

# The Artesia Advocate.

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## THE PECOS VALLEY.....

### CLIMATE.

Conditions with reference to the climate are especially inviting as the Pecos valley is more inviting as a location. The average temperature is moderate and mild, permitting comfortable outdoor work. The atmosphere is clear, warm, dry and there being as many as 240 clear days each year clear and forty days of moisture is precipitated. The valley is not oppressively hot, and almost anybody can enjoy the life of outdoor life nearly every day of the year. The porous, sandy soil of perfect drainage, and is unknown. Persons afflicted with consumption in its various forms, bronchitis, asthma and diseases of the kidneys and liver, find relief in the Pecos valley almost immediately after being located there. The valley can truthfully be called a health resort, its average altitude being 3,200 feet. The usual minimum is from 12 to 20 degrees below zero. Only once in twenty years has the mercury fallen to zero mark. The comparison of the warmest weather is due to the evaporation of perspiration, and the damp, uncomfortable conditions so common to lower altitudes. Few localities can be named as necessary agricultural conditions so happily combined with the climatic conditions and surroundings.

### THE SOIL.

The Pecos Valley is of the most fertile and tillable quality, as the rich alluvial, formed in the Pecos river and its tributaries. The surface is generally smooth and easy to cultivate. The soil varies, but is locally called sandy loam to adobe, a heavy soil, but not strictly speaking, as the prevailing color is a chocolate, changing in places to a red or black. The base of the soil is limestone. The soil is not so rich in silica, but the particles of lime and soil integrate under irrigation. The soil has, therefore, a tendency to be heavier with use of the depressions there is a heavy land, but of this variety little. Nearly all of the soil is plowed well. Plowing can be done at any time of the year, and can be maintained at the leisure and be ready for within twenty-four hours. The soil is naturally prolific with irrigation at frequent intervals, and a fresh layer of its own fertilizer. Rich in phosphorus, the natural home of all rotation of crops in the Pecos valley, the inevitable fate of the soils of the river belt, but still full of vegetable humus unavailable to the plants.

### PLANTING.

The development in the Pecos valley of hay known as the Pecos hay, is distributed largely to the Pecos valley, but fair to say that the Pecos hay is the best of lucerne or

clover, a perennial, an enormously prolific grower, containing a very high per cent of nutritive matter, and is of such a hardy, aggressive character that once it is firmly rooted it requires little attention other than an occasional irrigation and harvesting of the heavy crop of hay.

In the Pecos Valley, alfalfa is cut four times in the season, and in some instances, where fields are small, five times. As much as two tons of hay per acre have been made at one cutting, but a good average on the large farms is three-fourths of a ton per acre to the cutting. Where properly cared for and not heavily pastured this is a permanent crop. It furnishes considerable pasture throughout the winter. The best time to sow alfalfa is from August 20 to October 20. It is slow to start and in this climate root growth goes on all winter. Planted at this season, the crop gets ahead of the weeds in the spring and should yield good profit the first year. Planted in the spring there is a hard fight with weeds, and unless conditions are very favorable there will be no profit and much labor. Not all land is suited for permanent alfalfa. This is one of the deepest-rooted crops known, and upon shallow land is not fully productive. It is then used in rotation, as a soil restorer and enricher with wonderful results, often increasing the productivity of the soil as much as fifty per cent, while at the same time producing profitable crops of hay. The average winter price in Carlsbad has been \$10 per ton. It is hardly to be expected that such a price as this can be maintained permanently, nevertheless, it is evident that the price might be materially scaled down and there would still be a very large profit per acre from four cuttings of this remarkable crop, which promises for many years to be of highest importance in the prosperity of the valley.

### KAFFIR CORN AND MILD MAIZE

ARE THE CORN SPECIALLY CULTIVATED. They produce from thirty to fifty bushels of shelled corn to the acre, and the former yields from three to five tons of most excellent fodder. This fodder has a characteristic in the Pecos valley which is almost unique and hardly observed at all in the rest of the valley. The leaves of the stalk, which are abundant, remain green after the grain is ripe. There is not the change to woody fiber common to the stalks of all other grains at ripening. Thus a full crop of ripe grain can be harvested, and if the stalks are cut immediately afterward, they will be in perfect condition for feed. The ordinary price for these grains at harvest time is \$13 to \$15 a ton, threshed, sacked and delivered, or \$9 a ton delivered in the head from the field.

