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FROM FAR OFF KENTUCKY

Receives the Inquiry About Artesia, "The Garden Spot of the World."

Below is a letter received by the Advocate editor Tuesday and as it is the same questions propounded by people from most every state in the union, we will try to answer it in this issue of the paper. Every one brings inquiries from prospect-hunters, and as the Advocate is not prepared just yet to employ a special correspondence clerk, we will carefully give a few facts, and we will feel amply rewarded if a lot of the Blue Grass citizens come and see all the good things that are here in them.

The letter:
FOLKSBOROUGH, KY., Jan. 14, 1904.
GAYLE TALBOT—Editor Artesia, N. M.
Dear Sir: I am a subscriber to your paper and like it very much. I have visited the country in and about Artesia and consider it the garden spot of the world. Each copy of your paper that I receive is read quite a number of my friends who are eager to read it as I am. I am requested by some of them to kindly assist you to print an article in your paper telling the requirements of the land in regard to the homestead and set claim lands, also how near to town can land be entered etc. There are quite a party including myself who are coming to your town about a couple of months. Will you please assure you that your kindness will be appreciated. If same does not meet with your approval, please send me the same in a letter. Enclosed find stamp.

Yours Resp.

M. B. GARTON.

Mr. Garton, having been here to see something of the manner of entering land straight from the government. There are three ways of entering public domain—to homestead it, to buy it as "desert" land and to purchase it outright with scrip. We will briefly outline the three modes separately, giving only the salient points of the laws:

TO OBTAIN A HOMESTEAD.

Any man who is not already proprietor of more than 160 acres of land in any state or territory of the union may file his application for a homestead of 160 acres. He must, within six months after making his entry establish his actual residence in a house upon said land and must reside upon and cultivate the land continuously in accordance with law for the term of five years. A make-believe residence won't hold down a homestead in the arid belt of the Pecos Valley. The land is too valuable and his claim is liable to contest if the letter of the law is not complied with in a case of unavoidable casualty, such as sickness, destruction or failure of crops, a homesteader can secure a leave of absence, by setting up proper testimony. The law does not require impossibilities of any man, but it wants good faith on the part of the settler in return for the land he gets for practically nothing. The land costs you a filing fee only, \$16.00. If one does not desire to reside upon the land five years, he may pay \$200 at the expiration of fourteen months and secure a patent by commutation. A divorce or desert wife depended upon her own resources for support can make homestead entry as the head of a family. A single woman is entitled to a homestead, and can get a patent, even though she marries in the meantime, but she must live upon the land.

A DESERT CLAIM.

Any man, or woman may take up 80 acres of land under the "desert" act, regardless of how much land he or she may own, elsewhere. A man

and his wife may get 640 acres between them. The filing fee is 25c per acre. He simply enters into an agreement with the government to reclaim the land and irrigate it within four years. It makes no difference how he gets his water, so he gets sufficient of it to convert the arid into agricultural land. Whenever this land is watered and cultivated, he can get a patent, whether it is four years or four weeks. If a man wants to take advantage of the four years' time, he is required to put improvements on the land to the value of one dollar per acre for each year—this simply as an evidence of good faith toward the government. The improvements belong to the settler and may consist of a house, fences, windmills, reservoirs, ditches, or any permanent improvement. Uncle Sam wants to know that a man is not going to speculate on the land for four years and then abandon it. The requirement is not unfair. A man is not required to live on a "desert" claim, but must make annual proof of improvement.

TO SCRIPT LAND.

Land scrip, which was given to certain railroads by the government many years ago, may be bought from agents in the valley and thus one can buy land outright at about \$3.25 per acre and get a patent immediately. The rush has been great for land around Artesia the past few months, consequently, practically all the land near the river and close to town has been taken up. There is no vacant land closer than four miles from town. It is all open public domain after you get four miles west of town and the quality is just as good as any in the valley and there is no reason to believe it is not in the arid belt. Roswell is nine miles from the Pecos river, Artesia is only three and a half, and all evidence goes to show that the arid belt is wider here than anywhere else. The immense pressure of the wells in this vicinity would indicate that the flow will come above the ground many miles to the west of us. There is little or no risk in taking these lands, but the ultra conservative man who wants to play "dead safe," can get land in the proven field at a very low figure. A great many men took up land who cannot possibly improve the same for want of funds and they will relinquish or assign their holdings for from one to five and ten dollars an acre—according to location. First-class land can be bought for \$2.00 an acre and irrigated for \$6 more—giving you an irrigated farm for \$8 per acre—much less than any land costs in Kentucky and all the other states. One drouth in the old states will cost a farmer more than it takes to put down an arid well.

It is just a clear cut business proposition in the Pecos Valley. No risk about it. The man who wants a good home in a fine climate, among progressive, educated and law-abiding people, can do no better than to come to Artesia. To the man who has no money to put down a well, this country offers no more inducements than any other country.

A clever set of people never jostled together than the ones who have gathered around Artesia this year to build them homes and they extend a welcome to any man who wants to come and lend a hand in the up-building. But he must behave himself. This is the most civilized country in the world and the desperado and tough is not wanted—neither is he tolerated.

CURSE TO THE NEGRO.

Gov. Vardaman of Mississippi Declares Education is Bane on the Race.

James K. Vardaman, was inaugurated governor of Mississippi Tuesday and in his initial address declared that the growing tendency of the negro to commit criminal assault on white women is nothing more nor less than the manifestations of the racial desire for social equality. In strong terms he declared that education is the curse of the negro race, and urged an amendment to the State Constitution that will place the distribution of the common school fund solely within the power of the Legislature. Continuing his discussion of the question, Governor Vardaman said:

"As a race he is deteriorating morally every day. Time has demonstrated that he is more criminal as a free man than as a slave; that he is increasing in criminality with frightful rapidity, being one-third more criminal in 1890 than he was in 1880.

