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NEW MEXICO

"THE BATTLE ON THE BOTTLE"

Rev. J. I. Seder, Supt. New Mexico Anti-Saloon League to Lecture at Presbyterian Church Friday Night.

"The Battle on the Bottle" will be the title of a lecture to be delivered at the Presbyterian church next Friday night, Dec. 17, by Rev. J. I. Seder, of Albuquerque, Supt. of the Anti-Saloon League of New Mexico. The lecture will be illustrated by many splendid Stereopticon views and will appeal to young and old alike. No charge of admission will be made and the public is cordially invited to hear this lecture.

The Rev. Mr. Seder has recently taken charge of the work of the Anti-Saloon League in the territory. He is a speaker of great force and enthusiasm. Mr. Seder is spending two weeks in the Valley in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League, visiting all the towns in the valley. The address which he will deliver here next Friday night on "The Battle On The Bottle" is replete with facts, logic humor and pathos. It has been heard by a number in our city and is pronounced to be entertaining, instructive

and convincing. The lecture will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Superintendent Bishop Resigns.

Monday night W. L. Bishop, superintendent of the Artesia public schools sent in his resignation to take effect upon the appointment of a successor, but not later than January 1. an action due solely to business reasons, as there is not the slightest friction between the superintendent and the board. Mr. Bishop has been one of the most enterprising school men in the territory and has done much to advance educational interests in Artesia.

The Artesia public schools like all other departments of government here, has always been ably conducted and free from the suspicion of graft. This has been largely due to the fact that the school boards have taken care to look up the previous records of all applicants and to assure themselves that those accepted were worthy.

George Lipp, U. S. Government Inspector of Tubercular Cattle, was here this week inspecting the dairy herds. We are informed by W. E. Mitchell that he found his herd perfect and we have not heard of any tubercular cattle being found around Artesia as a result of his visit.

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Announcement.

We have no apologies to offer for making this a special statehood edition. People may differ about tariff, about the postal savings banks, about the ship subsidy, about the probability of war with Japan and other important issues, but there can be no difference of opinion among good citizens about the necessity for a good constitution. We tried to get a copy of the constitution which was voted down in 1890 but after a diligent search in which we were assisted by Judge G. U. McCrary of Artesia, Hon. O. A. Larrazolo of Las Vegas, Hon. Summers Burkhart of Albuquerque, and Easley & Easley of Santa Fe, we were unable to get hold of the document, which we wished to publish in full. We ask all to read the able Talbot article and while it may be presumptuous, we believe that most folks can live through a perusal of our "Friendly Talk with New Mexico Republicans."

The Advocate.

R. M. Painter, of Mexico, Mo., was here today on his way to Artesia, as a prospective locator. He was in company with Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Alexander, who have already located at Artesia and have been back to Mexico on a visit. Roswell Record.

HENNING WELL PLEASED

Artesia Exhibit Showed Up Well in Irrigation Exhibit.

This week, William Dooley showed us a letter which he received a couple of weeks ago from H. B. Henning secretary of the Territorial Board of Immigration in regard to the Chicago Exhibit. The letter speaks for itself. The part relating to Artesia is copied hereunder:

Chicago, Nov. 24, 1909.
Mr. Wm. Dooley,
Artesia, N. M.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of Nov. 18th received. We have been able to get a very good exhibit for Artesia out of the material sent.

The show is a great success and the Artesia exhibit is proving very satisfactory. I believe the outlay will get back to the Territory a hundred fold.

Yours very truly

H. B. Henning, Sec.

Baptist Church.

Sunday School 9:45. Preaching 11. B. Y. P. U. 6 p. m. Preaching 7 p. m. A full attendance of the membership is urged and the public is cordially invited.

A. E. Boyd, pastor.

Navajo Rugs and Blankets at Brainard-Corbin Co.

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Christmas at Christian Church.

There will be a celebration of Christmas on the night of December 25, at the Christian church. The decorations will be put on by W. F. Schwartz, which is another way of saying that they will be excellent. There will be a representation of the festival by a poor family and a rich family, showing the contrast between the classes.

W. W. Meeks graduate optician is having splendid success in fitting glasses. If your eyes give you trouble try him. tf

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A Friendly Talk With New Mexican Republicans.

Dear Republican Fellow Citizens: The recommendation of President Taft and the signs of the times conspire to convince us that statehood is nigh. You are members of a different political party from the one with which we are affiliated, and in discussing political questions it probably might as well be conceded that upon certain points, at least, we cannot agree. There being fundamental differences between us in regard to the proper spheres of state influence and of rational influence, respectively, it is well to recognize that fact right at the start. However, when parties are about to enter a lawsuit the first thing they do is to try to find out upon how many points they can agree and get together on these, and then fight, when they have to fight, upon the issues in regard to which there is a difference.

In all human probability, we will soon be called upon to assist in the election of delegates to draft a constitution to be submitted to the people of New Mexico, and that is perhaps the most important act that the voters of this territory will ever be called upon to perform. Whether it is done well or ill, will mean much for the weal or woe of the "Land of Sunshine" and its people for a generation. Therefore, in this instance, it is important that the members of all political parties get together on as many issues as possible, and that in all discussions they show the utmost consideration for people who do not agree with them politically. Therefore, we want to have a heart to heart talk with you in order to see if we cannot agree upon at least one thing and then agree to advocate it within our respective parties. Upon one vital principle (and considering the efforts that monopoly will make to write the next constitution, it may be THE ONE VITAL PRINCIPLE) we believe that every true Democrat and every true Republican can agree—we refer to the principle of the initiative and referendum, or as it is generally called, and as we shall hereinafter call it, the referendum.

At first blush to a man whose thoughts are governed only by the derivation of words, it might seem as if the referendum were strictly a Democratic doctrine; for it amounts to direct government by the people to the extent to which it is exercised; and as a democracy is a government by the people, and a republic is a state governed by representatives elected by citizens, and as, furthermore, the Democratic and the Republican par-

ties supposedly represent the principles of democracy and republicanism in a general way, it would be natural to infer that the referendum would be received with more favor in the Democratic than in the Republican party. This inference is supported by the fact that the Democratic party has always contended for the greatest extension of rights to the states while the Republican has always favored a stronger national government, and by the further fact that the Democratic national platform in 1900 endorsed the referendum; something no Republican national platform has ever done.

Yet, when we consider the states which have actually adopted the referendum (Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Michigan and Delaware) we see that one party has been about as active as the other in adopting the system. The referendum in Delaware is only advisory. However when we proceed to analyze the philosophy of Republicanism as expounded by the men whom that party has elevated to the presidency we see that their idea has been, not that the people ought to elect some superior beings to do their thinking for them, but that the people ought to do their own thinking and decide upon what they want and then send representatives to congress or to the legislature or to the constitutional convention to frame laws or to draft constitutions in accordance with the previously expressed wish of the people. In his first inaugural address, speaking of the proposal to change the national constitution, Abraham Lincoln said:

"While I make no recommendation of amendment, I fully recognize the full authority of the people over the whole subject, to be exercised in either of the modes prescribed in the instrument itself, and I should under existing circumstances, favor rather than oppose a fair opportunity being afforded the people to act upon it.

"I will venture to add, that to me the convention mode seems preferable, in that it allows amendments to originate with the people themselves, instead of only permitting them to take or reject propositions originated by others not especially chosen for the purpose and which might not be precisely such as they would wish to accept or to refuse."

In these days when we hear certain folks say that the people are incapable of understanding the principles of government it is refreshing to read the above. Equally consoling the expression of confidence in popular intelligence voiced by William McKinley on the floor of the house of representatives when on March 18, 1888 he was opposing the Mills tariff bill:

"It is fortunate that our government is FOUNDED UPON THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED: that every citizen has a vote in the making and unmaking of the house of representatives every two years, and even if he is deprived in the interim of a

hearing there is one day when he can speak and when he can make his influence felt.