In addition to these important forage crops, which are of special value when considered in connection with stock raising, other farm crops prove profitable to those who give attention to them. Winter wheat yields twenty bushels to the acre on raw lands, and, barley and oats in proportion. Some millet is planted and thrives well, and sorghum has proved a valuable crop. Most of the acreage of sorghum is used for forage, but good syrup has been made from the juice, the sugar beet, with a high percentage of saccharine, grows very plentiful crops in the valley.

### COTTON.

In the southern part of the valley, cotton was grown for the first time last year and proved to be a good crop. About a bale to the acre was produced. The staple was long, the crop good, the price obtained favorable, and the demand for cotton of this quality is great, and beyond question the acreage will be increased rapidly as the possibilities of the crop are realized. Cotton makes a good rotation with corn, is not exhausting to the soil, and the seed is so valuable an item in the crop that its cultivation should be very important to the prosperity of the valley.

### ABOUT MARKET GARDENING.

The intelligent truck gardener in the Pecos valley has an assurance of large profit. Market gardening has been neglected, owing to the indifference of general farmers and ranchmen to what they considered small matters. It is necessary to adapt irrigation to the market garden, and this enables the gardener to control his products. The adjacent markets in the valley and those immediately accessible by rail in every direction guarantee a constant demand for choice vegetables. Potatoes, cabbage, turnips and beets set at from 14 to four cents per pound, while early vegetables of all descriptions retail as high as 10 cents per pound. Berries set at from 20 to 30 cents a box. Onions, peppers, tomatoes, turnips and squashes are peculiarly adapted to the soil and climate, although some of these incline to be late. Asparagus grows well, even on alkali land, for it is fond of salt. It can be put upon the Kansas City market as early as March 10. The flavor is excellent and the stalks are remarkably tender and not stringy. Experts pronounce it unsurpassed.

The Pecos Valley is gaining special fame for its celery. It has been cultivated with great skill by expert growers, who have tested all the conditions, and the result is that now an important industry is developing and the markets are beginning to notice the fine quality of the crop.

Sweet potato's produce most abundantly on the sandy lands. No fertilizing is necessary. J. O. Cameron of Carlsbad, bought a five acre tract last spring for \$1.50. He will realize \$3.00 from his sweet potato crop on less than three acres of this land. This whole crop is sold at 2 cents a pound, the usual price for sweet potato's, Willis Cadwell of Malaga, in 1900 sold \$1.70 worth of tomatoes for one-half acre. In 1901 his sales were even greater. The crop is shipped chiefly to Texas points. The vines bear continuously till killed by frost.

### ARTESIAN WELLS.

A remarkable sub-irrigation condition exists in the valley at a depth of about 10 feet, which serves generously to supplement the artificial irrigation of the canal systems. Still, in addition to this, is the famous artesian well district which is about eleven miles wide and seventy five miles long. This pre-ved area, which begins about ten miles north of Roswell and extends to McMillan on the south, has now in it 200 flowing artesian wells, and there has never been a failure in finding an artesian well within these limits. The artesian deposit is found at two depths, the first flow being reached at from 150 to 200 feet, while the second flow is usually tapped about 100 feet deeper. The deepest well is 850 feet deep. The wells of both flows appear to be exhausted, showing no shrinkage as time passes. A fair average of the wells now flowing in this belt is 400 gallons per minute. The city of Roswell has eighty of the wells. There are two at Artesia, each flowing 1500

gallons per minute. An average Chaves county artesian well will irrigate 160 acres without any other water supply. Such a well as the one at Artesia will irrigate twice as much. Some of the finest farms in the valley are irrigated solely by artesian wells. In addition to the large irrigation systems of the companies, the sub-irrigation that underlies the whole region, the springs, that are so plentiful and the artesian wells that are to be had for the boring, there are numerous small "community ditches" owned by the neighboring farmer whose ranches they serve.

Throughout the valley on land lying above the so-called artesian belt as at present defined, permanent supply of water can be had at depths varying from 25 to 200 feet. One of these wells equipped with a windmill and pump will successfully irrigate about twenty acres of cultivated land. The great distinctive difference between artesian and windmill wells should be thoroughly appreciated. The artesian water rises by its own force and flows unaided into farm reservoirs, while the windmill well is not nearly so deep and the water from them must be pumped into the reservoirs.