"The startling facts revealed by the census show that those who can read and write are more criminal than the illiterates, which is true of no other element of our population. I am advised that the minimum illiteracy among the negro is found in New England, where it is 21.7 per cent. And yet the negro in New England is four and a half times more criminal, hundred for hundred than he is in the black belt. In south Mississippi, particularly, I know he is growing worse every year. You can scarcely pick up a newspaper whose pages are not blackened with the account of an unmentionable crime committed by a negro brute, and this crime, I want to impress upon you, is but the manifestation of the negro's aspiration for social equality, encouraged largely by the character of free education in vogue, which the state is levying tribute upon the whole people to maintain.

"The better class of negroes are not responsible for this terrible condition or for the criminal tendency of their race. Nor do I wish to be understood as centring them for it. I am not centring anybody, nor am I inspired by ill will for the negro, but I am simply calling attention to a most unfortunate and undeniable condition of affairs. What shall be done about it? Surely something must be done. My own idea is that the character of education for the negro ought to be challenged. If, after years of earnest effort and the expense of fabulous sums of money to educate his head, we have only succeeded in making a criminal out of him and imperiling his usefulness and efficiency as a laborer, wisdom would suggest that we make another experiment and see if we can not improve him by educating his hand and his heart. There must be a moral substratum upon which to build, or you cannot make a desirable citizen."

The Governor also declares that the people of the nation should rise up and demand the repeal of the fifteenth amendment.

Thanks.

The Board of Lady Managers of the Library Association wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage towards the supper given for the benefit of the library. Also we extend thanks to Messrs. Cornell, Hamilton & Speck for the building.

Mrs. J. P. Dyer,

"A. D. Jones,

"Loise Doss.

"All the Artesia country needs is advertising," remarked Mr. E. L. Robertson Monday. "When I left Denton county, Texas, last fall my destination was the Plains country, and it was the merest chance that brought me down to the Pecos Valley. I had heard practically nothing of it at home and was not prepared for the surprise that greeted my eyes when the train ran off the hills into the valley at Roswell. In the midst of a dry summer I saw green fields, rich alfalfa and waving corn, trees laden with fruit and the clearest, purest water running in all directions—apparently up hill sometimes. The more I saw of the valley, the better I liked it, so without delaying matters any longer, my son and I came on to Artesia and got all the land the government allowed us, and we never gave another thought to the Plains country. In my opinion there are hundreds of good farmers, back in any section of Texas who would be glad to come to the Pecos Valley if they only knew what there is here for them. We should have plenty of good literature to send abroad and the Artesia country would be a very thickly settled country before long." Since moving here, Mr. Robertson has been followed by several of his old neighbors and, as he will have a well before long, he expects to show them what the Pecos Valley dirt will do.

The coons had a ball at the Roswell opera house Monday night, a building supposed to be set aside for the use of white people and from the following item clipped from Tuesday's Record, one might suppose the editor of that paper considered it quite a social function:

"At the opera house last night gathered the colored population of Roswell bent on having a good time. Dancing was in order from the start and they danced. The music was furnished by the orchestra that entertains us each evening on the street. This orchestra is composed of three pieces, mandolin guitar and bass viol, each played by one of Roswell's colored citizens. In a corner of the room was a table presided over by two ladies, at which refreshments were served to all who wished them. All present seemed to enjoy themselves."

New Townsite Company.

At a meeting held in the offices of the Dallas and New Mexico Railroad, the Western Land and Improvement Company was organized for the purpose of handling townsite business along the line of the Dallas and New Mexico.

The following officers were elected: A. B. Wilgus, St. Louis, president; E. P. Spears, Dallas, vice president; Will a Miller, Jr., Amarillo, second vice president and general manager.

A Mysterious Telegram.

A certain church society in Vermont resolved on a Christmas festival, and determined to have a scripture motto, handsomely illuminated, in a space back of the pulpit. One of the deacons, who had business in Boston, took with him the proposed motto and the measure of the space to be occupied by it, but unfortunately lost the memorandum. He therefore telegraphed to his wife in Vermont. "Send motto and space." She promptly complied, but the Boston telegraph girl fell off her chair in a faint when she read of the message. "Unto us a child is born four feet wide and eight feet long." The deacon, however, thought it nothing uncommon.

ROSWELL WANTS ONE.

Our Neighbor up the River Wants One of the Big Wells Like Artesia.

The enterprising citizens of Roswell have become awakened in earnest about the artesian well proposition since Artesia has shown to the world what a wonderful ocean of water underlies the Pecos Valley. It was in November that the first one of these wonderful spouters was brought in three miles from Artesia and the scramble for land and water down this way has been remarkable. Roswell citizens have not been slow to appreciate the good things of the lower valley and every train has brought some of them in. The report they made when they returned must have been most flattering, for the entire town is now making a united effort to get a well put down as a matter of public enterprise and an advertisement for the valley. In an editorial comment the Roswell Record says:

"Read in another column what Mayor Lea says in regard to the deep well proposition and what they are doing in Dallas. The benefits to be derived from such a well are many. Work should begin on this at once. Two-thirds of the money necessary has already been subscribed. Will you not be one to contribute to the raising of the other third? The well will be bored in the very center of the town, and when completed it will be one of Roswell's greatest resources. If soft water can be secured at any depth it will mean in the course of a very short time railroad shops for Roswell. There is no doubt on this proposition. If there is one thing above another that Roswell ought to do and do at once it is to start this well and keep it going, down, down until something good is struck, even though we strike en route the heaven Chinese."

Officers and Directors of Road Elected.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dallas and New Mexico Railway was held yesterday in the company's offices in the slaughter building, and the following directors were elected for the year: E. P. Spears, A. B. Wilgus, J. B. Lucas, M. J. Healy, Charles Steinmann and C. C. Slaughter.

The directors then met and elected the following officers: E. P. Spears, president, and Charles Steinmann, vice president. The election of other officers was deferred for the present.