"Page 4410 Congressional Record, Vol. 92. Fiftieth Congress, first session."

Right in line with his illustrious predecessors was President Taft when, in his recent Albuquerque speech, he said, (speaking to all the people of New Mexico not a select few lawyers or politicians)

"Make yourselves statesmen and send statesmen to your convention when you draft a constitution.

"The trouble is when you are making a constitution you will take any old thing if you can only get statehood. I know that. * * * I hope you have the strength of character enough to vote down a poor constitution and wait until you can get a good one by a new convention."

Among Republican constitutional lawyers few have stood higher than John Alexander Jamison, L. L. D. A judge of the Superior Court of Chicago and at one time at the head of the law department of the University of Chicago, he made the best legal argument or the best excuse for a legal argument, as you wish to take it, for the policy

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TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS.

ARTESIA, - NEW MEXICO.

of reconstruction pursued by the Republican congressional leaders after the civil war. Whether one agrees with him or not on that long-dead issue one is compelled to admit that his studies in history of constitutional conventions were exhaustive and that his work on that subject is the only one of its kind extant.

Himself an able constitutional lawyer, he recognized that the history of these conventions had demonstrated what reason would suggest: that a convention composed of constitutional lawyers would not produce as good a fundamental law as one composed of men from all walks of life, and he laid down the rule that lack of literary polish or of classical education was no impediment to the proper understanding of the underlying principles of constitutional law. He took the position that no one class could understand the needs of all classes. He said:

"I am persuaded that a diffuse style, tainted in every period with rhetorical vices, is not incompatible with the high degree of political wisdom. . . . When measures are under discussion which rest upon principles alone, the opinions of commonplace men are frequently of as much value, and are likely to be quite as original, as those of the more gifted debaters. At all events it is eminently useful to a public assembly to listen to the observations upon any subject, of many men of various callings, and of unequal attainments. If their thoughts are not generally profound they are often suggestive; and, in a deliberative body, it is not so much the remarks of those who speak, as the reflections upon them of those who listen, which ripen into measures. The truth of this is seen in perusing the printed reports of the debates in our conventions. One cannot go through the discussion of any important measure, in which men of ordinary minds participated without finding fresh light constantly flowing over the subject from speeches, which not all the polishing of the reporter could make otherwise than offensive to the cultivated taste." (Constitutional Conventions, page 459.)

We do not mean to be understood as endorsing everything that occurred during the Lincoln administration, nor as approving McKinley's opposition to the Mills bill, nor as commending the criticism which President Taft made of the constitution of the great state of Oklahoma, nor as sanctioning the rapidity with which the latter seems to wish the constitutional convention of New Mexico to work in the event that the statehood bill pass. For we have always admired the squatter sovereignty doctrines of Douglas, we have always regretted the defeat of Mills' tariff bill, we think that as a whole the Oklahoma constitution is the best ever adopted, and we believe in a constitutional convention taking all the time needed to form a good fundamental law.

We have quoted these eminent Republicans to show that

it is quite in accordance with the fundamental principles of your party to assume that legislation and constitutional amendments should originate among the people and be transmitted by them, through their delegates to a legislature or to a constitutional convention. Hence, the referendum is logically compatible with the principles of the Republican party, and the members of that party were not inconsistent when they adopted the referendum in Delaware and in Michigan and in other orthodox Republican states. And if the referendum be consistently Republican, and if it be a good thing, then you ought to do everything you can to have it incorporated into the constitution of New Mexico. Isn't that true?

Elsewhere in this issue we copy from the report of the special Committee on the state Constitution of the Constitutional Convention held in Michigan last year, all that relates to the referendum feature of the fundamental law of that state. This report drafted by Republicans was approved of the convention, composed mostly of Republicans. We also quote in full the foot note on the referendum provision, by the noted Republican lawyer Fred A. Beecher who compiled the annotated constitution of Michigan. These extracts give you a complete idea of the utility and the method of operation of the referendum in one of the most thoroughly Republican commonwealths in the Union. We wish every Advocate reader would study them with care and file for future reference.

The Michigan plan does not go as nearly as far as the Oklahoma plan; but being more conservative and, we believe more in accord with Republican ideas, it would stand more chance of being adopted in New Mexico than the Oklahoma provision would. We want you to read it and cut it out, but we shall explain it in brief by saying that it differs from the old method by securing the submission of constitutional amendments in this; that if twenty per cent of the voters petition for the submission of an amendment, the legislature will have to submit it unless a majority of each house of the legislature vote AGAINST its submission, while under the old system, an amendment could not be submitted, even though all the voters petitioned for its submission unless a two-thirds majority of both houses of legislature voted FOR its submission.

In drafting a new constitution there will certainly be some mistakes made, even though all the delegates be honest, and it is expedient that some means should be taken to enable the people to get rid of the mistakes without securing a two-thirds majority of both houses of the legislature. But that is not the worst. There are many corrupt men in politics in this territory today and they are to be found in both parties; some of them will be in the convention. These gentlemen will try to insert provisions that will be in the interest of the trusts

How Many Hours, Minutes and Seconds

Will the

Candle---Burn?

We have placed a candle 36 inches in length and 3 inches in diameter in our Show Window; on Saturday, December 11th we are going to light the candle and allow it to burn, so many hours a day until it is entirely consumed.

With each One Dollar purchase we are going to give you a guess, if you guess the exact time or nearest the exact time it will take the candle to be consumed, we will give you a Set of "1847" Rogers Bros. Silver Knives and Forks, worth Six Dollars.

Girls under 14 years of age, we will give you one guess with each 25 cent purchase, the one guessing the exact time or nearest thereto will be given a Beautiful Doll worth Two Dollars.

Boys under 14 years of age, with each 25 cent purchase we will give you one guess, the one guessing the exact time or nearest thereto will be given a Beautiful Nickle Plate Watch.

Remember it cost you absolutely nothing to make a guess, all to gain and nothing to lose. The presents will be given away Dec. 24th at 2. p. m. See our Show Window, get your guess in today and every day.

: The :

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and it will be a miracle if they always fail. You know that. If they succeed and it take a two-thirds majority of both houses to resubmit the offensive provisions, you may not be able to secure their amendment for a generation. You know that, too. Therefore you should work for the referendum. Oughtn't you?

We have not brought you this far without having a practicable suggestion to make. You cannot and will not join the Democratic party and you should not unless you are convinced that the Democratic is better than your own. We cannot join the Republican party either. Yet we can cooperate. You in your party and we in ours can insist that the referendum be endorsed at every primary meeting. You can instruct your delegates to county conventions to labor to secure the adoption of resolutions there, endorsing the referendum and instructing the delegates to the territorial convention and to the legislative conventions to insert a referendum plank in the platforms of the party, and make the candidates pledge themselves to stand on the platforms. And when you hold conventions to nominate delegates to the constitutional convention you can do the same thing. We Democrats can do the same thing in the Democratic party, and if we both succeed there will be a referendum provision in the constitution of the State of New Mexico.

The Correct Time.

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for some time the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by Fatherree & Mann.

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Artesia,

New Mexico.

Annual Church Meeting.

The congregation of the Christian church will hold its annual meeting on Thursday night of next week, Dec. 16th. This meeting will be of special interest to every member of the church. There will be a short praise service to begin with followed by several brief addresses. Then there will be a short business session at which time the officers of the Sunday School for the coming year as well as several new church officers will be elected. In addition to this several matters of great importance will be presented to the congregation. At the close of the business session, there will be a social hour. Every member of the congregation is requested to be present at this meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:15 o'clock. There will be no prayer meeting on Wednesday night, owing to the annual meeting.

Notice to Shareholders.

The regular annual meeting of shareholders of the First National Bank, of Artesia, New Mexico, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such business as may come before such meeting, will be held at the banking house between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. on Tuesday the 11th day of January 1910.

