

The Artesia Advocate.

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FIRE AT ROSWELL.

Block of Buildings on Main Street Destroyed.

Early morning at 4:30 o'clock the city was aroused by the firing of a gun, and shortly afterwards all rang out and it was soon that the Whiteman Block on Main street was in flames started in the Gem restaurant, the Silver Dollar saloon, an adjoining building, and flames spread rapidly. The block was completely destroyed and the loss is estimated at \$100,000 and was fully covered by insurance. When the fire broke out it was thought that the Whiteman building could be saved by the fire block was of frame, and was consumed by the flames in a short time. Some of the occupants in the block barely escaped with their lives. The fire arrived on the scene, but was to be of much benefit. Several exciting scenes were witnessed at the Whiteman building, and those who were assisting in the carrying of the merchandise were barely escaped. The fire spread in without warning, and the inside were consumed for their lives. Fortunately was not any one seriously injured.

The most striking feature was that the amount of merchandise was carried from the building was yet the goods were carried to the rear, and most of the goods were committed by Mexicans. The merchandise was stolen. A man was seen with a large bag on his shoulder, and talking for the darkness as if he could carry him. A quantity of flour was also taken. It is said that the smoking business here will be dull for some time. All of the goods that were taken from the building were damaged and are not worth value. The ware room at the store was saved, and were placed in the warehouse in the vacant store room in the White Block, where the Whiteman resumed business this with their characteristic business qualities. There is a little breeze blowing, or possible business part of the old have been destroyed. A quantity of water was very low, a small stream was thrown. Whiteman is one of the best firemen, and he has also on hand at every fire, but to hear the alarm, and his to be to his home to. At first he thought his was in flames and started to household furniture out, but informed him that it was safe. When he reached the fire the building was in flames and saved about \$200 in some valuable papers. The Whiteman is of the opinion that it would have been a longer it would also have been. —Daily Record.

The Gospel Truth.

Artesia Roswell has a glorious future. This is true of the entire valley. Every square foot of land is made productive in crops, means more business and opportunities for its metrop-

olis. "Roswell can learn a lesson from Carlsbad in the manner that the latter town is taking hold of the tree planting problem. Thousands of trees will be set out there this year under government supervision. In only a few years these trees will be one of Carlsbad's greatest resources as well as one of her features of beauty.—Roswell Record.

Feeding Cattle in New Mexico.

The more the public range is becoming circumscribed and the more the homesteader settles in what is known as the arid west, the more important is the question of the growing and maintaining of cattle and their feeding. This is of serious moment in all the Rocky Mountain states and territories and especially New Mexico which now contains at a low calculation a million and a half of range cattle. This matter, as it specially applies to Colorado and therefore to New Mexico is well and thoroughly considered and explicitly presented in a recent editorial in the Denver Republican which says:

"The house committee on agriculture should act favorably on the suggestion made by Mr. Grubb of the Colorado state board of agriculture and Professor Carlyle of our agricultural college that an appropriation be made with which to carry on experiments in cattle feeding in the arid region, where it is impracticable to grow corn in adequate quantities. It is proposed that the experiments be made with alfalfa, sugar beet pulp and other products of that arid region. It is believed that it could be shown that cattle may be fattened with the kinds of feed mentioned, and that much valuable information would be obtained for the benefit of farmers desiring to engage in that business.

By this method of feeding, if it should prove successful, thousands of cattle could be made ready for market without shipping them to feed pens within the corn belt. In that event they could be sold to packing plants within the arid region, and this section would be made to that extent more self supporting.

In respect to all such matters the policy of congress should be one of encouragement. Conditions in the arid region are such that investigations should in many cases be undertaken by the government. Private effort cannot be expected to make expensive experiments such as cattle feeding along new lines. Yet by means of such experiments the practicability of certain important industries in the arid states and territories might be clearly demonstrated.

"Cattle feeding on an extensive scale with products of irrigated agriculture would be of enormous value to the far west, providing a local market for those products and the means by which a larger population could be maintained. It would place packing plants in the arid region on an independent basis and in nearly every way stimulate the live stock industry."

About a Stand Off.

Eddy county is strongly democratic in politics. Numerous candidates for county officers on the democratic ticket have already announced themselves there. In democratic counties they seem to love politics quite as much as they do in republican counties and from indications probably more so. —Santa Fe New Mexican.