Farming in the Pecos valley begins with the absolute certainty that the necessary water supply for the crops is under the entire control of the owner. The danger of drought is entirely overcome by irrigation, so that the risk of losing a crop from any cause whatever is almost entirely removed. By the construction of storage reservoirs and canals, water is ready at hand for any emergency.

his crops. Instead of depending upon erratic rainfall, "that inferior substitute for irrigation," he commands his water supply, thus insuring the highest degree of productivity for his industry. The result is that settlement and prosperity have advanced rapidly in the valley hand in hand, until today it is recognized as a most desirable region for the progressive agriculturist.

It is not necessary to have large capital to make a success in this country. It is emphatically a good country for a man of small means. Many of the farmers owning only 40 acres have sixty to one hundred head of cattle and sell all their corn and alfalfa hay. The outside range, alfalfa pasture and corn fodder support a few herds. Steers and farm products, poultry, eggs and bees pay for their living expenses, and the increase in beefs and the sale of the best young bulls represent profit, while the increasing value of their land offsets safe insurance for old age.

### PECOS VALLEY FRUIT.

The pride of the Pecos valley is its fruit. Apples, peaches, plums, prunes, cherries, quinces, strawberries and grapes can be produced here in profusion, of the largest size, the highest coloring and the most perfect flavors. Owing to the altitude and the climate, Pecos valley fruits come into the market at least two weeks earlier than any that could compete with them, and thus are assured of obtaining the highest prices. Up to the present, there has been an entire absence of any pests to trouble fruit in the valley, a condition probably not found in any other locality in the United States. The fifteen-year-old orchards at Roswell have borne eleven successive crops of perfect fruit, the same being entirely free from worms or insect punctures of any kind.

The specialty of fruit growers in Chaves county, where the oldest orchards are, is apples, while in Eddy county chief attention is being paid to peaches. The latter county being

to the southward, the peaches are not subject to the possibility of late frosts. The Pecos Valley apple is a star in the Northern market for size, beauty, flavor and condition. It is recognized that, acre for acre, an apple orchard is more profitable than an orange grove. Bartlett pears, too, are proving a peculiarly valuable crop here. These facts have made fruit-growing attractive to a great many, and the acreage in orchards is very large. Buyers from Northern and eastern commission houses are always on hand during the season, and the apple crops in all the orchards that offer them for sale are disposed of to the best advantage. The prices paid ordinarily range from 95 cents to \$1.50 per hundred pounds, on the trees, the buyer to gather and ship the apples at his own expense.

The largest orchard in the valley is that of J. J. Hagerman, near Roswell, embracing 600 acres. Over \$90,000 worth of apples were gathered from this orchard in 1902.

The Pecos valley is not merely a place of profit and prosperity, but a region where life is interesting and health assured. With easy reach of the valley towns are picturesque mountain ranges, not all barren and rocky but often gently rolling, with grassy slopes and timbered like a park. They are approached through cold canyons, and at times the scenery becomes strikingly magnificent. The mountains are well stocked with black tailed deer, while the rocky escarpments are the home of the Pecos cholla. The Pecos valley is a region where life is interesting and health assured. With easy reach of the valley towns are picturesque mountain ranges, not all barren and rocky but often gently rolling, with grassy slopes and timbered like a park. They are approached through cold canyons, and at times the scenery becomes strikingly magnificent. The mountains are well stocked with black tailed deer, while the rocky escarpments are the home of the Pecos cholla. The Pecos valley is a region where life is interesting and health assured. With easy reach of the valley towns are picturesque mountain ranges, not all barren and rocky but often gently rolling, with grassy slopes and timbered like a park. They are approached through cold canyons, and at times the scenery becomes strikingly magnificent. The mountains are well stocked with black tailed deer, while the rocky escarpments are the home of the Pecos cholla.

Opportunities for sport for the invalid who does not care to work are manifold. An act of the Legislature forbids the killing of antelope, deer and mountain sheep for five years, but rabbits, quail and duck are here by the myriads, and plover and curlew are very numerous in the fall. Fishing is excellent. The Pecos has been stocked with black bass, and they, with trout, perch and catfish, furnish too angler with ample opportunity to test his skill. The people of the valley are hospitable to strangers, and friendships are formed rapidly. There is a freshness and frankness in this one Western country that is sure to be delightful.

The best estimates obtainable for the irrigated lands of the valley under cultivation show an annual average value per acre, for the last year, of \$18.16. Several tracts of land under cultivation could be used for the crop raised upon them in a single year. Lands in the valley, except those under irrigation and those occupied by actual settlers, belong to the United States and are subject to entry under the Homestead and Desert Land laws.

