

# Pecos Valley News.

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

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## ANOTHER FINE WELL

**Artesia Still Makes Good Her Claim to the Largest Artesian Wells in the World.**

Tuesday morning one of Geslers well rigs brought in a fine well on the Patterson land south of town, the magnitude of which is so great as to leave no doubt regarding the pressure of the flow from the artesian basin.

The well is 834 feet deep and flows 46 inches over an eight inch casing, and as is generally the case will undoubtedly attain a height of several inches more within the next few days.

Several fine wells have been brought in this winter, every one of which proves the falsity of the reports circulated by knockers and those who wish to disparage settlement in the valley. Many wells are much stronger than they were a few months ago and the outlook for the valley is very encouraging.

We have had a delightful winter following a summer that was almost ideal and these climatic conditions coupled with our financial advantages are attracting to this locality the most desirable immigrants from other localities.

### A Wise Precaution.

The Western Stock Show Association has sent out complimentary season tickets to the Press admitting the holders to be held in Denver January 20 to 25. The management reserves the privilege of requiring the visitors to leave the grounds without protest in case their conduct becomes objectionable.

This restriction may apply only to the members of the Pecos Valley press.

We make a specialty of our prescriptions; they are always filled promptly and accurately. The City Drug Store, Phone 87.

Will Robinson of Roswell will lecture at the Presbyterian church Friday evening, January 24, beginning at eight o'clock. From here he will go to Hope where he will lecture Saturday night.

J. R. Blair went to Malaga Wednesday to look after his farm at that place. He will be gone until Saturday.

Pickled pigs feet at Fletcher's Market.

## SIPPLE WELL INCREASED 5 INCHES

**Repairing Done by Mull & Co.--May Run Higher When Work is Finished.**

The well on the Sipple land, about six miles south of Artesia has been increased by five inches since the work of repairing has been commenced and by the time the work is finished it may run eighteen or twenty inches more than before. So far the work has consisted of tightening the casing and shutting out the leakage until yesterday the drill was not put in the hole. H. E. Mull & Co., are the drillers who are doing the work.

Owing to defective work in drilling the well, a great deal of the was coming up around the casing and going to waste and this is probably the reason that a number of the smaller wells do not flow more than they do. The Territorial law provides that such wells must be repaired and so far everything has shown that it is one of the best laws passed by the last legislative assembly.

### Protracted Meeting.

A series of protracted meetings will commence the Christian church Friday evening January 24, with Rev. W. H. Scrivner, of Beloit, Kansas, in charge.

The meeting will commence promptly at seven o'clock and close at eight that those in attendance may attend the lecture given at the Presbyterian church by Mr. Will Robinson of Roswell.

The lecture will not commence until eight o'clock.

A religious census of the town will be taken early next week and it is hoped that the citizens will assist in making this complete.

### Sale Quick

1200 acres water right from Antelope Basin Reservoir for use on Artesia side of Penasco this year. E. F. Cooper.

### Please Settle Up

All creditors will please come in and settle up before January 1, as I am needing the money.

J. O. RICHARDS.

Mrs. Corbin's name was unintentionally omitted from the account of the "So long Mary" chorus which was repeated by request at the Presbyterian church last Friday night.

## ARTESIA CLUB MEETS

**A Well Attended Meeting of Artesia Citizens Condemn the Action of Board of Commissioners.**

In answer to a call meeting of Artesia Club issued by Vice-President E. B. Kemp, a large number of the citizens of the town assembled at the club room Monday evening of this week. The object of the meeting was to express our disapproval of the action of the county board of commissioners concerning their arbitrary and unlawful action in refusing to order an election in response to the petition of the required number of signers necessary to secure such action.

Attorney J. B. Atkeson gave an account of the recent meeting of the commissioners and was followed by several others who expressed themselves freely on the subject, all concurring that the action of the the commissioners was unwarranted. The chair was empowered to appoint a committee to take such action as is necessary to compel the board to call the election as provided by law and possible secure the removal of the offenders for the positions which they now occupy. The committee as appointed consists of G. R. Brainard, E. E. McNatt and V. E. Fetherree.

Our representative business men and citizens were out in force and the opinion prevailed that the time now is for us to look to our own interests and protect our own rights.