AGAINST ONE STATE.

The Republicans and Democrats of New Mexico.

Washington, Feb. 1.—With only one dissenting vote the New Mexico Republican committee instructed its delegate in congress to oppose any proposition looking to the admission of New Mexico and Arizona as one state. The republican committee took the emphatic position that no statehood was preferable to joint statehood. The democratic committee of Arizona has taken a similar position, and congress has been notified that both territories would decline to accept a constitution under these circumstances.

Despite the positive instructions of its central committee, Mr. Rodey, the delegate from New Mexico, will notify the committee on territories that statehood in any form will be acceptable to him. Mr. Rodey said today:

"I am taking my political life in my hands, and expect to have to make a fight on the proposition before my people. I think the newspapers of New Mexico will be with me, and I know the politicians will all be against me. I may be able to get a separate statehood bill through the house, but I recognize that no such bill can pass the senate. When the time comes I will accept any kind of statehood that is offered."

A similar committee will confront Bird S. McGuire, the Oklahoma delegate, before the session is over. Mr. McGuire is unwilling to commit himself at this time. He believes that he will be able to get a separate statehood bill for Oklahoma through the house, and there will be time enough for him to cross the single statehood bridge when the senate reaches it.

A writer sums up the qualifications of a rich man as follows: "One who has a happy home, a good wife, smart children, and above all, good health, a good hundred acre farm, 25 head of good cows, a red short-horn or Jersey 4-year-old bull, 20 head of Berkshire hogs, 200 or 300 acres of pasture land, \$500 out at 8 per cent interest secured by unencumbered real estate, 200 bushels of corn, 500 pounds of bacon, 100 pounds of lard, 30 bushels of yellow yams, no debts, taxes paid, one good shepherd dog, 25 laying hens, 12 guineas, 12 turkeys, two roosters and three good neighbors who do not talk about one another."

Double Statehood.

Delegate B. S. Rodey, our representative in congress wires the Daily New Mexican at Santa Fe that joint statehood of New Mexico and Arizona under the name of Arizona will doubtless be the solution of the statehood fight now in the national house. A compromise bill to that effect has been reported favorably by the committee and will be passed—if any is passed. Mr. Rodey says:

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—Separate statehood for New Mexico and Arizona now seems impossible. Joint statehood seems probable. In my humble way I have done my best for our rights. Unless the majority of our people instruct me to the contrary, believing it to be for the best and invoking a divine blessing on the act, I am going to agree to the union of the two territories if we can get statehood in that manner and the terms are favorable.

B. S. RODEY.

It is proposed to maintain the capital of the new state at Santa Fe for a specified period and a permanent capital decided upon later. The pro-

posed union is meeting with strenuous objections from both territories. There is no just reason under heaven why New Mexico should not become a sovereign state unto herself and her progressive people given the rights of American people. Because of its control of congress, the republican party is responsible for the situation, and the Santa Fe New Mexican, (republican) rebels in the following language:

"The question of single or combined statehood as far as it affects this territory and Arizona, is one upon which there is plenty of room for honest difference of opinion. The New Mexican cheerfully concedes the right of every citizen of this territory to act as he thinks best and for the good of the commonwealth in this matter. From information gathered from many sections of the territory and furnished by many well posted men, this paper believes that a vast majority of the people of the present Territory of New Mexico desire single statehood. This is the situation at this time. The republican party always the party of the people and always alert to serve the best interests of the people, therefore should take the lead in the fight for the prevailing sentiment and desires of the citizens of the future Sunshine State. Courageous action in politics is always the right thing to do. Be sure that you are right and be sure of that, go ahead. "Let the chips fall where they may!"

Mr. Hamilton Wants It.

ARTESIA, N. M. Jan. 30. Editor Advocate.—After reading letter from President Foster of the experimental station at Mesilla Park in the Advocate of Jan. 30th, and seeing the proposition is up to us farmers, I avail myself of the profound opportunity of an expression. By all means let us have the Farmers' Institute. As good as two years of our experience saved. Having spent the last twenty-three years in the country west of the Mississippi river and from the Dakotas to the gulf and through the mountain states and territories where grain, fruit and vegetables are produced by all methods, also all classes of farmers, etc. I have closely watched the utter failure of a number of the element of eastern farmers for the first two years of farming by irrigation. Any one who has ever visited Mesilla Park will readily see the necessity of our having a Farmers' Institute held here in our midst which will be worth hundreds of dollars to this vicinity, and if it can be shown us that this is not a cotton country for lack of soil or climate, then the sooner we know it the better. For the cotton farmer, who after trying cotton here and making a failure, would crawl in to a cotton country at once, but not so if he knew how to raise the New Mexico staple—alfalfa and fruits.