The Dallas and New Mexico is a new enterprise, operating under an old charter, but it has already been graded to Willow Point, in Wise County, sixty-five miles from Dallas. The company is in good shape and as soon as some details as to right of way matters are wound up, construction will be pushed vigorously. The road is projected to run from Dallas to Roswell, N. M., and it will open up a splendid section of country, whose development will be assured by the advent of this road.

Twelve Thousand Homeseekers Coming.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 19.—Traffic officials of the Santa Fe Road estimate that fully 12,000 homeseekers will start tomorrow for points in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The movement is one of the largest of the kind in the history of the effort which the railroads are making to colonize the southwest.

From Chicago and Illinois points fully 800 homeseekers will go out on special trains, and it is estimated that at least 12,000 persons taking advantage of the special rates will pass through Kansas City.

A Car of Onion Sets to Arrive February 1.

Now is the time to plant for best results. Send for price list.

Roswell Produce and Seed Co.,
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO.

MY SIN.

My God, my God! and can it be That I should sin so lightly now...

I walk the earth with lightsome step, So late at the sunshine, breathe the air...

Shall it be always thus, O Lord? Will thou not work this hour in me...

And make me feel it and my sin? As though no other sin there were...

-F. W. Faber.

TABITHA'S TABLE-CLOTH

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My great-grand-uncle, Tabitha, on the back doorstep shakethat cloth after supper.

fact that Tabitha was the eldest daughter and the seventh child. And you know there has been much of importance attached to being a seventh child.

It was a lovely evening, the twilight slowly settling down into dusk. Tabitha lingered, gathering the broad folds of the tablecloth evenly together...

So she stood for a moment, breathing in the fragrant summer evening air. There may have been something of expectation in her manner, but it could hardly be from any premonition of danger...

Suddenly, like a flash, she darted down the steps, quickly unfolding and spreading out the tablecloth as she went; and with one deft movement of her lithe, strong, young arms...

In a trice Tabitha brought the ends of the tablecloth up on the bias and tied them tight over the head and shoulders of the crouching prisoner, who was so doubled up that arms and hands and feet were all fettered within the folds of that starch cloth...

But it was not one of Tabitha's big brothers who first came in answer to her cry for help, though one surely as stalwart and ready to take up her cause, as any one of them.

It was that nearest neighbor, whom but a little while before Tabitha seemed to expect—and was so disappointed because he failed to come.

Though rather late in arriving, his coming was most opportune, and valiant Tabitha gladly delivered to him her prisoner.

When the captive was released from "durance vile," though still held firmly fettered, he grunted out, "Heap brave squaw papoose, ugh! Heap brave, ugh!"—looking at Tabitha with much wonder and admiration.

"I should say so, no more of this! And "Good for you, Tab!" declared Zeb, her brothers all crowding around her in loving pride, and her father jotted his head approvingly.

"Ugh! Big chief sent Wandoo to spy out white man's house." "What? Is it Wandoo?" reproachfully asked Tabitha's father.

"Haven't I always been friendly and true to the red men, my brother?" Wandoo bent his head in deep thought, and when he looked up the lines of bitter hatred were gone from his dark face as he said:

"My white brother is true, and has always been true. But, Big Chief and his warriors have their war paint on, for they have been ill treated by the white men, who take from them their lands and gives them the fire water that goes to their heads and makes them mad, because it takes away their good sense, and makes them like the wild beasts."

"But Wandoo will see to it that the red warriors who have painted their faces for the warpath, shall not harm his white brother, who is his friend, nor any of those that belong to the white man's house."

But, Tabitha's big brothers sternly refused to let Wandoo go free, deeming angrily that he had proved untrue to the white man's house, and his head doubtfully; and Capt. Tobe stood in grave and sturdy silence, with lips firm set.

Then Tabitha who had been watchfully studying all their faces, and the white man's distance of Wandoo as well, said sturdily, yet appealingly, "Remember he is my captive. Let me decide his fate."

"My father, how can you better give to these savage red men a lesson in Christian forgiveness, than to let Wandoo go free, since he has given his word that we shall not come to harm?"

So, though unwillingly, they set Wandoo free, and he kept his word. One evening, just at dusk, as Tabitha was entering the wood, following the pathway to meet one who, there was a slight rustle among the leaves and Wandoo stepped forth with lifted hand in token of respect.

This was the greeting that Tabitha and for Capt. Tobe, when they met. "I like some old doctors do, I guess he 'members when he was a little shaver too."

But when he looked at sister's eyes so watery and red. He wiped his eyes and blew his nose. "An' stroked her curly head."

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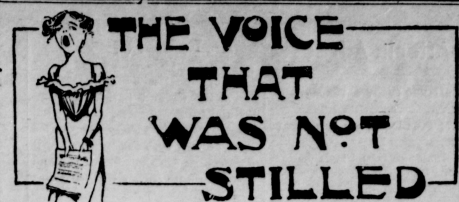
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THE VOICE THAT WAS NOT STILLED

When the poet imparted the soothing information that "silence, like the poet, came 'ne didn't live in a flat across the hall from a person who practiced singing from early morn till dewy eve, with several hours additional thrown in for good measure."

On West End Avenue, in an apartment adjoining the one occupied by a well-known actress, dwells a young woman who fancies she is cultivating her voice, says the New York Times.

In the apartment underneath that of the human—or inhuman—screech owl lives a red singer, whose husband is director of an opera company.

"I wish to see if you can't be persuaded to stop that awful noise," snapped the unwelcome caller.

"Noise? What noise? You certainly can't mean my singing!" gasped the astonished young woman.

"Singing? You don't call such screeching singing, do you? Why, it has driven me to the verge of nervous prostration and it almost makes me ill."

"Then this is no place for you. In our doctor, he's a jolly man. He's awful kind, good. He gives me sugar-coated pills."

My sister had a rabbit once. 'Twould sit up straight and beg. An' broke his little leg and cried. Well, sister sussed him and he died. I thought my back would break. He didn't do much, but he was a little shaver too."