By a unanimous vote the secretary was instructed to extend courtesies to Dayton and Malaga and assure them that we will use our utmost endeavor in assisting them to secure the construction of the bridges desired in their immediate vicinity.

After adjournment, the board of directors of the Club held a short meeting at which several interesting topics were discussed, among were the securing of the Methodist college to be located some where in the south west and to take steps for the improve ent of the mail service.

The college proposition will meet with a ready response from our people but it is suggested the members of the Methodist church take the initiative and arm what is expected of us and what the denomination proposes to do in case we meet the demands thus enabling our people to act intelligently on the subject.

We need the college and we think that the church needs just such a location as Artesia is able to furnish. Our people are not slow to encourage a worthy enterprise like this promises to be and no doubt a satisfactory conclusion can be easily reached. The columns of the NEWS are open for discussion of the question.

C. F. Erb has rented his farm southeast of Artesia and will move to town as soon as arrangements can be completed. Mr. Erb and his family have many friends here who will be pleased to have them come.

Ground oats and kafir corn mixed half and half \$1.75 per hundred. Artesia Milling Co.

## SEVEN CARS CAME YESTERDAY

**Artesia Makes Another Good Haul in the Homeseeker Line.**

Artesia always gets the best of it when it comes to getting home seekers to locate with us for the folks from other states who take care in the selection of their land always come to Artesia, and they are the kind we want. Yesterday seven immigration cars came in from Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska, and they brought the household goods and farming implements of seven families, who are here to build up this community. All of them have purchased or rented land near Artesia and they will prove valuable additions to the citizenship of the middle valley. Following are the names of the homeseekers and their former homes: J. B. Green, Concordia, Kansas; M. W. Stafford, Courtland, Kansas; J. W. Runner, Gladrock, Iowa; J. A. Kunse, Gladrock, Iowa; W. Hallard, Gladrock, Iowa; C. L. Kunse, Gladrock, Iowa; Kissinger & Schuster, Fairfield, Nebraska.

Nice fat young fowls at Fletcher's Market.

Mrs. Dean Samson left today for McAlister, Okla. to spend some time with relatives and friends.

SALT, SALT, all kinds of salt at Joyce-Pruit Co.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. York left on this mornings train for Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. York is consulting engineer on the Antelope reservoir.

I am prepared to do plowing or ditching for assessment or crops.

M. O. Tuttle.

John Davison, son of W. S. Davison, of Hagerman, whose death is announced in another column, was killed by the breaking of a lever on a stump pulling machine which he was operat ng. He will be buried at Hagerman Friday morning.

For quick sale list your property with E. S. Haggard.

Remember Sperry & Lukins are complying exactly to the law and ordinance in regard to tapping the city water pipes.

Joyce-Pruit Co. just received car salt.

## NELSON IS INNOCENT

**Plaintiffs Did Not Call a Witness in the Case as Their Main Witness Was Out of Town.**

The celebrated case against Jim Nelson charging him with misdemeanor for allowing the water from the old town well to go to waste, was tried before Judge Swepton this afternoon and the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. E. P. Bujac was the attorney for the defendant and Atkeson and Osborn for the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs refused to call any witness unless Mr. Hodges was called first and as Mr. Hodges was in Lake Arthur no witnesses were called for them. The defendant called just one witness and that was Mr. Enfield, who produced a contract between the city and the old company which showed that the city controls this well and will continue to do so for sometime to come. The judge then instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty, which they did.

Mr. Atkeson then appealed the case which appeal was overruled. In arguing against the appeal Mr. Bujac stated that he had never dreamed of such a thing in his wildest moments, and that he had drunk whisky from Bangor, Me. to Rio de Janiero. The costs of the case were assessed against the plaintiffs.

The members of the jury were: Harry Hess, F. E. Turner, J. W. Foster, John Price, E. S. Howell, and J. S. Highsmith. Mr. Howell took Mr. Kemp's place as he was excused because he is park commissioner.

Bran, kaffir choys, shorts and all kinds of feed at Joyce-Pruit Co.

Dr. J. P. Jones the tuberculosis specialist who has lately located at Carlsbad was in town Thursday. We regret that he did not locate at this place but are fortunate in having him so near. Those who have taken the treatment express satisfaction with the progress made and the indications are certainly favorable.

