

Pecos Valley News.

A Newspaper for the Homeseekers and the Homebuilders of the Middle Valley

VOL. 2.

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO, OCTOBER 24, 1907

NO. 7

I. O. O. F. BANQUET

A Pleasant Gathering of the Odd Fellows and Their Friends at Logan & Dyer Building Tuesday Night.

The local lodge I. O. O. F. gave a banquet to the members of their families and many invited guests Tuesday evening, October 22, at the Logan & Dyer building on east Main street, which was certainly an event which every member of the lodge can recall with pleasure and every guest remember with gratitude to the generous entertainers.

The room was crowded and long before the exercises commenced the chairs had to be taken from around the tables to accommodate those present.

The Artesia orchestra opened the programme with an excellent overture which was followed by the address of welcome by Prof. L. W. Martin. D. L. Newkirk responded to the welcome address after which Miss McIlhany favored the audience with instrumental music upon the piano.

Supper was announced to which all responded and we sat down to one of the most sumptuous banquets ever served to the people of Artesia. There were good things in abundance, at the start, and there were a well satisfied assemblage of people when the last course was served.

Col. Mark Howell, of Roswell addressed those present in behalf of the order of Rebeckah and an excellent paper prepared by George Spencer. Noble Grand of Artesia Lodge was read by Charles Gibson. J. D. H. Reed was called from his supper to deliver an address and while he was loathe to cancel the engagement he made a good talk.

Rev. Gage, E. B. Kemp, Rev. Mathes, Prof. Botts, S. W. Gilbert, George Spencer and others made interesting speeches appropriate for the occasion.

Prof. Martin informed us that we were in a lodge of Odd Fellows. D. L. Newkirk said that he had been an odd fellow for many years and in an endeavor to get even, married, and had been a minus quantity ever since. Prof. Botts said that he had just determined the meaning of the letters, F. L. T., the explanation being, "feed lightly teacher." E. B. Kemp thought that there was something radically wrong with Chairman Martin that he should call on him to address the assemblage. S. W. Gilbert deplored the lonesomeness of the "first settlers." Rev. Mathes made an entertaining talk, alluding with pleasure to the banquet of which he had just partook.

At the close all the Odd Fellows were called to the front, just for what purpose we are still in ignorance. Then we had a forcible example of stage fright. They tried to sing and even Wilber Kemp and W. P. Galloway broke down. J. D. H. Reed waded manfully in but soon found himself beyond his depth. After several other unsuccessful attempts to woo the Muse, Rev. Gage came to the rescue and by reciting an early experience gave the gentlemen time to establish equilibrium sufficient to enable them to recognize their own wives and all went home feeling that one of the most pleasant occasions in the history of the town had just become an event of the past.

The committee, W. E. Kemp, Dean Sampson and W. P. Galloway deserve great credit for their efficient service.

C us when you need fuel. Artesia Feed & Fuel Co. Phone. 17

HON. JOHN H. SHAY

Writes of New Mexico As "Promise Land"--In Great Pecos Valley Watered by Irrigation.

Editor Free Press:

To get the best results in farm life there must be sunshine, water soil. In no country on earth do these three factors, sunshine, water and, so profitably blend as in eastern New Mexico. You turn the water on when you need it and shut it off when not needed. Everybody knows that, with just enough sunshine and water and good soil, the best possible results can be obtained, both as respects quality and quantity--and the best prices always go with the best quality. All of these combine in New Mexico. Failure in farm crops is unknown there, something that cannot be said of any nonirrigated country on earth.

More alfalfa clover can be raised on the same area than any other place in the world. These fields once well seeded to alfalfa clover live for generations without re-planting. Three crops without seed and one crop with seed can be grown each year, the annual market value of which ranges from \$60 to \$120 per acre.

RAIN IRRIGATION

Makes every crop absolutely certain. No wet seasons to ruin grain, hay, fruits or vegetables. No dry spells to worry about.

Water where you want it. Water when you want it. Water just as you want it.

This with sunshine and as rich soil as there is in the world does the work for you. This is where the farmer, fruit and vegetable grower reap the dollars. The beauty of the thing is that it works this way every year. You know in the spring just exactly what the harvest is to be. What it does one year it does every year.

The water is the same. The soil is the same. The sunshine is the same. If the labor and care are same the result never varies. This cannot be said of any country irrigated by rain.

TENANTS DO BETTER.

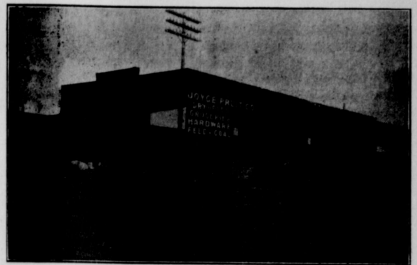
In New Mexico than the owners of the soil can do in Illinois on the best productive farms in the state. Thirty dollars per acre as a crop return in Illinois would be the landlord's high water mark but this would be often less than the tenants share in New Mexico.

