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Druggist,
Office in Drug Store. Portales.

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Office in back of
Pearce & Dobbs' Drug Store
Portales.

J. D. HURLEY
Corner Ohio and State Streets
Cheapest Goods in Town.

TIPTON, THE
BLACKSMITH,
Portales.
Back of Commercial Hotel

60c year.

4-347 Notice for Publication.
Department of the Interior, Land
Office at Roswell, New Mexico, March
18, 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, and that said proof will be made before the United States Commissioner at Portales, New Mexico, on May 6, 1903, viz: Henry W. Gallenkamp, Homestead application No. 2241 for the NE 1/4 of section 13, T. 1 S., R. 32 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joel Lewis, of Portales, N. M., Jarvis Stockton, of Portales, N. M., Millard B. Morgan, of Portales, N. M., J. L. Dow Jones, of Portales, N. M., HOWARD LELAND, Register. mc21ap25

Wonderful Climate.

There was a very handy chicken hatched out at the home of J. P. Dent, near town. The chick has four complete and fully developed legs. The two surprising additions are reversed to the usual legs, in as much as the chick doesn't have to turn around to run the other way, being a great advantage in backing up in a hurry. The freak promises to live. And we hope so, as it would be quite an addition to a Roosevelt county fair.

A Thoughtful Man.

m. m. Austin of Winchester, Ind. knew what to do in hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25c at Pearce & Dobbs, drug store.

If your window shades are too wide get some of those extension shade hangers at the furniture store.

Superfine Tablets at Pearce & Dobbs.

Maps of New Mexico

25 Cents
At TIMES office.
Post Paid.

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Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico,
March 14, 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, and that said proof will be made before the United States Commissioner at Portales, New Mexico, on April 30th, 1903, viz: Ernest M. Hardin, Homestead application No. 1099, for the SE 1/4 of sec. 24, T. 1 S., R. 34 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joshua E. Morrison of Portales, N. M., James M. Bogard of Portales, N. M., William E. Tipton of Portales, N. M., Frederick Crosby of Portales, N. M., HOWARD LELAND, Register. mc21ap25

New Way of Dancing.

The little informal dancing parties given in the gaiety from time to time are becoming immensely popular. The reason, possibly, is the innovations introduced by some of the boys. The "sitting out" waltz is now more fashionable than dancing, the only difference being you sit instead of dance. The man's right arm is around the girl's waist, while his left hand holds her right. Her left hand is placed upon his shoulder, while her head rests lovingly on his many "buzzum," and all they have to do is sit and listen to music. Now, that is something like it. We have always regarded it a nuisance to have to gallop a mile or two in order to get a good hug. A room full of people, sitting around on sofas, hugging to music, is more gratifying. This will give the fat men and the old rheumatic brethren another chance to waltz. Most men waltz, not for the dance, but for the position, and while a man may lose his appetite for dancing he has got to get mighty old before he loses his appetite for hugging a pretty girl. This dance is bound to be popular here for we have not found a man who is not willing to blow in a dollar on the deal. Yet many people wonder why we don't waltz. They don't know us. Belle Fourche.

A Just Verdict.

The case of Arthur Fury against the Pecos railroad for a saddle or its price, spurs, blankets and bedding, lost by the company, the plaintiff got judgment for the full amount claimed, \$73.

If you want a nice pair of spurs or bridle bits you will find them on hand at Slover's shop.

Try a shave with Crosby, the Barber. He will treat you right. Clean towels and sharp razors.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their uses for Three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at Pearce & Dobbs drug store.

E. O. Creighton, one of the owners of the Herald, who lives in Roswell, is going to put in a 40-acre apple orchard down there. We hope it will be as much of a realization as that brick building was last summer, on which the contractors lost so much time planning.

Go to Spencer, the furniture man, for your picture framing. He has just received a new stock of moulding, glass, etc.

It is quite a compliment to know that the press clipping bureau of Los Angeles recognizes the stability of the Times.

El Paso enjoyed an 80 miles an hour wind last week that blew down buildings and did other damage.

W. K. Breeding, assessor for Roosevelt county, went to Roswell the first of the week, on business.

For first-class horseshoeing go to J. I. Slover.

When a person is up, he is up. When he is down, he is down: The world never turns back to see, But continues to turn around.

W. E. Lindsey has erected a cupola on his residence. The Judge is making himself a beautiful suburban farm, and this display of taste is an evidence that the place will be a comfortable one.

Land notices, in the Times.

To Try the Climate.

James Salef and wife from Eastland county, Tex., arrived in the city yesterday. The gentleman is suffering with what he terms gout, and he came to see if Portales food and climate will not agree with him. He is a joker and says he will try the eating places in turn a week each. When told that there were "a few" he said he had a year to spend.

See the M. T. Jones Lumber Co. for Tar Paper.

The railroad company continues to work on its new coal chute at Portales.

Let the M. T. Jones Lumber Co. figure your bills. They are in the market for your trade.

The Ladies Aid Society meet this afternoon in regard to setting out trees.

See McLaird for painting, paper hanging and decorating. Call at the Drug store of Pearce & Dobbs.

A third national bank has been incorporated for Roswell.

Spencer, the furniture man, has just received a nice line of picture hooks, picture nails, cottage rods, extension rods, etc.

Schweining's tin shop and building now occupies he space on Main street next to Bowling's.

The shooting gallery has been moved down by Scurlock's.

Have you noticed the Henry Krugg brand on our breakfast bacon, ham and Lily brand lard? An evidence of prime products. Just the flavor of the most refined taste. Blankenship & Woodcock.

Proving up notices should be read as they contain some good information.

A. J. Hobbs, special agent of the land office, has gone to Roswell to see how the settlers in Pecos valley are getting along on their claims. Many settlers are now complying with the law more fully.

Advertising rates in the Times are 50c an inch per month for display, and 15c an inch for one insertion, no discount for time or space. Local readers and reading notices 1c a word, no discount for time.

Henry Krugg breakfast bacon and hams at Blankenship & Woodcock's.

G. F. Williams, son of G. W. T. Williams and wife, arrived from Duvall, Ark., Saturday. He is as industrious as his father and mother he is the kind of stuff to help the country. He is accompanied by his family.

The man who sells lumber as low as he can, is now taking a rest with his mother in Marlin, Tex. His family accompanied him.

A railroad man took up land this week and subscribed for 50 copies of the Times. Cox & Kincaid knows him.

The M. T. Jones Lumber Co. are in a position to furnish you promptly with anything from a rock foundation to the creosote finish and brick flue on top of your proposed building.