Twelve years ago the Pecos valley was an undeveloped plain, without a railway, without irrigation and, indeed, without settlement, except the ranch houses. There were a few sheep in the country and a cattle except the Texas long horns, now long since vanished. Now windmills can be counted by the hundreds all over the ranges, and drilling machines are constantly at work finding new water and developing new grass. Live stock interests have increased until 30,000 cattle and 2,000,000 lbs of wool are shipped from the valley annually. Eddy county increased in its assessed value last year by a greater amount than any other county in the territory.





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Application has been made to have this paper set out at the Artesia postoffice as second-class mail matter.

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There was frost at Cloudercroft more than a week ago, and the summer visitors have gone, some down this way into the valley and others further south.

No matter where you are or what you are doing, don't fail to speak out for Artesia. You need have no fear of exciting the matter. The theme is one that cannot be overestimated.

Be sure to attend the Roswell Fair next week and then be sure to take Artesia to every home-coming you can cross. They will be there from everywhere, and it would be doing them a positive injustice not to point them to this part of the valley.

Mrs. E. M. Rogers returned yesterday afternoon from a few days' visit to Roswell. Mrs. Rogers is very much interested in ranch life, she having a beautiful tract of land in the Penasco valley. She is giving some attention at present to a flock of Plymouth Rock chickens.

E. A. Clayton informs the Advocate that the Artesia Improvement Company, of which he is manager, will donate a block of land for use as a public park. It will be immediately laid off, fenced and shade trees put out as soon as frost comes. The company will be commended for its enterprise and liberality. As before noted in these columns, nothing will make Artesia more attractive to prospectors than a well kept city park.

The Blackman Townsite Company has filed its articles of incorporation with the Secretary of New Mexico. Those citizens of the valley who supposed the idea of an exclusive negro town in Chaves county was a huge joke are badly mistaken. A large tract of land is to be purchased near Dexter and cultivated mainly by negroes, who are to own their systems of irrigation, and as all public utilities in this matter may have considerable comment later on, for this has never proven a health resort for the colored race. If the colonists work hard, behave themselves and do exactly what their white neighbors want them to do, all will be well. Otherwise, otherwise.

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## CHURCH BUILDING PROJECTED

THE METHODISTS OF ARTESIA ARE TO THE FRONT IN A MOVEMENT TO BUILD A CHURCH.

A NEAT SUM SUBSCRIBED.

At the conclusion of Rev. Wilson's sermon last Sunday night, it was announced that an effort would be inaugurated immediately looking to the erection of a church building in Artesia to be the property of the M. E. Church south. The pastor announced the names of five gentlemen who had been selected as a committee to solicit subscriptions and to make any and all arrangements in the matter of building. Immediately after services, this committee met, elected Rev. J. C. Gage chairman, and then mapped out a line of procedure. A subscription was put upon the streets Monday morning and by noon as much as two hundred dollars had been put down. The soliciting committee is still out and is meeting with much substantial encouragement.

It is not anticipated or proposed to erect any costly or beautiful edifice at this time. The town is small and the country thinly settled and yet so many are asked of the people that they feel disposed to give. The expansion board of the church will be asked for a donation of several hundred dollars during the Annual Conference now in session at Roswell and this, together with what can be secured on the outside, will pay for a neat building sufficient for the congregations at this place for some time to come.

One of the townsites companies has generously offered to give two choice lots for church purposes and this will allow all the money collected to be used for building purposes.

Rev. J. C. Gage, chairman of the building committee, is the right man for the place, and no doubt he will be successful, because he deserves as much. He has been a frontier circuit rider for the church in New Mexico for the past fifteen years and has undergone every hardship and rebuff that the border preacher always comes in for. It has been said that the first man to come into the far west was the cowboy, but by the time he had broiled his meat and got his coffee off the fire there was a Methodist preacher on hand to return thanks. And it was about this way. Brother Gage has preached on the mountain tops and in the valley, in good weather and in foul; he has been a friend to all and everybody should help him—we say help him, because he heads the list with a donation of fifty dollars.

### An Important Deal.

Just before going to press, we are informed that Mr. J. R. Blair today purchased the forty-acre tract of land adjoining the big artesian well on the south, upon which the school house is located. This is one of the most valuable pieces of property about the city, as it is admirably situated for residences. Mr. Fleming, of whom the land was purchased, arrived from his home in Kansas this week. We presume that the new owner will cut the forty acres up into town lots and place them upon the market.

