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Locals, 10 cents per line, per week.
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All accounts are due and must be paid promptly at the end of each month.

ROSWELL LODGE, A. F. & A. M., Meets on the first Saturday on or after full moon. Visiting brethren are cordially invited. W. S. PRAGER, W. M. FRANK H. LEA, Secretary.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAILS.
Eastern mail arrives: Daily at 10:50 p. m. Departs: Daily at 7:00 a. m.
SEVEN RIVERS MAIL.
Arrives: Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 p. m. Departs: Thursday and Saturday at 7:00 a. m. W. H. COSGROVE, P. M.

Locals.

White Oaks is to have Mrs. Jarley's wax works this week.
Lincoln wants a meat market. A good business there for a good butcher.
Dr. Skipwith and wife left Roswell this morning, (Thursday), for Las Vegas.
Scott Jordan is up from Eddy for a few days, he says things are pretty dull down there.

There is a wedding on tapis and we understand the happy couple will take their bridal tour up Salt Creek.
Col. Milne is back from Las Vegas, and is thoroughly enthused with the railroad prospects for the Pecos valley.
Elder Rhoads will preach Sunday morning and evening at the school house. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Our reporter attended the spelling match at the school house last week and was knocked out only with "strickmine."
Elder J. W. Cavness, of Lanno, Texas, a preacher of the Christian church, is holding services in the school house this week.

Capt. J. C. Lea, of Roswell, now a man of busy, monumental affairs, returned this morning from his trip to El Paso.—Optic.
A large congregation assembled to hear Rev. Maule at the Farms school house, last Sunday. He preached a very interesting discourse.

C. B. Grant is building a new business room on Main street, just north of his residence. It will be used as a restaurant by Mrs. Franklin.
Mr. Will White, our tonorial artist, left on Tuesday for Las Cruces, to be gone two or three weeks on a visit to his parents and relatives on the Rio Grande.

S. S. Mendenhall, accompanied by Will Laughlin, left Wednesday morning for Las Vegas after his family, who will spend the winter in Roswell. They will occupy Mr. Clarkson's house.
Captain Kirby of the cattle firm of Kirby & Cree of Fort Stanton, N. M., has been in the city this week. He says that from this on the cattle shipments will be immense.—Amarillo Champion.

Parker Wells returned from Las Vegas last Saturday night. Mrs. Wells will spend several weeks yet in that pleasant city visiting her friends. Mr. Wells will return to Vegas for her.
Mr. William Fountain, our old time butcher, has bought the Wm. Meeks business and will run a shop on Main street just opposite the REGISTER office. Mr. Fountain understands how to handle meat, and he will have good fat cattle to kill, having arranged with P. H. Boone to get alfalfa fed steers all winter.

Snow has fallen in the Capitan mountains and for the first time this season, its tops are covered with thick, white layers. The weather has been very cold and uncomfortable for the last few days. Such cold weather at this season of the year, cannot be recollected by the "oldest inhabitant."—Lincoln correspondent in Interpreter.

Mr. J. K. Byers of Lincoln, received the appointment of county superintendent of public schools at the recent meeting of the board, vice F. H. Richmond, Esq., resigned. Mr. Byers presented a much larger petition than any of his competitors, and according to a previous agreement of the board, won the office. He is a first class scholar, and we are confident will give entire satisfaction.—Nogal Nugget.

Our delinquent subscribers may look for a strong dun in a few days for the first years subscription to the REGISTER. Be prepared to pay up. We must have the money. We will be glad to receive remittances from our foreign subscribers.

G. A. Richardson received a letter from one of the proprietors of the Parsons mine which stated that new machinery for the working of the ore in that mine was being shipped from Chicago. The mine is to be strongly operated. Mr. R. is a shareholder in this valuable property.

Mac Minter and Joe Lea set a line with several hooks in Spring river the other night for the purpose of catching one certain fish, that the nimrods have been angling for, the past eight or ten years. This time they were successful. Jordan and Hunt passed by the next morning after the line was set and pulled a 43 pound catfish to the bank.