The drawing for the Franklin town lots took place at Mrs. Kidd's Hotel the first of the week. One of the little Bowling boys blindfolded drew the winning name from a box. Jeff Franklin won the lots. The lots are selling at \$10. Mrs. Kidd and Bowling so far being the heaviest purchasers, the balance hold from one to a dozen each.

Spencer will sell you furniture cheaper than you can buy it at any other town on the Pecos Valley railroad.

Portales has only one real estate agent.

Spencer is expecting a large shipment of chairs soon, including common cane bottom chairs.

A \$2 railroad hotel is being talked of now.

Try a Face Massage at the Portales Barber Shop.

The Farmers hotel is being enlarged.

J. D. Hurley will offer special bargains during the first week in April beginning Monday the 6th.

Clean Up!

Crosby's Bath Rooms are fitted up with Porcelain Bath Tubs. Buy a ticket, price \$1; good for four baths. Everything clean.

A Hard Hitter.

Jesus Valencia, a 19-year-old boy employed in the Chino mine at Santa Rita, fell the full distance of the 108 foot shaft. He landed in a sitting posture on a bag of candles, and when discovered was puffing a cigarette.

Walks Without Crutches.

I was much afflicted with sciatica, writes Ed C. Nud, Iowaville, Sedwick Co., Kans., "going about on crutches and suffering a deal of pain. I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment, which relieved me. I used 3 50c bottles. It is the greatest liniment I ever used; have recommended it to a number of persons, all express themselves as being benefited by it. I now walk without crutches, able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm." 25c 50c and \$1 at Pearce & Dobbs.

Breeding, Odom & Boykin are arranging to build a large warehouse on the railroad track, so as to hold storage grain and feed stuff for the public, and will use the present place for retail purposes. They have also bought fifty cars of storage coal so the public will be supplied in all their wants in our line. Breeding, Odom & Boykin.

And still they come. All good people, too. A few houses on wheels. A lot of fine looking girls. Some crusty old bachelors.

The M. T. Jones Lumber Co. have a new sign on their iron roofed lumber shed. Feward and Pitts are rustlers for business. See ad on this page.

B. H. Baker, the Portales attorney, was in Roswell Tuesday and Wednesday with the view of locating here. Register.

The M. T. Jones Lumber Co. have a car of white cedar fence posts for sale. They are 64 feet long and 9 inches at the small end.

It is easy enough to be pleasant When life flows along like a song, But the man worth while is the one who will smile

When everything goes dead wrong: For the tears of the heart is trouble, And it always comes with the years, And the smile that is worth the praise of the earth Is the smile that comes through tears.

Pearce & Dobbs have received their full shipment of 1903 patterns of wall paper, the prettiest of any season yet.

Four thousand sheep were shipped north this week by Wyen, valued at \$12,000.

A petition is being circulated in this fifth court district praying for the appointment of W. C. Reid, of Las Vegas, as a more ready relief from the predicament the McMillan controversy has placed new county affairs in. As far as the Times has been able to read the law does not provide for the approving of the commissioners' bonds by other than the district judge.

Almost Fatal. Will Aker met with almost a fatal accident while engaged in drilling a well. In handling the drill he was hit on the neck a heavy blow from a part of the machinery and he was rendered senseless for such a length of time that his friends feared he was dead. He has recovered from the shock, but is still suffering from the bruise.

Wonder why some people squirm?

Beauty and Strength are desirable. You are strong and vigorous, when your blood is pure—many, most—women, fail to properly digest their food, and so become pale, sallow, thin and weak, while the brightness, freshness and beauty of the skin and complexion, depart. Remedy this unpleasant evil, by eating nourishing food, and taking Herbine after each meal, a small dose, to digest what you have eaten. 50c at Pearce & Dobbs, druggists.

T. C. Hunt, land commissioner, was down from Terico this week.

The Fine Products of Henry Krugg, so extensively used by the best caterers, are now to be had at Blankenship & Woodcock's. The breakfast bacon, ham and Lily brand lard are unexcelled.

NEW DRUG STORE.

In the hands of experienced Druggists. Everything neat and clean. We have everything that can be found at a first-class drug store. School Supplies, Oils, Paints and Varnishes, Window Glass, Paint Brushes, Wall Paper, etc. In fact we have anything that is at all connected with the drug line. It is our whole aim and purpose to please our customers in every instance. All we ask is a trial. We guarantee you fresh goods, prompt and courteous treatment, and "Live and Let Live" prices. We respectfully invite you to come and see us.

We Make Prescription Work a Specialty and Give Family Receipts Strict Attention.

Give us a trial along this line.

Ed. J. Neer, City Drug Store,

East side of square, next to Wilsford Bros. DRUGGISTS.

Millinery

We have received our Ready to wear Hats and a complete stock of Millinery Goods. These goods are the Latest Creations in the Millinery Art and were purchased at the 1904 World's Fair City, which is a guarantee of their up-to-datedness.

Our Grand Millinery Opening Will Be Announced Shortly.

We cordially invite the ladies (and gentlemen, also) of Inland Valley to be present on this occasion, at which time we will have our Pattern Hats and Millinery Stock arranged for display. (Date will be set later.)

Blankenship & Woodcock, Portales, N. M. Miss George M. CORLEY.

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Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico,
March 14, 1903.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joshua E. Morrison of Portales, N. M., Walter Fulcher of Portales, N. M., Sidney J. Boykin of Portales, N. M., Solomon H. Boykin of Portales, N. M., HOWARD LELAND, Register. mc21-ap25

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18, 1903.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles O. Leach, of Portales, N. M., William K. Breeding, of Portales, N. M., Ernest M. Hardin, of Portales, N. M., James M. Perry, of Portales, N. M., HOWARD LELAND, Register. mc21ap25

Cheapest Drygoods House in Town.

Here's figures to prove facts. Figures don't lie.
Best 25 inch Scotch Lawn, per yard..... 5 cents
Best 25 inch Duck, per yard..... 12 1/2 cts
Best LL sheeting, Gregory Brand, per yard..... 4 1/2 cts
Best Print Calico, per yard..... 4 cents to 6 cents
Best Crowley & Sons Spool Cotton thread, 3 cord, 12 spools..... 25 cts

DRESS GOODS IN PROPORTION.
A FEW PRICES IN SHOES Best oil grain men's shoes..... \$1.20
Best Kangaroo Cap Bals, mens..... \$1.60
Best Eagle Shoe Brand..... \$2.25

CHILDREN'S SHOES from..... 25c to \$2
LADIE'S SHOES from..... \$1.10 to \$2.25

These are NOT LEADERS, but actual prices. Come again, brother. These have been my prices right along.

