articles received at the Dead Letter Office, whose owners cannot be located, will take place in this city tomorrow. This is always an interesting and exciting event here. The employees of the office do not know exactly what the various packages contain, as every precaution is taken by the officials of the Post Office Department to prevent "inside" information being given to the public so that either that person may be able to identify a package containing something valuable which might be obtained for a small amount of ready cash. Each package is numbered in a printed catalogue, that is furnished freely to those who attend the auction. The packages are of all sizes and shapes. The articles are held a year before they are offered for sale by Uncle Sam. Meanwhile every effort has been made to find either the senders or those to whom the articles have been addressed. When all efforts fail and a year has elapsed the department makes an arrangement with a local firm running an auction house to dispose of the stuff.

The sale invariably draws a large crowd. The packages, of all sizes, are on exhibition, and people who expect to become purchasers have to do a lot of guessing to determine whether or not he or she shall secure a bargain. It is very much on the order of buying cats in a bag, as the old saying goes. It also smacks somewhat of a lottery, for a bidder has no more chance than if he had a ticket in the drawing down at Honduras. But this is known in advance, and those who attend the sale have a heap of fun out of it. A man or woman may bid a dollar or more for what he or she thinks will be a mighty good bargain, only to find when the package is opened that it contains things not worth over ten cents. Others may bid 50 or 60 cents and discover that they have struck it rich by getting a gold watch and chain or a diamond ring. A person's luck simply has to be played. Many are the laughs after the packages are opened—that is, if two out of five purchasers are willing to exhibit the articles knocked down to them. Much more than half of the successful bidders pay the price and slip off to their places of business or homes and investigate the articles privately.

ANNUAL MEETING OF NEW MEXICO EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Las Vegas, N. M., Dec. 26-28, '06. For above occasion tickets will be on sale Dec. 26, 27, 28, final return limit Dec. 29, '06, at rate of one and one fifth fare for round trip.

C. O. Brown, Agt.

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We respectfully solicit the patronage of the public, on a basis of absolute fairness, and the largest measure of accommodation consistent with safe and conservative banking. The small account receives the same careful attention as the large one.

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Fourth St.

Phone 71

Freeman, Cameron & Fullen ATTORNEYS AT LAW Carlsbad, New Mex.

J. G. OSBURN Attorney at Law Offices—No. 1 and 2 Bank of Artesia Building Artesia, New Mex.

At The Churches

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. E. Ward, Pastor. Sunday School every Sunday morning, 10 o'clock. Preaching the first, third and fourth Sundays of the month at 11 o'clock a. m.; preaching at night on the first, third and fourth Sundays; prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH—Rev. Father Robert, Pastor. Mass at 10 a. m. on the first Sunday of each month.

EPISCOPAL.

Rev. E. McQueen Gray, of Carlsbad, Rector in charge. Service at the Baptist church the second Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH.

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J. H. Messer, Pastor

CRADLE ROLL DAY.

Last Sunday was Cradle Roll day at the Christian church and notwithstanding the unpleasant weather of the morning several of the little tots were present and to their credit conducted themselves in a most becoming manner.

W. F. Swartz, the efficient superintendent is using every effort within his power to build up the Sunday school and this is one of the many means used to create an interest in the work.

ORIGIN OF "23"

The slang expression "23," according to the Boston Advertiser, comes from New York and is a police and hospital term. The psychopathic ward in Bellevue is numbered 23. When a person arrested shows any sign of insanity he is sent to ward 23, and the police have become accustomed to saying, "Twenty-three for him," as they send him to the hospital.

J. C. Elliott sold his property north of the school house Monday to J. R. Blair. Mr. Elliott has gone to the mountains and Mrs. Elliott will follow soon.

Our business firms are distributing some beautiful calendars for the year 1907.

COURT MARTIAL ORDERED

Washington, Dec. 14.—On the recommendation of the general staff, the secretary of war has ordered the trial by court martial of Major Charles W. Penrose and Captain Edgar A. Macklin, of Company C, First battalion, Twenty-fifth infantry, under the sixty-second article of war for "conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline" in failing in their duties in preventing and suppressing the riot at Brownsville, Tex., last August.

The specifications will include, among other things, the charge that the two officers named failed to exercise due diligence in preventing the occurrence when the condition of affairs at Brownsville made it necessary that all proper caution should be taken to prevent a clash between the troops and citizens; and also, that they did not examine the rifles of the men until daylight, although they learned of the true state of affairs by 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning.

The details as to the membership of the court and the place where the trial will be held are left to the discretion of the commanding officer of the department of Texas.

WRINKLES

A cynical face is marked by an upward, sneering line at the mouth corners, and often by a network of small lines; which indicate a general contempt for persons and things. There is no reason why they should prematurely appear on the face unless a person has no control of the face muscles. Massage will eradicate wrinkles from the face yet it takes time and patience and a determined mind to accomplish it when once the little furrows have made their appearance.

WITHDRAWS SPELLING ORDER.

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Roosevelt will withdraw his simplified spelling order to the Public Printer and hereafter all documents from the executive departments will again be printed in the old fashioned style.

Representative Landis of the Joint Committee on Spelling had a conference Thursday with the President when the President said he did not wish to have the spelling overshadow other matters of greater importance, and expressed a willingness to revoke his order for the new spelling in case the House of Representatives should go on record as opposed to the system. Accordingly, Mr. Landis introduced a resolution in the House authorizing the use of standard orthography, which was passed.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M. December, 14, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Noel L. Johnson, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 1335 made March 1, 1900, for the SW 1-4 NW1-4, NW1-4 SW1-4 of Section 1; NE1-4 SE1-4 and SE1-4 NE1-4 of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver, at Roswell, New Mexico, on January 26, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz:

Willard Wright, of Hope, N. M., H. M. Gage, of Hope, N. M., Lucius Johnson, of Hope, N. M., W. I. Skrier, of Hope N. M. Howard Leland, Register.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

AND WHY NOT WITH THE GIVING MAKE PRACTICAL GIFTS?

OUR BIG STORE has an UNPARALLELED ARRAY of all that is newest, richest and most elegant for the Holiday Season.

FOR THE LADIES

Elegant Furs, Dainty Embroidered Collars and Linen Handkerchiefs, Newest Kid Gloves, Silk Auto Scarfs, Choice Pieces of China and Cut Glass, Mexican Drawn Work and Table Linen.

For the Men Folks

New Creations in neckwear, Swell Shirts, Dress Gloves, Nice Hosiery, Silk Mufflers, Suspenders, etc., etc.