FARMER HERBERT W. HAMILTON.

Democratic Committee Call.

Carlsbad, N. M., Jan. 21, 1904. To the members of Eddy County Democratic Central Committee. Gentlemen: There will be a meeting of the Democratic Central Committee of Eddy County held in my office in Carlsbad on the 11th day of February, 1904, for the purpose of the transaction of such business as may come before us. All candidates who expect to be subject to the action of the Democratic party are invited to attend.

Yours Truly,

J. L. EMERSON;

Chm'n Dem. County Com.

The Republican Central Committee of New Mexico met at Santa Fe last week. Eddy county was not represented.

PLANT TREES.

Suggestions Made by W. Goodrich Jones IS Good For Artesia.

Temple, Texas, Feb. 1.—Arbor Day comes Feb. 22. Plant now. Don't plant for sentiment but for solid comfort, the education of your children and the enhancement of your property's value. I have known many a real estate deal in Temple to be made by the purchaser being attracted by the lot more than the house. A big flashy house on a naked lot is about as inappropriate as a big diamond in a soiled shirt bosom, and surrounded by threadbare garments. If you have \$5,000 to invest in a home better spend \$2,500 on the lot, \$500 on the galleries and \$2,000 on the dwelling. Every year your lot will grow more valuable, while your house will deteriorate. Plant hackberries and liveoaks, and send to nurseries for seedless mulberry. If you wish to plant on a large scale, prepare your land as for cotton and plant tree seeds, especially the hackberry, cottonwood, chinaberry, ash, mulberry, etc.

In tree planting the tree should be dug up and set out the same day. The roots, when the tree is moved, should be protected with wagon sheet. Trees get chilled and die the same as people. The hole must be very large. The young rootlets cannot force their way easily through hard soil. Cotton would not grow under such adverse conditions. The ground is best prepared by boring a hole three feet deep with an auger. Drop in a dynamite cartridge and blow it up. This will loosen the soil within a ten-foot circumference. Trees grow best where land is plowed deeply and cultivated as cotton. With such cultivation they need little water. Grass and bermuda will starve out your trees in a few years. The soil should never be permitted to crack around the tree. Keep it stirred up. The tiny rootlets come to the surface for nitrogen, the great plant food. With grass around your tree it will not get its much-needed food. It is like expecting a child to eat after bandaging its mouth. It is supposed that the tips of the rootlets contain certain bacteria or animal life and that they act for the advance guard, eating and digesting their way through the soil, and admitting chemicals and the mysterious sap-life to the tree, causing the sap to be pumped to the uttermost branches. Poverty of the soil causes this animal life to die; hence the dead spots in cotton. This sap flow is one of the many unsolved mysteries in life. Certain it is that conditions must be favorable to start the lacerated and amputated roots into healthy action. Drenching the soil with water is not what the tree wants, especially when the hole being dug out of the hard surrounding soil acts as a bucket to retain the water. The tree wants a nice soft blanket of loose soil, without rocks or fertilizers, tucked in and around the lacerated parts. It wants a large circumference of loose, powdery soil, clean and often stirred, that will admit the air and act as a medium for the young rootlets to run in. It wants a clean surface for the tiny shoots to rolick in where they can drink up nitrogen. Give the tree a chance. Everybody cuts down trees. Our Texas forests are being felled like grain before the reaper. Every renter, and almost every farmer, is an adept with the ax, none replant. I believe trees purify and intensify the integrity and morality of men and nations. A tree butcher will also butcher animals and birds. He is on the high road to ruin. Plant a tree yourself and help in the tree-planting crusade.

W. GOODRICH JONES.

Bar of Union Sets to Arrive February 1.

Now is the time to plant for best results. Send for pricelist.

Roswell Produce and Seed Co. ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO.

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Another Lumber yard.
A number of important real estate deals in Artesia this week.

Another new business house started up on Main street this week.

Last week it was waterworks for Artesia. Today it is telephones.

The republican vote of Chavez county at last election was 583; that of Eddy county 194.

