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Rev. Wm. M. Carle, of the Presbyterian denomination, has closed a very successful year at Artesia. His many friends and church members will regret to learn that he will move at an early date to Kansas. Our altitude is not suited to his wife's health and this condition necessitates the change.

Quite a number of prospectors arrived in Artesia Thursday night but on account of the belated train the majority of the excursion party stopped off at Roswell and other points along the route for the night. Others arrived last night and more will come in tonight. We are informed by those in position to know that the excursion party of prospectors who came into the Valley Thursday was larger in point of numbers than any of its predecessors and most of the upper Mississippi Valley States are represented in the party. Nearly all of these home sackers will arrive in Artesia by the middle of next week and it seems almost impossible for keen sighted men to get away from this section without investing. The unprecedented growth of this little city is marvelous; enough in fact to incite the awe and wonder of any kind of folks.

THE LADIES.

Are sometimes spoken of as being the spenders of the family. Whether this be true or not, they are oft-times the savers as well. Not infrequently, when misfortune has overtaken the man of the house—when the proverbial "rainy day" has arrived—the woman comes forward with the result of her saving, or with some well learned plan, and the family is tided over an obstacle which might not otherwise have been surmounted.

Every house-wife should be a bank depositor, and, by adding to her account the spare dimes and dollars, she will have something very comforting to look upon if a trying time should come.

The First National Bank of Artesia.

In this issue we are publishing a city ordinance prohibiting gambling inside the corporate limits of the town of Artesia. This is a law that will certainly meet the approbation of the loving mothers and doting fathers as well as others who will carefully consider the evils of gambling. It goes hand in hand with drunkenness and revelry. It is a step in the mire of sin and its inevitable tendency is ruin. We must be resolute, determined, in earnest, giving our enemy no advantage. If gambling is allowed all the gaps are down. The very fact that we tolerate gambling is an invitation for our boys to sin. That very fact is evidence that we are rearing debauchees to become the husbands of our daughters. Is it right to give place to the devil? Is it right to perpetuate a school for a few paltry dollars that will forever blight the future of our posterity? No it is not right and it is not good business policy. We are pleased to state that the Artesia board of trustees is composed of christian gentlemen who have the courage of their convictions. They have emphatically put the foot down upon gambling in our town and it must cease. Man is a fallible creature. He is liable to err. We do not know what changes may occur in even the life of this humble editor, still upon our bended knees we earnestly implore our Father in heaven to protect our children from the snares of the wicked. Should we fall by the way-side or fail to retain the moral manhood that is necessary to properly direct the tottering steps of those depending upon us, we sincerely hope we will live in a community of men, strong men like those who constitute our city board of trustees, so that through their influence our children may be able to "crucify the flesh". We believe that above all others this ordinance, No. 30, prohibiting gambling in our town has the indorsement of the large majority of our citizens. Certainly those who follow it as an avocation will agree that it is an evil and should be prohibited.

Those who attended the Joyce-Fruit Company opening Wednesday afternoon were well pleased on account of the courteous treatment they received at the hands of the affable gentleman in charge of this establishment. The millinery display as well as other attractions were greatly enjoyed, especially by the ladies. The famous Breakfast Bell Coffee was served with wafers by the inimitable Mr. Wilson of the New York Coffee Company. All were highly entertained which speaks well indeed for the Joyce-Fruit Co.

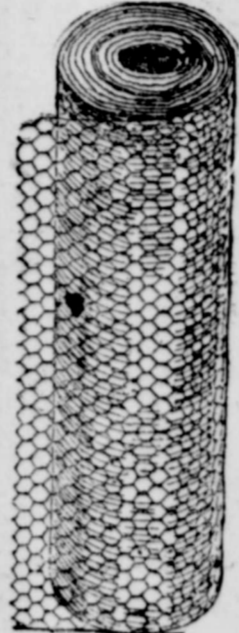
We are sorry to chronicle the death of little Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Orr, which occurred this morning at 6:45 o'clock at their residence on Grand Ave. Interment at city Cemetery 5 o'clock this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Orr arrived in Artesia in Jan. from Tyler, Texas, and Louise was sick, even when they came.

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HOFFMAN HARDWARE CO.