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instead of coming to me to be cured why don't you go to a sanitarium?" angrily retorted the indignant musician, slamming the door with such violence that the back draught nearly blew the intruder down stairs.

"The opera director's wife retreated, vowing vengeance, but the young woman's scoldings had been frustrated determined to seek protection against further protests. That afternoon she visited the office of the Board of Health and said to the official in charge:

"Haven't I the right to sing in my own home?" "Certainly, madam, if you wish to do so," he courteously replied.

"During what hours?" she inquired. "Why, from 8 o'clock in the morning until 10 at night, if you choose."

"Will you give me that permission in writing?" "With pleasure," said the official, and he dashed off the permit so rapidly that even the strains of "Hawaii" were heard to sing an accompaniment for the proceeding.

Armed with the permit the young woman returned home and until an hour after the curfew tolled the knell of parting day she made the most strenuous efforts to lacerate her larynx.

And the last state of that apartment house was worse than the first. If poor Sullivan had lived there he never would have composed "The Lost Chord."

The Old Family Doctor

Our doctor, he's a jolly man. He's awful kind, good. He gives me sugar-coated pills. He'll take the angels' food. An' once when I was awful sick, An' had the stomach ache, I felt so mean and queer inside I thought my back would break. He didn't do much, but he was a little shaver too."

An' omet mamma was very sick. The house was still and sad. It seemed as though we all had lost the only friend. We went for doctor awful quick. But when he came, he was a little baby boy. All around him was another. A living there so fast asleep. Close snuggled up to mother. I guess he was a little love Doc so. For some time or another. He's brought most every kid in town. A sister or a brother.

Edison's New Miracle

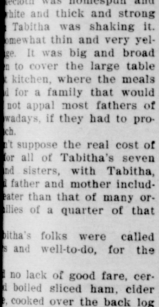
Mr. Edison is not a man given to making startling promises which do not result in performance, so that his claim of having at last solved the problem of generating electricity at a trifling cost for common use may be accepted as the announcement of an accomplished fact. And such a fact is little less than a miracle, for it means the production, at will, of an almost limitless and widely adaptable power.

supply the needs of any family, and the generator is so simple that any person of ordinary intelligence can act as engineer. In the inventor's own words: "You can wire your house for electricity by means of a cell from room to room, or do anything electricity will do, and the batteries in your automobile will operate them. The cost is so trifling after you are provided with your plant that it is not worth mentioning. * * * It has always been my ambition to bring the uses of electricity within the reach of men of moderate means." Mr. Edison warns the public that there is yet much work to be done before the telephone from room to room can be repaired. But the invention is perfected and the problem of cheap electrical generation is definitely solved.—Harpers Weekly.

WHY NOT USE PAPER?

English Teachers to Carry Bottles of State Disinfectant. It has long been recognized that the sucking of slate pencils by children, besides being a distressing habit from the point of view of any person of refined sensibilities, is one which is extremely unhealthy. The correlative habit of cleaning slates with the means that nature has supplied instead of using a timely sponge has also nothing to recommend it; and in the opinion of more than one medical authority may be responsible for spreading epidemics in schools. So strongly has this view been urged by the medical officers of health for Derbyshire that in future the elementary school children of the county

are to be instructed on the principle of "one child one slate"; and the slates are to be cleaned not by the children themselves, but by the teachers, who are to be furnished with bottles of disinfecting fluid, etc., which to effect their purpose. The idea may, perhaps, raise a smile, but it is only by the nicest attention to such elementary hygiene that the health of children's schools can be preserved.—London Graphic. Child's Logic. A small boy, in an explanation of the names applied to the four classes of the college course. He listened attentively and sat buried in thought for some time. At last he anxiously asked: "Papa, if you are James Little, Sr. and I am James Little, Jr., will my son be James Little, sophomore?"



Drawn into two close, hard knots.



lingered, gathering the long folds of the tablecloth together. My great-grand aunts, Truly they're dozen. You will find what he told about Tabitha and her, please, that she was a descendant of giants; that he, then, and that was then not firm and not omit to state, also, the

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GAYLE TALBOT, PROPRIETOR.

This paper has been entered in the postoffice at Artesia, New Mexico, as second-class mail matter.

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Mr. Tobe Odem has announced himself as a candidate for sheriff of Chaves county.

Most any kind of weather a man wants this week. Take your choice and stop growling.

The smoke from the well drills can be seen rising from all over the prairies in all directions.

The thermometer registered 38 degrees below zero in portions of New York state this week. Arn't you glad you live in the Pecos Valley.

J. Mack Smith, United States commissioner, says last week was a red letter for him, as the prospectors and land traders kept him busy from early until late.

The Advocate has it from very good authority that a station agent will be placed at Artesia next week. Next week, mind you! That's not so long to wait and see.

The Santa Fe is putting in a switch at Dayton and the well drillers down that way will not have to haul their casing and coal from Artesia. The Dayton townrite people are to be congratulated on the enterprise they have shown in pushing the place to the front.

Mr. Garland, surveyor of Forts of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, arrived with his family this week and they are domiciled at the residence of Mrs. Roberts. Mr. Garland says he will invest in some Pecos Valley land before he returns home. He expects to be able to invest a number of eastern capitalists in the Artesia country. Mrs. Garland will remain here for the benefit of her health.

"What are you going to do with all these people, hang 'em up on a barbed wire fence till morning?" asked a Pecos Valley conductor Thursday night when the southbound train reached Artesia. The train was late, the night dark, the hotels full and twenty-three more passengers got off to rustle for beds. An extra chair car was on to accommodate the homeseekers. The land agents are doing a thriving business, as every man who comes wants a slice of alfalfa land.

A Kansas newspaper contains the following fraternal greeting to its esteemed contemporary who has just commenced the publication of a rival newspaper: "A dreamy-eyed duck from the dark wilds of the way-back East has reached town with a hand press and a shirt-tail full of type, and proposes to start a rival paper. His hide will soon be added to those already hanging on our back fence."