The valley was white with snow Sunday morning, the first of the season, but by 10 o'clock all traces had disappeared.

If your thoughts ever turn from alfalfa and fruit to cotton at 15c per pound, attend the proposed cotton-growers meeting in Artesia today.

February 22 is Arbor Day. What is the matter with Artesia having a general tree planting at that time? A better work for the town and for society could not be indulged in.

Those Americans who have kept up with current events will be glad to learn that Mrs. Maybrick has at last been released from prison in England, after having been incarcerated for many years charged with killing her husband. Very few Americans have ever believed her guilty.

A lady writing from near El Paso, Texas, to the editor of the Advocate this week, remarks: "If you don't want me to move out your way, you would better discontinue my paper." The Advocate doesn't want to persuade anyone to come to Artesia against their will, but it is so very consistent and modest in its statements that we feel that we shall owe no apologies for the fine class of immigration it attracts. We only claim three things for the Pecos Valley—land, water and sunshine—and there is plenty of each. A school boy can tell you what these three will make when put together.

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If you want to buy or sell lands in New Mexico, don't fail to see us. All correspondence cheerfully answered.

J. C. Gage Land Co., Artesia,

Everyone should attend the proposed cotton growers meeting at the Artesia school house today. While the price of the fleecy staple is high, the farmers of the Pecos Valley can afford to grow it—especially this year. A large number of big wells have come in this winter and alfalfa cannot be planted until next fall, and it is proposed by a number of gentlemen of Artesia that a considerable acreage of cotton can be put in and gathered before alfalfa planting time. This will mean considerable cash in the country and is worth the consideration of everyone. Cotton planted at Carlsbad last year yielded magnificently and the sample produce was superior. A cotton gin has been erected there and more will be planted in 1904. Considerable seed has been shipped to Artesia from that place. A bale of cotton means \$75 or \$85 these days and instead of letting water go to waste all summer, Artesia farmers may get good pay for it in this way. Anyway, meet at the Artesia today and talk the matter over.

The little box of a shanty which a little more than a year ago was the claim shack that held down the 160-acre homestead of Johnnie Boyles, was torn down this week to make room for a store building. That homestead is now the town of Artesia, and all around the little cabin have been erected up-to-date buildings. Sentiment would have suggested that the shack be preserved as a relic, so as to show future generations the first house in Artesia, but it is now only a small pile of second class lumber and in the bustle of city life the pioneer will be forgotten. The fittest survive in New Mexico.

Dr. F. B. Crutcher of Hope, called on the Advocate yesterday. The Doctor has been devoting his time, talents and cash to the development of the upper Lenasco valley for two years, having come from New York for his health, and he is still doing missionary work along the line. He was in Artesia interviewing drill men with the purpose of getting an experimental well put down. He and his neighbors are hanging up a purse of \$2000 and a choice tract of valley land to the man who will take his drill up there and try for artesian water. There is very little doubt about the water being there and some enterprising man can afford to take the chance under the conditions offered.

Mr. W. H. Gibson came down from Dalhart, Texas, Monday night to look after some improvements on his land near town.

Mr. John Schrock was down from Roswell Tuesday looking after his lumber yard interests at this place.

NEW LUMBER YARD.
Artesia Now has two Firms to Supply the Demand For Building Material.
Mr. E. B. Kemp, a member of the Kemp Lumber Company, Roswell arrived in Artesia Wednesday night to start the construction of an office and sheds for a new yard in Artesia. Sufficient material arrived on the same train for the company's own use, and Contractor Patrick put a force of men to work Thursday morning. The new company will be ready for business within ten days. The yard is located just north of the Advocate office on the lots recently purchased from Mrs. Sallie Roberts and its location is all that can be desired. Mr. E. B. Kemp, recently of Big Springs, Texas, will be in charge of the Artesia yards and we are glad to see him become a citizen. With two first class lumber yards, the builders of our city should not be delayed for lack of material.

People who are familiar with the lay of the land are confident that artesian water can be secured up the Penasco valley as far west as Hope, anyway. We know that the subterranean river comes from the mountain ranges to the west of us and to the west of Hope, and the only question is, is the source of supply high enough to put the water above the surface twenty miles west. The enterprising citizens of Hope are going to experiment, and should the flow be found there it will mean much to this section of New Mexico. The Penasco valley is a fair rival of the Pecos in the point of fertility, and it is much nearer the mineral and timber lands of southern New Mexico.