W. H. Gibson, of Dalhart, Texas, is among the new comers—Roswell Record.

The Record should have added "to Artesia." Some of Mr. Gibson's correspondents might suppose he had moved to Roswell. Like most of the prospectors, these days, he located permanently at Artesia, and last week built a residence.

Doek Day, who has been in the city for several days, left yesterday afternoon for his home at Dayton, N. M. He reports real estate as booming, but still reasonable.—Roswell Record.

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### Carlsbad Argus Items.

It is now certain that Eddy county is to have no term of court commencing October 5th. The jury lists were opened Tuesday, but in the absence of instructions from any of the resident judges of the territory, and because of the uncertainty that an appointment could be made by the president before that date, they were not delivered to the sheriff. As has been repeatedly pointed out, Eddy county suffers greatly by this lapse. It is a forceful statehood argument, if there ever was one. The only hope now for a reasonable, speedy clearing of court business is that the president will make an appointment upon his return to Washington the latter part of this month and that the "appointee" will, at once qualify and call a special session of court for Eddy, as well as the other counties of the district.

Roman Obnenuis, with his little son left yesterday for Seven rivers, and beyond the time the horses took a tangent, upsetting the wagon, throwing Mr. Obnenuis out and rendering him unconscious. In response to a telephone message, a physician hurried to the scene and had Mr. O. removed to the hospital in this city, where it was found that his injuries were not serious, consisting of a concussion on the head, which bled freely and several minor bruises. Mr. O. is a heavy and very powerful man and it is more or less a wonder that he was not killed. The exact way the accident occurred has not yet become known.

Duck and geese are beginning to appear in numbers, though not to the extent the sportsmen would like. Teal are in the majority of the quacking visitors.

Judge A. V. Logan, who has been nominated for justice of the peace at Artesia, as soon as the commissioners create the office, is unusually well qualified for the position. He was for a long time judge of Mills county Texas, and is a man of learning and much natural ability. Best of all, he is big enough to chastise any racial who is guilty of contempt, being about six feet tall and weighing over two hundred pounds.

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andworth received a letter from his father in Kansas, that he had disposed of his there and would leave for soon as he can get out. Worth has been here before, is well glad to welcome his family as permanent citizens.

Gilbreath and son, of Kansas, Kansas, arrived Wednesday and are guests at Artesia.

R. Blair and daughters, Mrs. and Mrs. arrived Wednesday from Independence, and are domiciled at Hotel Artesia. They are accompanied by Blair's father, Mr. G.

Schuyler, of St. Louis, was a visitor this week.

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Gonigle, champion roper of Texas, spent a few hours in Artesia while on his way to Roswell to participate in the tournament. He had with him three new ponies, among them "Donkey," said to be the roping horse that ever tightens. Gonigle is a breeder, son of the Western plains, is able to get his part. Gonigle happens to be passing

Daniels, a well known builder of Roswell, Texas, is the guest of his friend, J. R. Blair. We are informed that Mr. Daniels is the contractor to build the Artesia National Bank.

L. White left Wednesday for Mississippi with a car of goods. He informs the Advocate that he will return and add to the Hotel Artesia.

Wardwick, of Roswell, purchased two valuable lots on Main street in Artesia. He will erect a brick building on the lots.

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A gentleman from Corisbad is figuring on opening a coal yard at this place.

R. L. Nool, of Peck City, Kansas, was a guest at the Munson hotel several days this week, while prospecting for a home in the Artesia country.

Mrs. R. M. Ross, Artesia's efficient post-mistress, informs the Advocate that she has ordered a lot of patent lock boxes for those patrons of the office who have not the time and disposition to take their turns at the window and wait for their part of the divy.

Messrs. C. A. Higday, Roswell; W. Fleming, Soldier, Kansas; F. and O. A. Cummins, Independence, Kansas; J. B. Frazier, Farlington, Kansas; Ivan Hayden, Wichita, Kansas, and Mr. Cox, Artesia, are registered at the East Side Hotel to-day.

Mr. Johnnie Hurt, one of the Pioneers of Artesia, is building himself an adobe residence on his homestead north of town.

Contractor J. T. Patrick this week purchased a very desirable residence lot in the city, but the Lord only knows what use he has for it, unless he builds a house for some other fellow to live in.