A VISIT TO OUR MODERN DEPARTMENT STORE

Just now will prove remarkably advantageous to the careful particular buyer. You have here LARGE ASSORTMENTS, bought by experts in each department and with our enormous purchases of our combined stores we own our merchandise at a price that enables us to offer you the MAXIMUM of VALUE at the MINIMUM of PRICE and with it all you get DEPENDABLE, REPUTABLE GOODS.

JUST NOW XMAS TIME



Folks think more about good things to eat than most any period of the year.

FROM OUR LARGE STOCK OF FANCY GROCERIES

It will be easy to get such necessities required in the preparation of the many delicacies and the good things you wish for the Christmas table. We have recently received large consignments of

Citron Orange and Lemon Peel, Dried Fruit, Nuts of all Kinds, Fresh Fruits in Season, Limburger Cheese, Swiss, Roquefort Cream and Neufchatel Cheese, etc., etc.

DON'T FORGET "Gol Brand Flour"

It makes the Best Cakes and Biscuits. We take the flour back if you are not pleased—you try one sack—you'll buy another.

DID YOU EVER think of the advantage you have trading at the "Big Store?" Goods are always fresh here. The stock is turned over so often—don't have time to get stale and old.

Special Xmas Candies 15 Cents the "Pure Food Kind."

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W. F. Swartz, the efficient superintendent is using every effort within his power to build up the Sunday school and this is one of the many means used to create an interest in the work.

ORIGIN OF "23"

The slang expression "23," according to the Boston Advertiser, comes from New York and is a police and hospital term. The psychopathic ward in Bellevue is numbered 23. When a person arrested shows any sign of insanity he is sent to ward 23, and the police have become accustomed to saying, "Twenty-three for him," as they send him to the hospital.

J. C. Elliott sold his property north of the school house Monday to J. R. Blair. Mr. Blair has gone to the mountains and Mrs. Elliott will follow soon.

Our business firms are distributing some beautiful calendars for the year 1907.

COURT MARTIAL ORDERED

Washington, Dec. 14.—On the recommendation of the general staff, the secretary of war has ordered the trial by court martial of Major Charles W. Penrose and Captain Edgar A. Macslin, of Company C, First battalion, Twenty-fifth infantry, under the sixty-second article of war for "conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline" in failing in their duties in preventing and suppressing the riot at Brownsville, Tex., last August.

The specifications will include, among other things, the charge that the two officers named failed to exercise due diligence in preventing the occurrence when the condition of affairs at Brownsville made it necessary that all proper caution should be taken to prevent a clash between the troops and citizens; and also, that they did not examine the rifles of the men until daylight, although they learned of the true state of affairs by 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning.

The details as to the membership of the court and the place where the trial will be held have been left to the discretion of the commanding officer of the department of Texas.

WRINKLES

A cynical face is marked by an upward, sneering line at the mouth corners, and often by a network of small lines; which indicate a general contempt for persons and things. There is no reason why they should prematurely appear on the face unless a person has no control of the face muscles. Massage will eradicate wrinkles from the face yet it takes time and patience and a determined mind to accomplish it when once the little furrows have made their appearance.

WITHDRAWS SPELLING ORDER.

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Roosevelt will withdraw his simplified spelling order to the Public Printer and hereafter all documents from the executive departments will again be printed in the old fashioned style.

Representative Landis of the Joint Committee on Spelling had a conference Thursday with the President when the President said he did not wish to have the spelling overshadow other matters of greater importance, and expressed a willingness to revoke his order for the new spelling in case the House of Representatives should go on record as opposed to the system. Accordingly, Mr. Landis introduced a resolution in the House authorizing the use of standard orthography, which was passed.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M. December, 14, 1906. Notice is hereby given that Noel L. Johnson, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz. Homestead Entry No. 1335 made March 1, 1900, for the SW 1-4 NW 1-4, NW 1-4 SW 1-4 of Section 1; NE 1-4 SE 1-4 and SE 1-4 NE 1-4 of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver, at Roswell, New Mexico, on January 26, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of land, viz:

Willard Wright, of Hope, N. M.; H. M. Gage, of Hope, N. M.; Lucius Johnson, of Hope, N. M.; W. I. Skrier, of Hope, N. M. Howard Leland, Register.

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AND WHY NOT WITH THE GIVING MAKE PRACTICAL GIFTS?

OUR BIG STORE has an UNPARALLELED ARRAY of all that is newest, richest and most elegant for the Holiday Season.

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Elegant Furs, Dainty Embroidered Collars and Linen Handkerchiefs, Newest Kid Gloves, Silk Auto Scarfs, Choice Pieces of China and Cut Glass, Mexican Drawn Work and Table Linen.

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New Creations in neckwear, Swell Shirts, Dress Gloves, Nice Hosiery, Silk Mufflers, Suspenders, etc., etc.

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Just now will prove remarkably advantageous to the careful particular buyer. You have here LARGE ASSORTMENTS, bought by experts in each department and with our enormous purchases of our combined stores we own our merchandise at a price that enables us to offer you the MAXIMUM of VALUE at the MINIMUM of PRICE and with it all you get DEPENDABLE, REPUTABLE GOODS.

JUST NOW XMAS TIME



Folks think more about good things to eat than most any period of the year.

FROM OUR LARGE STOCK OF FANCY GROCERIES

It will be easy to get such necessities required in the preparation of the many delicacies and the good things you wish for the Christmas table. We have recently received large consignments of

Citron Orange and Lemon Peel, Dried Fruit, Nuts of all Kinds, Fresh Fruits in Season, Limburger Cheese, Swiss, Roquefort Cream and Nenfchatel Cheese, etc., etc.

DON'T FORGET "Gol Brand Flour"

It makes the Best Cakes and Biscuits. We take the flour back if you are not pleased—you try one sack—you'll buy another.

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SEE OUR XMAS CANDY SPECIALS

Special Xmas Candies 15 Cents the "Pure Food Kind"

Xmas Candies 15 Cents. Good as the 25 Cent Kind

LAKEWOOD.

From the Progress.

J. S. Dearing and son Burt, visited Carlsbad Saturday.

J. W. Langford visited at Hagerman Sunday.

Gip Adams was a visitor at this office Tuesday.

Jack Dearing is assisting Editor Newkirk at Artesia this week.

Mrs. Gig Adams, who lives two miles southwest, was visiting and shopping in town Tuesday.

Jno. A. Feller and J. B. McClener transacted business in the county seat Saturday.