Mr. H. H. Sigman of Brownwood, Texas, who has been prospecting here for two weeks, Saturday bought the Albert Krull improved place north of Artesia, near Lake Arthur, paying therefor \$5,000.00. We will be pleased to see Mr. Sigman add his money and energy to the valley. The Krull place is one of the most valuable in this portion of the valley, as it is partially improved. There are 320 acres in the tract, ninety acres in alfalfa and forty in other crops. The owner has made good money off his alfalfa this year. The land is now irrigated by ditch, but Mr. Sigman says he will immediately put down a well and control his own water supply.

Mr. E. F. Ousley of Carlsbad, filed on 320 acres of land west of Artesia Wednesday.

Land Agent G. W. Witt informs the Advocate that he this week sold to Dr. A. L. Nordset, cashier of the Artesia First National Bank a relinquishment on 320 acres of land five miles north of town, and 100 acres southwest of town. Consideration private.

Sam Woodworth this week bought from Artesia Townsite Company two business lots on the block north of Hotel Artesia.

Earl McBride let the contract to Joe A. Clayton, Wednesday for a commodious business house on Main street to take the place of the G. W. Witt house which he purchased last week. Work on the building is already in progress.

Mr. S. P. Denoing the popular contractor of Roswell, Saturday sold to J. S. Venable, of Brownwood, his relinquishment on 320 acres of land two miles southwest of the city of Artesia for \$2000. The land cost Mr. Denoing \$80, but he didn't get any too much for it. He simply reaped the reward of the early bird.

Mr. E. T. Amonet, who got 320 acres of land near Artesia twelve months ago for \$80, sold a relinquishment of his rights on it Saturday to Mr. G. W. Dent for the sum of \$3000. This shows what a tremendous advance in price of real estate there has been around Artesia. Our unequalled artesian gushers accounts for it all.

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- Double Trees, Neck Yokes,
- Single Trees, Hames, End Gate Rods,
- Wagon Seat Springs, Clevises, Horse Collars, G Pads, All kinds of Chains, Back Bands,
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What we haven't got, we can get on short notice. What we can't get isn't manufactured.

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NEW YORK STORE

Opening

Announcement:

We wish to announce to the people of Artesia and vicinity that we will be open and ready for business MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, and extend a cordial invitation to every man, woman and child to visit our store and inspect our lines, which have commenced to arrive.

LADIES' AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS and HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS

Window Shades from 10c up. Lace Curtains (Nottingham) 50 and up. Five-foot Curtain pole, brass trimmed, complete 35c. Chenille table covers 50c each; Wall Paper from 5c to 40c double roll; Men's Shirts, Suspenders, Overalls, Jumpers, Half Hose, Ties at prices to suit your purse. Fine line of

Specialties, Notions and Stationery.

Good Fountain pen 50c and up. Towels and Toweling, Handkerchiefs, Shoe Laces 5c dozen up. Paper Napkins 15c a hundred. Hairpins, Combs, Brushes, Curlers, Pocket Knives. Genuine Cattle Knife, 3 blades, 95c; Physician's 2-blade pocket knife 65; Shears all kinds and prices. Spectacles. Come in and have your eyes tested and correctly fitted at any old price that will suit you. Wood frame Mental Clocks in eight-day alarm \$3 and \$3.50. Solid Raw-hide Buggy whip one piece from tip to butt six-feet, two for the price of one.

Having had the experience in all lines of business and find merit the trademark of Success—Value the Test of Cheapness. The Twenty-five-per-cent-cash-before-delivery has won from the Rank of commonplace and mediocrity thousands who would have fallen by the wayside. Therefore, we have adopted this simple method "Cash before delivery." Our goods are marked in plain figures. One price and no variation from these rules.

THE NEW YORK STORE,

HAMILTON & CORWELL, Proprietors.

WEST MAIN STREET, ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO.

Land Agent Lewis scholars is still getting all the good he can for the people. He this week located Albert Clark and Will Stull on 160 acres of good north of town.

Mr. H. C. Stinson, an affable young gentleman from Wichita, Kansas has become a citizen of Artesia for the benefit of our climate. He was accompanied down Saturday night by his stepfather, Mr. J. M. Stone, a well known banker of that place.

Fountain pens 50c at the New York Store.