For quick sale list your property with E. S. Haggard.

Country butter. Artesia Market.

## Artesia College

Spring term will commence about the first week in February. It will continue four scholastic months. Pupils received at any time. We hope to have the co-operative boarding plan for boys and young men for spring term. For information, call on or address

**M. McILHANY**

## New Proverbs

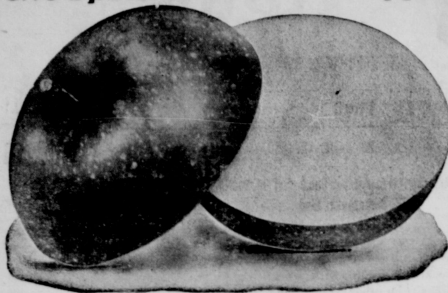
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**PECOS VALLEY NEWS**

Entered at the Post-office Artesia, N. M. as Second Class matter, Oct. 7, 1916

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

**\$1.50 A YEAR**

THE gang holding the power in Eddy county and masquerading under the name of "Democrats" would be a libel on any party and the decent democrats of Artesia express themselves in no uncertain terms concerning Heard & Co. When a faint and mild protest goes up from the northern part of the county they howl that a rotten republican legislature forces them to graft as they are now doing. This gang is made of a bunch of men who are traitors to their oaths of office, the "principles" of their party and the precepts of common decency, and the two democratic members of the board of county commissioners have done everything in their power to hurt Artesia and the northern part of the county. The bridge propositions from Artesia and Dayton, which were submitted to these gentlemen at their last meeting, were voted down in direct violation of the Territorial law in spite of everything Commissioner Turknett could do to the contrary. A few weeks ago the News predicted that Dayton would get no bridge unless they had something to offer Carlsbad in return and the result shows that we were right. This decision will result in banding the people of the two towns closer together and if we cannot secure our rights in Eddy county, we will in Artesia county. The petitions were correct, the law provides for calling a special election for such public improvements, but Commissioner Heard willed it otherwise

and now the people of Dayton and Artesia must ford the two rivers at a danger to life and limb because an ignorant churl has set himself up to be greater than the rights of the people and the laws of New Mexico. This is the way that Carlsbad has treated Artesia and the northern part of the county all along. They claim as their politics Jeffersonian Democracy when there is probably not one of them who knows the principles advocated by the Sage of Montecello. They howl about "economy," that is what the gang wants; is it economy to have thousands of dollars worth of property washed down the river every year because a narrow minded political boss refuses to build a bridge according to law and has no reason to offer except that his hangers on in another part of the county does not wish it so? Pure Democracy? Better say "Pure mockery." If such things as this will make a dead man turn in his grave, the bones of Thomas Jefferson must be spinning like tops. We will not say that the memory of Allen Heard will go down in history a few shades blacker than that of Benedict Arnold; neither will we remark that besides this Eddy county animal, Judius will look like a snow white lamb, for these things are well known already, and we don't publish stale news. But the day of reckoning will come, whether it bring with it a political defeat or the more practical method of tar and feathers and each dirty little trick of the Carlsbad gang only makes it more certain. There is another denizen of the lower valley whose career Artesia will watch with interest, and when he passes from this place to a hotter one, whether they bury him, or just "pour him back in the jug" Artesia will sing his requiem and be bighearted enough to try and raise money to buy him an asbestos winding sheet.

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**GEORGE W. BATTON**

THE Dayton Echo with a loyalty of purpose that is certainly refreshing rises above the mire of the present political condition in Eddy county and advocates a non partisan ticket as a means of relief. The Echo need not expect the co-operation of the present extortionists nor their hangers on, but we assure the editor of the paper that the idea meets a ready response among the burdened taxpayers of the county who are not looking for elevation to office themselves nor a share of the spoils when the election is over. One party, or rather the graft end of that party, has had the management of affairs for years and the handling of the Dayton and Artesia bridge propositions is a fair sample of their work. It is utter foolishness to look to this gang for improved conditions. They have had years in which to do the house cleaning act and the filth is growing deeper and more offensive. Republicans will not join with this plunder bunch neither will they go into a Democratic primary. They have been there. For nearly half a century with eight years possible exception, the great American people have at the ballot box placed their stamp of approval upon the principle of Republicanism and we are proud of the record of our party. We do not ask Democrats to renounce their party nor sacrifice one party principle, but we do ask that you unite with us in an effort to cut loose from the lower part of the county and establish a county by ourselves. Once Artesia county is created you will find us republican indeed and in truth promoting our party interests to the best of our ability. The course pursued by the Echo is commendable.