Tom Runyan of the SX ranch was visiting in Lakewood Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Rogers, of a few miles north of town, was shopping here Tuesday.

James Gilbert, who has been in the White Mountains for about a year, returned to his old home near here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dean visited at Carlsbad last Saturday, Mr. Dean returned Tuesday Mrs. Dean will visit friends in the county capital for a few days.

V T. Heffner, who lives northeast of Lakewood, was in town Monday. He is improving and developing a nice farm in the Pecos Valley, and in a few years will yearly reap an assured money crop.

N. L. Johnson, a merchant of Hope, was transacting business here Monday and Tuesday.

REAL ESTATE TO EXCHANGE.

For low-priced land in Pecos Valley, under irrigation, or subject to irrigation.

One quarter and one-half section, one mile and 1/4 miles from good railroad town in Southwest Oklahoma, 400 acres in cultivation. 130 acres in wheat, 15 alfalfa. Chocolate soil, no rock. Good wheat, oats, cotton and corn land. Give full description and price of what you have to offer, first letter. Box 124, Olustee, Okla. 14

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BOX SUPPER AT DAYTON.

The W. O. W. gave a box supper at Dayton Tuesday night for the purpose of securing funds with which to purchase furniture for a new hall.

The boxes sold for from \$1.00 to \$7.50 each, the latter price being paid by an Artesia man, a partner in a machine shop but whose name we refrain from publishing because of his retiring disposition and extreme modesty.

The supper was a decided success and netted the order a neat sum with which to purchase furniture.

A "one cake was put up to be voted to the handsomest lady present. The names of Miss Gilbert of Dayton and Miss Walling of Artesia were proposed. The race was a close one, Miss Gilbert winning by a few votes. The receipts for the cake contest were \$58.00.

After the supper dancing was engaged in until a late hour.

A number of Artesia people attended and report a royal good time.

The Christian Sunday School Christmas entertainment will be held Christmas night. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Entertainment begin at 7:30. This promises to be a most interesting entertainment. Everybody invited.

XMAS. THE FINEST LINE OF XMAS FURNITURE EVER SHOWN IN THE VALLEY. Everything new and of the Latest-- Nothing Second Hand.



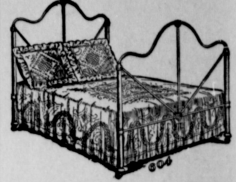
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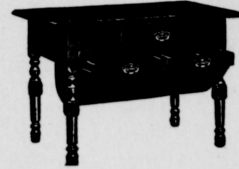
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the dimensions of your room and get our prices.



Remember the freight is prepaid to all points in the Pecos Valley. Get our prices and you will send us your orders. Once our customer, always our customer.

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It is
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We have just received a new car. Come in
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WE SELL ONLY HIGH GRADE WAGONS AND BUGGIES AND
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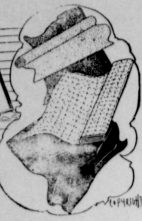
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The Big Racket Store

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Suppose ours was a great store in a big city; sequel, rent would be high and expenses heavy. Suppose we bought all our goods on long time credit and sold the same way; sequel, you would be charged a larger per cent profit to pay for some DEAD BEAT'S account which he would not pay. If you came to us under such conditions, we would have to charge you a higher price for everything than we now do, and you would get nothing more for your money.

You may argue that if we had a great store and more money we could secure better bargains, consequently sell cheaper; such is not the case, we buy from a New York firm that sells for SPOT CASH ONLY, and at one price, the lowest in the United States, to both the large and small dealer alike; if we had a MILLION DOLLARS we could not buy for less.

We sell for CASH to everyone, we can't tell the difference between the BANKER'S HALF DOLLAR and the WASHERWOMAN'S FIFTY CENTS when the final count is made every night.

In a word, we give you "your money's worth," no DEAD BEAT'S PER CENT added every time you spend a penny with us

A few quotations from our large stock:

- President Suspenders, pair 44c.
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- Regular 1 1/2 Half Hose, pair 10c.
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- Regular 2 1/2 Rubber Collars, each 14c and 18c.
- Regular \$2 50 Hats Mens, each \$1 43.
- Regular \$2 00 Hats, Mens, each 98c
- 40c Table Damask, yard 24c.
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- Dr. Girard's Talcum Powder, can 7c.
- Selieck's Face Powder, 25c size, box 9c.
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- Baby Elite Polish, box 8c.
- 14 in Kitchen Saws, each 21c.
- Acme Sifters 25c size, each 10c.
- Vaseline 2oz. bottle, 3c.
- Shoe laces 5c kind, pair 1c
- Steel Curry Comb, each 9c.
- William's Shaving Soap, cake 7c.
- Sad iron handles, Mrs Potts, each 8c.
- Solid Steel 26 in. hand saws, each 69c.
- Hat and Coat Hooks, doz. 8c.
- 12 1/2c Percale, yd. 9c.
- 7c Calico, yd. 6c.
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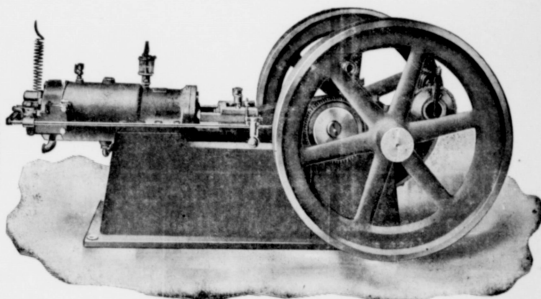
such as chinaware, dolls, doll buggies, toys,
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many other things to numerous to mention. Don't
fail to visit us and especially during the Holiday
season.

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ARTESIA MACHINE SHOP

Pecos Valley News

VOL I.

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NO. 16.

The Pecos Valley

The Pecos Valley lies along the eastern side of New Mexico, principally on the west side of the river, and that portion of it which is attracting so much attention today extends from some distance above Roswell on the north to below Carlsbad on the south, a distance of about one hundred miles.

In reality it is not a valley but an elevated plain with an altitude of about 3400 feet, traversed by the Pecos river which has its source in the mountains several hundred miles away. The mountains can be seen from all points in the valley. El Capitan is west of Roswell and the range extends north and west seeming to merge into the Guadalupe range which extends to the lower part of the valley. East of the river are high banks and hills beyond which are the "staked plains" of Texas.