W. B. HILL.

4-347 Notice for Publication
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23, 1903.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John W. Ward and Lee Steen, both of Elida, N. M., Charles L. Carter and Francis M. Boykin, both of Portales, N. M., HOWARD LELAND, Register. mc28ma2

4-347 Notice for Publication.
Department of the Interior, Land
Office at Roswell, New Mexico, March
26, 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, and that said proof will be made before the United States Commissioner at Portales, New Mexico, on May 12, 1903, viz: Walter S. Atwood, Homestead application No. 2308, for the S 1/4 NE 1/4 and N 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 27, T. 4 S., R. 31 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John W. Ward and Lee Steen, both of Elida, N. M., Charles L. Carter and Francis M. Boykin, both of Portales, N. M., HOWARD LELAND, Register. mc28ma2

4-347 Notice for Publication.
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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, and that said proof will be made before the United States Commissioner at Portales, New Mexico, on May 26, 1903, viz: George W. Smalley, Homestead application No. 2107, for the Southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 1 south, Range 32 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Millard B. Morgan, Jones R. Price, Millard B. Morgan, Henry J. Price, all of Portales, N. M., HOWARD LELAND, Register. ap11ma16

4-347 Notice for Publication.
Department of the Interior, Land
Office at Roswell, New Mexico, March
21, 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, and that said proof will be made before the United States Commissioner at Portales, New Mexico, on May 7, 1903, viz: Nathan C. Tidwell, Homestead application No. 1952, for the Southeast quarter of Sec. 23, T. 1 S., R. 33 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jesse Cole, Benjamin F. Morrison, Charles Jackson, Albert Yarbrough, all of Portales, N. M., HOWARD LELAND, Register. mc28ma2

Good Stock Good Service Good Prices

This is What You Get When You Trade With

M. T. Jones Lumber Co.

A well assorted stock of Building Material always on hand See for yourself A Dollar Saved is a dollar earned

Give us a Call,

M. NEWMAN, Manager, Portales, N. M.

STATE PEN SHORT

A. S. BUSBY ASSISTANT AGENT SHORT.

FULL AMOUNT CANNOT BE NAMED

District Attorney Does Not Believe the Amount Will Reach One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Rusk, Texas, April 4.—Rusk people were excited and shocked Friday as they have never before been in years. The meeting here the latter part of the week of Financial Agent Wortham and Superintendent Baker of the penitentiary with District Attorney Imboden and their close consultation at the penitentiary excited some comment, but not until Friday did it become known that there was a shortage in the finances of the penitentiary here.

Affidavits were made before District Attorney Imboden against A. S. Busby, who last month retired from the office of assistant financial agent, charging him in five cases with the fraudulent misapplication and conversion of State funds amounting to several thousand dollars.

None of the penitentiary officials will say what the shortage is and none of them seem to know. Mr. Wortham states that new discoveries are being made almost every hour, and that as the books are in a most confused state, there being no item whatever of some important transactions, it will likely be months before anything like all the facts in the matter can be known.

He also says that merchandise and other things of value have been taken away from the penitentiary without a charge against anybody, and much of the shortage will never be known. Superintendent Baker has gone home.

District Attorney Imboden says that he does not believe the shortage will reach the hundred thousand dollar mark, but how much less than that amount he refuses to vouchsafe a prediction.

Sheriff Summers is in Houston after Busby, but he has not yet been apprehended. Telegrams have been sent to Houston, Galveston, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Laredo, Gatesville and upper points in the State for his arrest.

Political Riot at Monterey. Monterey, Mex.: Thursday's deplorable occurrence, which, according to latest reports, resulted in the death of eight persons, two policemen and six civilians, and the injury of twenty others, which was due to political capital being made out of the celebration of Gen. Diaz's victory, as stated in late dispatches, has not resulted in any further disturbances. The cause of the riot is directly attributed to the cry of "Death to Reyes!" which was raised by a young man, said to be a student.

No sooner had the cry been raised than a policeman who stood near drew his revolver and instantly killed the man, thus precipitating trouble.

From Playing With Matches. Greenville: Walter Reddick, three year old son of Jim Reddick, colored, was fatally burned in this city Friday. The child was playing with matches when its clothing caught fire, being alone in the house at the time of the accident.

Murder in First Degree. Waxahachie: The jury in the case of Brozier Smith, brought in a verdict finding the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree, and assessed the death penalty. The defendant turned pale when the verdict was read, but only remarked: "They put it to me hard." Smith is a short, heavyset mulatto, and the offense for which he was convicted was a most brutal murder of his wife in this city some three months ago.

Leader of Yaquis Shot. Tucson, Ariz.: The Mexican Herald publishes a report of the capture and execution of John Dyer, the Arizona newspaper man, who is reputed to have recently proclaimed himself leader of the Yaqui Indians in Sonora. The capture was made by the Fourth battalion of Mexican regulars near Bacuma, state of Sonora, according to the Herald, and Dyer was immediately tried by court-martial and shot.

New York Tenement Fire. New York: At least one person is supposed to have been killed and several persons were hurt in a fire Friday in a six-story tenement house. Firemen found a dead body on the top floor, but they could not tell whether it was the body of a man or a woman. One woman, Mrs. Greenfield, 60 years old, jumped from the second story. Her legs were broken and she was badly hurt.

Albany Wants the Rock Island. Albany: There is considerable talk here in regard to which way the Rock Island railroad will take when it leaves Graham, and the general opinion is, that they will strike for the coal fields between Graham and this place, and if so, the road will come to Albany and on to Abilene. The information is reliable that the surveyors have run several lines from Graham to the Brazos river, and in the direction of Albany.

New Laws for the State of Texas. Austin: The following bills were signed by the governor:

An act relating to dates of teachers' examination and to time of validity of teachers' certificates. An act requiring streetcars operated during the winter months to have vestibule platforms for the protection of the motormen. An act requiring railroad agents to bulletin the actual arrival and departure of passenger trains and if delayed the cause of such delay and to correctly inform purchasers of tickets regarding same.

The following resolutions and bills were filed with the secretary of state without having been signed by the governor and become laws without his approval:

A resolution providing for a constitutional amendment relating to pensioning ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows so that \$500,000 may be distributed annually in pensions, and \$100,000 be appropriated annually for the maintenance and support of the Confederate home. A resolution providing for a constitutional amendment to permit the incorporation of corporate bodies, with banking and discounting privileges. An act relating to the school curriculum.

An act providing that the scholastic age shall be between 7 and 17 years of age. An act enlarging the powers of the railroad commission relative to passenger train service, so that all passenger trains shall be required to stop at stations designated by the commission. An act relating to the penalty for seduction and marriage in case of seduction. An act authorizing trustees of towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only to issue bonds for school sites and buildings.