Notice elsewhere the card of the D'Arcy Hotel, which will be opened to the public next Monday. The enterprising proprietor has exerted himself to provide a first class house for the traveling public and he has it. When in the city give the D'Arcy hotel a visit.

Rev J. C. Gage, pastor of the Methodist church, will conduct services at the school house Sunday morning and at night. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Merchant J. P. Dyer made a short trip down into Texas this week.

To CONTRACTORS and BUILDERS

We carry a supply of the Celebrated "Standard" Hard Oil, Interior Conch Finish and Turpentine Shellac. None better made in this section. See our samples of wood upon which these goods have been used. You cannot afford to use paint for interior finish when the natural grainings show so beautifully under these varnishes. Costs no more than paint.

First-Class Goods at Reasonable Prices.

Artesia Drug Company.

Mr. E. H. Ferguson lost a fine registered stallion recently brought from Texas, Tuesday night. Blind stag was the cause.

Mr. J. Chambers was the last man to start a drill recently, yet he came smiling Monday with the first artesian flow, and expects the big well a day or two. Thus the good work goes on.

Mr. M. B. Gill returned to his home in Ruston, La., Sunday after a week spent with friends in Artesia.

Contractor J. T. Patrick spent Sunday in Roswell and did some able work in behalf of the Artesia Methodist church during his spare time.

The young people of the city enjoyed a dance Wednesday night.

The First National Bank

OF ARTESIA

CAPITAL STOCK \$25,000.

OFFICERS: R. M. ROSS, President; JOHN S. MAJOR, Vice-President; A. L. NORFLEET, Cashier.
DIRECTORS: Charles B. McCuskey, A. L. Norfleet, S. W. Gilbert, John S. Major and R. M. Ross.

Is now open and ready for business and respectfully solicits the patronage of the public. Deposits received, exchange bought and sold on all points, collections made. Money to loan at reasonable rates on approved security. We will endeavor at all times to extend every courtesy to our patrons, and to conduct our business in such a manner as to merit the confidence of all.

Mr. A. C. Newton, a progressive young merchant of Hope, gave the Advocate a call while in the city yesterday. Mr. Newton says the people of Hope are exceedingly anxious to get an artesian well put down, in fact, so much so that they are making a flat offer of \$2,500 as a present to any man who will have a well. That is an one who has land of his own and wants to get some water to irrigate it with can get that much cash from the town as a present and the well is his own if he gets it. What the citizens want is to know whether or not the Artesian flow can be found there. Here is a fine chance for some responsible man who owns a well drill, and no doubt some one will take up the proposition before long. We hope so anyway.

Messrs. G. C. Morton, Jay B. Roach and son, Judson Roach from Big Springs, Texas, arrived in the city Thursday noon to make their residence here. They will immediately begin the erection of a business house on West Main street upon lots bought some time ago from E. A. Clayton. Mr. Morton is a first class painter and paper hanger. The families of Messrs. Morton and Roach will arrive soon. They are welcome additions to the city.

The Advocate now has its building all for the use of the paper and the members of the staff are complimenting each other on the general appearance and convenience of things. Come around to see us. We are going to keep up with the wide awake city of Artesia or break a hamstring in the effort.

Mr. E. F. Ousley, of the insurance firm of Crozier & Ousley, Carlsbad, visited the artesian city Wednesday. He was here last July and was surprised at Artesia's rapid growth since that time.

Mr. S. P. Dyer, an experienced saddlery and harness maker from Mangum, Oklahoma, came in this week and will open an establishment in Artesia as soon as his stock of goods can get here. He has rented the new building on Main street, which Contractor Joe Clayton has just begun for Mr. McBride. This is a line of business badly needed here and we are glad to see Mr. Dyer locate.

Mr. C. F. Herlacher and family are due to arrive from Bayneville, Kansas, to reside permanently at Artesia. Mr. Herlacher was a neighbor to Mr. Noel, who arrived several weeks ago and has improved his place on the Pensaco.

Mr. H. Crouch will erect a neat cottage in the near future upon his lots near the school house.

Surveyor J. B. Hancock has platted the ground for E. N. Heath's three-acre reservoir, in the western suburbs of the city and Mr. Crouch has the contract for constructing same. George Baros is putting in ditches and Mr. Heath will soon have his ground in shape for farming.

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Another new business house started up on Main street this week.

Last week it was waterworks for Artesia. Today it is telephones.