Mr. George P. Cleveland has leased the Spring Lake property from Fred Colyer. This is one of the most picturesque spots in the valley and a pleasant retreat from the sun and dust of the hills. The lake covers about fifteen acres and stocked with all kinds of fresh water fish.

Tom Ruyman left Tuesday for Roswell with a bunch of fat and tricky steers to be used in the Roping contest next week. They are good healthy, New Mexico products, weighing about one thousand pounds each and will doubtless give the boys a run for their money.

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Mrs. J. A. Bruce left at the Advocate office last Saturday afternoon making ears and vegetable that are remarkably fine when we consider that one year ago the land upon which it is grown was considered as a worthless desert. If you don't believe the Pecos valley will grow the plain, old-fashioned Indian corn to perfection, just come around and be convinced to the contrary. There are a few Smart Alecks, you know, who come along and assure us in the most solemn manner that corn won't grow without rain. We'll believe them when they convince us that the corn now in this office is not corn at all but something else. There has been no rain to speak of on it since it came out of the ground, yet the ears are as large and the grain as sound as can be found in any state, the watermelons grown upon Mr. Bruce's place cannot be excelled in flavor.

Fr. A. D. Jones and wife, accompanied by the Advocate family, spent a pleasant hour Sunday afternoon at Dave Ruyman's ranch three miles south of town. Like all stockmen at present, Mr. Ruyman is blue over his long-drawn-out drouth, but he can down a whole lot of his troubles beneath the shades of his home place, where three flowing wells cause the shade and fruit trees to grow to perfection. His apple trees are burdened to the ground with fruit just beginning to ripen and the quality of the fruit is excellent. The colors range through all the tints from a white to the celebrated Arkansas Blacks. The idea expressed by people in other states that irrigated fruit lacked flavor was never more successfully denied than in this orchard. The pears never tasted any better apples, water and grapes. The same can be said of the watermelons taken from the vine between the trees, while close by grows the finest of cabbage and celery. Mr. Ruyman intends to stock his artesian lake with fish and improve the appearance of the place generally.

This can be made one of the prettiest homes imaginable.

Messrs. W. H. Beckwith and T. P. Lightfoot, of Tampa, Florida, were photographed at Hotel Artesia Tuesday night, having spent the day previous with Rev. J. C. Gage on the Pecosco. They were returning from a visit to the Pacific and had had the Pecos valley in view even before they left Florida, as the fame of this spot had long ago reached that far off state.

Messrs. J. H. McPherson and C. A. Porter, of Roswell, spent Wednesday in Artesia looking for town property and some public domain adjacent. Mr. McPherson may engage in business at this place.

The breath of cooler air that strayed around this way Wednesday morning caused a smile of grim exultation to possess the face of the Mexican wool hauler. He is an independent case, anyway.

Dr. and Mrs. Ross Sunday evening beneath the shady bowers of the Pecosco as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marable.

Miss Allie Bow Clayton is attending school in Roswell.

Mr. Wm. Clark, of the firm of Clark Brothers, left Sunday for a visit to his father in New York City.

Mrs. Sallie Stegman is at home after a two weeks trip to Texas.

D. E. McGonigle has this week hauled out lumber for an addition to his house on Seven Rivers.

Mr. C. T. Drellinger is building a residence 5 miles southwest of town.

Mr. A. G. Caraway has had plans made for a residence north of town and construction will probably begin next week.

Prof. E. O. Morton, teacher of the school in District 12, was in the city this morning. He reports an enrollment of twenty-six students.

Messrs. Mairi and Morris, two gentlemen from Kansas, yesterday took up a 120 desert claim each in township 16, five miles north of town.

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Land Agent Studer opens several days in Roswell this week.

Mrs. W. L. Heare, who has been sleeping at the Hotel Artesia for a month past, left last night for her mother's home in Ell county, Texas. She was much benefited by the New Mexico climate, and expects to return later.

Mr. J. T. Fanning was in from Hope yesterday with a wagon-load of apples. He reports a very nice show-up on the Pecosco and grass is freshened thereby.

Captain Chase bought paint here this week to go on his store house at Dayton.

Mr. J. H. Baker has this week purchased lumber with which to build a residence on his homestead southwest of town.

Lee Turckett, of Seven Rivers, has supplied Artesia builders with a fine lot of foundation blocks this week of cedar, pinon and juniper wood.