An act authorizing the consolidation of the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City and the Gulf, Beaumont and Great Northern railroads. An act authorizing the county judge to fix the place of trial for lunacy at the residence of the lunatic.

Another Levee Break.

New Orleans, La.: The most serious development of the flood situation Friday was the break in the levee at Hollybrook plantation, owned by James G. Pittman. The crevasse is about six miles below Lake Providence, in East Carroll Parish. The levee was probably eighteen feet in height, and no attempt will be made to mend it. Efforts, however, will be made to hold the ends. Much valuable cotton land will be overflowed. Owing to protracted rains little planting has been done, and the damage will be principally in delaying getting seed into the ground. The crevasse is reported to be 500 feet wide. Parts of Tensas, Madison, Concordia, Catahoula and Richland parishes, in addition to East Carroll, will be submerged, the water ultimately returning to the Mississippi through Red river.

The work of strengthening the crib work at Hymela continued throughout the day. No signs of weakness in the structure have yet appeared. It is anticipated that sacking will begin Saturday, and that the break will be mended early next week.

The river fluctuated between 20.2 and 20.3, a slight rise due in all probability to a reduction of the discharge at Hymela.

How Texas Values Grow.

Tyler: Charles Coker Wednesday sold his farm of 190 acres, three miles from the city, for \$3500, or \$35 an acre. The buyer is H. W. Neill, formerly of Rushville, Ill. Mr. Neill will at once move his family to the county and become a citizen here. Six years ago Coker's farm could have been bought for \$10 an acre.

Coriscana's Expansion.

Coriscana: Two churches of \$10,000 cost each are being erected for the Presbyterian and Second Methodist congregations, respectively. \$2000 is being spent in improvements on the buildings for the Navarro club; residences are projected of the aggregate value of about \$50,000.

Plano's Schoolhouse Burned.

Plano: Plano's public school building, a two-story frame structure, built at a cost of \$6000, and the furniture, valued at \$2000, was discovered on fire from the bottom to the top of the building at 11:30 Friday night. The building was entirely destroyed; nothing was saved. There is an insurance of \$5000 on the building and furniture. The adjoining houses, south and west of the school building are on fire from sparks, and a whole block of residences are threatened with destruction.

April 1 Joker Killed.

New York: An all Fool's Day prank has resulted fatally here. George Wallace, aged 14, dying from a blow on the jaw inflicted by a man who had been tormented by jokers. Wallace was watching boys who were tying tin cans to the coats of passersby, when one of the latter accused Wallace of trying a can to his coattail, and struck him on the jaw, fracturing his skull.

Killed Her Husband.

Little Rock, Ark.: Robert Wearo, a merchant, was shot and killed by his wife, Mattie Wearo, Friday evening shortly after 7 o'clock. She used a revolver. The woman fired only one shot, but she sent the bullet through the heart of her husband. She refuses to make any statement as to the cause of the killing. The couple were married about a year ago.

Carelessness with parlor matches causes a few fires and many divorces. A reign of burglary seems to be sweeping over the state.

Child Badly Crushed.

Fort Worth: Mildred Estes, aged 8 years, daughter of P. L. Estes, yardmaster for the Frisco Railway company here, was injured by being caught under housemoving trucks Thursday afternoon. A 14-inch box wheel passed over the child's body, the trucks carrying a four-room house. The attending physician states that the child's condition is very critical.

FLOOD AT CRISIS

HYMELA CREVASSE NEARLY UNDER CONTROL.

DANGER HAS NEARLY PASSED

News From Other Points Vary Encouraging—Danger Past and Flood Receding.

New Orleans, La., April 2.—The crisis at the Hymela crevasse will come in the next twenty-four hours, with the joining of the ends of the two wings of cribbing, now steadily approaching each other. All day long the work went forward without mishap. Firm bottom for the stakes has been found in the batture, and the laborers are working in water now not over eight feet deep. Sacking to strengthen the cribbing is in progress, and is reducing the volume of discharge into the country back of the broken levee. Naturally, as the extension of the cribbing narrows the body of water, its current increases and adds to the pressure upon the ends of the cribwork, but there was an altogether hopeful feeling prevailing as night fell that tomorrow would witness the passing of the most critical stage of the task, though it will take perhaps a week to make the work perfectly secure.

The prospect of success has had the effect of largely adding to the number of hands available for duty in bling sacks and driving scantlings. Planers as far away as the Lafourche are shipping men to the scene, and Senator Brady said that it was likely that all the help that could be employed would be within call from now to the end of the undertaking.

Greenville, Miss.: There is a slight change in the flood situation to-night. Conditions generally are improving and encouraging reports are coming in from every direction. The levee board considers that danger is over with reference to the Mississippi embankments.

New Rural Routes in Texas.

Washington: These rural free delivery routes will be established in Texas on May 1: Alto, Cherokee County, with two carriers; length of route forty-five miles, population served 475. Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, with two carriers; length of route forty miles, population served 1010. Rusk, Cherokee County, with two carriers; length of route forty-eight miles, population served 1345. The postoffice at Linwood will be discontinued and Gent and Circle supplied by rural carrier.

Heart Rending Accident.

Big Springs: Y. Castaneda, a respected Mexican, and old citizen of this place, accidentally killed his 14-year-old daughter with a 22 target rifle. The gun was supposed to be empty, when it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering the body near the heart.

Hotel Fire at Chickasha.

Chickasha, I. T.: The Early Hotel and poolrooms, the leading hotel of Chickasha, burned Wednesday morning. Loss \$20,000. Insurance \$3000. The Early Cottage, a ten-room annex, also burned. The town has no fire protection but a chemical engine and volunteer department. The hotel will be rebuilt.

A Wholesale Bunch of Suits.

Fort Worth: County Attorney O. S. Lattimore has in the course of preparation suits against 75 or 100 liquor dealers in Fort Worth for the violation of their bonds with reference to having screens and bottle cases obstructing the view of the interior of the saloon in violation of the conditions and provisions of the liquor dealers' bond. The punishment is \$500 for each day. The suits will be brought in the district court.

Killed by Rolling Log.

Galveston: Charles O. Claussen, a longshoreman, while loading logs into the Spanish steamer Maria Wednesday afternoon, was struck by a log and crushed to death. The sling chain parted and released a heavy log, which fell on the young man, who was 22 years of age.

The Cornerstone of the Dublin City Hall has been laid and work is progressing rapidly on the walls.

EXTRA SESSION IS CALLED.

For Consideration.

Austin, April 2.—Governor Lanham yesterday morning issued his proclamation convening the Legislature in special session as follows: Executive Office, State of Texas.—I, S. W. T. Lanham, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby call a special session of the Twenty-eighth Legislature to convene in the city of Austin, beginning at 12 o'clock meridian, Thursday, April 2, 1903, for the following purposes, to-wit:

1. To make appropriations for the support of the State Government and for the public service for the fiscal years beginning Sept. 1, 1903, and ending August 31, 1905.