The republican vote of Chavez county at last election was 883; that of Eddy county 194.

The valley was white with snow Sunday morning, the first of the season, but by 10 o'clock all traces had disappeared.

If your thoughts ever turn from alfalfa and fruit to cotton at 15c per pound, attend the proposed cotton-growers meeting in Artesia today.

February 22 is Arbor Day. What is the matter with Artesia having a general tree planting at that time? A better work for the town and for society could not be indulged in.

Those Americans who have kept up with current events will be glad to learn that Mrs. Maybrick has at last been released from prison in England, after having been incarcerated for many years charged with killing her husband. Very few Americans have ever believed her guilty.

A lady writing from near El Paso, Texas, to the editor of the Advocate this week, remarks: "If you don't want me to move out your way, you would better discontinue my paper." The Advocate doesn't want to persuade anyone to come to Artesia against their will, but it is so very consistent and modest in its statements that we feel that we shall owe no apologies for the fine class of immigration it attracts. We only claim three things for the Pecos Valley—land, water and sunshine—and there is plenty of each. A school boy can tell you what these three will make when put together.

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Everyone should attend the proposed cotton growers meeting at the Artesia school house today. While the price of the fleecy staple is high, the farmers of the Pecos Valley can afford to grow it—especially this year. A large number of big wells have come in this winter and alfalfa cannot be planted until next fall, and it is proposed by a number of gentlemen of Artesia that a considerable acreage of cotton can be put in and gathered before alfalfa planting time. This will mean considerable cash in the country and is worth the consideration of everyone. Cotton planted at Carlsbad last year yielded magnificently and the sample produced was superior. A cotton gin has been erected there and more will be planted in 1904. Considerable seed has been shipped to Artesia from that place. A bale of cotton means \$75 or \$85 these days and instead of letting water go to waste all summer, Artesia farmers may get good pay for it in this way. Anyway, meet at the Artesia today and talk the matter over.

The little box of a shanty which a little more than a year ago was the claim shack that held down the 160-acre homestead of Johnnie Boyles, was torn down this week to make room for a store building. That homestead is now the town of Artesia, and all around the little cabin have been erected up-to-date buildings. Sentiment would have suggested that the shack be preserved as a relic, so as to show future generations the first house in Artesia, but it is now only a small pile of second class lumber and in the bustle of city life the pioneer will be forgotten. The fittest survive in New Mexico.

Dr. F. B. Crutcher of Hope, called on the Advocate yesterday. The Doctor has been devoting his time, talents and cash to the development of the upper Penasco valley for two years, having come from New York for his health, and he is still doing missionary work along the line. He was in Artesia interviewing drill men with the purpose of getting an experimental well put down. He and his neighbors are hanging up a purse of \$2000 and a choice tract of valley land to the man who will take his drill up there and try for artesian water. There is very little doubt about the water being there and some enterprising man can afford to take the chance under the conditions offered.

Mr. W. H. Gibson came down from Dalhart, Texas, Monday night to look after some improvements on his land near town.

Mr. John Schrock was down from Roswell Tuesday looking after his lumber yard interests at this place.

NEW LUMBER YARD.

Artesia Now has two Firms to Supply the Demand For Building Material.
 Mr. E. B. Kemp, a member of the Kemp Lumber Company, Roswell arrived in Artesia Wednesday night to start the construction of an office and sheds for a new yard in Artesia. Sufficient material arrived on the same train for the company's own use, and Contractor Patrick put a force of men to work Thursday morning. The new company will be ready for business within ten days. The yard is located just north of the Advocate office on the lots recently purchased from Mrs. Sallie Roberts and its location is all that can be desired. Mr. E. B. Kemp, recently of Big Springs, Texas, will be in charge of the Artesia yards and we are glad to see him become a citizen. With two first class lumber yards, the builders of our city should not be delayed for lack of material.

People who are familiar with the lay of the land are confident that the artesian water can be secured up the Penasco valley as far west as Hope, anyway. We know that the subterranean river comes from the mountain ranges to the west of us and to the west of Hope, and the only question is, is the source of supply high enough to put the water above the surface twenty miles west. The enterprising citizens of Hope are going to experiment, and should the flow be found there it will mean much to this section of New Mexico. The Penasco valley is a fair rival of the Pecos in the point of fertility, and it is much nearer the mineral and timber lands of southern New Mexico.