APPLES AND PEACHES

Nowhere do as well as well as in New Mexico. Apples and peaches took both gold and silver medals at the World's Fair. Such orchards produce from \$100 to \$250 per acre each year and produce per acre \$50 worth of other stuff between the trees. In a country like this you do not need a large farm. A small farm well worked is just the thing.

OTHER PRODUCTS

Such as potatoes of all kinds, watermelons, cantaloupes, celery, tomatoes and all kinds of small fruits, such as plums, prunes, cherries, strawberries and grapes do especially well. Cantaloupes from New Mexico bring 50 cents a crate more in the Chicago market than the Rocky Fords. The abun-



JOYCE-PRUIT COMPANY--WHOLESALE and RETAIL

dance of all crops is amazing.

DON'T FORGET

That the next special excursion will be on Oct. 15th and on Nov 5th and 19th, direct from Streator on the Santa Fe to New Mexico. Go and talk with the men out there who are making the money, or write to W. P. Galloway, secretary Artesia Commission Company, Artesia, New Mexico, or write or wire me and I will arrange your trip for you at reduced rates. Mr. Galloway will write you all about that marvelous country.

Respectfully,

John H. Shay.

Free Press, Streator, Ill.

Favors Artesia County.

E. E. McNatt came across on the auto from Torrance with Governor Curry and during the ride the Governor made careful inquiry as to existing conditions at Artesia and immediate vicinity. He expressed himself as being in favor of small counties and that he favored the creation of Artesia county.

The Governor will visit Artesia in the near future and acquaint himself with the affairs of this section. We shall be pleased to have him come.

Laurence Lockney left this week to accept a place in a printing office at Roswell. At least that is where we suppose he went for he left on the morning train before honest men are out of bed.

Williams & Hess is a new real estate firm in town. Both these gentlemen are good business men and will hustle for their part of the trade. They have opened an office in the room formerly occupied by the millinery store.

W. F. Schwartz and wife returned Wednesday night from a five weeks visit to their former home in Ohio. They report an enjoyable trip.

Trade is picking up and our merchants are all busy. Look over the advertising columns of the News and see what they offer for sale.

Ex-Marshall Wilson came in yesterday from a trip to Silver City and Lordsburg. He is just back on a visit and expects to leave again in a few days.

R. L. Carruthers who has been in Big Springs, Texas for his health, returned last night to take a position in the Advocate office.

Roswell had a statehood meeting Tuesday night, Governor Curry being the orator.

P. J. Andrew is building another residence on Texas avenue.

EL PASO NOT COMING

Business Men of the Pass City Have Cut the Trip Down to four Days and Omitted the Valley.

The El Paso business men have agreed to cut out the trip to the Pecos Valley for the time being and will only take four days for their outing at this time. The trip had to be cut down and most of the El Pasoans preferred to come to the Pecos Valley when they could spend more time here and look over the proposed railroad question at their leisure.

Firm Incorporated.

Articles of incorporation of the FATHEREE, ENFIELD HARDWARE COMPANY were filed in the office of the Territorial Secretary, October 11, 1907.

The firm is composed of V. E. FATHEREE, JOHN B. ENFIELD and P. V. PARDON and the amount of authorized capital is \$25,000 and they commence business with \$15,000.

We Are Growing.

Last week the NEWS added seventeen new subscribers to its list and not one of the old ones quit. One day brought us eleven. Aint that a going some?

Pie Supper.

Saturday Oct. 26 the Juniors of the Christian Church will give a pie supper in the Rhodes building from 4 to 9 P. M. Everybody come. Supper 15c.

Harry Mull was showing us some pictures of Harry Burt taken in the mines at Goldfield. Burt was dressed in the costume of an ordinary miner and was sitting on sacks of gold that ran up into the thousands.

The Pecos Valley Immigration Co. sold 400 acres to W. A. Swingle this week and also sold the Craig quarter section. All this land is located about four miles south of town.

We are little people and need our money on 1st of each month. Artesia Feed & Fuel Co. tf

We can furnish you anything in feed line. Artesia Feed & Fuel Co. Phone 2. tf

J. R. Blair is spending the week at Malaga on business.

J. K. Hastie is building a fine residence on his farm near Artesia.

R. M. Love is home from Iowa this week.

The New Gilkeson Hotel

Dining Room Re-Opened---Meals 50 Cents,

One Block West of Post Office. Rooms with Private Bath. Free Sample Rooms.