Before coming into the Valley one passes through a desert waste which at present appears to be of little value. Suddenly the scene changes, and you find yourself within a prosperous section, with fields, gardens, orchards and groves all about you. Shortly afterward we arrive at Roswell at the head of the valley. Roswell is a fine town of about 4000 people although it is but ten years old. Some of the largest and finest orchards of the world are found here, and around it are evidences of great prosperity. Going south from here you pass through Dexter, Hagerman, Lake Arthur, Artesia, Dayton, Lakeview and Carlsbad, the latter being the county seat of Eddy county. All of these are growing

towns. Artesia receives further mention elsewhere. Carlsbad has suffered greatly the lack of water for two years, caused by the destruction of the Avalon dam, but that is being rebuilt by the government and prospects are again bright for Carlsbad.

Until about ten years ago, the valley was supposed to be useless except for grazing purposes and as there was little rainfall there was not an abundance of grass. But the construction of irrigating canals and later the discovery of artesian water has changed this once barren tract into a land of fruit and flowers, gardens and farms. People come to see, buy and make homes with us. Land is still to be had at reasonable prices and yet there are improved farms which could not be purchased far from \$300 to \$500 per acre.

Fruit and alfalfa are the leading productions. Other farm products do well but a fruit farm brings great returns and five crops of alfalfa can be harvested here in a season. Cantaloupes of the finest quality can be grown, sweet potatoes and all truck grow readily.

Unimproved land can be purchased at from \$15 to \$40 per acre while desert claims and relinquishments may be had at a much lower price. Improved land varies so in value that it is difficult to quote a price that can be appreciated without seeing the land.

As has been said, "the returns from farming irrigated lands in a southern climate are so large and so certain that there is no sense in which it is not absolutely material what the original cost to the purchaser is.



NEW MEXICAN FLOWERS



A FARM SCENE IN THE PECOS VALLEY.

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BUSINESS BLOCK
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ARTESIA

Artesia—fairest city of the valley—is located about half way between Roswell and Carlsbad in the center of the artesian belt. Here are the largest and strongest Artesian wells in the world and here are conditions not surpassed anywhere.

The town is but a little over two years old and has 2000 inhabitants. It has good, substantial buildings, cement sidewalks city water works, a \$10,000 school building, two newspapers, two strong banks, four hotels, a wholesale house, a telephone system, several churches, a good nursery adjoining. A ladies' college in process of erection and everything necessary to make a live, up-to-date town.

Because of its location, it is certain to become a county seat in a few years and as thousands of acres of fruit-trees are being cultivated it is destined to become a great fruit producing and shipping point.

The great fruit country at Hope and the mountain district buy and draw on Artesia for their supplies. A movement is on foot to erect a large power plant on the Penasco river west of Hope which will undoubtedly result not only in cheap power and lights for Artesia but will insure us an electric line between the two places.

The climate here is the most healthful in the world. All lung trouble and asthma are improved and in many

instances, entirely cured by this climate. Ha fever and malaria are unknown, and the mild winters are especially beneficial to the aged who are unable to withstand the rigor of a northern climate.

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Artesia Club, composed of business men of the town will be pleased to furnish information and render assistance to anyone interested in the town and Valley. We have also a number of real estate men who are thoroughly acquainted with the land and conditions here, and with whom business can be safely transacted. Our two banks, The First National and The Bank of Artesia are strong, reliable institutions and will readily furnish information desired.

If you are looking for a location, come to Artesia.

Dry Goods

Grand Leader

Clothing

Artesia's Leading Store.
The Store of Quality. The Store of Quantity.

Resolve to do your business with us for this year of 1907 and you will be sure to get the best there is for the least possible price.

We thank you for past favors and wish you a merry Xmas and happy New Year.

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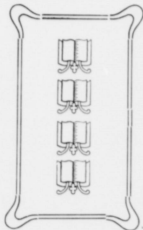
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"What is worth doing at all is worth doing well". This is true of an artesian well so if you want a well made and made well, with the latest improved and best machinery, operated by drillers of 20 years successful experience, you should contract with Mull. Then your well will be made right and nobody "skinned".

Artesia Public Schools



Artesia Public School—like the city has been established only a little over three years. From 1903 to 1904 the school was taught by one teacher, Prof. Peck, in a small frame building. Messrs. E. A. Clayton, the founder of Artesia, Dr. Rhodes, and M. Smith, were the first school directors. The course of study did not extend beyond the 8th grade, as this fully met the demand at that time.

In 1904 the town had grown so rapidly, it became necessary to employ five teachers. Prof. L. W. Martin, a graduate of Missouri State University and a Supt. of wide experience was chosen principal, who proceeded at once to organize and grade the school from the primary to the High School inclusive.

The High School covered two years work and was well done, considering the adverse conditions under which he labored.

Prof. Martin had four assistants, viz Miss Olive Noel, Miss Helen A. Mitchell, Miss Mary L. Yeargin, Miss Stella Bradshaw. The high school and part of the grades occupied the

BOARD of DIRECTORS.

J. C. Gage,
Pres.

C. L. Heath,
Sec'y.

A. V. Logan,
Dir.

building now owned and used by the Baptist church. Rooms were rented to accommodate the remaining grades.

Rev. J. C. Gage was President of the School Board; Gayle Talbot, Secretary. Dr. Rhodes and E. A. Clayton were members.

In the spring of 1905, a demand for a new high school building capable of accommodating all the children, was zealously supported by all our citizens.

Messrs. C. E. Biles, Gayle Talbot and Dr. R. M. Ross, were chosen school directors.

Bonds to the amount of \$10,000 ere submitted to the voters—and hardly a dissenting vote was cast against the proposition.

These bonds were soon sold and contract for our present building was let to Phillips & Reeves of Roswell. This beautiful edifice was not completed until the 15th of Nov., 1905.

B. F. Brown, B. S. D., was chosen Superintendent.

Miss Olive Noel was chosen first assistant in the High School.

Miss Stella Bradshaw Seventh and Eighth grades.

ARTESIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Miss Mary L. Yeargin, Third and Fourth grades.

Miss Carrie Childross Fifth and Sixth Grades.

Miss Bessie E. Brown, Second grade.

Miss Helen A. Mitchell, Primary.

A new course of study was devised provided for three years of High School work beyond the Eighth grade.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

Algebra.

Latin.

Advanced English.

Physical Geography

Laboratory Physiology

SECOND YEAR

Algebra.

Latin (Caesar).

Rhetoric and American Literature.

General History.

THIRD YEAR.

Plane Geometry

English Literature.

Latin (Cicero)

History of England.

Advanced U. S. History

The first commencement exercises were held in the Christian church in May, 1906

GRADUATES.