Mr. Wm. Hale has been constructing box tents this week for temporary use as a livery stable.

J. Albright is building a house on his claim three miles southwest of town.

Walter Morris, of Wichita, Kansas, is registered at the Hotel Artesia.

Mr. Wilfr. Ford, of Roswell, has been mixing with the crowds of prospectors this week.

Artesia's two hotels have been taxed to their utmost capacity the past few days, trying to accommodate the homeseekers. Several who came in from the north last night were compelled to seek lodging in private residences.

E. L. Wolf, St. Joseph, Mo., is an Artesia prospector this week.

Mr. C. L. Higday is an irrepressible worker for Artesia. He has spent the last two weeks at his old home in Kansas, and brought ten neighbors back with him Wednesday.

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Some newspapers print matter to sell up space. Much of this is really a total waste of THE SUNDAY NEWS. It is a helpful reading. It reads well and is helpful to them. Ask your neighbor.

**THE FARMERS' PARLOR**

It is the theory of our age professors and others up north on the matter of the actual experience of some of us here at home who have turned over the soil.

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**Contest Notice.**

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.

Roswell, New Mexico  
August 22, 1903

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Geo. P. Cleveland, contestant, against homestead entry No. 1131, made June 26 1899, for the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 17 S, Range 2 E., by Frank B. Jackson, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Frank B. Jackson does not reside upon said land, but has removed from said land and abandoned his said entry more than six months prior to the date of said affidavit, and that said alleged absence from the said land was no due to his employment in the army navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 24, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in proper affidavit, filed September 8 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that said notice be given by due and proper publication.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.

Roswell, New Mexico  
August 22, 1903

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Geo. P. Cleveland, contestant, against homestead entry No. 1133, made June 27 1899, for the south-east quarter of section 10, Township 17 S, Range 2 E., by Samuel M. Gwin, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Samuel M. Gwin does not reside upon said land, but removed from said land and abandoned his said entry more than six months prior to the date of said affidavit, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 2 o'clock p. m. on November 24, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed September 8, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

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

Laughter is a good, healthful muscle-making, lung-developing exercise, and it is as good for girls as for boys. And humor can be cultivated in a girl's mind without any abatement of the dignity and modesty and charm of her womanhood. Not the unpleasant and constant frivolity evidenced in "smart" speech or quickness of repartee, but the humor that looks at the world with a twinkle in the eye.

Mr. F. M. Giltner, of Keene, Ok. who went on up to Roswell prospecting a few days ago, returned to Artesia last night and invested in a nice piece of real estate in the suburbs of the city this morning.

**JOE A. CLAYTON,**  
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Is no novice at the business, but will guarantee to build your house in a thoroughly workmanlike manner and can figure your lumber down as fine as anyone. If you want a house built figure with him.

Man born of woman, is of few days, full of trouble and fleas. He goeth forth in the early morning on a steed for provender and returned late at night lank to the guard, and his wife recognizeth him not: He taketh the hot end of the family argument, goeth to bed, sleepeth eleven hours and awakes at high noon with a base in the mouth and an aching head in the stomach. Verily, a man's lot is hard and his existence crummieth o'er with vanities and vexation to spirit. If he conquereth the whole world he may die a pauper, and his bones bleach on the green hillside along with the bones of the cattle and other animals of an inferior grade. If the world conquereth him and he surrendereth to the same, the friends of auld lang syne marvels greatly that they ever knew him, and straightway give thanks in exceeding degree that they are not so to her men. Yea verily, a man is in a doleful fix any way you take him. If he be poor and unable to pay cash for groceries, he may go hungry, and butt his brains out against the barn door, dissatisfied with the general run of affairs. If he be rich it requireth two regiments of trained soldiers to protect both his life and his spoudix.

If he liveth honestly, the crucifix giveth him no credit. If he liveth dishonestly, and practiseth skinnaganes, he is liable to die at any moment with his boots on. If he maketh many friends, the world forth with pronounceth him a trickster and lemmague. If he chooseth to have few friends, the world judgeth him guilty of murder, arson, treason and other high crimes and misdemeanors, and say he is only having for chance to do more. If he betteth on cards, he is a dirty rake, but if he gambles in the cotton market he is a thrifty speculator and loseth not his place up in it. Verily a man is tossed about in the world like a lone bean in a cashub. If he doeth rightness, it is denied that he doeth it for righteousness sake. If he doeth meanness, it is given up by the public in general that he doeth it on purpose.