J. E. GILKESON, PROP.

The NEWS is all printed in ARTESIA

We dont patronize a "Patent Half" House--we are still able to get the paper set up and printed at home. When a paper uses a "patent half" it is unable to control the character of the advertising in the ready print. We have cut out the patent medicine ads and we never did use ready print. If you want a paper to send to friend who is thinking of locating here, if you want a paper for yourself which contains no patent medicine ads or "patent half", subscribe for :-: :-:

Pecos Valley News

Fire Insurance

PECOS VALLEY NEWS

Entered at the Post-office Artesia, N. M. as Second Class matter, Oct. 7, 1906

D. L. NEWKIRK, Proprietor.
J. F. NEWKIRK, Editor.

\$1.50 A YEAR

It is up to the people of Eddy county as a whole and the people who live in that portion of Eddy county which will be within the boundaries of Artesia county in particular, to set down on the new jail proposition good and hard. Everyone admits the need of the Artesia bridge, it is an absolute necessity, and to get that bridge we were willing to vote Carlsbad one although they really did not need it, but the idea of throwing several thousand dollars more debt on the county just to beautify a city which is ready to go into bankruptcy is more than our people can stand. The highly moral town of Carlsbad may need a jail and need it bad, but the county as a whole does not need it and should not be burdened with the expense. So far every building or public edifice that has been built under the Carlsbad rule for Eddy county has been put up in a way for the contractors to get the most money out of it, and as a natural consequence none of them are very stable. Carlsbad people admit this themselves but they are making the most of the time left to them to build up their town at the expense of the county. The question for Eddy county people to consider at present is are you willing to shoulder another debt of thousands of dollars in addition to the already high taxes, just to build fine buildings for a town which admits that it must soon disincorporate?

WHEN some portion of the country grows, the first indications of such growth is in the newspapers of that section, and as a proof that the Pecos Valley is growing, not in size but in quality just take a look at the country newspapers. Col. Mullane has doubled the size of his paper, the Current and stopped the publication of the Sun. Last week's Echo at Dayton contained two extra pages and the News has increased its size to eight pages. T. Turner of the Times has also enlarged that bright little paper and the Hagerman Messenger is a bloated plutocrat with eight pages crammed full of advertising and up-to-date news. Everybody knows that the number of homeseekers and investors that are coming to the valley is increasing every week, and as usual the newspapers are the first to spread the glad tidings that the

Pecos Valley is coming to the front.

THE short line to the Pecos valley is going to be realized, but the people of El Paso will be expected to put about \$150,600 into the enterprise. Next to the reclamation of the Rio Grande valley, the short line to the Pecos valley is the biggest project before us today.—El Paso Herald.

We appreciate the kind attitude of the Herald toward the Pecos valley and now if we can just enlist the aid of this excellent daily in our effort to have the road enter the valley at Hope and connect with the Santa Fe at Artesia, great good and future blessings will be the lot of El Paso and Artesia.

This city council of ours is getting themselves into a bad mess by the way they are letting the sidewalk deal go on. They forced the common people to put in cement and now the rumor is out that "mountain lumber" is to be used in construction of the crossings. If such is the case these crossings will be something to be proud of, something to point out to the homeseekers who are coming in here at this time. Even if such could be secured it would be a vast improvement to wading through the mud as we do now.

WE would just like to ask what kind of products the town of Carlsbad would be willing to send to El Paso if that city should build a short line into the valley from the south. While it is hardly likely that El Paso business men would be foolish enough to go around the mountains when they can come through by Hope at so much less expense, yet it would be well for Elsa to look at the products (?) of Carlsbad and the Flats before they start to build that railroad.

WE must insist that the subscription for the benefit of the bankrupt town of Carlsbad be taken up at once. While the citizens of that town have repeatedly assured us that they are in no way responsible for the utterances of the locoed editor of the Current yet if we delay a few weeks longer the Mule will turn all the towns in the valley against Carlsbad and the old Gem will sure go up in the smoke. Start at once, for the good of Carlsbad.

AND now, it is pleasant to hear a wee small voice coming up from the lower valley, murmuring, "We'll show El Paso a fine time." Sure you will old pals, but if you think El Paso business men will fool long around the Alkali Flats when there is the best country on earth just north of the Flats, well time will show how very much mistaken you are.

Artesia has a local real estate firm which has continued to do a thriving business all summer, and which has a large number of prospectors in the valley every excursion. It is said that they have succeeded in finding a buyer for almost every piece of real estate which is on the market. Get Pecos valley opportunities before the right kind of people and the rest is easy. But it takes personal work and advertising—two of the essentials in most every line of business.—Hagerman Messenger.

POOR OLD DRAKE, late of the Carlsbad Current, is again in trouble over in Texas, where he sent in a sensational report of trial of a negro. After the report was published the Mayor of the town came in with a denial and sat on Drake rather hard. It is a shame that the man ever left Carlsbad but we must remark that he was succeeded on the Current by a magnificent liar.

THE Register-Tribune is nursing the "get together" spirit in the hope that it may at some future time be able to walk the streets of Roswell alone. The Register-Tribune is somewhat ahead of the town in "day and generation" and will have to continue the floor-walking and soothing syrup dispensing act for a time longer.