Miss Mary Heath.

Miss Ora Heath.

Miss Vera Heath.

Mr. Faris Heath

Miss Treva Blair.

Miss Zola Kinsinger.

Miss Allie B. Clayton.

Miss Bessie Chisholm.

Miss Allie Chisholm.

Our building is a two story, eight room brick; four on the first floor, one of which is used for library, the others for study and recitation rooms.

There are four rooms on the second floor, one of which is used for recitation room, the other three for study rooms.

The High School room is separated

from the Grammar room by folding doors, which are opened every morning during opening services.

Where are our graduates?

Miss Allie B. Clayton is attending the Polytechnic Institute at Ft. Worth Texas.

The two Miss Blair's are attending college in California.

Miss Bessie Chisholm is primary teacher at Hope, N. M.

Miss Zola Kinsinger is teaching in Chaves county, N. M.

Mr. Faris Heath and his three sisters, Misses Mary, Ora and Vera are taking post graduate work in Artesia High School.

B. F. Brown, our present Superintendent, claims the honor of organizing the Pecos Valley Teachers' Association, composed of the teachers of Chaves, Roosevelt, Leonard and Eddy counties. This association held its first meeting in Artesia Dec. 1st and 2nd, 1905.

The next meeting will be held in Roswell Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving

Three Artesia teachers will appear on the program.

The last county teachers institute was held in Artesia and conducted by B. F. Brown, assisted by Miss Edith Rodkey of Roswell.

Forty eight teachers were in attendance, the highest enrollment ever made in the history of Eddy county.



The Artesia Churches.



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Artesia has many church organizations, several of which have church buildings in which to worship. Unlike many new towns, there are a large number church going people and religious matters have kept pace with the other interests of the town.

There are also Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U., Epworth League and Christian Endeavor Societies besides numerous other church societies found in Christian communities.

Until recently Rev. E. Ward has been pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. J. H. Messer is pastor of the M. E. Church South, Rev. J. M. Blalock of the Christian church, Rev. E. E. Mathes of the Presbyterian church, Rev. Father Robert of the Catholic church and Rev. E. McQueen Gray of the Episcopal church.

All these appear to be doing earnest work and the church membership of the town is increasing.

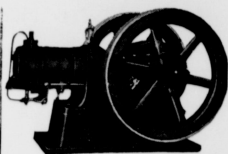
Because of the influence of the church and the earnest christian work done by the membership, the moral status of the town is excellent. Ar-

tesia was the first town in New Mexico to prohibit gambling and all forms of vice meet with the strongest disapproval here. Those who are building the town and developing the farms deserve great credit but greater credit is due to those who are instrumental in the formation of true christian character and there are many devoting their lives to this work in the valley.

Our churches and our schools as well as the high standard of manhood and womanhood established and maintained here make this a most desirable place in which to rear your children. Count the advantages offered by Artesia before you go elsewhere.



The Develop- ment of The Pecos Valley



Gasoline Engines:

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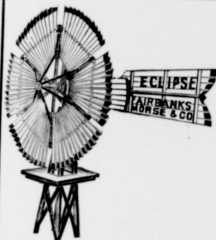
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Artesia Club.



In August, 1905, a number of the business and professional men of Artesia, met in the offices of Judson G. Osburn and organized the Artesia Club, devoted to the commercial and social interests of Artesia.

The Club commenced with a membership of twenty-five, which has since been doubled. Earl Cobb was chosen as its first president and Dr. Charles Thomas was elected secretary for the first year. In the beginning the Club occupied restricted quarters, but with the completion of the new Schrock & Higgins building, a fine large club room was had, which was built especially for this purpose. The room is commodious and has the advantage of being centrally located.

Public meetings are frequently held under the auspices of the Club, for the discussion of questions regarding the welfare of Artesia and to consider such business propositions of a public nature as are constantly arising in a new and progressive town, for which purpose the club room is admirably adapted. The social side was also considered in designing the room and it is suitable in size and arrangement to accommodate the guests attending the receptions and social events, which are held from time to time.

The room is furnished throughout with mission furniture and has an open fireplace designed and finished in the same style which adds a touch of cosyness during the cool winter evenings. Current magazines and newspapers are on the reading table for

the benefit of club members and the room is open to them at all times. The social features of the Club are in charge of a House Committee and a Committee on Reception and Entertainment. A regular program for the ensuing year has been announced, of which the Hallowe'en Social and the Thanksgiving Reception are already numbered among the pleasant and enjoyable events of the year, while the New Year's Eve Ball Masque and the events which follow are eagerly anticipated.

Besides the committees which have in charge the management of club affairs the following business committees are appointed by the president, from which an idea may be obtained of the scope of the club, commercially.

Committee on Correspondence and Advertising.

Committee on Railroads and Manufactures.

Committee on Public Improvements.

Committee on Sanitariums.

Committee on Produce and Irrigation.

The Club is aggressive in its work to build up a bigger and better Artesia and the advancement of the town's material interests is its constant aim.

The officers for the current year are: President, Judson G. Osburn; First Vice-President, Harry W. Hamilton; Second Vice-President, Olin H. Ragsdale; Treasurer, L. R. Gaidry; Secretary, Edward Gessert.

The three first named, together with Dr. R. M. Ross, E. A. Clayton, Dr. Charles Thomas, George P. Cleveland, E. C. Higgins and E. E. McNatt constitute the board of directors, while the membership comprises almost all of the business and professional men of the town.

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E. A. Johnson, photographer, furnished the photographs from which the cuts in this issue were made.

This is the sixteenth issue of the Pecos Valley News and our business, thanks to an appreciative public, has been very satisfactory so far.

The Pecos Valley News is but sixteen weeks old and yet the amount of business done at this office is equal to that of many papers having been established sixteen years. The patronage has far exceeded our expectations and we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation and extending our thanks to those who have so liberally patronized us.

This special edition is not all that we had hoped it to be and yet we have put much labor and some expense on the issue and feel that our efforts will be appreciated. After the holidays we will make some improvements in the New's office and hope in a short time to issue a paper of which all our readers will be proud.

We extend the seasons greetings to all and hope that you may share bountifully in the Christmas joys.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

THE EDITORS.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS.

BY L. G. H. Artesia, N. M.

Oh, sing me today a Christmas song.

Let the music be soft and deep.

Till I see the manger where, long ago

The Christ-child lay asleep.

Until I share the dreams He knew

As angels touched his lips:

And the darkening hours the world passed through.

With the God-light in eclipse.