J. C. Gage Land Company,

ARTESIA, N. M.

Agents for Pecos and Penasco Valley Lands

Has a long list of deeded, ranch and farming lands in the celebrated irrigated belt and can supply lands to suit anyone. Has complete plots of government lands and can locate homeseekers at a very moderate price.

Abstracts Carefully Prepared.

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,

The Turkey Supper.

The public supper tendered by the ladies of the Artesia Library Association at the Cornell hall last Saturday night was a success, socially and financially. Most every one seemed to be imbued with the proper spirit of enterprise (or a good appetite) and the tables were crowded until about 10 o'clock.

The ladies in charge worked hard and everyone present was carefully waited upon. The sum of \$18.00 was taken in, which will be used to purchase more good books. The shelves in the library are already getting crowded with splendid literature and not many communities can afford its citizens as much choice reading for the money as Artesia. Any one may read the library book. If you join the association, you may read the entire year for the small sum of one dollar, or you can read any volume in it for ten cents. The purchasing committee buys nothing but the most popular writings with the best bindings.

We are glad to see Artesia citizens take such an unselfish interest in the library.

Mr. Thomas E. Beckett and Mrs. Jennie Knox were married at the school house last Sunday night, Hubert Logan, Esq., officiating. Only a few invited friends were present. Tom Beckett has been practically raised in this portion of New Mexico and has been a member of the mercantile firm of T. E. Beckett & Son in Artesia since before this was a town. Everybody knows him and every man is his friend. He is sober, industrious and honest and it gives his friends pleasure to rejoice with him at the beginning of a happy married life. His bride is one of the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morrison and is possessed of all the graces that any one could desire in a wife. The Advocate adds its congratulations to the host of friends in Artesia and vicinity.

More Texans Locate.

Mr. Pike Martin from Denton, county, Texas, this week bought the J. H. Perkins 160-acre tract three miles north of town, consideration \$1400, and will become a citizen immediately. He expects to put down an artesian well as soon as possible and put the land in a fine state of cultivation. His son has also taken up some government land near his father. We are glad to welcome the Messrs. Martin to the community, but will regret to lose Mr. Perkins, should he decide to move away.

Station Agent At Artesia.

Mr. J. K. Walling, of Artesia, has been notified that he is appointed station agent at this point for the Santa Fe railroad to be installed as soon as the necessary stationery and office fixtures can be placed. This is good news to an impatient public. We have been needing an agent badly for many months. Mr. Walling is a thorough business man, energetic and accommodating and we are sure he will serve the public agreeably.

Miss Sallie R. Day, of Austin, Texas, arrived this week to be at the bedside of her sick father, J. M. Day.

THE NEW BRICK HOTEL.

Foundation Being Laid-A Change of Location.

Last week, the Advocate made a note of the fact that a two-story brick hotel was to be erected on Main street three doors west of our place of publication. The item was incorrect so far as the location was concerned. Instead of being on the lots mentioned, the building is to be erected on the opposite side of the street and adjoining the First National Bank on the east. Gibson Brothers of Roswell, are the gentlemen who have let the contract, and Mr. John Snelson now has a force at work laying the stone foundation. The building is to be of brick, two stories high. It will have a fifty-foot front on Main street and a length of sixty-five feet. We are informed by the workmen that work will be pushed on the building.

From what we can learn here, the house is to be finished up in modern style and to be first-class in all its appointments and run as a \$2.00 per day house.

Loves Labor Lost.

A very patriotic and heroic effort was made by a few of the citizens of the town to confine the water of the big well, which has been going to waste since last July, so that it could be easily used for irrigating about town and street sprinkling purposes. Judge Logan, with his usual share of enterprise, got up sufficient money to buy lumber and build a large wooden reservoir, or pen, with flood gates and this was placed around the spouter, and an effort was made to bank the dirt up around this, but at the critical time not enough volunteers with shovels could be secured and up to the time of going to press the water is still surging and tearing out of the "pen" with terrific force, as if laughing at the puny efforts of man to interfere with its business. The land thereabouts looks like a water spout has come down. We regret to see the failure of so laudable an undertaking, but no one is to blame except those croakers and drones who predicted failure and aided its accomplishment by withholding their help when the welfare of the town needed it. But it's all ways this. We have never known the town that was entirely free of that class of people who take a delight in kicking against every public enterprise. Artesia, happily, has very few of them.

Miss Dyson Loses Her Contest.

Yesterday in the United States Court at Roswell, the contest suit of Miss Mamie Dyson against Joe A. Clayton was lost for want of evidence. Miss Dyson was trying to secure 160 acres of land lying immediately west of Artesia filed on as a "desert" claim by Mr. Clayton, alleging that he had not put the improvements thereon that the law requires.

Here's a late story about Christian Science. A Boston mother said to her little daughter:

"If you had my faith, darling, you would no toothache."

The child replied: "Well, mother; if you had my toothache, you wouldn't have any faith."

Mr. J. H. Yeaman, who has been employed with the John Schrock Lumber company here for several months, leaves tomorrow for his former home in Oklahoma. Mr. Yeaman is a pleasant accommodating gentleman and we would rather he had become a public citizen.

The Carlisbad Argus says "apparently every other democrat in Eddy county is a candidate for office." A mistake somewhere. If there is a candidate in the Artesia precinct we have not heard of him. It isn't office they want in this part of the county. It's land and artesian water.

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Our stock is now here. We have a very complete and high grade assortment of clean and up-to-date stock and will at all times gladly show you our goods and quote you prices.

If you are going to build, make improvements, fence, or want a cooking or camping outfit, we can certainly save you money and give you entire satisfaction.

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Gains in Lots in New Town of Dayton

paper at the N. Y. Store. Mr. Tackett, of Enid, Oklahoma, came in this week to get more land. He secured one tract while here in September.

The contest of Dyson vs Clayton is pending at Roswell this week. The drillers at Hagerman struck a strong flow this week, and we are glad to state, the quality of the water is good to drink. This is something the people of Hagerman have needed for a long time.