THE CHAMPION now wishes to sue the grand jury for libel for telling the truth about the Gem. The great length to which this man will go when he is in a mad rage because of exposures, are only equaled by the lies he will tell to induce innocent men to settle on the Alkali Flats.

THE Dayton people are the kind that make a town and country. They know that they have a good thing in the land and conditions by which they are surrounded and are going to make the most of the aforesaid good conditions. Success to them.

THE recent heavy rains will put the valley in fine condition for the reception of the visitors from El Paso. Nature has done her part, it is now the business of our people to see that the El Pasoans are duly impressed with our advantages.

SHOULD Gov. Hughes be nominated for president he will be known as the "straight-line" candidate. And he will probably be opposed by Col. Bryan, the "air-line" candidate.—Globe-Democrat.

THE El Paso Herald is advocating single statehood for New Mexico and we owe much to that paper for the aid extended in getting the business men to decide to pay the valley a visit.

EDITOR MULLANE urges that Judge Pope orders the list of expenses of the last court published. Let's see, which is the "official" paper of the county.

THE Carlsbad Sun is after the Judge with a sharp stick. When the Judge finds it out and gets after the Sun, then will the trouble begin.

THE Roosevelt County Herald says that it is Democratic from stem to stern and it is a very good paper notwithstanding.

Land Wanted.

We have prospectors on the way and would like for you to list your lands with us.
Beckham, Brooks & Norfleet.

HAVE AN ARTESIAN WELL?

If you are contemplating improving your land have SPERRY & LUKINS drill you a well so as to get some good of it this fall. Their prices are the lowest of any in the Valley.

BRAINARD HARDWARE CO.

General Hardware and all kinds of Fencing; DEERE & CANTON farm implements. McCormick harvesting machinery. International Garoline Engines - all sizes. WE CARRY EVERYTHING FOR THE FARMER.

Roswell Automobile Co.

Mail and Passenger Line Between Roswell, N.M. and Torrance, N.M.

daily, Sunday included, connecting with all trains on the Rock Island and Santa Fe Central. Leave Roswell at 1 p. m. Leave Torrance on the arrival of the El Paso train due at 2 a. m. Running time between the two points, 5 hours. Meals furnished at Camp Needmore free of charge. Saving passengers for El Paso and Santa Fe and towns in the western part of the territory 24 to 42 hours. AGENTS FOR THE BUICK AUTOMOBILES. Garage and Repairing. Special cars for Torrance or return furnished by addressing the company two days in advance, at

ROSWELL, - - NEW MEXICO

Don't Buy Anything

Un you have seen the splendid bargains I have to offer you. No matter what you need I have it. Also handle Mountain Lumber.

A fine line of Jewelry will be on display in a few days

GEORGE W. BATTON

The Best Rigs in Artesia

and at the most reasonable Prices



All of our horses are safe for Ladies and Children to drive
One Block South of Gibson Hotel
THE STAR STABLE
PHONE NO. 88

CLOSING OUT GROCERIES NEW LINE OF DRY GOODS

We are closing out our entire stock of groceries and will put in a complete line of UP-TO-DATE DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, HATS, CAPS, SHOES and FURNISHING GOODS.

We wish to thank all our patrons for the hearty support they have given us since we have been in Artesia, and wish to solicit a continuance of their patronage, as on and after the first of November we will sell strictly for cash. Our new line of goods will be NEW and UP-TO-DATE in every sense of the word. Having purchased our goods for cash we will be in a position to give you BARGAINS that will be inviting to one and all.

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Wanted: Options on 30,000 Acres of Land in the Pecos Valley

C. L. TALLMADGE, SOUTHWESTERN LANDS
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

I have for sale acres, Section

Township Range County

Net price per acre.

I will give you an option on same dated November 1, 1907
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190.. provided you advertise and show same on regular excursions.

Name

Address

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING ...

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C. L. Tallmadge Southwestern Land Company

ROSWELL : : : : NEW MEXICO

Hope Items.



HOPE SCHOOL BUILDING.

The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year.

Health of this community is very good at present.

Dr. Haas' mother and brother of Evansville, Indiana, are here on a visit.

Mr. Lum Richards sold his farm east of Hope this week for \$5500.

There is a good deal of land changing hands in our community. Mr. and Mrs. Taver have gone to Oklahoma on a visit.

Mr. Pete Blakeney was in Artesia Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wake went down to Artesia Monday.

Mr. Lum Richards, Clint Brooks and Mrs. Richards were in Artesia Monday on business.

Mr. Jos. Cox expects to leave for Texas in a few days.

Mr. Bob Wood has moved on Blakeney avenue. Hope is on a boom.

We are glad to see Hope building up.

Rev. A. J. Cox went to the mountains last week after wood.