For the heart grows soft in the Christmas glow.

And love aways every thrill.

Praying the Father who loved us so.

To teach us to know his will;

That we may go where joy has flown,

To bid all weeping cease.

To go to the highways and hear His own.

The gospel greeting, "Peace"

Oh never a message so glad as this,

And never a gift so rare.

As the wise men found at Bethlehem.

When the east star led them there;

And His children who ponder the lesson deep.

May read the summons, "Go

And lovingly care for my wandering sheep,"

Writ in holly and mistletoe.

There's a minor strain in the Christmas song,

When memories backward stray.

(Forgetting the joy of the circling throng.)

To the old home, far away;

To days long past, when beaming eyes

Threw back the Yule-light glow.

Lie now agleam in Paradise.

While we toil on below.

Ah, the minor strain sweeps on and on.

As waves at even-ide.

Till all life's narrow aims are gone.

And the flood-gates open wide;

The sweet Christ-spirit lights the earth:

And bitter thoughts are changed.

Till we clasp a hand from the alien land.

Of the friend who has been estranged.

The deep notes rise to the arched skies.

On incense-lightened wings.

In homage true, to grow anew

Christ Jesus, King of Kings.

Till "Peace on earth, good-will to men,"

Inspires the heart to pray.

For Christian sight to live aright

The joys of Christmas Day.



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The Woman's Club.

This organization is beginning its third year of study. Its need was discussed, but always vaguely, for several weeks before it was actually formed. Finally on October 26, 1904, a party of about twenty drove out with well filled dinner baskets to surprise Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Gore; the occasion being Mrs. Gore's birthday. The day was one of great pleasure, and before separating the women appointed a day for taking more positive measures toward the formation of the long talked of club. The day set was November first and the meeting was at the home of Mrs. Edwin B. Kemp. The club was formerly organized on this date and officers chosen. A few days later a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Robert M. Ross, the club named "The Woman's Literary Club," a constitution adopted, committees appointed and the study for the year agreed upon. The first officers were Mrs. Atkeson, President; Mrs. Gore, Vice-President; Mrs. Phillips, Secretary; Mrs. Ross, Treasurer; Mrs. Hodges, Critic. The Program Committee: Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Ccill. The Membership Committee: Mrs. Gore, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Sholars. The study for the year was English history, and the first regular meeting was with Mrs. Hugh Allison, Mrs. L. W. Martin being in charge of the program. The year was a very pleasant and profitable one and wound up with a lawn party in June at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dyer to which the husbands were graciously invited. The retiring president was presented with a piece of cut glass by the members.

The second year 1905-1906 was no less profitable from the standpoint of study but there was too great a shifting of the membership and no little confusion. The officers were Mrs. Gore, President; Mrs. Kemp, Vice-President; Mrs. McCrary, Secretary; Mrs. Dyer, Treasurer; Mrs. Atkeson, Critic.

The Program Committee: Mrs. Mar-

tin, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Hodges.

The Membership Committee: Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. Weems and Mrs. Hamilton.

The program for the year was the study of ten American authors: Whittier, Longfellow, Poe, Lowell, Holmes, Jane Lane Allen, Irving, Lew Wallace, Riley and Mark Twain. And of six American cities: San Francisco, Alexandria, New Orleans, Boston, Philadelphia and Santa Fe. These were well and instructively handled by their respective leaders. There were in addition a "Household Day" in charge of Mrs. Beckham, and a Musicales managed by Mrs. McCrary.

At the beginning of this year, 1906-7 the name of the club was shortened to "The Womans' Club" as this is thought to give more latitude to the workings of this organization.

The officers at present in charge are Mrs. Hodges, Acting President, in the stead of Mrs. Richey, removed; Mrs. Atkeson, Secretary; Mrs. McNatt, Treasurer; Mrs. Ross, Critic.

Program Committee: Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Atkeson and Mrs. Idler.

Membership Committee: Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Idler and Mrs. Skaer

The study for the year are three plays of Shakespeare: "King Richard III," "The Comedy of Errors" and "Hamlet."

Of the present twenty to which number the membership has from the first been limited, these ten were members in the first year of the organization:

Mesdames: Wilhelmina D. Atkeson, Adabel Vivian Beckham, Belle Dyer, Emma Y. Gilbert, Elizabeth V. Hodges, Mary G. Idler, Mary B. Kemp, Fanny MacClane Martin, Florence Idler Phillips and Daisy M. Ross and the Honorary Member, Mrs. Annie A. Kemp. The others members at present are Elizabeth W. Blake, Nana Inman, Lucile Duckworth McCrary, Elza Totze McNatt, Carrie Newkirk, Fannie S. Orr, Edith O. Skaer, Martha Schwartz, Jessie Demming Thomas and Nettie Walker.

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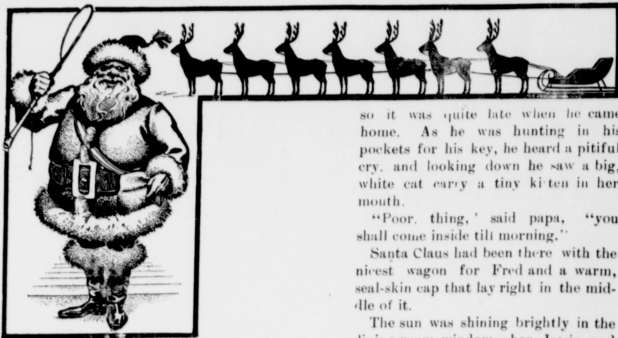
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The Children's Page.



It was Christmas Eve and the frost fairies were busy getting ready for Christmas Day. The stars shown brightly and the moon sent floods of light in every nook and corner. How could an one think of sleeping when there was such a glory outside!

Jessie and Fred had gone to bed very early so they might be first to shout "Merry Christmas!" but their eyes would not stay shut.

"Oh dear! it must be 'most morning," said Fred; "lets creep softly down stairs and maybe we'll catch Santa Claus before he rides off."

Hand and hand they tiptoed to the dining-room and peeped out the big window;—surely surely, that was something climbing up the roof of cousin Nellie's house; it must be old Santa. Fred gave a chuckle of delight: to be sure the reindeer were very queer looking objects, and the sleigh such a funny shape, but the children were satisfied.

"There's something scratching on the door," whispered Jessie; but it was only a mouse, who had sniffed the delightful odors of the Christmas goodies and was trying his best to find a way into the pantry and test them with his sharp teeth.

"Come," said Jessie, "we'll turn to icicles if we stay here much longer"; so up-stairs they quickly scampered.