2. To make provision for refunding or paying off the State bonds which will mature before the 1st day of January, 1905.

3. To make provision for resurveying and establishing the boundaries between the State of Texas and the Territories of New Mexico and of Oklahoma.

4. To make provision for furnishing an adequate supply of water and light for the various State institutions and public buildings located at the capital. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of State to be affixed, at Austin, this, the 1st day of April A. D. 1903.

S. W. T. LANHAM, Governor.

By the Governor: J. R. CURL, Secretary of State.

New Texas Laws Approved.

Austin: Gov. Lanham approved the following bills: The general election bill, familiarly known as the "Terrell bill." The second deficiency appropriation bill carrying about \$69,000. Item to pay Warren Moore \$300 commissions was disapproved. Bill authorizing appointment of six notaries public in unorganized counties. The following measures were sent to the secretary of state and will become laws without the signature of the governor: Bill providing for reorganization of the Texas Volunteer Guard. Bill providing for appointment of hide and animal inspector for Zapata county. Bill exempting Medina county from operation of butchers' law. San Antonio charter bill, and road laws for the following named counties: Anderson, Houston, Blanco, Freestone, Hunt, Cherokee, Wood and Delta.

THINGS TERSELY TOLD.

A Mexican lion killed two children near Brackett.

The buffalo gnat has made its appearance at Tyler.

The Rudd Rifles are being reorganized at Marshall.

Dick Wells of Snyder who was shot Sunday died Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Roots aged eighty-seven years, is dead at Marshall.

Telephone interests have been consolidated at Guthrie, I. T.

France has sent a war ship to San Domingo to protect French interests there.

Colored citizens of Paris have organized an Urban Improvement society.

Gavino Monchaca, United States minister located at Lima, died a few days since.

It is stated at the war department that Gen. Wood will not be made governor of the Philippines.

H. S. Hasie, Jr., of Dallas, has secured the contract to construct two steel bridges across streams of water near Roby.

Dick Todd, engineer of the Terrell iron works, was seriously injured by a falling "flask" which weighed several thousand pounds.

Oscar of Sweden, April 1, resumed the reins of government, thus terminating the regency of the Crown Prince Gustav, which commenced Jan. 27, in consequence of the king's ill health.

Dr. Thomas Poster, at one time in the editorial department of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, died at San Francisco a few days since at the advanced age of eighty.

The Standard Oil Company lost \$1,200,000 in an oil fire in India recently.

Major General R. P. Hughes, late commander of the department of California, has been retired from active service, and is succeeded by Major General McArthur.

Lead Mine Near Ravia, I. T.

Ravia, I. T.: Dick Sharp of this place claims to have found within three miles of Ravia a lead mine with a vein ten inches wide at the surface of the ground. Specimens of the ore were exhibited and pronounced by Joplin, Mo., to be equal to the best galena taken from those mines, with probably more silver in it.

Johnson County Road Tax.

Cleburne: The Commissioners' Court took up the road tax election matter and declared the road tax to have carried in the county by 2 votes. This action was taken after going over the situation thoroughly. The court was guided by the certificate of returns from the Rio Vista box. Had this box been thrown out, the measure would have been lost.

THE EXTRA OPENS

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE MEETS.

FIVE A DAY AND THE TRIMMINGS

Cutting Down Number of Employees Mentioned.—Laws Signed by the Governor.

Austin, April 3.—With \$5 a day smiles on their faces, with thoughts of home, of family, and of personal business in their hearts, the members of the Twenty-eighth legislature convened in extraordinary session at noon Thursday, and an hour later adjourned to spend the first four of the \$5 days at home.

The session in each house was devoted largely to propositions concerning the retention of employees. It is proposed to dispense with the services of more than half the employees. In the senate there are two propositions pending, one to reduce the number of employees, the other to reduce the wages from \$5 a day to \$3. In the past such efforts have ended in nothing, the friends of the appointees combining to defeat them. Pending a vote on the proposition these employees are on the pay roll at the old rate.

Knives are being whetted for the appropriation bill. Gov. Lanham approved the following bills: An act prohibiting the purchase of property belonging to the state by officers of the penitentiary, etc. An act prescribing punishment for sheriffs who appoint more deputies than the law provides. An act amending the law so as to prohibit fishing and hunting upon the inclosed lands of another without the consent of the owner. An act relating to assault and fixing the penalty. The following bills were filed in the secretary of state's office and will become laws without the governor's approval: An act requiring corporations who act as trustee, receiver, guardian, etc., to publish their financial condition to some newspaper once each year. An act authorizing the incorporation of domestic corporations with two or more distinct purposes. An act amending the Penal Code so as to allow a sheriff or constable fees for carrying prisoners before indictment, etc. An act providing that courts obtaining jurisdiction shall retain same to exclusion of all other courts. An act relating to fees to be allowed county and district attorneys. An act relating to bonds of public weighers. A resolution setting aside a room in the capitol for the daughters of the Confederacy for the deposit of relics and historic mementoes of the confederacy. A resolution providing a hearing room for the railroad commission. An act placing Friso under operation of the hunting and fishing law.

Beaumont and Sour Lake Line.

Beaumont: A director in the company that is to build the electric line from Beaumont to Sour Lake says: "Grading on the line will be started at once, and if the weather favors us we will have the entire distance, nineteen miles, graded in ninety days. The contractors, Kelley & Co., are now on the ground and will push the work as fast as men and money can do it."

Heavy Penalty Remitted.

San Antonio: Private Jackson Porter, a private of Troop F, Twelfth cavalry, at Fort Clark, has been found guilty of carelessly discharging a carbine, wounding Private J. Peed at Fort Clark about a month ago. He was sentenced to four months' hard labor. Gen. Frederick Grant, the department commander, remitted the sentence in view of the previous good conduct of the soldier and the unanimous recommendation of clemency by the members of the court.

Child Badly Burned in Lamar.

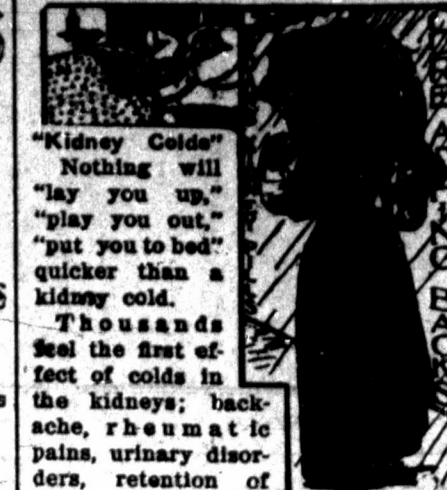
Paris: While a four year old daughter of a farmer named Bradley, living east of town, was in the field with a sister Tuesday evening burning grass her dress became ignited and she received burns believed to be fatal. The father, who was a short distance away, ran to her assistance and was badly burned. The child, it is thought can not recover.