An Albuquerque man yesterday told a Citizen reporter that he had just passed through a very unsuccessful year in farming. He owns a thirty acre ranch and after settling up all accounts, he found that he had only made two thousand dollars profit. The question most people would like to ask, is what he made in a good year?—Albuquerque Citizen.

WHY is not the blame for high taxation properly located and the rascals responsible for it voted out of office?—Boozier Mullane.

The rascals have been discovered and Artesia and the north part of the county will see to it that they respect their oath or step down and out from a position which they discredit.

Artesia is starting her fight for a new county again. Her love for Carlsbad kicks backward.—El Paso Herald.

Carlsbad has many respectable citizen for whom we have the kindest regards. It is the shysters at the helm that we delight to belabor.

As there was no chance for Graftville-on-the-Pecos to get a rake off on the Artesia bridge proposition, it was shelved without ceremony. When Artesia county is set off the said Graftville will need those bat caves as an asset.

Editor Mullane advocates the swearing of lies in tax rendition. Well it wouldn't hurt Mullane any but we people of the northern part of the county were not raised that way.

**Chesnut**  
There are 80,000 more women than men in Massachusetts. It will be necessary for the leap year girl who expects to succeed in that state to start early.—Albu-Morning Daily Squirt.

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**To The People of Artesia**

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**Talk of the Town**

E. N. Skaer spent Sunday at Roswell.

Joyce-Fruit Co. just received car salt.

Rev. Burnett, former editor of the Dayton Echo, is now editing a paper at Roswell under the name Acephalous. Editor Burnett was a good friend to Artesia while in Dayton and we hope that he will lose none of his geniality in Roswell. We wish him success.

Dr. Jones, the tuberculosis specialist, has decided to locate at Carlsbad, that city complying with his requests and furnishing the assistance required.

Kaffir corn, chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Fruit Co.

J. R. Blair returned Sunday night from a trip to southern Kansas. Mr. Blair was a former resident of Independence, Kansas.

J. H. Mook spent Sunday in Roswell visiting friends.

Fresh groceries that are fresh. E. S. Howell keeps them in stock. Phone 66.

Beef, Pork, Veal and Mutton. Artesia Market.

E. C. King went to Hagerman Sunday to look after his business interests at that place.

Candy, perfume, toilet articles, soap, cigars, magazines, pocket books, pipes, blank books; in fact everything that a first class drug store should carry can be found at the City Drug Store.

Bernard Pos, the Roswell piano man was down last week tuning pianos and looking after business. He returned to his home Saturday.

F. B. Roby, of Alba, Okla., returned to his home in that town Sunday after a visit to Artesia to look after his interests here. Mr. Roby has a fine farm near Artesia and is putting down a well.

Kaffir corn chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Fruit Co.

Dr. Stoker left Friday morning for old Mexico where he has a gold mine to look after.

F. J. Brooks was visiting in Lake Arthur Sunday.

Everything in the grocery line at E. S. Howell's.

W. Benson went to Hagerman Tuesday morning to do some surveying work.

List your property with the old reliable FARMERS LAND LEAGUE. We are bringing hundreds of prospective buyers to the Valley.

Julius Olgine, of Spanish decent, was hauled before Judge Swepstion Tuesday morning on the charge of plain drunk. As it was his first offense he was let off easy by having the fine remitted and only paying the cost. The court informed him that in case he came up again he would have to pay double fine, and Julius went off protesting that he had indeed reformed.

The best things to eat are found at the grocery store of E. S. Howell. Phone 66.

Non A. Walden went north Tuesday to look after the immigration business of the Farmers Land League.

J. B. Atkeson was transacting legal business in Roswell the fore part of this week.

120 acres patented land with water, to exchange for town property. L. W. Martin.

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**Talk of the Town**

We give tickets for the watch and organ contest besides the best quality of goods. The City Drug Store, Phone 87.