Papa had been to town on an errand,

so it was quite late when he came home. As he was hunting in his pockets for his key, he heard a pitiful cry, and looking down he saw a big, white cat carry a tiny kitten in her mouth.

"Poor, thing," said papa, "you shall come inside till morning."

Santa Claus had been there with the nicest wagon for Fred and a warm, seal-skin cap that lay right in the middle of it.

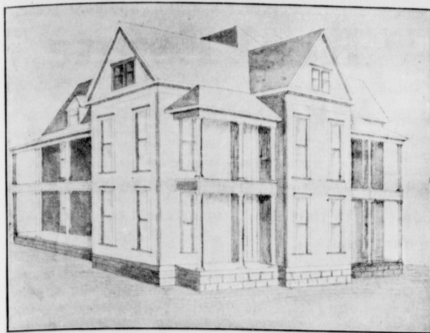
The sun was shining brightly in the dining room window when Jessie and Fred made their appearance; then Fred just laughed with delight, for right in the crown of his new cap lay the cutest white kitten, with big, blue eyes and wee pink nose, while standing close by as if to guard her darling from danger, was good old mother puss.

"I never had a live Christmas present before," said Fred. "Now I know Santa Claus read the letter I threw up the chimney because I told him to bring me a kitten and here it is."



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Artesia College.



Girls Dormitory

One institution in which our citizens take especial pride is Artesia College, the location of which is on a fine tract of land, thirty acres in extent, in the west part of the town.

Dr. McIlhany, a man of much culture and varied experience is the founder of the institution and when his plans are completed we will have within our midst a school that will meet the requirements of the demands of this progressive country.

The cut above is of the girls dormitory and is nearing completion. The work of the college is to be carried on in the building until the main building is completed.

The industrial feature of the college is well worthy of consideration and support. It is intended to cultivate the college land thus furnishing employment for those who are not able financially to attend school without some income. There is an artesian well near the buildings and the land is admirably situated for perfecting and carrying on the plans of the promoter.

Some of our most prominent citizens are interested in the college thus assuring the success of the enterprise.

To the Citizens of Artesia: I beseech you, hear me for my cause.



viz: Right education; and among the essential factors in this right education is the industrial idea. I do not believe anyone can believe more profoundly in the intellectual development of the soul than I. Nor can anyone believe more strongly in the graces and charms of literary culture and in the beautiful attainments of Art Culture. But in addition to these worthy things I believe in practical industry. And I believe it is a rational part of right Educational work to train and exercise boys and girls, WHILE AT SCHOOL in the USEFUL industries of life. It is a good thing for them, both while at school and in subsequent life. Now, our College,—Artesia College, is for training in Science, Literature, Fine Arts and Practical Industries and also, Cardinal doctrines of 'Religion.' Our charter specifies all these. We have, if possible, the most beautiful tract of land near the city. It is being handsomely improved, both from an esthetical and a utilitarian standpoint.

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Artesia Library Board.

In a general resume of Artesia's attractions and advantages, the Library Association stands out as a feature of great pride to our citizens. The average western town is populated in its primitive days with a people who are not troubled with a passion for literary advancement. A library is not considered one of the important essentials in the upbuilding of the town, and so is relegated to the distant future and an advanced condition of civilization.

Artesia escaped the fate of her western sisters by being born in the lap of intelligence. When there were only two stores, one hotel, and a newspaper in the town; before her churches and fraternal orders had organized; before her citizens had built for themselves comfortable homes; almost before she was alive, Artesia was the proud possessor of a library association. In tents, shacks and shanties lurked education and refinement, and this feeling of intellectual progress found expression in a meeting of the ladies, held on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 12, 1903, at the home of Mrs. Ross when the Artesia Library Association was organized.

This association was to be controlled by a board of twelve lady directors, and anyone paying one dollar per year became a member of the association, and entitled to the privileges of the library.

Following are the names of the ladies who composed the first board of directors:

Mesdames Dyer, Ross, Gilbert, Rogers, Benson, Cleveland, Smith, Hale, Pons, Scholars, Talbot and White.

These ladies with courage and determination labored assiduously in the interest of the association; giving ice cream suppers, musicals, lectures, theatricals, etc., to secure money with which to purchase books. At first, and for some time, the books were kept in some store, but from the liberal patronage of the public the supply of books increased to such an extent, that it was considered advisable by the

Board to secure quarters of their own, so they decided to establish a free reading room, to be maintained by monthly subscriptions from the business men. When called upon the merchants and business men responded willingly with subscriptions and encouragement, and in a few days the reading room committee secured the required amount, \$50.00, payable every month. Two rooms were rented and furnished with taste and comfort and the first of August, 1905, the free reading room was formally opened. It was supplied with all the library books, the late magazines and periodicals and the daily papers; in charge of very obliging librarians. From time to time new books have been added until at present they number four hundred volumes embracing histories, biographies, fiction, including many of the late popular novels, a complete set of the International Encyclopedia, and many of the standard works and children's books. The reading room is always cheerful and comfortable and everyone, strangers and visitors, are invited and are welcome as it is wholly for the benefit of the public. Open from 3 to 9 p. m.

In October, 1905, the Library Association was incorporated according to the laws of the Territory and a solid foundation is being laid for a Carnegie Library which the ladies hope to see in Artesia before very long. While the ladies of the board have labored hard in the interest of the library, giving freely of their money and time; still their undertaking would have been a failure without the willing and liberal assistance which they have, and are still, receiving from the business men of the town.





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Concerning Artesia.

As a mother sits with her child on her knee, deep in that reverie that only mothers know, she exults in the beauties and virtues of her little one, though anxiously she may sigh over the faults that often are evident even to the over-partial eye of a mother.

To some extent, this illustrates the thoughts of those who, through three or four years residence in the Artesia country, have become pioneers. They rejoice in the growth of Artesia, in her class of citizen-ship, her prosperity. They are proud of the number of her brick buildings, her substantial firms, the rating of her banks, the growth of her schools, which at first were carried on in a frame building, supplemented by such additional room as could be rented and taught by two teachers. Today our beautiful \$10,000 brick school building, where over three hundred children are taught under P. of Brown, Supt., assisted by six able teachers, is pointed out to visitors as the show place, the pride of Artesia. They are exultant over the unsurpassed climate, the Mecca of health seekers where sufferers from lung or throat troubles, if they come in time, are benefitted, or restored to health. They appreciate the tasteful homes that make up the city; the numerous church buildings, (five in all) that proclaim that her citizens have planted the banner of Christianity in the plains land of New Mexico, for in all new settled countries, there is so much need of christian ministrations.