Also the following resolution will be voted on by the shareholders at this meeting:

Resolved that the capital stock of this association be increased in the sum of \$25,000.00 making the total capital \$50,000.00.

By order of the board of directors.

C. W. Williams, President.
J. E. Robertson, Cashier.

Not Expecting to Leave.

Referring to a rumor that he intends to leave Artesia, E. A. Clayton said yesterday that the impression doubtless got abroad on account of his having spoken of selling his property; but that the inference was false, as he had no intention of quitting. He expects to reinvest around Artesia the money which he obtains for his property in the event that it is sold. Mr. Clayton says that he has been here from the foundation of the town, knows the value of land and other advantages of the country as well as anybody, has never seen another county which he likes as well as this and has made no arrangements to leave. We assume that somebody heard that his son Cecil is about to leave for Texas to enter business there and got the thing mixed up.

"Artesia's Progress."

As an evidence of the growth of Artesia the business of the Postoffice has grown so that the P. O. Department has increased the box rent as follows:

Small lock boxes from 35c to 45c per quarter. Medium size from 45c to 60c per quarter. Large boxes from 60c to 75c per quarter.

Fresh cinnamon rolls every day at the Home Bakery.

ACEFUL ACT OF GENTLEMAN

Physician's Delicate Manner of Refusing Poor Patient's Act of Self-Sacrifice.

Dr. Robert Glynn-Clobery, a delightful old character described in "Reminiscences of Cambridge," was a fellow of King's college, where he resided. During a long illness he attended a poor man, of whose family party a pert, talkative magpie made one, and as the patient observed that Dr. Glynn-Clobery always, when paying a visit, had some joke with the bird, he thought that perhaps the doctor might like to possess it.

Accordingly, when the poor man was well again, with overflowing gratitude, but with no money to pay a bill, he thought he could do no better than make his kind friend a present of the magpie; and so the prisoner in its cage was conveyed to his rooms in King's college.

The bearer met with a kind reception, but was desired to carry the bird back with him.

"I cannot," said the doctor, "take so good care of it as can you; but I shall consider it mine, and I entrust it to you to keep for me; and as long as it lives I will pay you half a crown weekly for its maintenance." —Youth's Companion.

Baptist Bazaar December 18.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a bazaar on the afternoon of Saturday December 18.

Dec. 17 box supper at Red Top school house.

How long will the candle burn?

Money to loan 8 per cent net.
W. G. Tight
Roswell, N. M.



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Sealship Oysters

Have the Tang of the Sea

You will be surprised when you see Sealship Oysters. More surprised—and delighted—when you taste them.

In buying Sealship Oysters, remember that there is no "liquor"—nothing but solid meat. The "liquor" is what spoils common oysters. It is melted railroad ice.

If you ordinarily buy oysters by the quart, get only a pint of Sealship.

Come into our store and see our silent salesman. While here ask for a copy of our book "Seaside Oyster Dishes." It gives many shore recipes.

Fletcher's Market,
Hhone 37.

President Taft Right

In recommending separate statehood for New Mexico and Arizona, President Taft says:

"The successful party in the last election in its national platform declared in favor of the admission as separate states of New Mexico and Arizona, and I recommend that legislation looking to that end be adopted. I urge, however, that care be exercised in the preparation of the legislation affecting each territory to secure deliberation in the selection of persons as members of the convention to draft a constitution for the incoming state, and I earnestly advise that such constitution adoption by the convention shall be submitted to the people of the territory for their approval at an election in which the sole issue shall be the merits of the proposed constitution, and if the constitution is defeated by popular vote means shall be provided in the enabling act for a new convention and the drafting of a new constitution. I think it vital that the issue as to the merits of the constitution should not be mixed up with the selection of state officers, and that no election of state officers should be had until after the constitution has been fully approved and finally settled upon."

President Taft is exactly right in his position. He wants the people to draft their own constitution and does not want them confused by other issues when the vote is taken on the adoption or rejection of the draft presented by the constitutional convention. He wants them to vote down a constitution if it does not suit them.

STEAMBOAT CELEBRATIONS.

So gradual was the extension of steam navigation in this country that it has been figured out that if the communities particularly benefited by it are so disposed, celebrations of the "first steamboat" can be continued until 1939. Pittsburg, Pa., may lead off in 1911 with the centennial of the launching of the first steam vessel put in service west of the Alleghanies. New Orleans, Oswego, Natchez and finally St. Louis and Chicago can continue the series of centennials. In fact, if the world is centennial-minded and has not lost its interest in the history and romance of the steamship, the celebrations can be kept up practically another century. As it is the way of the world, however, to lose interest almost as rapidly as it acquires it, it is probable that observances will be limited to the larger cities and to incidents easily lending themselves to spectacular representation.

HIGH LIVING.

He had not been brought up in the haunts of the wealthy, consequently his first experience of close contact with those fascinating creatures had left him, so to speak, gasping. His friends gathered about him, seeking details.

"Are those new friends of yours so very rich?" he was asked.

"Rich? Rich? Why, boys," here he lowered his voice to an awed whisper, "they keep a complete set of help."

CROSS.

"I'm sure," sobbed the bride, "that George only married me for my money."

"Why, daughter, what makes you think so?"

"He brought company home for dinner last night and refused to wipe the dishes for me."

: MERRY : Christmas

Here it is Holiday Time,

Time to cheer up, time to forget your troubles and to help others to be happy. Get Glad!

Our Holiday Offering

For the Christmas Buyer we have made a selection of Gift Goods especially appropriate for the season.

CUT GLASS.

We are showing a most complete line of this beautiful Ware.

CHINA.

For the first time in the history of Artesia the ladies are offered a complete line of high grade Chinaware.

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SCENTS DANGER

Gayle Talbot Points Out Evils of Trust-made Constitution

COMMENDS ADVOCATE'S STAND

Hard To Amend Constitutions. Experience of Texas Tensely Told.

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 7, '09.
Editor Advocate:

I was a little surprised—and not surprised, either—when I read your editorial in last week's issue regarding the prospects of passing the statehood bill this winter and the mixed blessings that would probably be ours in case such a consummation was accomplished after all these years of hope deferred. I was not surprised that your thoughts on the subject should have run in the line indicated, but surprised that you should have had the temerity to give public expression to same. At this critical period in the merry game of New Mexico politics, a fellow is in some danger of being cast out of the synagogue for heresy who suggests that statehood is not greatly to be desired and the ultimate conclusion of our ambition and happiness. The risk of being considered a knocker by those public censors who do not stop to think, has doubtless deterred honest expression on the part of a whole lot of people who know, or think they know, what immediate statehood for New Mexico will mean. I can account for the Advocate's frank expression on the subject, first, because the paper has always been openly and above board in fighting for better things, and secondly because the editor takes a delight in not following the paths of policy when it comes to making up his mind. And who ever saw a son of old Erin who would deign to dodge just because some nifty scrapper happened to have a shalalah uplifted?