Messrs. C. S. Davis and Earl McBride, from Pleasant Hill, Missouri, came in Thursday evening and are in close consultation with the land agents.

Messrs. E. H. McDonald and Jim Connor are in the Artesian city from Roswell. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clayton, Mrs. Sallie Roberts, J. H. Muncey, J. T. Patrick, John S. Major, H. S. Logan, Claud Denison, J. F. Rhodes, F. W. Collier and Wm. Clark went to Roswell Wednesday morning.

nicely printed envelopes for the Advocate Office. A picture well on them.

J. C. Gage visited Roswell and Thursday.

is a lively week in Artesia. A full of prospectors, new building and public confidence.

W. Turknott and daughter, Turk, were Roswell visitors.

A Hot Water Bag,

properly applied, will relieve any case of "cold feet"—besides many aches and pains. During this month we will sell our stock of Rubber Goods at reduced prices.

Artesia Drug Company.

Nelson, Carlsbad, was in the city.

M. B. Pitts came in from Thursday night.

Logan is spending the week in Roswell.

Texas, claims to have a new 148 years old.

Yeargin, proprietor of the Artesia went to Roswell Tuesday night on 160 acres of land five miles north of town.

R. E. McMichael, the nurseryman at Hagerman, was in Artesia Friday this week.

E. Kirby, of Grand Valley, Mo., is looking the prospectors here this week.

A. M. Wier and W. F. Hope, came in to see the prospectors.

E. A. Circle, Roswell, was registered at the Hotel Artesia Thursday.

The J. K. Walling contest case has been continued for another hearing, owing to a slight mistake in the posting of the former notice.

Mr. J. F. Lockney, editor of the Amarillo Advocate visited Artesia Tuesday and made a visit to the points of interest.

J. N. Fenton this week sold to Jesse Williamson, of Roswell, an assignment on 80 acres of land lying immediately north of the city.

Messrs. Dexter and George Cleveland came in Wednesday morning from an extended trip to Coleman county, Texas.

Dr. A. D. Jones is now with the Artesia Drug Company and ex-officio assistant postmaster.

J. B. Atkinson, Esq., an attorney of Washburn, Texas, has shipped his goods and office furniture to Artesia, so he writes, and will be here in a few days to practice his profession.

Mr. B. C. Hunt returned Wednesday morning from a visit to his old home at Sharon, Tennessee. He said when he left that he would never return, but it has only been thirty days ago and here he is.

Mr. B. R. Smith and wife of Wichita, Kansas, have registered at the Hotel Artesia several days this week.

Mr. E. C. Cook, of Enid, Oklahoma, this week bought one hundred and sixty acres of land from Henry A. Geier, three miles southwest of Artesia and will become a citizen.

Mr. J. A. Stanford has let the contract to Mott & Thomas for another artesian well to be put down on his land near Dayton. His casing has been put on the ground and drilling will begin as soon as the first one is completed.

Mr. W. R. Irby arrived with a car of household goods from Washburn, Texas, Tuesday night to become a citizen of Artesia. He will build a dwelling house on the land of his son-in-law, Eugene Keene. The latter gentleman will be here in a day or two.

Dr. Kinsinger of Roswell, was looking after his land near Artesia Tuesday. He expects to have a well put down in the near future.

Geo. Fee of Carlsbad, was registered at the Hotel Artesia, Tuesday.

Mrs. S. A. Eaker, of Hope, visited the Artesian city Wednesday.

Messrs. J. H. Perkins and G. W. Christian, were Roswell visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Malvin Stephenson left Wednesday evening for her future home in Jones county, Texas.

Mr. H. H. Sigman, a well known business man from Brownwood, Texas, came in Wednesday evening with his weather eye open for investments. He reports good crops and plenty of money in the Brownwood country, but says nothing down that way will compare with our Artesian wells and our climate.

F. P. Crago left Wednesday night for Fort Davis, Texas, where he will spend the winter and probably engage in the Angora goat business next spring. His friends in Artesia wish him good health and prosperity.

Contractor S. P. Denning came down from Roswell Wednesday night.

Mrs. Hattie Pons left for Roswell Monday, having severed her connection with the Hotel Artesia.

Dr. A. L. Norfleet, cashier of the First National Bank arrived from Roswell Tuesday night and has located a temporary office in the store of Logan & Dyer, and will there conduct the bank business pending the completion of the brick building. He expects to be in the elegant new quarters by February 1st.

Mr. A. Circle has returned from Oklahoma and is again with the well drilling crew.

Mr. F. M. Giltner a very enthusiastic Artesia property holder, came in from Okemne, Oklahoma, Thursday night. He came to have some improvements made on his land and says he will be a citizen of Artesia in a short while.

Mr. C. E. Holton, came in from Dighton, Kansas, this week to make his home in Artesia. He is a brother-in-law of C. L. Higley. He is accompanied by Mr. New, a prospector.

Mr. J. H. Naylor received word yesterday from his wife at Bowls, Texas, stating that a girl baby had been born unto them a few days previous. Mrs Naylor is visiting her mother.

Mrs. Elmer Richey died in Roswell this week. Mr. Richey's many friends at Artesia sympathize with him in his grief. She was a much beloved lady and had been married only a few months.

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Well, come to the Pecos Valley, where they may drill for the boring. It is the most successful irrigation system known. No thing as drouths. I among the first com- am "on to" the irrigation. If you want irrigated farm or ranch in it up. Open ment lands, cheap payments or deeded with water. I make business to get ber- for my customers. me.



W. Witt, Artesia, New Mexico.

ANOTHER LIFE SAVED.



Mrs. G. W. Fooks of Salisbury, Md., wife of G. W. Fooks, shortly of Wicomico county, says: "I suffered with kidney complaint for eight years. It came on me gradually. I felt tired and was short of breath and was tired with bloating after eating, my limbs were swollen, my doctor told me it would finally do me in. I was laid to rest for three weeks. I not taken Doan's Kidney Pills but three days when the distressing aching across my back disappeared and later all the other symptoms were relieved. I bought a box of Doan's Kidney Pills per box. Foster-Milburn Co., N. Y.