Too much cannot be said in praise of this country, and those who can read the "signs of the times," predict for it a glorious future. We who love Artesia best, are impatient for that time when only influences for good may be at work; when the memory of

the saloon and its associate evils, may be as that of a bad dream, forever dispelled by the morning sun. This, in all towns, must be the first and greatest work of reformers and Christian reformers—to save our boys, and thereby save the world.

One of the needs of Artesia is a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association,—that organization that has been so helpful and elevating to young men in the cities of the old states. No town is too small to support such an institution—here there is one young man to save. We must remember the boys, in the happy Christmas season that is now with us; so many of them, away from home, and hallowed associations, may forget the prayers and admonitions of Christian parents, and be tempted into playing their first game of cards, or into taking the first drink, a small beginning, it may seem, but who can measure the bitterness of the end?

Last Christmas, the workers in one of our Sunday Schools had the children bring contributions of the good things with which they were so abundantly supplied, to be distributed among the destitute. The little gifts were brought, but, after much careful inquiry, no one could be found to whom these gifts could be offered with propriety. That is a happy condition, and may it ever exist, though it does not obviate the necessity of constant watchfulness. Most of all, Christmas is a holy day for the children, and, as in the long ago, men brought gifts to the Child Christ, in this day we must minister to Him as He comes to us in the lives of little children, remembering that "As ye did it not unto the least of these, ye did it not unto me."

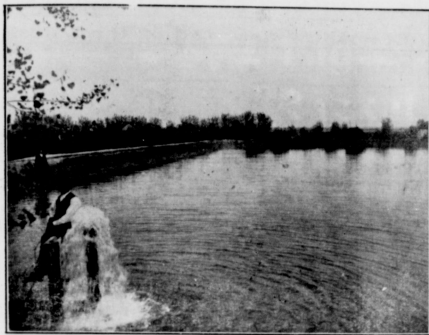


Dam on the PECOS RIVER.



Ford on the PENNSCO RIVER.

Artesian Wells.



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Artesian Well and Reservoir.

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Artesia is situated in the center of the Artesian district and within two miles of the largest artesian well in the world. Two large wells supply water for the town and there are numbers of them all around, some of which can be seen for miles spouting their water into the air.

There are several well rigs always at work putting down wells. When the work is properly done and the casing correctly set, you are assured of a plentiful supply.

Many of these wells have been running for years without any depreciation of water supply. There have been a few cases where the casing was defective, which when remedied the flow has been as strong as ever.

An owner of a well can have water for his growing crops whenever he wishes and here he can have dry weather when harvesting. We have dry weather and moisture as we need it. The one is almost as essential as the other.

At many farms are large reservoirs fed by artesian wells, thus storing up a large quantity of water for special need. These reservoirs are plentifully stocked with fish which may be easily seen in the clear water.

Nowhere else is the water supply so

satisfactory as in an artesian district and this is especially true when one wishes to grow alfalfa. Just before cutting the water is turned on and this gives a good start for the next crop. When harvesting alfalfa, clear weather is almost an absolute necessity. There are more clear days in the Pecos Valley than anywhere else with which we are acquainted.

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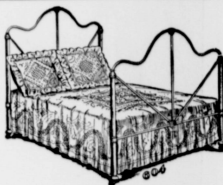
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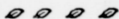
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If sown in the spring three crops are usually harvested but if sown in the fall, four and sometimes five crops are harvested the following year. The yield is from four to five tons per acre per year and the price ranges from \$8 to \$14 per ton. The minimum in yield and price gives a return of \$40 per acre per year, a fact well worth the consideration of those who till the soil.

WHAT A WELL WILL DO.

To whom it may concern.

Last year beginning March 1st, I raised crops on 250 acres of land, on new land by irrigation from one well and rented one-fourth of the water to my neighbors. Had I grown some fall corn crops I could have done better.

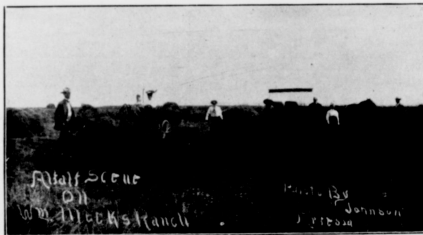
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I have lived at Augusta, Butler Co., Kansas, for 25 years, and have raised alfalfa there extensively for five years. I located here in December, 1904, and I believe my alfalfa this year beats in quality and exceeds in tonnage per acre, any alfalfa I ever saw there. It can be cut oftener, with less danger on account of rain, and sells for more.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
DESERT LAND. FINAL PROOF.

United States Land Office,
Roswell, N. M.,
November 24, 1906

Notice is hereby given that Eugene F. Hardwick, of Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert land land claim No. 1158, for the Lot 13, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 5; Lots 13, 14, 15, 16 Sec 6, T. 16 S., R. 26 E., before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico, on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1906.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

Arthur C. Keinath of Artesia, N. M. Chris. Totten of Artesia, N. M., Melville G. Tuttle of Artesia, N. M., Samuel A. Butler of Artesia, N. M.

Howard Leland, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Roswell, N. M.,
December 14, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Noel L. Johnson, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz. Homestead Entry No 1335 made March 1, 1900, for the SW 1-4 NW1-4, NW1 4 SW1 4 of Section 1; NE1-4 SE1 4 and SE1-4 NE1-4 of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver, at Roswell, New Mexico, on January 26, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz:

Willard Wright, of Hope, N. M., H. M. Gage, of Hope, N. M., Lucius Johnson, of Hope, N. M. W. I. Skrier, of Hope N. M.

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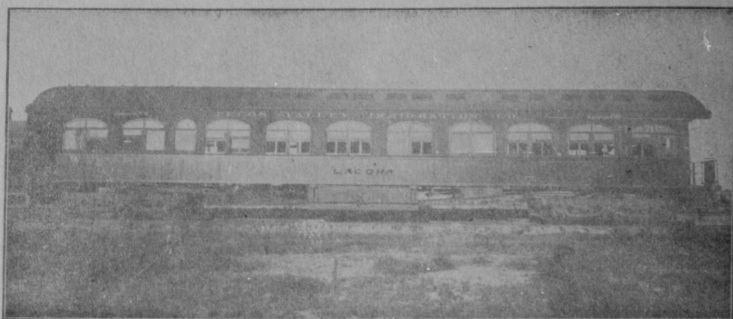
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