It is one thing to shine as a star in the galaxy of glory that would come to the Territory as a component of the Union, and quite another to supplicate at a throne of mercy a la Filipino, as at present. And yet, perhaps, it were better to bear the ills of present political high-binders than to fly to Uncle Samuel's bosom if such flying should be impeded and embarrassed by various and sundry shackles that no self-respecting body would care to have in tow. This insignificant, yet important, thought seemed to have dawned upon the intellects of New Mexico voters some years ago when called upon to ratify the terms of a certain constitution submitted, and it is more than probable that the whole population will not be sleeping upon the battlements should a like attack upon the rights of the Territory be attempted in the near future. This may not be done, of course. It is possible, even if out of the line of probabilities, that the periodical curtailment of political pap has acted as a work of grace upon the hearts of the powers that control the flocks and herds—and voters—in New Mexico since the constitution-

al assault referred to was pulled off and that the fundamental catechism promulgated by a convention at this time would be all that any Christian could subscribe to. But up to the time of going to press, deponent hath not adduced evidence sufficient to cause us to call in the outposts and agree to take anything that may be offered. I believe, with you, that the signs of the times auger statehood for the territory in the near future, and these signs do not fill me with hilarity. The admonitory talk of the president at Albuquerque, and immediate (and apparently agreeable) resignation of Governor Curry, the shifting of the party marionettes so as to get Judge Mills in the chair at the propitious moment and the presence of the high priests of the party at Washington about the same time, form a chain of evidence that suggests good faith on the part of the G. O. P. This time—if the goods can be delivered. Not that the party is seized with any sudden spasm of philanthropy and justice, but that the whips of the party in this territory believe the time is propitious for the perpetration of the job—"propitious" in this case meaning the time when the patronage and favors contingent upon creation of statehood can be handled with safety and absolute certainty to the everlasting advantage of the old reliable gang of pillagers who have been "doing things" in New Mexico these past few years.

The line of argument that leads to this conclusion, is warning enough to the hundreds and thousands of good people who have moved into the Sunshine Territory the past few years to build them homes and make of this domain a happy place of residence when the time should arrive for our admission into the Union. I am, I believe, one of those who voluntarily surrendered allegiance to their native states, and found agreeable environments in this new country, and I flatter myself in saying that no one has more genuine friendship and love for the Territory than I. And I am very much in favor of statehood. But candor, and a love for my adopted country, impels me to say that I (to paraphrase the old populist platform) "view with alarm" the elaborate preparations being made for our debut into the society of states. The stage settings are a little blase and the costumes rather costly for the handmaidens of virtue to wear. However, I may be unnecessarily alarmed. It may be that should a constitutional convention be called, the Santa Fe railway and great corporate interests now doing business in New Mexico will religiously withhold influence from the halls of the capitol and allow the yeomanry to frame such a foundation of state as patriotism and duty suggests, but we who have been watching the rapacious antics of the spoilsmen for the past few years will be pardoned for sounding the alarm should such effacement NOT take place. I do not think I



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am alone when I say that there are many patriotic citizens in New Mexico who believe the corporate interests now doing business in the territory will absolutely dictate—if not actually write—the constitution of the new state in case one is written at all. This being true, is it any wonder that a lot of folks are slow about whooping 'er up for admission under Taft and Luna's regime? Anyone who has observed at all, knows that it is almost an impossibility to amend or abrogate any provision in a state constitution once adopted. The primary law becomes almost absolute, in effect. The legislature of our neighboring state, Texas, has submitted many meritorious amendments to the vote of the people in an effort to remedy some provision that has proven inadvisable and not applicable to latter-day conditions, but without effect. The voters do not want the foundation law tampered with and that is the way it will be in New Mexico. A constitution once written, will have to do service for fifty years, perhaps, and can the right kind of an instrument be procured under the influences and environments that will surround its making in New Mexico in 1910? It is a question well worth thinking about.

Gayle Talbot.

It does a fellow good to have a gentleman with the ability and political experience of Gayle Talbot commend his opinion. The difficulty of changing a constitution when it is once adopted, upon which Mr. Talbot dwells is a point which every voter ought to consider, and see to it that the right sort of constitution is adopted at the start. While we are urging the referendum in several articles this week

we realize that it is better to have a thing well done in the beginning than to do it poorly and then lose time trying to repair it; albeit it is a good to have enough tools handy to do the patching with when repairing is required.

The man who does not try to post himself on matters pertaining to the constitution is not a good citizen and ought not to be allowed to vote.

We endorse all the statements in Talbot's article save one, the one which says that the editor of the Advocate is a son of Erin. He is that by extraction; for both of his parents came from the "Ould Sod." However he was born in this glorious country and his father was an American citizen and voting the Democratic ticket long years before the Advocate man was arrived.

Golden Words From President Taft

"Make yourselves statesmen and send statesmen to your convention when you draft a constitution."

"The trouble is when you are making a constitution you will take any old thing if you can only get statehood. I know that. Well, there ought to be a provision by which you should first vote on your officers, and I hope you have the strength of character enough to vote down a poor constitution and wait until you can get a good one by a new convention."

"If you could get one, why then come in with it, but if you do not then have courage enough to vote it down. I don't know whether you will have or not. You have that yet to prove. I like to look into your faces and see that you are Americans, and you are just as conscious that you are going to be the most perfect state in the union as possible. You do not assume that these burdens in respect to statehood amounts to anything—only give us statehood and everything else is heaven beyond."

Wanted: Prices on 2 to 3 room houses to be moved. See J. W. Foster.

Railroad Time Table.

South bound passenger, arrives at 7:47 p. m., local time.
North bound passenger, arrives at 5:30 a. m. local time.
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Office of Comptroller of the Currency

Washington, D. C. July 1 1909.

Whereas by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The State National Bank of Artesia," in the town of Artesia, in the County of Eddy and Territory of New Mexico, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking:

Now Therefore, I, Willis J. Fowler, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The State National Bank of Artesia," in the Town of Artesia, in the County of Eddy and Territory of New Mexico, is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Conversion of the Bank of Artesia.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of office this First day of July, 1909.

Willis J. Fowler,
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.
(Seal)

Ill Health is More Expensive Than any Cure.

This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by Fatherree & Mann.

FOR ABSTRACT SEE

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An Appreciated Compliment.

We have read with much interest the address on "Postal Censorship" recently delivered by James D. Whelan, at a meeting of the Pecos Valley Press Association in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Mr. Whelan hits the bull's-eye squarely in the center when he says laws should be made definite and certain, and not depend upon the caprice or whim of any irresponsible individual.—Denver Catholic Register.

The need of definite laws governing the transmissions of newspaper matter through the mail is becoming more and more apparent every day, and we assume that it is because of this fact and not because of the manner in which we handled the subject, that the Western Publisher and other periodicals in the big cities have devoted some space to treatment of it.

As a sample of the sort of pressure that is being brought to bear on the authorities to inaugurate a permanent postal censorship, we cite the communication of E. S. Smith of Tippecanoe City, Ohio, entitled "The Truth About Mexico" which occupies the entire November number of the Bankers Magazine. It is evident that the ideas advanced by Smith have the approval of the Bankers Magazine and that they are in accord with those held by the kings of finance in this country.

There is running in the American Magazine a series of articles entitled "Barbarous Mexico." When it was announced that this series would appear E. S. Smith of Tippecanoe City, Ohio according to his own statement sent the following telegram to President Taft:

Mexico, D. F. Aug. 28, 1909. Hon. William H. Taft, Beverly Massachusetts:

Prohibit use of United States mails to the "American Magazine," proposing publication of "Barbarous Mexico" in October number. The foreword threatens libel against the whole Mexican people and its circulation here or elsewhere a disgrace and injury to American citizens in Mexico.

(Signed) E. S. Smith.

We trust that it is not necessary to prompt our readers in regard to the impertinence of this obscure upstart in sending such a message to the President of the United States, but that his so doing should be tacitly endorsed by the organ of the bankers is a more serious proposition.

It may be remarked that the articles, the publication of which he tried to stop, are telling the truth about Mexico, but that is beside the point. The dangerous feature of the whole thing is that there is an element in this country which is trying to force the president to assume the right to arbitrarily exclude from the mails any discussion of the customs of foreign peoples if it interfere with the graft of American capitalists. And the worst part of the whole thing is that should the president desire to do so and should the postal authorities, who are appointed by him and removable by him, obey him (as

they would) he could stop the transmission of any paper through the mail for that or for any other cause, or alleged cause, and the publisher would have no chance to have his day in court determine the merits of his case.