C. H. Wilson, who has been employed at Rose Lawn, left yesterday morning for Wichita, Kansas, to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. G. U. McCrary returned home last week after an extended visit with friends in Lawrence, Kansas.

Bran, kafir chops, shorts and all kinds of feed at Joyce Fruit Co.

C. C. Womack, representative of the Swift Packing Co., of Ft. Worth, was in town Tuesday looking up business for his house.

Make us the right selling price. We will do the rest. Farmers Land League.

The delivery wagon of Fletcher's Market is a total wreck owing to the fact that the horse attached thereto became impatient and started off without the driver Saturday morning. When the horse came home all that remained of the wagon was the shafts which was still hanging to him. The delivery boy is working on horseback until the new wagon is made.

J. C. Gage returned from Carlsbad Wednesday morning where he has been visiting his son-in-law, J. D. Christopher. Mr. Christopher is reported as being very sick.

We handle celery, Fletcher's Market.

Harry Mull and Louis Feemster went down to the oil well yesterday.

The City Drug Store is taking an invoice this week.

Lige Robertson started for Old Mexico this week, presumably to hunt gold.

Rev. Woolam is opening up a nice little stock of fresh groceries one door east of Fletcher's Market.

Cash paid for clean lard buckets, Fletcher's Market.

Tom Logan, who has been in Abilene, Texas, instructing the band at that place, returned to Artesia this week.

**DRESSMAKING WANTED**—I have had two years experience as a dressmaker and am prepared to do all fancy or plain sewing. Mrs. Bertha Pumphrey.

M O. Tuttle was in town yesterday from his ranch on the Cottonwood.

Frank H. Cole, special representative of the Albuquerque Citizen is in town this week looking after the interests of that progressive paper. He is securing several subscriptions for the paper and is making friends here.

**SOOTER**—He may not suit you personally, but he has a line of native corn chops and corn that will **SUIT YOU**. Also cobs for kindling.

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The special edition of the Pecos Valley News is a hummer. It speaks well not only for its editor, Bro. J. F. Newkirk, but also shows spirit of progressiveness by the citizens of Artesia, N. M. May you realize your fullest hopes in the wish of the Herald—Herald, Shafter Lake, Texas.

Dr. P. M. Baker has returned from the Garfield Park Sanitarium Chicago, where he has been taking treatment for his eyes. He says that the weather in the north is as good as could be expected at this time of the year, but of course nothing like the Pecos Valley brand.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BROKE ALL RECORDS**

**Made a Run Monday and Reached School Building Before Fire Started.**

The Artesia fire department will be right there with the goods in case our city ever does have a fire. Monday morning a call was sent in stating the school building was on fire and a run was made that broke all previous records, the department got there before the fire began. The first cart was picked up behind the Artesia Meat Market and was hauled to the fire by the Williamson dray while the other one was pulled by John Hook.

The first cart reached the school building in about six minutes after the alarm was given on main street which is pretty good time for a new company.

The people did not seem to have confidence in the company yet, as was proved by one old man who came up from the south lugging a two quart bucket with which he intended to save the school building. The boys rather suspect that someone put up a job on them just to see them run. In case this occurs again the person is requested to give Chief Echols a half days notice so he can have his auto ready.

**Hope Items.**

Mrs S. L. Mills and little son Charles left for Monahans, Texas, Saturday.

Mr. Sam Lewis and family moved to their ranch on the mountain Saturday.

Mrs. Malisidia Beckett who has been sick for several days is some better today (Tuesday.)

Mr. James Muncey and M. C. Elrath were in Artesia Monday on business.

Miss De Glasscock, of Portales, is visiting friends in our burg this week. Miss Glasscock is a sister of our esteemed sheepman Lee Glasscock.

Mr. M. C. Elrath, of Floydada, Texas, is the guest of Mr. James Muncey this week.

Mr. John Pierce and family will move to their ranch near the mountains this week.

Mr. F. J. McMahon of Artesia spent Sunday with his sister, Miss Artie McMahon.

Mr. C. B. McCree and F. J. McMahon went to the mountain this week after wood.

Mrs. L. R. Cox died Friday evening at 4:30 p. m. She was Rev. J. A. Cox's mother. She was buried here Saturday evening at lower Hope cemetery. The relatives of the deceased have our sympathies in their sad bereavement.