A middle-aged man who has the new age and the enthusiasm of a youth.

sure you get the Cough Syrup prepared by the A. C. Simmons, Med. Co., and take no substitute. It is guaranteed to cure you.

YOU CAN get a business and shorthand in Tyler College, Tyler, Texas. Total cost, for board, tuition, stationery, etc., of \$117 to \$132 but the usual cost of such a course. This adds to the average person's earning capacity \$500 per year. See pages 50 to 54 for full catalogue. Address Tyler College, Department 219, Tyler, Texas.

Is a girl asking a man to tie her around your neck to look at her that she had asked him to cut her a book for her.



A striking contrast between Defiance Starch and any other brand will be found by comparison. Defiance Starch stiffens, whitens, beautifies without rotting. It gives clothes back their newness. It is absolutely pure. It will not injure the most delicate fabrics.

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Oldest Woman in America.

Mrs. Mary McDonald, who is probably the oldest living person in the United States, celebrated the 121st anniversary of her birth in the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons. Mrs. McDonald relates incidents of her life as if they were the occurrences of a few days ago. Among other things she tells how the patriots were supplied with food by the women of the neighborhood. She was born in Frogtown, near Valley Forge, and raised in a Quaker family, the descendants of which have corroborated some of her statements regarding ancient dates. She has outlived every member of her family.

A Needed Admission. On one of my trips through the South I sauntered into an old dilapidated cemetery of Virginia and read many very peculiar epitaphs upon tombstones. One in particular attracted my attention, which happened to be that of a slave who had been inclined to be stout. The grave had long since been neglected, and the inscription could only be read after digging away the vines which had grown upon it. But my labor was rewarded, for there on that tombstone I read: "Aliza Wirt, weighed 300 pounds; open wide the golden gates."

Embarrassing to the Guest. A tourist in the Welsh mountains who had been caught in a storm and after much difficulty had succeeded in making his way to a solitary cottage congratulated himself on his good fortune when he was asked to stay for the night. After donning a suit of his host's clothes, so that his own might be dried, he proceeded downstairs and on his way met the mistress with a big Bible in her hand. In the fading light she mistook the stranger for her husband and gave him a thump on the head with it, remarking, "That's for asking the man to stay all night."

Hundreds of dealers say the extra quantity and superior quality of Defiance Starch is fast taking place of all other brands. Others say they cannot sell any other starch.

It makes a woman very happy to share the unhappiness of somebody else.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of itching, or any other skin disease. Dr. J. C. HENRY & CO., Proprietors, Toledo, O. We have the best medicine for itching, or any other skin disease, and believe him perfectly trustworthy. He has the best medicine for itching, or any other skin disease, and believe him perfectly trustworthy. He has the best medicine for itching, or any other skin disease, and believe him perfectly trustworthy.

There are no rights without responsibilities. Storekeepers report that the extra quantity, together with the superior quality of Defiance Starch makes it next to impossible to sell any other brand.

A woman will forgive a man almost anything except his failure to ask to be forgiven.

Feet Comfortable Ever Since. I use Allen's Foot-Ease. A friend recommended Allen's FOOT-EASE. I used two boxes of the powder, and my feet have been at ease ever since. Allen's FOOT-EASE is certainly a good thing. Wm. L. Swannick, Washington, D. C. Sold by all Druggists, etc.

Many Cough Syrups containing opiates, are more harmful than the disease. Not so with Simmons' Cough Syrup. It is safe and sure. Guaranteed. 25 and 50c.

Honor is too big a price to pay for any honor. I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds. Jones P. Bowen, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1909.

The mind of a man is a fortune that with the spending thereof grows the greater. An Untimely Death. An untimely death so often follows neglect of slight cough, or cold. If Taylor's Cherry-Brandy of Sweet Gum and Mullein is taken in time it will prevent any evil results. It cures coughs, colds, and consumptions. At druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle.

When you catch a woman in a fib she explains that she never could understand business. To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

A woman cannot understand why a man does not like her to flirt with a rival. The face of every man, woman and child shows how much each individual has been loved and has loved in return.

That dreadful disease, consumption, is sometimes brought on by a neglected cold and cough. Do not hesitate, but try Simmons' Cough Syrup. Guaranteed. 25 and 50c. Too often the man who pushes himself along in the world shoves others aside.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY ENDORSES PE-RU-NA.

Pe-ru-na Drug Co., Columbus, Ohio: Gentlemen: "I can cheerfully say that Mrs. Schley has taken Pe-ru-na and I believe with good effect." W. S. SCHLEY.—Washington, D. C.

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Approached by a friend recently, his opinion was asked as to the efficacy of Peruna, the national catarrh remedy. Without the slightest hesitation he gave this remedy his endorsement. It appeared on later conversation that Peruna has been used in his family, where it is a favorite remedy.

Such endorsements serve to indicate the wonderful hold that Peruna has upon the minds of the American people. It is out of the question that so great and famous a man as Admiral Schley could have any other reason for giving his endorsement to Peruna than his positive conviction that the remedy is all that he says it is.

The fact is that Peruna has overcome all

opposition and has won its way to the hearts of the people. The natural timidity which so many people have felt about giving endorsements to any remedy is giving way. Gratitude and a desire to help others has inspired thousands of people to give public testimonials for Peruna who heretofore would not have consented to such publicity.

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Faith's forelook brightens to-day's outlook. Quit Coughing. Why cough, when for 25c and, this notice you get 25 doses of an absolutely guaranteed cough cure in tablet form. DRUGGIST, DR. SKIRVIN CO., LA CROSSE, WIS. (W. N. U.)

A woman who laughs has a sense of humor; a man who laughs may be only friendly. Dropped free by Dr. H. H. Green's Sons of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest dropsy specialists in the world. Read their advice in another column of this paper.