Mr. Dave Runyan of Artesia was in our burg Monday on business.

We had a fine rain Friday which was badly needed.

Mr. Veal of Lower Penasco, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Gage were visiting relatives and friends last week in Artesia.

Prof. Board went to Carlsbad Sunday on business.

School is progressing nicely, the enrollment continues to increase each week.

Miss Stella Cox who has charge of upper Hope school is getting on nicely.

Mrs. Brownlee returned home after several days stay in London, Ark.

W. W. Harden spent several days with his family last week.

Miss Mammie Swift who has been sick for several days is re-

ported some better.

Mrs. Hillary White is threatened with pneumonia.

Mr. Sam Lewis and wife are in Roswell having their baby treated and we learned yesterday that it was not expected to live.

Mr. William Muncy has some nice looking wheat. It is something new to see wheat growing in our vicinity. We hope the farmers will take more interest in raising wheat. Primus

E. S. Haggard looked after real estate business at Hope one day last week.

Mr. Duckworth spent Monday in Roswell on business.

J. B. Atkeson transacted legal business in Roswell Monday of this week.

Mrs. Barney Clark and children left last week to attend the fair at Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Teaver, of Hope, passed through Artesia last week on their way to Stigler, Iowa, where they will look after business interests.

A number of the Masons of Artesia went down to Carlsbad this week to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge at that place. Among them were: J. B. Cecil, A. V. Logan, Harry W. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Ross, of Artesia and D. L. Elm and Prof. Board, of Hope.

W. J. Sooter and daughter, Miss Julia, came in last week from Kiowa, Kan., to visit with his brother, Grant Sooter, and to look over the country with a view to locating here. Grant has been trying to get his brother to come to this country for some time, but heretofore he has always pleaded business as an excuse. Now that he is here he thinks it is the finest country on the earth and will probably purchase land before he returns home.

Mrs. J. B. Atkeson left Friday of last week for Dallas, Texas, to attend the fair and visit with relatives.

Will Watkins made his usual weekly trip to Roswell last Sunday. He always does.

E. E. McNatt came in Monday night from a trip over the Belen cutoff. He came to Roswell via the auto route.

There is no immediate danger of a coal famine in Artesia as two cars of coal arrived Monday. It must have been some oversight on the part of the railroad company or they would never have allowed two cars of coal to drop off at the same place in the same month. The cars belonged to Joyce-Pruit Co. and to the Artesia Feed & Fuel Co.

D. D. Noel made a business trip to Roswell Monday.

John W. Poe came down from Roswell last Saturday night to look after business. He is interested in Bank of Artesia.

Mrs. Harry Hamilton and children came up from Artesia Sunday morning for a visit with Mrs. J. C. Hamilton.—Record.

And still another improvement for the Pea Vine depot at Artesia. This railroad recognizes the importance of Artesia and are putting more money into the grounds here than at and other place in the valley. This time it is a new coal house with a Yale lock.

R. W. Terrill of the firm of Clayton, Talbot & Terrill, went to Roswell Tuesday morning to look after real estate business.

Much for Little

IS WHAT YOU GET WHEN BUYING A

Victor Talking Machine ON THE DOLLAR-A-WEEK PLAN

The VICTOR is not a plaything, but one of the very best musical instruments that never wears out and no matter how often you ask it to play, is ever ready to respond.

Pecos Valley Drug Co.

Stark Trees

For 81 years have maintained their record—HIGHEST QUALITY, LOWEST PRICE. We offer the only GENUINE STOCK of the superb new fruited KING DAVID, DELICIGUS, BLACK BEN, CHAMPION and SENATOR Apples; BANNER, SUNRISE Grapes, GOLD Plum, FAME Pear, etc. Finest stock in the U. S. of leading commercial sorts. WEEPAY CASH WEEKLY and want more Salesmen. Price list, Etc., FREE.

Stark Bros., LOUISIANA, MO., Branches at: Rockport, Ill., Starkdale, Mo., Fayetteville, Ark., Danville, N. Y., Portland, N. Y., Huntsville, Ala.

Talk of the Town

District court convened in Roswell Monday.

D. D. Temple transacted legal business in Roswell Saturday.

Mrs. Ella Davidson who has had charge of the Hagerman hotel for some months, has closed up the hotel and gone to Santa Fe. No one has been found as yet to take her place.

Miss Georgia Kinsinger, of Artesia, spent last week in Lake Arthur visiting with her sister, Miss Zola Kinsinger, who is employed in the Lake Arthur schools.

Sheriff Christopher returned last Friday morning from Santa Fe, and Las Vegas, leaving Joe Matthews, the negro in the pen and a Mexican in the asylum at Las Vegas.—Current.

Dick Davison, of Hagerman was down Monday on business connected with the firm of W. S. Davison & Sons. Dick was located in Artesia sometime ago as local agent for the New Mexico Land and Investment Co., which for some reason or other discontinued their operations in this part of the valley.