**PRIMUS.**

The Echo came out last week under date of Jan. 3, 1907, and we notice that the P. V. News did likewise, but the Artesia Advocate goes one better by attempting to add a new month to the old calendar by appearing under date of "January" 4, 1907. Now the Echo and News have good reason for their conduct, as Mr. Wigsdale foreman of this office, and Bro. Newkirk, editor of the News and also second in recent beauty contest, have now reached a marriageable age and took the aforementioned steps in order to deceive the fair sex from thinking this is leap year; but, since James D has escaped to the coast (it is said to take his annual ablation) and we know of no one now connected with the Advocate force eligible to matrimony, the only explanation we can of its conduct is that editor Talbot had not fully recovered from his Christmas celebrating—Echo.

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### MR. BOB WAS GOOD

The Little Comedy at Presbyterian Church Enjoyed by All Who Attended.

Artesia has the best line of amateur actors that it has ever been the good luck of the editor of the News to see, and about all we need in this line is a suitable stage on which to present these plays. The comedy "Mr. Bob" which was presented last Friday night at the Presbyterian church was well attended and was no exception to the rule that the home talent plays of Artesia are better than the shows which come here from abroad. Henry Nimitz surprised all his friends by the way he sang, for while it has been known for some time that Mr. Nimitz was a very good actor, and also that he sometimes sang in choruses, no one had the faintest suspicion that he could sing by himself. Mr. Looney as the "Man who came down" was a decided success and Mrs. Skaer performed her part in a way that brought down the house. "Mr. Bob," "Miss Luke" and the other players rendered their parts in a very pleasing manner and received their share of the applause.

The specialties of the show consisted of a solo by Mrs. Olin Ragsdale and the "So long, Mary" chorus. Mrs. Ragsdale has an exceptionally clear voice and it is needless to say that the audience was well pleased with her singing.

The "So long Mary" chorus seems to have made a hit with Artesia folks for this number was cheered as heartily Friday night as at the first performance.

A few more home talent plays of this kind would serve to draw the people of our town closer together and afford amusement here we have none now. Mrs. Jacobson and Mrs. Schwartz deserved great credit for the work they have done in this instance for it was as much through their efforts as through those of the players that the show was such a success. Over \$61 was taken in.

All kinds of chickens at The Artesia Market.

### John Davisson Killed at Brownwood, Texas

W. S. Davison, of Hagerman, received a telegram at ten o'clock this morning from Brownwood, Texas, that briefly stated that his son, John, was killed at that place today and asking that he come at once. Mr. Davison will leave tonight for Brownwood. The message came from the boy's uncle with whom he was making an extended visit. John Davison was about 21 years old, the second youngest of the Davison brothers who are well known in Roswell. Clarence, George and Dick Davison are three of the brothers who are best known here.—Roswell Record.

### Lew Wallace Club.

The members of the Lew Wallace Club of the High School met last Friday afternoon and presented a good program and elected the following officers:

Theodore Martin, president; Abbie Blakeslev, vice-president; Edgar Williamson, secretary and treasurer; Sara Owen, program secretary; editor for Pecos Valley News, Estelle Mauldin; editor for Advocate, Ruth Brainard. After the election of officers the following program was given.

Recitation, "Life in New Mexico," Alfred Coll.

Recitation, "How to Propose in Leap Year," Lotta Ferson.

Essay, "Sleepy Hollow" Reed Brainard.

Essay, "American Bison," Harrel Attebury.

Recitation, "The Book Agent Beats the Bandit," Eloise Wagner.

Impromptu:

"The Work of Secretary-Treasurer."—Fred Brainard.

"My Hunt Across the Pecos," Eben Coll.

"Sleeping in a Claim Shack," Fletcher Owen.

Debate, Resolved that nature is more beautiful than art. Affirmative leader Oliver George; Edgar Williamson; negative leader Bertha Motts, Connie Horner.

C. A. Sipple has purchased the John Hodges residence in the west part of town. It is one of the finest properties in town.