A poor excuse is better than none—if it goes with the boss. Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries Defiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or heated.

It takes a woman to make any kind of a figure fill up any kind of clothes. Time may heal a broken heart, but give us Simmons' Cough Syrup for instant relief from coughs and colds. Guaranteed to cure. 25 and 50c.

A leader is never afraid of being alone. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, brings relief, cures whooping cough, croup, colic, and all the ills of infancy.

The greatest miracle of love is the cure of coquetry.—La Rochefoucauld. Any one can dye with PUTNAM FADELESS DYE; no experience required. Burden bearing brings blessing sharing.

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FOR WORTH BUSINESS COLLEGE, Ft. Worth, TEXAS. GOLD CURE. Do you know that a cold cannot exist if the bowels are thoroughly cleansed and active? Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Is the best medicine for a cold. It will cure the youngest child or oldest sufferer. Try it. 50c and \$1.00 at your druggists. PEP-SIN SYRUP CO., Monticello, Ill.

ROCHESTER "NEW RIVAL" Loaded Black Powder Shells shoot stronger and reload better than any other black powder shells on the market, because they are loaded more carefully and made more scientifically. Try them. They are THE HUNTER'S FAVORITE.

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DR. H. H. GREEN'S DROPSY Cured. Gives quick relief. Removes all swelling in 8 to 10 days. Permanent cure in 30 to 60 days. Trial treatment free. Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, Box 5, Atlanta, Ga. W. N. U. DALLAS - N. 51-1903.

BEGGS' CHERRY COUGH SYRUP cures coughs and colds.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION. CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS. BOTTLED BY DR. H. H. GREEN'S SONS, Box 5, Atlanta, Ga.

Contest Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, December 15, 1902. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Altona Sholar, contestant...

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, December 22, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim...

[No. 7642.]

THEBURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER IN CHARGE, Washington, D. C., December 24, 1902.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that...

The First National Bank of Artesia, located in the town of Artesia in the County of El Paso and Territory of New Mexico, has completed with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States...

W. B. HEDGELY, Comptroller of the Currency.

Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, January 11, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim...

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon the land...

Contest Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, January 5, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Nathan E. Cleveland, contestant, against homestead entry No. 1072, made by April E. Moore...

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed January 13, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made...

HOWARD LELAND, Register, DAVID L. GEYER, Receiver.

Judge and Mrs. A. V. Logan went to Roswell this morning.

Mr. J. E. Dent left this morning for his home in Sharon, Tennessee, after a ten days' stay in Artesia.

A few flakes of snow fell Thursday morning and it looked like we were at last going to have some real winter...

The Masonic fraternity at Carlsbad will erect a temple in the near future.

B. G. Stegman has sold the Amarillo telephone exchange and will go into business at some other point in the Panhandle.

Working For Artesia.

E. A. Clayton is in town doing a little missionary work for Artesia. Mr. Clayton reports everything in a flourishing condition at that place, and talks of great things for its future...

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...

Yours Truly, J. L. EMERSON, Chm'n Dem. County Com.

In publishing a report of the Roswell contest case yesterday, the Rayton Record gives Judge Nisbet a very flattering notice. Mr. Clayton desires the Advocate to correct the impression thus left that Judge Nisbet was the only attorney employed in case. Judge Peacock was a co-laborer with Mr. Nisbet and the honors of victory should be evenly divided.

Mr. C. A. Clayton, carpenter, came down from Roswell Thursday afternoon. He is employed on the new brick hotel.

The rumor was brought to town early this morning that water was running out the top of the Gilbert well on the Pensaco river, seven miles southwest of town. If the report is correct, it means considerable territory added to the proven artesian field. The well is 520 feet deep.

The political pot has begun to boil in this county and as the temperature rises a few who have been dissatisfied with the method of nomination begin to express the views on changing from a primary to a convention. We have seen both methods tried time and again and the most satisfactory way of selecting candidates has always been through the primary. In this way it is the voice of the people that selects the candidate and the wire puller has little chance of working a combination of any kind that has proven so effective in a convention.

Mr. J. T. Patrick has been awarded the contract to complete the D'Arcy hotel building. Mrs. D'Arcy is expected down from Roswell this afternoon to reside permanently.

Perhaps a few leap-year parties to let the girls know how it goes to pay for fare and incidentals may have a good educational effect on them—Ex.

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Mrs. J. Elmer Richey Dead. "Mrs. Richey is dead." These were the words that passed this morning from mouth to mouth, and brought sadness and gloom into many a Roswell home where this young woman was known and loved. To think that she was but a few months a bride, with all of life before her, of a disposition so happy and radiant that all who knew her loved her, this is what makes her death such a shock to her friends and the heart to ache because of her going. But she went down into the valley, of the great shadow with no fear for death but a longing for life which she loved so well.

Mrs. Richey had been ill but a short time. Not until her serious condition was noted in the Record of yesterday did many of her friends know of her dangerous illness. On Tuesday she was so much better that strong hopes were entertained for her recovery, but yesterday afternoon a decided change took place for the worse and all hope was abandoned. Late in the afternoon she lost consciousness, and at ten minutes of two o'clock this morning she breathed her last.—Roswell Record.

Tom Reddin was down from Artesia Monday and reported matters and things as bustling at the plenty-of-water town.—Carlsbad Argus.

At its recent session, the territorial board of equalization fixed the following railroad valuations in and for Eddy County: On the Santa Fe from its Carlsbad depot north, per mile, \$3500; south of that point \$3,000; side tracks and switches, per mile, \$1,000.

The big flow was struck at the big Hagerman well yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The casing is 7 5/8 and the well is 440 feet deep. For two months the drillers have gone through 350 feet of solid rock. The flow is six to seven inches above the casing and the well is the largest between the Felix and Lake Arthur. The well is opposite the depot and is owned by a stock company composed of J. J. Hagerman and the people of the town of Hagerman.—Roswell Record.

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