Harry W. Hamilton was in Roswell Saturday looking after important business matters.

J. R. Blair went to Carlsbad on business Monday evening.

B. F. Sloane arrived last Friday morning and took charge of the mechanical department of the Advocate office. Mr. Sloane formerly had charge of the office as foreman and is well known here.

Flour, feed and fuel, for sale by the Artesia Feed & Fuel Co. 50tf

Mrs. Virginia Blalock, principal of the schools at Hagerman was down Sunday and spent until Monday morning visiting the rest of the family. The Hagerman people claim that they have the corp of teachers in the valley.

Our fellow townsman, Samuel W. Hoffman, has been granted a pension of \$15.00 per month dating from March 5, 1907.

Contractor J. T. Patrick will soon commence the construction of a commodious house one block south of the Gesler residence.

Gilbert M. Edmondson, an old time friend of the publisher of this paper dropped in on us Saturday to renew an acquaintance of eighteen years ago. He is now located at Denver, Colorado.

Fresh Oysters. Fletcher's Market.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Griffes, Arthur A. Kent and J. D. McBride of Dayton were in town Friday looking after some business matters.

Non A. Walden looked after real estate business in Roswell Friday.

Rare Presence of Mind.

The Lakewood Progress is responsible for the following:

"A man and his wife stopping at a hotel were aroused in the night by the cry that the building was on fire. "Now, my dear," said the husband, "I will put into practice what I have always preached. Be calm, put on all your indispensable clothing and keep perfectly cool." He then slipped his watch into his vest pocket and they walked out. Afterward he said: Now, my dear, you know what a good thing it is to keep cool." "Yes," said his wife, glancing at him for the first time, "it is a grand thing, but if I were you I would have put on my trousers."

The Dayton Reservoir.

Agreeably to a published notice in this paper last week, a large audience of those interested and men wanting water met in Woodmen Hall Tuesday night and greeted Col. York, of Denver, the representative of the Reservoir & Development Co., who addressed the people for more than an hour, dwelling upon the great resources of this country, a soil equal to that of the Nile, he having seen none that would surpass it in the world. He told of whom the organization was composed, their experience in reservoir, dam and canal building and mildly alluded to his wide experience in the same kind of construction and promotion of similar enterprises in California, Colorado and other states. Speaking advisedly, he said that this was a reasonably sure proposition, a great enterprise, would make men rich and this whole country prosperous. The application of this water, he said, would advance the value of land now worth \$5, \$10, and \$15 per acre to \$25, \$50, \$100, and \$200 per acre, and that in an incredibly short time.

Toward the close of Mr. York's address he dwelt upon the size of the proposed reservoir and its capacity for this coming season and its capacity after being enlarged for next season, the inlet canal and the length of the outlet canal, then the price and terms named for the water which the people were to get from this proposed canal terminal. This committee is now trying to get the company in closer accord with the farmers in what they think they would be willing to and can pay on the payment plan. We hope the reservoir people and our people can soon get together.

On Mr. York's suggestion, after we left the hall, the farmers held a meeting of which G. A. Griffes was chairman and J. B. King secretary. The chairman was instructed to select two men with him to constitute a working committee representative of the farmers interest.

LATER.

The committee reports modification of terms secured and the immediate construction of the reservoir an assured fact.—Dayton Echo.

Official News.

The following articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the Territorial Secretary. Nathan Jaffa:

Artesia Publishing Company, principal place of business at Artesia, Eddy County. Territorial agent, Albert Blake, at Artesia. Capital stock \$5,000 divided into five thousand shares of the par value of \$1 each, commencing business with \$2,550. Object publishing newspaper and job printing business. Period of existence, twenty-five years. Incorporators, E. C. Higgins, Albert Blake, James D. Whelan, John B. Enfield, William Dooley, E. A. Clayton, Edwin B. Kemp, J. S. Highsmith, G. U. McCrary, William Crandall, J. C. Gage, S. W. Gilbert, Gayle Talbot, Samuel A. Butler, D. D. Sullivan, H. L. Muncy, all of Artesia.

For Sale or Trade.

One store one house and four residence lots in good location. Want to exchange for watered land near Hope, or land that can be easily watered. Apply to lock 553.

For Sale.

Saddle pony, perfectly gentle, price \$30.00. Wm. F. Brown.