It is, of course, to President Taft's credit that he ignored the impudent nonentity from E. S. Smith of Tippecanoe City, Ohio, but the fact that he might have done as Smith suggested is a menace to American liberty.

For A Lame Back.

When you have pains or lameness in the back bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain, and you may be surprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by Fatherree & Mann.

Cemetery Association.

The Cemetery Association met at the usual hour on the afternoon of Dec. 6th 1909.

This being the day to pay the annual dues the following members paid at roll call \$1.00 each for the year Dec. 1909 to Dec. 1910: Mesdames J. B. Atkeson, Blakeslee, Clara Welton, F. E. Turner, C. V. Brainard, J. D. H. Reed, M. M. Inman, Jno. Lowry, V. E. Fatherree, C. W. Williamson, Geo. Frisk and P. C. Kepple.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported that the bills of the Brainard-Corbin Hardware Co. of \$12 and of F. A. Linell of \$2.50 had been paid since last meeting. There was a balance in the bank of \$167.

The following bills were presented for payment; to Kemp Lumber Co., \$3.55; to E. E. Maddox \$3.80 and to Mr. Williams, the sexton \$25 for the past month's salary. These were ordered paid.

Mrs. Jno. Lowry, chairman of the lot committee reported the following lot payments for the month of November: from Geo. Frisk for single grave \$2.50; from Mrs. J. R. Franklyn balance on lot \$10; from J. M. Addington for one lot \$12; from W. E. Ragsdale for one lot \$12; from B. D. Wilson for one lot \$15 and from W. W. Fogerson 1-2 lot \$10. She also had a donation of 25c from Mrs. Kepple making the total amount from this committee \$64.55.

Mrs. M. M. Inman, chairman of the improvement committee submitted the following report: The sexton was at work for one half his time, consequently his work was slowly but well done.

The committee had received bids for the erection of a cement block house to be erected on the cemetery grounds as a sexton's house. The bid of Mr. Daniels had been accepted.

The house will be 10x12 with a wall nine feet high and is to have a shingle roof. The house should have been finished ere this, but Mr. Benson who had to survey the grounds, preparatory to its location had not yet reported. As soon as he reports Mr. Daniels will begin work.

The sexton had also worked on G. R. Brainard's lot for one

half day, and on D. Lathion's lot for one half day. These parties are to pay the association for sexton's time on their lots.

Mrs. C. W. Williams reported the proceeds of the play to be \$70.70. All but six dollars of this amount had been deposited in the bank prior to meeting. Mr. Whelan had also paid a pledge of five dollars that had been deposited before this meeting.

The following names were presented for membership and accepted: Mesdames J. H. Craven, Geo. Frisk and P. C. Kepple.

It was moved and carried that the sexton be retained for another month.

The collections for the afternoon were \$82.55.

It was moved and carried that the Association serve dinner on the days of the Interstate Shoot which will be at Artesia on Dec. 30 and 31st.

There being no further business the association adjourned. Immediately after adjournment the directors accepted the motions as recorded. Josephine Fatherree, Sec.

Entertains Mrs. Fowler.

Mrs. Geo. Fowler of Roswell was in the city over Sunday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Atkeson. Mrs. Fowler is president of the Christian Woman's department of missionary work in New Mexico and at the Christian church at the morning service she addressed the members of the missionary organization of this congregation.

She recently attended the great Centennial gathering of the Disciples of Christ at Pittsburg, Pa., and her address was a splendid review of the vast missionary work accomplished by this great organized body of Christian women.

After the services Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz entertained Mrs. Fowler, the officers of the Auxiliary and the Young Ladies' Circle at their home in the west part of the city.

Mr. Schwartz being the on-man present served at luncheon in his usual happy manner.

Covers were laid for Mesdames Fowler of Roswell, J. H. Craven, U. P. White, Kenneth Coates, J. B. Atkeson, V. E. Fatherree, Kyle Brooks and E. E. Aylesworth.

How One Doctor Successfully Treats Pneumonia.

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Contest Notice

Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, Nov. 13, 1909.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Walter B. Putnam, contestant, against Thomas D. Carter entry No. 7715, made April 23, 1906, for NW 1/4 Section 6, Township 18 S, Range 24 E, by Thomas D. Carter Contestee, in which it is alleged that the said Thomas D. Carter has wholly abandoned the same, and has not resided thereon for more than the last six months past, (and that said alleged absence from said land has not been due to his employment in army, navy, or Marine Corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman, or marine during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.)

said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 8th, 1910, before C. F. Erb, at his office in Artesia, New Mexico (and that final hearing will be held at 9 o'clock a. m. on January 16th, 1910 before) the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed November 13th 1909, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such service be given due and proper publication. T. C. Tillotson, Register

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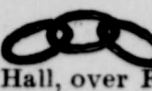
LOCAL DIRECTORY.



Meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock p. m. in the Fenton building. C. R. Echols, C. J. E. Sweptson, Clerk.



Meets the second and fourth Friday nights in each month, in the Masonic Hall, over First National Bank. J. S. Major, C. C. J. W. Foster, K. R. & S.



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Artesia Lodge No. 25, meets first Saturday night in each month in hall over First National Bank. W. S. Gilbert, W. M. G. R. Brainard, Sec.

R. A. M.

Penasco Chapter No. 12, meets fourth Monday evening in each month, over First National bank. E. F. Phillips, H. P.

Eastern Star.

Meets every second and fourth Tuesdays in the month, in Masonic hall, over First National bank. Mrs. J. P. Lowry, W. M. Mrs. Kittie Brunning, Sec.

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AT THE CHURCHES.

Methodist.

J. ALLEN RAY, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Preaching, 11:00 a. m. Junior League 3:00 p. m. Senior League, 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:00.

Baptist.

A. E. BOYD, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Presbyterian.

E. E. MATHES, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. Junior Endeavor 3:00 p. m. Senior Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Christian.

KYLE BROOKS, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. Junior Endeavor 3:00 p. m. Senior Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:15 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

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FATHER ROBERT KALT, Pastor. Mass at 10:00 a. m. on first and third Sundays. Prayers every Sunday morning at 10:00.

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No trouble to find what you want. Assortment big, styles right, make can't be beat. Plenty clothing for everyone, and it all goes in this sale.

Shoot that Old Hat.

We are showing a big line from \$1.15 up to \$8. All the new styles, and popular colors. All the staple shapes that you can think of. Next week we give you 15 per cent off, and your pick of any hat in our house.

Dress Shirts, Flannel Shirts, Wool Shirts, and Underware.

How Are You Fixed.

If you're not fixed, we can fix you. Suppose you look through, we can show you the best line in town and save you some money.

Yes Indeed.

We are going to give 15 per cent on every yard of goods in the house, makes no difference whether it be Calico or Broadcloth, Cheesecloth or Silk. It all goes, just so the purchase amounts to \$1.00.



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Get in line, follow the crowds, they will all be bound for Artesia's popular Dry Goods Store, the

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Deeds Filed in Eddy County From Nov. 29th to Dec. 4th, Inclusive.

List furnished by Security Abstract Company (Incorporated) of Artesia and Carlsbad.

G. B. Taylor to W. A. Taylor et al, part interest in NW-4 and N-2 SW-4 Sec. 21-17-26.

J. E. Robertson et al to C. W. Williams, 2-3 interest in E-2 SW-4 Sec. 7-18-27.

Therza Cornell to Phillip Thomas Lots 10 and 12, Block 13, Artesia Improvement Co. Addition.

James H. Beckham Jr. and wife to J. M. Morris Lots 6 and 8 in Sec. 3 and Lots 4, 5 and 6 in Sec. 2-16-26.

Geo. M. Pendleton to L. M. Pendleton N-2 Lot 10 and Lots 6 and 8, Block 1 Carlsbad.

Lizzie R. Howell et al to A.