But to me man there is nothing but coppern living in the world. To the average man life is miserable, but the picture of Cleopatra at her bath, and he clingeth to like a politician to office Selah! —Exchange.

A feature of the State Fair at Dallas, it is said, will be the performance of a negro, who like a bull dog, catches a steer by the nose with his teeth and throws him to the ground. Picket is the negro's name and he was brought up among the cattle on the ranch. He rides by the side of the steer, which he to throws and jumps on the steer's back, takes him by the horns, catches the steer's nose between his teeth and throwing his body over the steer's head throws him to the ground, end for end, Picket falling between the long horns and the animal on top.

A Milwaukee man who was invited to go to Chicago and take in the zoo, recently said: "No, thank you, I'll stay at home. My best daughter looks like a kangaroo walk, my second daughter alks like a porret, my son laughs like a hyena, my wife watches me like a hawk, my cook is as cross as a bear and my mother-in-law says I'm an old gorilla. When I go anywhere I want change."

Brechtig, the black pacer, went a mile in 2:08 at Roswell Tuesday on the half-mile track. This is the track record for New Mexico.

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The citizens of Hope and the Pecos met on Tuesday night to discuss the reservoir question. A motion was made that a committee of three be appointed to interest our congressman, B. S. Rodey, in the matter. Messrs. S. N. White, G. A. Beckett and P. C. Smith were appointed to do so. Another meeting has been called for to-night.

When a nickel with a big V gets into the United States treasury it goes to the melting pot because of the danger of its being gilded and passed for a \$5 gold piece. Twenty-cent pieces have the same fate, because they are no longer issued. Old copper cents are melted, with tin and zinc added, to make new cents.

The general sketch of the Pecos valley printed on the front page of the Advocate this week is condensed from a sketch printed in pamphlet form by the Santa Fe railway system. This is only a small portion of the data obtained.

**An Indian Revival.**

Indian revival services were held at Loco Springs last week and more than 240 Apaches and Comanches were attendance. This is the way an Indian gets religion, says the Kansas City star.

A few minutes before time for service an Indian with a lassy pair of lungs starts a shout resembling the cry of a farmer calling hogs. The Indians file into the tent and take seats on the floor, and the missionaries began to sing the old songs.

After the singing has continued for several minutes, one of the missionaries offers prayer, which is interpreted to the Indians. Then comes the sermon, composed of the truth in the most simple words, and this is translated to the Indians who sit with their eyes on the interpreter and respond with an occasional nod of the head, as though they understood and enjoyed it all. Then they end the service with an experience meeting, at which Indians go and testify as to what they think about the matter. After service is over beef is used to them, and this is where the Indian shines. He may not know much about religion, but he does know a great deal about beef. He knows which is the best part, and the old squaw grab for the entrails with as much interest and pleasure as a civilized person would a fire cut of porterhouse of tenderness, and they eat them, too, while they are warm, and even talking time to wash them, or even cook them.

The Hamilton bro. live at Roswell have a fine Percheron stallion that is attracting much attention. The animal was imported and has a pedigree some seven miles long. It is the first draft sire in the valley and is a magnificent specimen of its class.

Hon. B. S. Rodey is out after the foresters, whom, he claims, are overdoing, working great hardships on the people of many portions of the territory. He says that the idea of forest reserves is all right, but that it has been carried to extremes, and a halt must be called. Provided there is no interference with the just and necessary reserves that have been made by the government, most people will agree with him.—Carlsbad Argus.

Mr. J. N. Cornell bought six lots in the Clayton Addition Wednesday, and will proceed to erect three ten-unit houses.

The members of the Christian church at Carlsbad, are making arrangements to build a house of worship and the Masons of that city will build a temple.

The peace officers of Carlsbad are fast establishing the proposition that the "wild and woolly" days for this community are over. In this educational course that have the support of all good citizens.—Carlsbad Argus.

Barney Beach had the misfortune to lose the little finger of his right hand, while practicing for the roping contest at Roswell one day last week.—Carlsbad Argus.

The great irrigation convention which is proposed for the territorial fair in Albuquerque, October 12th to 17th, is sure to accomplish much good. It should receive the encouragement of every man who has the good of the territory at heart. There-

can not possibly be too much of this in the future of New Mexico. Pecos valley should be represented in Albuquerque convention is called to order.



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