Mr. Courtney, of the ditch contract firm of Ward & Courtney, returned from a trip to Arizona and El Paso, Texas, last week. He says he will probably take a contract on the big international canal at El Paso, and it is not decided whether they will take another contract on the big ditch here. They complain of the price, 8 cents per yard, Mr. Bradbury has the entire contract at 11 cents, but sub-contracts it for 8, and we understand will not allow more.

The mail route will be established between Amarillo and Roswell as arrangements are now being made at Washington to that effect. This gives Roswell mail service three days ahead of the Las Vegas stage time and in these days three days saving of time is a great advantage. From Amarillo to Roswell is the natural route and not around Robin Hood's barn the same as is now practiced. Amarillo extends her route to Roswell and says, shake.—Champion. Certainly.

The Nogal Nugget advertises the publication notices for Robert Mathews, R. A. Buford and Jose M. Media, of Lower Pecosco, for their intention to make final proof on their land before probate clerk at Lincoln, Oct. 26, '89. We wish to say to these parties that the law requires these publication notices to be made in the paper nearest the land in question. The land of these parties are a number of miles nearer the REGISTER than the Nugget and should be advertised in the former.

As an evidence of the minority of young ladies, compared with the number of illustrious little belle in the vicinity of Roswell told a certain young man of our midst, either in a jesting or sincere manner, that she had seven very ardent admirers in this community and one in Texas whom she never saw, and named them, and in consequence of this young man will probably direct his attention to some other angelic type of the feminine sex in the future—or at least until she disposes of some of those "ardent admirers," as he says he is no sluggard.

Seven Rivers' Shooting.

A serious shooting affray occurred at Seven Rivers one day last week. Zack Lights, Wm. Henderson, two prominent cow men in that country, and Jack Shelby, a "puncher," were engaged in the bewildering occupation of drinking whiskey and playing cards, over which a trifling dispute arose. The parties were all very drunk and in a fit condition for a murderous fight. Lights drew his revolver and began to fire, shooting Henderson in the shoulder, causing a flesh wound, not serious. Henderson and Shelby both returned the fire, one ball striking Lights in the fleshy portion of the abdomen, passing through the groin and out at the side of the hip. Shelby received a slight wound on the scalp.

The men had always been on friendly terms, the shooting was the result of whiskey. Dr. Graham, of this place, was called to attend the wounded men. He returned Monday evening, and reports that, unless some complications arise, the patients are not in danger.

We have a good six-shooter law in the territory, and we recommend the deputy at Seven Rivers to have the same rigidly enforced, all affrays of this kind does our country harm and should be prevented. This one is a question for the grand jury to investigate.

It is unnecessary to call attention to the new advertisement of Jaffa, Prager & Co., it will be seen by all, it is characteristic of this enterprising firm. It is always the successful advertisers that are successful business men.

Notice the sale of county bonds advertised by County Clerk George Curry, this week.

Requirements of the Homestead Law.

TYLER, Texas, Sept. 19, '89.
ED. REGISTER, Roswell, N. M.

Dear Sir:—I wish to ask you, for my own information and on behalf of friends, how a person can acquire a homestead on the public domain, and what are the requirements of the law after filing has been made.

The land laws of Texas are so different from those of the United States, that one who is a resident of this state must send out of it for information.
Yours Etc.,
JAMES B. OWEN.

We have received several applications from residents of Texas for such information as is sought by this correspondent, and deem it best to give it to the public through the columns of the REGISTER.

Any person who is a citizen of the United States, (or has declared his intention to become such,) and who is the head of a family, or is 21 years of age, is entitled to enter lands under the Homestead Laws. Unmarried women and widows may enter lands under this law.