L. Taylor, Lots 1 and 8 in Sec. 3; and Lots 4, 5 and 6 in Sec. 2-16-26.

Minnie Smith et al to I. M. Lawrence Lots 1 and 3, Block 8, Blair Addition to Artesia.

I. M. Lawrence and wife to Leonidas C. Hall, Lots 1 and 3, Block 8, Blair Addition to Artesia.

Joseph H. Craven and wife to James H. Holeman, SE-4 SW-4 Sec. 15-17-26.

Richards J. Bolles to Emma G. Shirley W-2 SW-4 Sec. 23-23-28.

C. L. Henry and wife to Estadislic Gracia E-2 of S-2 Lot 9, Block 16, Artesia.

James H. Beckham Jr. and wife to Laura M. Ray, Lots 10 and 12, Block 8, Forest Hill Addition to Artesia.

W. H. Watkins and wife to

Laura M. Ray, Lots 8, 10 and 12, Block 3, Artesia.

Louie Huber to Opher L. Bigelow, Lots 1 and 2, Block 54, Artesia Improvement Co. Addition.

Charles S. Hoffman and wife to A. C. Alexander, et al W-2 NW-4 and NW-4 SW-4 Sec. 20-17-26.

Othella Dyer and husband to Charles T. Wiley Lots 10 and 12, Block 12, Chisum Additoin to Artesia.

United States to Guy E. Robison (Patent) NE-4 Sec. 14-19-35.

United States to Sarah K. Ellis (Patent) SW-4 Sec. 3-17-38.

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They Donated Autos.

On the occasion of the trip of the "Hearts, Diamonds and Sweethearts" local talent company to Hope last week, mention of which was made in last week's Advocate, we are informed that the Cemetery Association, in the interest of which the play was given, felt under many obligations to those who so kindly donated automobiles. The parties giving the autos were we are informed Messrs. Murray Schenck, William Idler, J. B. Cecil, Dr. C. W. Williams and S. W. Gilbert. E. B. Kemp does not own an auto but chartered one for the occasion. We did not learn of this kindness until our last issue had gone to press.

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A Catholic Bazaar December 18.

The ladies of the Catholic church will give a bazaar on December 18.

Best line of cigars and fine candies at Bindle's Cafe.

J. H. Jackson was in Roswell Tuesday.

The Michigan Referendum.

COMMITTEES REPORT AS ADOPTED

The most important change made in the constitution is the one relating to the manner of amending it. It is the result of a compromise between those who advocated the adoption of constitutional amendments by initiative and referendum and those who desired no change from the provisions of the old constitution pertaining to this matter. Under the old constitution amendments could be proposed in either the senate or house of representatives, but it was necessary to have two-thirds of the members elected to each house approve the same before it could be submitted to the electors, and then such proposed amendments, in order to become a part of the constitution, had to be ratified by a majority of the electors voting thereon. In addition to the foregoing manner of amending the constitution, amendments may be proposed to the revised constitution by petition signed by twenty per cent or more of the total number of electors voting for secretary of state at the preceding election of such officer. Such petitions are required to contain the full text of the proposed amendment, together with the existing provisions of the constitution which would be altered or abrogated thereby. The petitions must be signed at the registration or election places at a regular registration or election under the supervision of the officials thereof, who shall verify the genuineness of the signatures and certify to the fact that the signers of the petition are registered electors of the respective townships and cities in which they reside, and forthwith forward the petitions to the secretary of state. Petitions for amendments so filed with the secretary of state must be certified by that officer to the legislature at the opening of its regular session, and if the petitions for any proposed amendment are properly signed by the required number of petitioners he is obliged to submit the proposed amendment to the electors at the first regular election thereafter, unless the legislature in joint convention shall disapprove of the proposed amendment by a majority vote of the members elected. The legislature is authorized, by a like vote, to submit an alternative or a substitute proposal on the same subject. The section which provides this means for amending the constitution can not be amended in this way. Before such proposed amendment shall become a part of the constitution, it is necessary that it be submitted to the electors and approved by a majority of those voting thereon, and that the affirmative vote for the provision shall be not less than one-third of the highest number of votes cast at that election for any office. If alternative proposals on the same subject are submitted at the same election, the vote shall be for one of the alternatives or against the proposed amendment as a whole. If any one of the alternatives receives the required majority of all the votes cast thereon, it shall

become a part of the constitution, but if any one of the proposed amendments does not receive the required majority and all of the alternative proposed amendments collectively receive the required majority, then the proposed alternative which receives the largest number of affirmative votes shall be submitted at the next regular election, and if it then receives the necessary majority it shall become a part of the constitution. In order that the voters may know what they are voting upon, all proposed amendments submitted to the electors shall be published in full, together with the existing provisions of the constitution altered or abrogated thereby, and a copy of such notice shall be posted at each registration and election place, and the proposed amendment shall also be printed in full on a ballot separate from the ballot containing the names of nominees for public office.

BEECHER'S ANNOTATION

These sections represent a compromise between those who desired no change in the manner of amending the constitution provided by Sec. 1, Art. XX of the constitution of 1850 (Sec. 1 of this article,) and those who favored the initiative method of amendment by the people without the proposed amendment being first submitted to the legislature. The resulting compromise, embodied in the foregoing sections, provides a new method of amending the constitution. Whenever the required number of electors petition for an amendment to the constitution it becomes the duty of the secretary of state, upon filing of such petition in his office, to certify the same to the legislature at the opening of the next regular session. The secretary of state must, also, submit the amendment to the electors at the first regular election thereafter, unless the legislature in joint session shall disapprove of the proposed amendment by a majority vote of the members to each house. A method is thus provided whereby the language, scope and purpose of the proposed amendment will be scrutinized and discussed by a deliberative body, and its terms made to harmonize with other provisions in the constitution. The convention realized the far-reaching effect that each amendment to the constitution may have beyond the immediate purpose intended by it, and it was deemed essential in so important a matter as changing the fundamental law of the state that the very greatest care should be required in both the form and substance of amendments to it. Such care is secured by requiring the amendments proposed to pass the scrutiny of the legislature. In this manner the purpose and terms, as well as the legal effect, of such amendments will become the subject of popular discussion; in other words, the utmost publicity is secured.

It is generally conceded that the effect of this provision will be the submission to a vote of the electors of practically all

amendments petitioned for. The legislature may change the phraseology and harmonize the provisions of the amendment with those portions of the constitution not intended to be effected by it, before submitting it to the electors. No one doubts the response of the legislature, in normal times, to a petition containing twenty per cent of the electors specified. It is foreseen that in seasons of great stress, disturbance and excitement, a petition might be presented designed to serve a temporary or unjust purpose. In such an event the time required under this section for consideration of such petition by the legislature will afford opportunity for normal conditions to return, and if, after due deliberation by the legislature, a majority of that body deem it unwise or improper to submit the amendment to the electors, the power to do so is conferred. The consideration was potent with the convention that public opinion is subject to sudden fluctuations; that the cherished policies of one year may be discarded the next upon fuller information and maturer thought. Living as we are under "a government of laws and not of men" the wisdom of preserving the stability of our fundamental laws was most persuasive with the convention.

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The Brasher Article.

We are copying elsewhere the part of the able address which was delivered at Portales by Supt. M. H. Brasher of the Roswell public schools, as relates to the reasons why New Mexico has not been admitted. The subservieny of of the supreme court to the wishes of great railroad systems and other monopolies and the control which these forces have exercised in the territorial political affairs is well and truly told. Where Brasher errs, as most Democrats are erring now, is in "failing to realize that the time has come when these trusts which have heretofore fought against statehood, want it and want it right away. Mr. Brasher implies that if we secure statehood it will mean immediate readjustment of the taxation system and the creation of a railroad commission. The idea is wholly erroneous. The territory has a right now and has had a right for fifty years to levy taxes in its own way. Congress has not interfered with it in that respect and if the same elements should control under statehood that control now, the same discriminating taxes would continue.