For An Unaccountable Act.

Texarkana: In the district court at New Boston Frank Bigger, a well known young man, plead guilty to a charge of burglary and was given two years in the penitentiary. Some two months ago Bigger was caught breaking into the county jail, but what his object was has never been shown, as he had no friends in the jail. The only person in confinement was a tramp.

New Station Opened at Guthrie.

Guthrie, Ok.: The new station erected here by the Santa Fe Railway Company was opened for service Thursday. It cost \$3,000 complete and equipped. The people of Guthrie, with those of other Santa Fe cities in Oklahoma and Kansas, dedicated the station with a grand ball, at which the Oklahoma division officers were present. The Frisco, Fort Smith and Western, and St. Louis, El Reno and Western, and Rock Island, will also use this station.



"Kidney Colic" Nothing will "lay you up," "put you to bed" quicker than a kidney colic. Thousands feel the first effect of cold in the kidneys; backache, rheumatoid pains, urinary disorders, retention of the urine, infrequent and too frequent urinary discharges tell of kidneys out of order.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure all Kidney, Ills from common backache to dangerous diabetes.

A. T. Ritenour, owner of the wood yard at 125 East York street, Winchester, Va., says: "Ever since I had la grippe I have been a sufferer from kidney troubles, which made themselves apparent in racking pains through the region of the kidneys and across the small of my back. The pains were always severe, and sometimes so sharp and biting that they compelled me to take to my bed. The kidney secretions furnished further evidence of disorders. They were of color, irregular, and painful of passage. Added to this there was an annoying weakness."

"The newspaper advertisements of Doan's Kidney Pills attracted my attention, and I procured a box of that remedy at Frank Baker & Sons' drug store. The relief I experienced was magical. The pills lifted me from my bed of sickness, placed me on my feet, and made me a well man. I can work as well as ever. Doan's Kidney Pills, I believe, saved my life. They are a great remedy to stop kidney troubles resulting from colds."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Ritenour will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists; price, 50 cents per box.

Revived Fancies.

Not only is dress ever varying from the Empire to Louis XV, and vice versa, but the decorations for the dinner table are in rapport in many cases, with this revival of a really beautiful period. Those who are the happy possessors of baskets in old Greece or Dresden china, are fortunate indeed, for they make the arranging of delicate flowers and the foliage, the center ones preferably higher, an easy matter, greater beauty being added by the presence of long trails festooned from the center to the corners.

Congressman Cannon's "Present."

One evening Congressman Cannon slipped over to Adjutant General Corbin's house, where he and the general had a little duel at poker. Cannon is an inveterate smoker and had a dozen times during the session got up and walked over to the fireplace to knock the ashes off his cigars. When he was leaving Corbin asked him to come over soon and Joe said: "Sure, and I'll bring a little present with me." "What sort of a present, congressman?" "Oh, not a very expensive one—just a tin splittion. I can afford it out of my winnings."

HOMESEEKERS IN TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

The Chicago Daily News says: Canada's rival for invasion by home-seekers from the middle states of this country was told about to 700 hearers at the Arnold school, Center and Burling streets, by George M. McKinney, the general immigration agent of the Southern Pacific railway, in a lecture on "The Lone Star State." Mr. McKinney did not confine his discourse entirely to Texas, but treated of the entire territory between New Orleans and San Antonio, which includes the western part of Louisiana. His lecture was beautifully illustrated with stereopticon views. Mr. McKinney predicted that the coast country of the Gulf of Mexico would become one of the rich and densely populated areas of the great South from the influx of Northerners now flocking in there to find new homes in a congenial climate. The substantial resources of Texas and Louisiana were explained, the agricultural products that thrive in the prolific soil and the attractiveness of the climate. He dwelt at some length on the production of rice throughout the entire coast country, it being one of the most remarkable crops that is now being developed in the South, from the fact that immense incomes are derived from its production annually.

"Original."

It is related that a wit in Waterville college (now Colby), of the class of '45, one morning read in the classroom a sparkling essay. Prof. Martin B. Anderson, afterwards the famed professor of Rochester university, knowing or suspecting it to have been cribbed from some public print, asked as the reader sat down: "Is that essay original, Mr. Jones?" "Why, yes, sir," said Jones, with imperturbable coolness and that pastebord look which he always wore: "I suppose it is. It had 'original' over it in the newspaper I took it from."

England's "Mysterious Island."

One of the curiosities of Southern England is the disappearing island of Derwentwater lake. It rises in the lake at intervals of a few years and after a while disappears. Its height above the surface of the water is not more than a few inches, and its area varies from a few square feet to two inches. The phenomenon is accounted for by the nature of the lake bottom, which is of peat, and the island is really a blister-like upheaval of the bottom. The months of July and August are the time when the phenomenon is most likely to occur.

Old Persons in English Village.

Penn, a small village in Buckinghamshire, England, has among its inhabitants a number of persons remarkable for their ages. Four are about ninety years old, two others are well over four score each, while the united ages of the next five come to 381, or an average of seventy-six years. The following five total 361, or an average of seventy-two years, and the next six go up to 401, an average of sixty-seven years. Taking the twenty-two quoted, the united ages are about 1,643 years, an average of 75 years.

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poetry, verse, history, philosophy, drama, romance, tradition, satire and ode and song—I have tried all. But I feel that I have not said the thousandth part of what is in me. When I go down to the grave I can say, like so many others, "I have finished my day's work," but I can not say, "I have finished my life." The day's work will begin the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley, it is a thoroughfare. It closes in the twilight to open in the dawn. I improve every hour because I love the world as my fatherland. My work is only a beginning; it hardly above its foundation. I would be glad to see it mounting and mounting and mounting forever. The thirst for the infinite proves infinity.

Military Company.
 Territory of New Mexico, office of Adjutant General, Santa Fe, March 28, 1903. J. P. Priddy, Esq., Portales.
 Sir: Replying to your letter of the 26th inst., and to a former communication from Mr. Breeding, jr., I have the honor to say, that the application is now under consideration, but can not be decided at this time. The war department is engaged in preparing regulations and instructions to govern the organization and maintenance of military companies under the new militia law. Until such regulations are received no new organization can be authorized. No plans have yet been made as to the holding of an encampment.
 Very respectfully,
 W. H. Whitman,
 Adjutant General.