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Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., Sept. 12, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that Willor H. Fetherood, of Artesia, N. M., has filed notice of his intention to make final communication proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 608 made Jan. 18, 1906 for the S. 1/4 Sec. 28, T. 18 N., R. 24 E., and that said proof will be made before Albert Blinke, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on Nov. 5, 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz:
James P. Brown, William J. Patpaga, Nathaniel E. Cannon, Henry C. Stines, all of Artesia, N. M.
Howard Leland, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., Sept. 12, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that George E. Chalkus, of Artesia, N. M., has filed notice of his intention to make final communication proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 291 made May 7, 1906, for the S. 1/4 Sec. 28, and S. 1/4 Sec. 29, T. 18 N., R. 24 E., and that said proof will be made before J. L. Sowders, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on Nov. 5, 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz:
James P. Brown, George Whitted, of Hope, N. M., George J. Foster, J. C. Gage, of Artesia, N. M.
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Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., Sept. 12, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that Bertie E. Whittier, of Hope, N. M., has filed notice of his intention to make final communication proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 291 made May 7, 1906, for the S. 1/4 Sec. 28, and S. 1/4 Sec. 29, T. 18 N., R. 24 E., and that said proof will be made before Albert Blinke, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, N. M., on Nov. 5, 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz:
Fosteria Cook, James P. Brown, Steve Blain, Morgan Davis, all of Hope, N. M.
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Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., Sept. 12, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that Lytle E. Gasline, of Whittier, N. M., has filed notice of his intention to make proof on his desert, land claim No. 198, for the NE 1/4 Sec. 21, E. 16 S., R. 25 E., before Register or Receiver at U. S. Land Office Roswell, N. M. on Friday, the 11th day of November, 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land, viz:
Eugene F. Hardwick, of Roswell, N. M., Samuel A. Butler, Gayle Talbot, and McBride, all of Artesia, N. M.
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Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., Sept. 12, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that Percy S. Perwilliger, of Artesia, N. M., has filed notice of his intention to make final communication proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 501 made May 28, 1906 for the S. 1/4 Sec. 28, T. 18 N., R. 24 E., and that said proof will be made before Albert Blinke, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on Nov. 5, 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz:
James E. Whitall, Charles C. Huttel, S. P. Raughman, Jesse M. White, all of Artesia, N. M.
Howard Leland, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., October 11, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that Stonevall J. Whitborn, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final communication proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 272, made July 13, 1906 for the Southeast quarter of section 4, Township 18 South, Range 23 East, and that said proof will be made before Albert Blinke, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on November 26, 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz:
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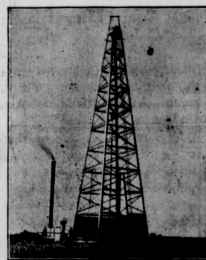
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Talk of the Town

For trees see Artesia Nursery. If Mrs. E. N. Skaer returned Friday from a visit with relatives in Kansas.

L. C. Hall returned Friday from a visit to his old home in Tennessee.

R. K. Graham, wife and child of Le Roy, Kansas, is here visiting at the home of Dr. J. Dale Graham. The two gentlemen are brothers.

In after years tourists will be hiked across the Pecos river bridge on electric lines and in motor cars to view with wonder the crude monuments of the prehistorics.

County commissioner J. W. Turknett went to Carlsbad Tuesday night to attend a meeting of the board. The bids for the bridge bonds will be opened Wednesday.

Faris Heath was home from Hagerman over Sunday.

Ye book agent put in an appearance Monday and has been doing a good business.

Rev. Abe Mulkey and wife will be here some time in November to assist in a protracted meeting at the M. E. church.

E. A. Clayton has purchased the J. B. Cecil residence on Quay avenue.

Miss Nora Gatewood, of Washington, D. C., visited her sister, Mrs. R. W. Terrill, last week.

At Rest.

William F. Pumphrey, died at his residence in the south part of town early Saturday morning at the age of 38 years, 8 months and 15 days. Mr. Pumphrey had been in poor health for many years but had been able to be about until within the past week or two. He came to this place on account of his health and seemed to be benefited. He returned to his former home to settle up some business and was detained longer than he had expected and after coming back did not get along so well, gradually failing until his death.

Dr. Pumphrey was born in Indiana and lived there until he was ten years of age when he moved to Illinois. He studied medicine and also became an expert veterinary surgeon. He practiced medicine in Missouri until he came to New Mexico about a year ago.

He united with the Christian church when fifteen years of age and was a faithful member until his death. He was a member of the order of I. O. O. F. and a K. of P.

He leaves a faithful wife and a young daughter and other relatives besides many friends who mourn his loss.

The funeral services were held from the family residence Sunday afternoon Rev. J. M. Bialock conducted services after which the Odd Fellows took charge and completed the services with their impressive ceremonies.

The interment took place at Artesia cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly ministered to our assistance during the illness and at the death of our beloved husband and brother, and we desire especially to express our appreciation of the fraternal spirit manifested by the members of the I. O. O. F. May like assistance come to each and all of you in time of trouble.