Each entryman is entitled to enter 160 acres of land, (non-mineral,) by subdivisions which must be contiguous—thus he may enter 40, 80, 120 or 160 acres. Fees on 160 acres, \$16. On 120 acres, \$14. On 80 acres, \$8. On 40 acres, \$5.50. This fee to be paid upon making application.

Entryman must establish actual residence, (in a house,) upon the land, within six months from date of entry, and such residence must be continuous and actual for a period of five years, following settlement. Proof may be made at the termination of five years, or two years further time will be allowed; but proof must be made within seven years, or the entry will be held for cancellation.

After the first payment, above stated, there is no other, or further, expense to the homestead claimant, except clerk's fee for taking testimony, at time of proof—say \$3 to \$6.

The law requires actual and constant residence and cultivation. The law construes cultivation to mean raising crops, of any kind, raising stock or dairy purposes.

The law provides for "leave of absence" from a homestead claim. Such leave may be obtained to any settler, to be granted by the register and receiver of the local land office of the land district wherein the land is situated, upon application under oath, and corroborated by two witnesses, showing that, by total, or partial, destruction, or failure of crops, sickness, or other unavoidable casualty, he is unable to secure a support for himself, or those dependent upon him, upon such lands. The absence must not exceed one year. Desertion or abandonment, of an entry for more than six months works a forfeiture of the claim. "Building a shanty and staying in it over night two or three times in six months, is not, under any circumstances, a compliance with the homestead law," reads the rulings of the Secretary of the Interior. The law does not recognize two homes to the homestead settler, and especially where the greater portion of his time is spent away from his claim, and he merely visits it occasionally to acquire a right to prove up and acquire land. The law looks upon these practices as attempts to defraud the government, punishable with the pains of perjury, both in case of claimant and witnesses, in case final proof is made, and such testimony is elicited as will secure title to the claimant.

An Immigration Agent on Wheels.

From the Las Vegas Optic.
The people of Dona Ana county have been for some time preparing a carload of horticultural and agricultural products to be taken to various western fairs as an advertisement of the resources of the county, and the car passed through Las Vegas this morning in charge of J. K. Livingston as the representative of the New Mexico bureau of immigration and Eli Newsum as the representative of Dona Ana county. The car was well filled with a highly attractive display of grapes, apples, pears, wheat, corn, and in fact specimens of all the different varieties of fruit and agricultural products of the county, that could be obtained at this season of the year, tastefully and conveniently arranged on shelving and tables. On one side of the exterior of the car and extending its full length, was painted in large black letters on white cloth the legend: "A carload of arguments in favor of statehood," and on the other: "Dona Ana county's agricultural exhibit." The car goes first to Denver.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that we, the commissioners of Chavis county, thereunto duly appointed by an act of the legislature, entitled "An act to create the counties of Chavis and Eddy," will on the 11th day of December, 1890, consider plans and specifications and proposals for the erection of county court house and jail buildings, and proceed to adopt plans and specifications for such county buildings and contract with lowest and best bidder for the erection of said buildings at a cost not to exceed the sum of thirty thousand dollars. The said buildings to be received from the contractor and paid for in county bonds of Chaves county, provided for in said act, in the month of January, 1891, or as soon thereafter as the said board of commissioners shall be satisfied of full compliance of contract by the contractor. Any information in regard to material, etc., will be given upon addressing
W. S. PRAGER,
Secretary Chavis County Commissioners.

We have a team of good work horses which we will exchange for wood. We will deliver the horses now, and the wood may be delivered from now until January 1st, 1891. Apply at this office.

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If you want a good SHIRT, either in Cassimere, Percale, Mole-skin or Linen; HOSE, either Cotton, Woolen or Cashmere; CARDIGAN JACKET, Woolen, Cotton or Mixed; GLOVES in Buck, Hog, Calf or Kid, call on us and you will be sure to find what you want.

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We claim in this line as good an assortment as any house in the Territory.

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That we carry the Largest Stock of Groceries and Hardware in the county, is a well-known fact, and does not need special mention.

To our friends at the distance we would state, all

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