Judge McMillan.
 Washington advices state that Associate Justice Daniel H. McMillan of the supreme court of this territory, and presiding judge of the 5th judicial district after the close of the charges against him, has decided to resign, but has requested that he be permitted to return to the territory for the purpose of holding another term of the district court. Judge McMillan has left Washington for Santa Fe, but it is believed that this request will not be granted.

Jose Telles was executed on Arbor Day in Santa Fe for killing a guard in the penitentiary. Telles had killed three men, this last one in cold blood, the first one a cheap section boss who threatened to kill him because he wanted to lay off a day, and the second one a friend through an accident, the shot being intended for the section eating house boss who had abused him. His right name was Alejandro Duran. His boyhood days were spent in Dona Ana county. He would never allow the "rough" to "hurray" him, and never forgot to wipe out an insult. But he became reckless and carried out to the end the resolutions he had adopted, "sworn for soom and smile for smile." He is one of many in the west who has helped put down the "hurray" class so bent on "doing up the tenderfoot."

Incorporation.
 Territory of New Mexico, office of the secretary, Santa Fe.
 I, J. W. Reynolds, secretary of the territory of New Mexico, do hereby certify that there was filed for record in this office, on the 16th day of March A. D. 1903, proof of publication of articles of incorporation of the Portales Times Publishing Company.
 J. W. Reynolds,
 Sec. of Ter.

Died.
 A personal friend of Mr. Hopper, R. F. Harris, died at the Portales hotel Thursday night of consumption. He is 25 years old. His mother will arrive and take him back to Tennessee, from where he came last January. Rev. Hill has been the good Samaritan in the young man's last hours in the flesh.
 April 3d was Arbor Day, but it seems that too much personal interest in private affairs and too many teachers in the territory are too busily engaged in much less important doings than planting trees and the observance of the day goes by default. Certainly, not a credit to New Mexico.
Railroad.
 Track laying commenced this week on the Santa Fe Central at Torrence. Two hundred and thirty cars of rails are on the ground and on the way. It will run to Roswell.
 The Texas legislature in extra session will provide for the resurvey of the boundaries between that state and New Mexico and Oklahoma.
 Some people wonder why we publish so much Texas and Ok. news. It is because our population is made up of people mostly from those sections.

Hon. William Randolph Hearst—whose candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination for 1904, is well advanced—is preparing to lead the fight for the omnibus statehood bill, his party turned down so hard, in the next house of representatives of which he will be a member. At his own expense he is getting up a party of senators and representatives to make a tour of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico this month. While the exact personnel of the party is not yet known, it is his desire to have his guests from both parties. Delegates Roddy of New Mexico, and Flynn of Oklahoma, have been asked to prepare a list of republicans whom they think would like to make the trip, and the democratic members of the party will be invited personally by the host. The object of this trip is to acquaint thoroughly and in detail, the friends of the omnibus statehood bill with the proposition. His property interests are large both in Arizona and New Mexico.
 Victor Hugo says: I feel in myself the future life. I am like a forest that has been more than once cut down. The new shoots are stronger and livelier than ever. I am rising, I know, toward the sky. The sunshine is over my head; the earth gives me its generous sap but heaven lights me with the reflection of unknown worlds. You say the soul is nothing but the resultant of bodily power; why, then, is my soul more luminous when my bodily powers begin to fail? Winter is on my head and eternal spring is in my heart. I breathe, too, at this hour the fragrance of the lilies, the violets and the roses as at twenty years. The nearer I approach the inevitable end I hear around me the immortal symphonies of the worlds which unite me. It is marvelous yet simple. It is a fairy tale and it is history. For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in

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Bethel News.
 Getting a little dry, but our farmers are still plowing.
 The beefly has bid the cows a long farewell and left them in charge of the pastures, which are fast changing their carpet of brown for a bright new one of green. Our stockmen do not object.
 Walt Stevenson was up from his sheep ranch a day or two last week and reported the main bunch of the sheep getting fat. They have only 15 or 20 drags in their whole herd of 3000.
 J. M. Pinkerton has had a well dug a pump put in at his residence.
 Several suffered some loss on account of the hard wind last Thursday, but we have heard of no serious damage.
 Moons of Mitchell county, Tex., was here last Saturday prospecting with a view to locating.
 Several have been slightly on the sick list the last few days.
 Lewis Pinkerton and Ben Smith went down to Boykin Lake last week to herd sheep for Stevenson and Smith.
 Joe Lewis, who lives 4 or 5 miles southwest of here is putting out 7 or 8 thousand apple trees this spring. This is quite an apple orchard, and if it does well will be worth thousands of dollars in a few years.
 Cummings is erecting a nice large dwelling house in his place northeast of Bethel. Inland Valley has a good many nice houses in the country.
 Arnon Adcock has quit working at Farnham's and gone to work on his place.
 Will Weaner is here working on his place these days and he is also acting like he was going to have somebody help him take care of his place.
 The Bethel school closed last Friday week with a good program and full attendance. We hope to have a ten months' term next year.
 We heard that Turner's house, half mile south from Bethel burned last Sunday. Did not hear whether they lost any of their household goods or not.
 Melvin Henderson, brother of Mrs. Bowlin and Dona Henderson, of Dublin, Tex., is here to locate.

Married.
 One day this week Rev. Maloy united J. B. Leggett to Mrs. Leggett (No. 2). Mr. Leggett has been a fugitive from justice since the last grand jury found a bill against him for bigamy. It was generally supposed that Mr. Leggett was divorced from his first wife, when he took out himself wife No. 2 and moved onto his homestead near town. Mrs. Leggett No. 1 gracefully accepted the situation. Just before the court at Roswell convened Mr. Leggett had finished a cosy dwelling in town and then with number 2 and her children started for Texas in a wagon. At Amarillo he escaped from the officers, who had arrested him on a warrant, and since then the lawyers have been endeavoring to straighten matters out. Today this act in the drama has been a surprise to mystified society. After the marriage ceremony Mr. Leggett again escaped to Texas, whence Deputy Stoddard has gone to bring him back. Judge Murray informed us that the way circumstances are "muddifying," the legal bar will not be able to settle the dregs to the bottom.

Want the Place.
 It is said that several territory lawyers are candidates for the position to be made vacant by Judge McMillan's resignation. Among them are R. M. Turner, territorial district attorney, Silver City; W. C. Reid, assistant U. S. atty for New Mexico, Roswell; and Carl A. Snyder, Roswell, and A. J. Campbell, of Washington.
 A call has been made for all democrats to meet and organize. As they have been disorganized for some time and a few brethren are hanging onto the new band wagon, it was thought best by John Elland to call the scattering flock together and point out the trails that lead to the proper haven.