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Observations

BEING REMARKS BY THE KID UPON SOME THINGS AND OTHER THINGS



FEW PEOPLE COME SO NEAR GETTING RICH as I did last week and few who do come so near miss it so completely as the foresaid I did. The way it all came about was thus: The gold boom across the river had taken hundreds of people to that section of the country to file claims and the fever got so bad that T. C. Carnes, J. Laurence Lockney and myself, decided to go and do likewise and try to do a few others while we were at it. Carnes called a meeting of us'uns and at once the Printers Consolidated Gold and Silver Mining and Milling Co. was launched. We didn't consolidate with anything whatever but the word seemed to add dignity to the name of the company so we just put it on. "Now," said T. Christopher, pawing the air in the most approved spellbinder fashion. "Now, we will incorporate this concern for several hundred thousand dollars and sell the stock at ten cents per share, to printers only." "And," he added, knocking a lamp over in the midst of his gestures, "there is not a printer in the whole country north of Dublin, Texas, or west of Ponca City, who would send us at least one dollar." J. Laurence and myself were not up on high finance and could not get it through our thick heads how the deal was to be worked so Blondy proceeded to elucidate further. "We'll take one fourth of the filthy lucre and develop the claim!" said he, for we had decided to go 'over the river' Sunday morning and take up the land, it not being nailed down. "Another fourth we will place in the bank for a sinking fund." At this point J. Laurence arose to inquire the meaning of the term, "sinking fund." "To sink the hole with, you cheese," replied our president, and the deacon subsided. "After the sinking fund is exhausted, we will disincorporate the company and live in ease all of our lives" proceeded Mr. Carnes, "for I surely think that we should have the half what we take in as profits." Well, the scheme was all fixed up and Lockney went so far on the road to wealth that he persuaded one of the drug stores to let him have a new pipe on tie. A livery man was finally talked into letting us have a rig, to be paid for out of the first money we took in from soft ones. And then, alas, it rained Friday and all day Saturday and brought the Rio Pecos up so high that we could not cross. When the river went down all the land between Artesia and the rising sun was filed on by the promoters. Thus did my dream of wealth die a violent death, but it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. As for the man who advanced Lockney the pipe, I will make the best wish for him that he ever had; may he live till he gets it.

Great gobs of greenish, grey blue mud, glistening under a leaden colored sky and showing up the cement sidewalks to the best advantage. Verily the people of Artesia should be thankful for a little rain once in awhile for tis then that they are able to fully appreciate the value of those cement walks which cost so much good money and hard labor. And especially should we be thankful to our kind and thoughtful city council, who in their farsighted wisdom, have failed to get the crossings in for lo! these many moons. If those crossings were in, how could we know what a great blessing it is to have sidewalks at all? If we could walk home from town clean shod with out stepping into one mud hole how could we be assured of the exact depth of the mud in the streets? All honor to the men who have made this thing possible and who, from the present outlook, intend to make it possible for years to come! Somehow, down deep in my heart, I am afraid that the Artesia people do not feel as kindly toward our council as they should for the many blessings that have been conferred upon us. Yet some of them do as I heard one man remark Saturday that the City Fathers should be presented with a gold medal for the good work they had done on those crossings. It is true that he may have been using the deepest irony, and in fact from the way he spoke I am afraid he was, but the words sounded good and I only regretted that one of our Daads was not there to hear them and thank the man. But their kindly care over us is all the more to be praised, inasmuch as they do not hear the many compliments passed upon them, although they may take comfort in that little bit of verse beginning, "Full many a gem of purest ray serene" and so on.

The face of the butcher expands into a broad and farreaching smile as he passes my northfacing window on his way homeward, for the day of the Pecos valley green goods man is over, and will not return for long months. The coal man feels a warm, and almost human emotion stirring his heart as he sees his life long enemy, the ice man, hang up his tongs and settle down for season of rest, or start off for the winter resort in Florida. His chest expands a little as he walks down the street, for is he not the greatest of them all, the admired of all beholders? There is none can hold a candle to him and if there were he would have them pulled for infringing on his copyright. The green goods man, hereinbefore mentioned thoughtfully figures up his bank account and makes another resolve not to sell more than ten for dozen next year and the common mut huddles to the \$10 a ton fire and gasps, "How long, O Lord, how long."

How strange it is that great minds will run along in the same channel, word for word, article for article for the space of even a whole column! What joy it must bring to the hearts of those great minds to find eventually that they live only a few miles apart and can hold communication with each other with ease. I have seen many strange things since I came to New Mexico and from now on I will believe that New Mexico Las many wonders to open out before the view of the occultist and that nothing is impossible in the Sunshine Territory. The latest case, the wild, wierd mysterious case of the Kenna Record and the Elida News, two lively little papers in the northern part of the valley, both of which ran a full column of editorials last week and they were identical word for word. Verily, New Mexico is the land of undiscovered wonders and they will never cease.

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TO INSURE THEIR
PROPERTY
OR
THEIR LIVES
AGAINST LOSS BY
FIRE, ACCIDENT OR DEATH

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