Mr. H. H. Sigman of Brownwood, Texas, who has been prospecting here for two weeks, Saturday bought the Albert Krull improved place north of Artesia, near L. L. Arthur, paying therefor \$5,000.00. We will be pleased to see Mr. Sigman add his money and energy to the valley. The Krull place is one of the most valuable in this portion of the valley, as it is partially improved. There are 420 acres in the tract, ninety acres in alfalfa and forty in other crops. The owner has made good money off his alfalfa this year. The land is now irrigated by ditch, but Mr. Sigman says he will immediately put down a well and control his own water supply.

Mr. E. F. Ousley of Carlsbad, filed on 320 acres of land west of Artesia Wednesday.

Land Agent G. W. Witt informs the Advocate that he this week sold to Dr. A. L. Norfleet, cashier of the Artesia First National Bank a relinquishment on 320 acres of land five miles north of town, and 160 acres southwest of town. Consideration private.

Sam Woodworth this week bought from Artesia Townsite Company two business lots on the block north of Hotel Artesia.

Earl McBride let the contract to Joe A. Clayton, Wednesday for a commodious business house on Main street to take the place of the G. W. Witt house which he purchased last week. Work on the building is already in progress.

Mr. S. P. Denoing the popular contractor of Roswell, Saturday sold to J. S. Venable, of Brownwood, his relinquishment on 320 acres of land two miles southwest of the city of Artesia for \$2000. The land cost Mr. Denoing \$50, but he didn't get any too much for it. He simply reaped the reward of the early bird.

Mr. E. T. Amonett, who got 320 acres of land near Artesia twelve months ago for \$80, sold a relinquishment of his rights on it Saturday to Mr. G. W. Dent for the sum of \$3000. This shows what a tremendous advance in price of real estate there has been around Artesia. Our unequalled artesian gushers accounts for it all.

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Opening Announcement:

We wish to announce to the people of Artesia and vicinity that we will be open and ready for business MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, and extend a cordial invitation to every man, woman and child to visit our store and inspect our lines, which have commenced to arrive.

WOMEN'S AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS and HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS

Window Shades from 10c up. Lace Curtains (Nottingham) 50 and up. Five-foot Curtain pole, brass trimmed, complete 35c. Chenille table covers 50c each; Wall Paper from 5c to 40c double roll; Men's Shirts, Suspenders, Overalls, Jumpers, Half Hose, Ties at prices to suit your purse. Fine line of

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Agent Lewis scholars is still the all the good he can for the city. He this week located Albert and Will Stull on 160 acres of north of town.

H. C. Stinson, an affable gentleman from Wichita, has become a citizen of Artesia for the benefit of our climate. He accompanied down Saturday by his stepfather, Mr. J. M. a well know banker of that

maintain pens 50c at the New Store.

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Mr. A. C. Newton, a progressive young merchant of Hope, gave the Advocate a call while in the city yesterday. Mr. Newton says the people of Hope are exceedingly anxious to get an artesian well put down, in fact, so much so that they are making a flat offer of \$2,500 as a present to any man who will have a well. That is anyone who has land of his own and wants to get some water to irrigate it with can get that much cash from the town as a present and the well is his own if he gets it. What the citizens want is to know whether or not the Artesian flow can be found there. Here is a fine chance for some responsible man who owns a well drill, and no doubt some one will take up the proposition before long. We hope so anyway.

Messrs. G. C. Morton, Jay B. Boach and son, Judson Roach from Big Springs, Texas, arrived in the city Thursday noon to make their residence here. They will immediately begin the erection of a business house on West Main street upon lots bought some time ago from E. A. Clayton. Mr. Morton is a first class painter and paper hanger. The families of Messrs. Morton and Roach will arrive soon. They are welcome additions to the city.

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R. H. Ferguson lost a fine registered stallion recently brought from Tuesday night. Blind staggers the cause.

J. Chambers was the last man to a drill recently, yet he came drilling Monday with the first ar-flow, and expects the big well any or two. Thus the good work on.

Mr. M. B. Gill returned to his home in Ruston, La., Sunday after a week spent with friends in Artesia.

Contractor J. T. Patrick spent Sunday in Roswell and did some able work in behalf of the Artesia Methodist church during his spare time.

The young people of the city enjoyed a dance Wednesday night.

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CAPITAL STOCK \$25,000.

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