### M. B. A. Install Officers.

The Modern Brotherhood of America, which is one of the newer lodges in Artesia, held an installation of officers Friday evening and served refreshments to the members. The new officers are as follows:

F. A. Linell, president; E. S. Haggard, vice-president; Mrs. Linell, Chaplain; Drs. Graham, Dunaway and Baker, physicians; Ada Walling, Conductor; E. Albritton, Watchman; Myrl Allen, Sentry; Dr. J. J. Clark, Spirit of Evil; Joe Cohen, Albert Linell, Louis Schneider, Frank McClary and Eugene Albritton, working team.

### Praise That is Not Half Scandal.

H. H. Burt, of Goldfield, Nev., writes Well Supervisor Mull as follows:

"The Pecos Valley News Christmas number was elegantly gotten up and several newspaper folks here, to whom it was shown, said that a little town the size of Artesia should be proud of a paper company that could and would get out such an elegant piece of work."

### A Change in Railroad Service.

A rumor is current among the railroad boys that a second equipment is soon to be put on by the Eastern Railway of New Mexico, running from Amarillo to Carlsbad.

This means that another train consisting of engine, baggage and mail car, passenger coach and, in all probability the Pullman sleeper will be run through to Carlsbad, from Newton, Kansas.

An arrangement of this kind would permit the equipment to remain in this city twenty-four hours to be overhauled, cleaned and repaired and ready for service the following day.

The report states that the passenger conductors have been notified to be prepared to remove their families either to Carlsbad or Amarillo, and in every instance they have come to Carlsbad. The wives of two conductors who run between this city and Roswell were in this city last week looking for suitable houses. Station Agent Waite says he has received no official information relative to the change and can in no way verify the report.

Let pour prayers be long and fervent that some such arrangement may come to pass.—Carlsbad Argus.

Mr. C. O. Brown, agent for the P. V. at this place, stated to a News reporter Tuesday that A. A. Driggs, trainmaster, was through here last week and had said that if the new service was put on at all it would not be for some time yet. The chances are that it will not be put on.

### Still They Come.

Five families arrived last week from Gladbrook, Iowa, to take up residence in and around Artesia. Four families have purchased land and the fifth has purchased town property.

J. W. Oaks, wife and two daughters, Mrs. Chas. Midberry and Mrs. Wallace Allard and children, Mrs. Ira Kunse and children have arrived. Messrs. Kunse, Runner and Allard are coming with four carloads of household goods, and livestock.

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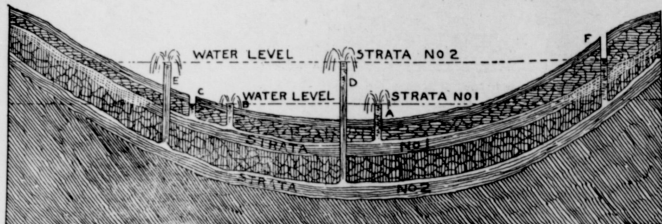
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### Talk of the Town

John A. Fuller and wife, of Artesia, were visiting relatives and old friends here Sunday and Monday.—Lakewood Progress.

E. S. Howell carries a complete line of groceries and his prices are always reasonable. Phone 66.

G. R. Larson and H. C. Haynes, postoffice inspectors called at the Artesia postoffice Friday morning and before leaving pronounced it the best conducted postoffice in their district, and their district is a large one.

Dr. and Mrs. Haas and Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker, of Hope, were in town last week taking in the sights.

"Oh! My Dear! What is it? My old man's boot, the cat is in it. It must be good leather." Geo. Roklizer made it in Artesia, N. M.

The eight year old son of Mr. Deering, who lives eight miles northeast of Artesia, died Monday morning of membranous tonsillitis.

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Mrs. E. A. Cox, of Lakewood was visiting relatives in Artesia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Clayton entertained a number of the young people last Thursday evening in honor of Annie Clayton. The evening was spent playing games.

A citizen of Lakewood started out with a gunny sack after moon-down the other night in quest of coal. He cautiously approached a large pile near the railroad track, and was just in the act of putting a large lump in the sack, when he heard a slight noise, and peering through the darkness he discovered four men on different sides of the coal bank, each one intent up on filling a sack similar to the one he was carrying. It was too dark to recognize anyone, and the men all seemed to be total strangers to each other, for not a word was spoken, cut each one hastily and noisily filled his sack, and throwing it over his shoulder, five men and five sacks of coal silently departed into the gloom of night in different directions.—Progress.

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