It is true that the people probably have no right to control freight or passenger rates either by direct act of the legislature, or by a commission, without a specific act of congress authoring them to do so; but able constitutional lawyers think otherwise, yet the legislatures elected by the people have never tested the matter and, we believe, that no legislature has petitioned congress to allow it to pass any legislation on the subject. We are not at all sure if the same forces control legislation under statehood that control it now, that they will pass any laws regulating railroad charges. The state of Colorado, which was admitted in 1876 is even more sorely afflicted with railroad domination than this territory. Colorado has been a state thirtythree years and it was only last year that the first railroad commission law was passed. It was enacted by the Democrats, but the Rocky Mountain News, the ablest Democratic paper west of St Louis says that the commission has not done anything, and has not attempted to do anything, to remedy railroad extortion since the day it was appointed and the commissioners are not attempting to deny the charge. Now, if the railroads and the trusts can get the sort of constitution they want, they will be just as glad to have this a state as to have it a territory. Heretofore, they have been satisfied, for great monopolies always "let well enough alone," but the influx of people from the South and the Middle West makes them realize that if they wait much longer they will lose control of the power to make the constitution, and then they will be regulated as they are in Oklahoma and Texas, and that is just exactly what they do not want. Hence, they want statehood, and want very much, and want it very much.

We are going to get state-

hood this term of congress. Heretofore the interest of our delegate has been against statehood, but now it is for it, and he will work for it. If statehood is not granted this time, "Bull" Andrews will be forever eliminated from New Mexico politics: if statehood is granted, Andrews will of course stand a chance to reach the Senate. All this is perfectly evident. The Beveridge opposition counts for little since he joined the insurgents.

Why is it then that men of the character and ability of Mr. Brasher cannot give the machine leaders credit for a little bit of political sense? Haven't we been defeated often enough by them to concede that they may have just the least bit of gumption?

The only way to prevent the domination of the trusts is for all citizens of all parties to insist upon the adoption of the referendum and make it plain that they will vote down any constitution that does not contain a provision for the submission of laws and of constitutional amendments to the people whenever a sufficient petition for their submission is presented. Mr. Brasher and those who think like him and understand the deplorable condition into which this territory has fallen, ought to devote their time to talking referendum.

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Pearl Harbor.

The decision of the Navy Department to make Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands a naval stronghold is of especial interest to the people who have studied the coast defense of the Pacific and who realize the necessity of this harbor being held by the United States. In the recent lecture of Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson in this city this subject was touched upon, the importance of Pearl Harbor as the "key to the Pacific" being made clear in his discussion of the international feeling and conditions existing between this country and Japan. Without Pearl Harbor the United States would have no real stronghold in the Pacific, and a hostile fleet could command the seas at will.—Amarillo Panhandle.

Of course if Pearl Harbor is necessary to a proper safeguarding of American interests in the Pacific, then Pearl Harbor should not only be retained perpetually as an American possession, but suitably fortified. The people of this country do not oppose needful expenditure of money for the National defense; but they do object to wild dissipations of the public revenues in the interest of the shipbuilding trust, the ordnance trust the naval trust and the thousand-and-one go-betweens whose business it is to manufacture war scares.—Dallas News.

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BRASHER ON STATEHOOD

Excerpt From Address by Roswell Superintendent of Schools.

The railroads, great mining corporation, immense lumber interests, and large stock interests have been and are the real enemies to statehood for New Mexico. Great eastern concerns are interested in these enterprises to the extent of millions of dollars and many of the members of the United States Senate are their paid attorneys and they have fought every statehood bill that has been introduced in Congress. Thousands of dollars have been paid professional lobbyist: to defeat these bills. The Southern Pacific and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroads have been inveterate enemies to this movement.

For a number of years the opposition to statehood movement in the Senate was lead by Senator Foraker of Ohio. Since his death the opposition has been led by Senator Aldrich. The reason of this opposition is that the railroads are having to pay but little of the territorial tax, being assessed at only 9 per cent of their real valuation—\$100,000,000.

With reference to partiality shown corporations in tax assessments in New Mexico, the following are the facts:

"If there are any interests in New Mexico which are enjoying special privileges by reason of their low taxation, it is natural to look for these interests in the ranks of those who oppose a statehood bill. One of the transcontinental lines extending across the state 400 miles pays to the territory \$175 per mile in lieu of all other taxes.

This annual payment per mile represents less than 1 1-2 per cent tax rate upon a valuation of \$5,883 per mile. This same railroad when it crosses the boundary line into California, is taxed at the rate of \$14,000 per mile, and another railroad, which is assessed for taxation in New Mexico at about \$7,000 per mile when it crosses the line from New Mexico into Texas, is taxed by that state at \$17,000 per mile. More than that, a census bulletin says that these railroads have a commercial value of \$39,000 per mile.

"A similar undervaluation exists in the case of mining properties. The governor of Arizona, in his annual report, says it is conceded by estimates made by the most conservative experts that the mines of that territory have not been assessed in that territory for not more than 5 per cent of their value. The same condition prevails in New Mexico. One mine whose annual output is said to be \$3,000,000 is assessed for taxation at less than \$1,000,000. The great lumber interests in New Mexico are opposed to statehood for the same reasons."

In New Mexico the property subject to taxation is about \$375,000,000, and only about \$43,000,000, this being the property of the poor farmer, small stock raiser and the merchants, the property escaping taxation being the rich corporations.

This will continue as long as we are a territory. Not only

this, the people of New Mexico have been robbed for years by the excessive freight rates—as long as we are territory there will be no railroad commission and the people will continue to be robbed. The commission of Texas saves the people of Texas millions of dollars each year.

Master's Sale in Partition.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of an order of sale made by the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1909, in that certain cause therein pending, entitled "Richard M. Bell, et. al., Plaintiff, vs Mary L. Lacey, et. al., Defendants," numbered 1084 on the civil docket of said court, in which said order of sale the undersigned was, by said District Court, appointed Special Master for the purpose of making sale of the premises in said order and hereinafter described.

Now therefore, in obedience to said order of sale I will, on Saturday, the 11th day of December, 1909, at the south front door of the court house, in the town of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, between nine o'clock in the forenoon and the setting of the sun of that day, sell at public auction, for cash in hand, to the highest and best bidder therefor, the following described real estate and water rights, lying, being and situate in the county of Eddy, Territory of New Mexico, to wit:—

The south half of the south half of Section 28, Township 17 south, of range 23 east of the New Mexico Meridian; also, two six-hour water rights in the "Hope Community Ditch" in Eddy County, New Mexico. An Abstract of said real estate and water rights is now on file at the office of Dye & Woodwell, Attorneys, at Carlsbad, New Mexico, for the inspection of prospective bidders.

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U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M.
Nov. 8, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that Bernard Pos of Artesia, N. M. who, on April 19, 1905, made D. L. E No. 2057, Serial No. 015651 for N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 3, Township 17 S, Range 26 E, N. M. P. Meridian has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. F. Erb, U S Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia N. M. on the 21th day of December, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses:
C. A. Sipple, F. C. White, W. A. Byrum, J. M. Conn, all of Artesia, N. M.
11-13-09 T. C. Tillotson
Register.

LOCALS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY.

How long will the candle burn?

Go to Mansion for furnished rooms. tf

Two rooms to let. J. H. Nailor. tf

H. H. Hess was in Roswell Tuesday.

Ed Tyson spent yesterday in Carlsbad.

Chas. Stokes went to Carlsbad yesterday.

Buy Xmas candies at the Home Bakery.

G. R. Beeman spent Thursday in Lakewood.

John Mook came down from Roswell yesterday.

How long will the candle burn?

Everything for the baby at Bazaar Dec. 11th.