SMALL ADS.
 Remember your contest notices should be brought to the Times, the proper place for proper prices.
 For Sale—Good gentle milk cow with young calf. Also some Hereford bulls. Robert Hicks.
 AGENT—M. L. Moody is authorized to receive subscriptions, printing and advertising for the Times.
 FOR SALE—House and lot in Portales. Six lots and two houses, key corner block in Gall Bordin county, Tex. Also good homes near by. For further particulars apply to J. D. Hurley, Portales, N. M.
 Job Printing at the Times office.
 Envelopes \$2.50 per 1,000; \$1.60 for 4 M. \$1 for 250.

4-345 CONTEST NOTICE.
 Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, February 26, 1903.
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by George W. Rosencrans, contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 3043, made October 18, 1902, for the North West Quarter of Section 14, Township 4 South of Range 31 East, by Oscar G. Kelly, contestee, in which it is alleged that the said Oscar G. Kelly has not, at any time, made settlement on said land; that this affiant settled upon said land on the 9th day of October, 1902, has made substantial improvements thereon and has resided upon said land continuously since his said settlement, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on April 10, 1903, before W. E. Lipdsey, the United States Commissioner at Portales, Chaves county, New Mexico, and that said final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on April 17, 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 February 26, 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. GREYER, Receiver.

Elida Locals.
 Several of our citizens have visited the county site this week among whom were T. W. Youngblood, Ward, Mitchell and English.
 We had a very severe wind all day Thursday.
 Miss Lue Wheeler called on Miss Youngblood Friday.
 Bill McDermott and Rutherford of Erath county, friends of Arendells and Englishes were here last week prospecting and left for the government land office, of course.
 Llewelly of Portales was here Friday and Thursday looking after his interests here.
 Miss Nancy Ward, one of our most popular young ladies, and a Mr. Lenox, boarded the southbound train for Roswell to get married, one day last week.
 Worham was down from Portales this week, and was a guest of English.
 The new restaurant is completed and ready to accommodate the public.
 Jno. Benton has had a dreadful face on him the last few days on account of a smile reaching from ear to ear. Mrs. Benton came in this week and we presume that caused the deformity of Benton's face.
 Rev. Covington and brother, with their families, moved in from Knox county. We welcome them in our midst. The parson preached to a large audience Sunday and will preach regularly from now on—first Sundays.
 The young people met at Bro. Wheeler's Sunday afternoon and had some nice singing. We can't help feeling proud of our young people. They are an intelligent up-to-date set of people.
 Lizzie Purcellfull, who has been confined to her bed for several months, is improving very fast and the doctor things she will soon be up again.
 W. O. King left Friday for Dallas and other points in the Lone Star state.
 There was a new arrival at the home of W. A. Lane's last Friday, "a girl." She's come to stay, but will not be ready to file for some time yet—18 years or so. Mother and child doing well.
 Work is being pushed on the Crosby building and when completed will add a great deal to the appearance of that part of town.
 The doctor was called to see the little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Stephens Friday. He reports it convalescent this Monday.
 Greer brought in a carload of his stuff from Johnson county Monday.
 Ben Love was over from the ranch Sunday. Ben likes to stay over there just fine, he says. No wonder.
 We are glad to report the rapid improvement of Mr. English's daughter, who injured her ankle last Xmas and has just now begun to walk on it.
 Our barber was piled up in bed Friday. Said he was sick.
 A receipt wanted—An old bachelor exterminator. Elida is infested with an enormous lot of old bachelors and I think they are too thick to do well. Why! There are as many as half a dozen in a hill in some places.
 Mitchell left for Hagerman Saturday. We regretted very much to see him leave us. The country is none the worse off by having such boys as him in it. But he will return in the summer.
 Fire got out last Wednesday west of the railroad and did quite a lot of damage, burning the grass all off of Youngblood's, Lum's and Hamby's land. Two of Hamby's little boys came near getting seriously burned. Their faces were blistered and several other ugly burns on them, but nothing serious.
 The new comers last week were too numerous to mention.
 We notice the bundle of Portales Times that comes to this office is growing all the time.
 Henry Wheeler, Roy Webster and Jno. Roach are getting out their posts at a lively rate this week.
 The Times boasts Garrett as being a fine advertiser. If you have any more such men as Garrett running loose up there send them down. Elida needs just such a man as him.
 Judge Murray united in marriage Wednesday T. C. Causey and Johana both of Kenna.
 Judge Murray is in Elida for the townsite company.

Herbinc Cures
 fever and ague. A dose will usually stop a chill, a continuance always cures. Mrs. Wm. M. Stroud, Midlothian, Tex., May 31, 1899, writes: We have used Herbinc in our family for eight years, and found it the best medicine we have ever used, for the grippie, bilious fever, and malaria." 50c at Pearce & Dobbs.

Tasco Cooking Oil.
 Ask about it at Wilsford Bros. grocery.

Dying Like Sheep.
 In Aberdeen county, Tex., the Mill Irons cattle in the Rocking Chair pasture are dying like sheep with the rot and the prairies are covered with carcasses. The stench arising over that prairie was getting to be something terrible.

Ranch Sold.
 It is reported that the El Capitan ranch near Richardson, N. M., sold at \$400,000. The sale includes ranch property, leases, equipment, a general store at that place, and 25,000 cattle. The contract provides a stated price for the cattle, and a forfeit for each head falling below 25,000. Three boxes on the side is the brand. The purchaser is a corporation headed by W. A. Johnson of Buckner, Mo.

CONDENSED STATEMENT
OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Portales.

ASSETS	
Loans	\$73,440 21
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	6,855 00
Banking House and Fixtures	4,965 11
Expenses	586 28
Cash on hand and with other banks	18,845 36
	\$104,690 00
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$25,000 00
Surplus and Profits	3,665 67
Notes in circulation	6,250 00
Individual deposits	58,783 62
Bills payable	11,000 00
	\$104,690 00

I, W. O. Oldham, Cashier, swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Witness my hand and Notary Public, 19th day of March, 1903.
 (Seal)
 C. O. LEACH, Notary Public.

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 Surveyor John A. Fairly
 Commissioners W. O. Oldham, Robert Hicks, B. Blankenship.

Notice for Publication.
 Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, April 30, 1903.
 Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof is to be made before the United States Commissioner at Portales, New Mexico, May 21, 1903, viz: Samuel E. Turner, Homestead application No. 1095, the E 1/4 NW 1/4 and E 1/4 SW 1/4, section 22, township 1 south, range 34 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon cultivation of said land, viz: Charles Woodcock, William K. Breeding, Thomas H. Turner, and John R. Kupper, all of Portales, N. M. ma9 HOWARD LELAND, Register.

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