E. C. Higgins returned from the North Thursday.

E. C. Slocumb came in from the North yesterday.

Get Fresh Home Made Candies at the SMOKE HOUSE. 3t

R. W. Hale was in Roswell on business Wednesday.

Go to Bindle's Cafe for quick service and short orders.

3-4 karat diamond ring for sale. Inquire at this office. tf

Finest boxes of Christmas candy at the Home Bakery.

Prof. B. Stevenson came in from Kansas City, Thursday.

A. K. Rea came in Wednesday from a trip to Texas points

B. F. Brown has retired from the Hill-Brown Company.

How long will the candle burn?

E. A. Clayton transacted business in Roswell Wednesday.

Judge G. U. McCrary was in Dayton on legal business Tuesday.

Mr. Mrs. Martin Yates are visiting friends in Fulton, Missouri.

FOR RENT: Two furnished rooms, Swepston & Daugherty.

Diamonds, watches, clocks and silverware at City Drug Store.

Kaffir corn fodder for sale, \$1.50 per ton. Phone Craven Ranch. tf

William Dooley went to Roswell Thursday to meet the excursion.

Get your coffee at "Hills." It tastes like more. Prices 15 to 40 cents.

We have a complete line of watches and DIAMONDS City Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hale came in Wednesday from Mexico Missouri.

J. H. Beckham, Jr. is expected home from San Antonio in a day or two.

Who is going to thrash your Kaffir corn? I am going to get old man Allen.

A photo calendar given with every dozen cabinet pictures at Beatty studio.

Joseph Duncan came in yesterday from Missouri to look after interests here.

How long will the candle burn?

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Watch repairing guaranteed at City Drug Store.

If you want a box of the best Christmas candy go to the Home Bakery for it.

Messrs. Erb and Kauffman and their wives spent Tuesday in the "Queen City."

Lennie Huber is down from Kansas this week shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. Anna Dunlap and her little boy went to Carlsbad yesterday to visit friends.

Lost, A gold monogram cuff button. Finder leave at this office and receive reward.

Fresh evaporated apricots, peaches and prunes at prices that are right. R. J. Hill.

Come and buy the ginger bread like mother used to make at the Home Bakery.

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Home made candies next Saturday at the Catholic bazaar. Next door to Big Racket.

Miss Mary Churchill left for El Paso, Texas, Thursday after a visit with friends in Artesia.

Anything in the jewelry line cuff buttons, stick pins, brooches, rings at City Drug Store.

Good alfalfa pasture adjoining town, horses or cattle, \$1.50 a month. See Crandall & Co.

Shipment of Navajo rugs and blankets direct from the Reservation at Brainard-Corbin Co.

W. F. Armstrong came down yesterday from Orient, Iowa where he has been for some time.

Cecil Clayton came in from Central Texas Thursday. He expects to go into business there.

Ben Champion is back from the Plains where he was in the employ of the Turkey Track people.

All sorts of Christmas creations at Catholic bazaar next Saturday, next door to Big Racket.

Don't forget the place to buy your fresh buttered and salted peanuts--The Home Bakery.

Fish pond for the children at the Catholic bazaar, December 18, next door to the Big Racket.

Coal and Feed! Coal and Feed! The best for cash at our house--Artesia Feed & Fuel Co.

Mrs. J. C. Gage and Irene came down from Roswell yesterday to make their home here again.

Home made candies at slaughter prices next Saturday at Catholic bazaar next door to Big Racket.

All kinds of useful and dainty Christmas presents at Baptist Bazaar, Mansion Bldg. Dec. 18, 3 to 6 p. m.

Don't forget to look over our stock of jewelry and hand painted china, complete line, City Drug Store.

Dec. 17 box supper at Red Top school house.

Judge W. W. Gatewood, his son, and Charles Gilbert were in Artesia on a real estate deal Wednesday.

Harry W. Hamilton returned yesterday from Carlsbad where he spent a couple of days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Kackley and family returned yesterday from Clovis where they have been for several weeks.

We have a new meat cutter and your orders will receive careful attention in the future. R. J. Hill, the corner store.

Buy your Christmas presents at the Bazaar in the Mansion Bldg. Dec. 18. 3 to 6 p. m. Baptist Ladies Aid Society.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Keener left Thursday for El Paso, Texas, where they were called by the death of a brother-in-law.

Meeks the jeweler has a few diamond rings and brooches. Don't fail to see his stock before buying that Christmas gift.

Meeks has watches, clocks, jewelry, cut glass, hand painted china and silverware also toilet and manicure sets. Call and see them.

What is the use of subscribing for a paper thru the mail when you can have it delivered to your door every morning at the same price? Welton does it.

H. L. Muncey returned from Chicago yesterday. He says that he had a big time at the Land Irrigation exhibit and enjoyed himself generally except for the intense cold.

We have just learned with sincere regret of the death of M. S. Schwartz, brother of W. F. Schwartz, who passed away at his home in Salem, Ohio, Wednesday. Mr. Schwartz was stricken with paralysis last spring and came to Artesia for a short trip. He recuperated somewhat for a time but never recovered fully. He made many friends while here.

Christian Church.

Bible School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Christian Endeavor 6 p. m. On Thursday night the annual congregational meeting will be held at which every member of the church is asked to be present. No prayer meeting on Wednesday night. Choir practice on Friday night at 7 o'clock. Public cordially invited to all services.

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The Woman's Club.

The last meeting of the Woman's Club at Mrs. Atkesons' marked a new interest for Artesia in this line of work. At the business meeting the women showed increasing interest in regard to Federation and proved their good club, as well as public spirit, by voting to apply for membership in the Gen. Fed. W. Clubs. This is a significant move for Artesia as well as the club. The remainder of the afternoon was delightfully spent in reviewing a favorite book of this club, David Copperfield. Dr. Walker opened the program with an interesting talk on the book, proving herself an efficient leader as well as having a perfectly chosen staff to aid her.

The biography of Dickens was well written and Mrs. Inman gave it to us in a clear concise manner and it was very instructive. Mrs. Keenath compared the pathos and humor of Dickens in a way that appealed to all.

The Micawbers were minutely described by Mrs. Kuyrkendall in her pleasing and attractive way of telling things. Mrs. Atkeson reviewed the character of David and brought out many fine points. The sketch of Uriah Heep was very impressive told by Mrs. Skeen who lost none of the details that would add to the interest of the character.

Mrs. Kauffman read of Sidney Carter in a "Tale of Two Cities." She gave us a splendid talk and showed a thorough knowledge of the subject.

The program closed with a general discussion of the characters which every one enjoyed. The club adjourned to

meet next Wednesday Dec. 15 with Mrs. Inman.

SOMEWHAT SUPERFLUOUS

After the inside had been run we discovered a superfluous "from" in our postal censorship article.

PLAN STATUE TO KITCHENER.

A movement has been set on foot at Calcutta to erect a statue to Lord Kitchener, in commemoration of his tenure of office as commander-in-chief in India.

GOOD ADVICE.

"I'm going to lick Smith!"
"Why?"
"He said I was a horsethief and a liar."
"Did he prove it?"
"No."
"Then let well enough alone and don't get him any madder."—Cleveland Leader.

ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE.

"Was your first meeting with your wife romantic?"
"Extremely so. It occurred at a picnic. I was eating a very ripe tomato and some of it squirted into her eye."

DANGER.

"Madam, your dog bit me!"
"Heavens! Do you think you have hydrophobia?"
"It's quite likely."
"Then why are you at large?"
John! Take Ponto to the dispensary and have him given the Pasteur treatment at once!"

BOYVILLE DIPLOMACY.

Mother—When I gave each of you boys an orange, Johnnie, you said you would not eat yours before dinner and you, Arthur, said the same. Have you deceived me?
Johnnie—No, ma; we didn't eat our own oranges. I ate Arthur's and he ate mine.

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