Ordinance, No. 30.
Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the town of Artesia, N. M. That five days from and after the passage and publication of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or partnership, to open up, keep, run, manage or conduct, or cause to be opened up, kept, run, managed or conducted, any house or other place, within the limits of the town of Artesia, N. M., wherein any game or games or gambling, such as monte, faro, pass faro, pass moute, vandeau, roulette, twenty-one, red and black, rouge et noir, poker, stud horse poker, craps, keno or any game of chance played with cards, raffle or dice or any subterfuge for the same by whatever name known, or who shall permit or allow any such games or gambling to be carried on in any house or other place occupied by him or them, within the said limits, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$300 or by imprisonment in the town jail of said town for a period not less than 10 days nor more than 90 days or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court trying the case.

Approved and adopted this 16th day of March A. D. 1905.
A. V. Logan, chairman.
Attest Albert Blake clerk.

Secured a Good Well.
Chapman and Sperry who drilled the well on W. P. Kirkland's land about two mile west of town secured the big flow of water at about 800 feet. Mr. Kirkland is from Illinois and has made numerous paying investments in this vicinity. Because of its proximity to town, his farm will in time become one of the most valuable.

A Serious Mishap.
An old gentleman named William Johnson who moved to Artesia from the mountains this week, fell from a load of hay while crossing the railroad track Wednesday and was rendered lifeless for quite a while, his face was badly crushed and his skull split for several inches, besides receiving injuries. He received immediate medical attention, and at last accounts was doing very well considering the serious nature of his injuries.

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Safety, Security, Responsibility, Efficiency, Conserva

Presiding Elder French delivered an elegant sermon at the First Methodist church Sunday night, and there were eight additions in the forenoon of that day. Mr. French and Rev. J. C. Gage organized a Methodist church at Daytor with a strong membership.

W. C. McBride arrived this week from Hillsboro Texas, with a car load of live stock implements and feed stuffs and well cultivate land on the Talbot-Lowry farm North west of town. He expects to have a well upon his own property within the next few months.

FOR SALE

25 Good milk cows, fine heavy springers. Grade horns. Acclimated Kansas stock.
3 Berkshire boars. Registered and good individuals. Enough for service.
1 windmill and pump in good condition.
3 farm hacks, almost new.
Alfalfa hay in car lots.
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LITTLE EXPLOSIONS

Their Parting.

"So all is over between us?"
 "Yes."
 "We shall never meet again."
 "No."
 "Well—goodby."
 "Goodby."
 "Goodby—and—er—don't forget to come early to-morrow night. I hate to go in the theater after the curtain rises."—Houston Post.

Completing the Quotation.

Johnny—Paw, what's the rest of that quotation beginning "Truth is mighty?"
 Father—"Scarce," I reckon.

Lesson Taught at College.

Uncle Josh—You've heard of them agricultural colleges, haven't you?
 Uncle Silas—Yes, but what do they amount to? I read where one of them graduated a lot of fellows the other day and not one of them is willin' to take up farmin' as an occupation.
 Uncle Josh—Well, that kind of looks as if they'd learned a good deal about it.—Success.

Still Running.

"I lost my watch in the river three years ago, and it is still running."
 "What, the river?"
 "No; the installment jeweler's bill."

Helpless Bachelor.

As the proud mother was showing the baby to a bachelor friend, the youngster suddenly began to bawl.
 "He's crying," ventured the bachelor.
 "Well," retorted the proud mother, sharply, "all babies cry."
 "Of course! Of course! I don't mind hearing him bellow."
 "Bellow? Why, my baby is no bullock!"
 And then the bachelor fled.

A Distinction.

Huldah, the Blank's colored girl, had been invited to a ball and she said to her mistress:
 "Some of de othah gals is gwinter put on full evenin' dress, but I isn't."
 "What do you intend to wear?" asked her mistress.
 "Me? Oh, I's jess gwinter w'ar my clo'es," was the reply.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Pigheaded in the Extreme.

Howes—You have no cause to be angry with Shedd simply because he disagrees with you on this question. Every question has its two sides.
 Barnes—I know that, confound it, but why can't he choose the same one that I have chosen? He could do it just as well as not, and he would if there was any decency about him.

A Gentle Hint.

"Oh, yes," Mr. Staylate was saying boastfully, "I've never felt the least bit unstrung; my nerves are always steady as a clock."
 "As a what?" asked the weary girl.
 "A clock."
 "Ah, yes; a clock, a clock."

Making Proper Allowances.

Stammerly—H-h-have y-you g-g-got a couple of hours to s-s-spare, T-t-thompson?
 Thompson—Why, I don't know—what do you want?
 Stammerly—I'd l-like a t-t-ten m-m-minute t-talk with you.

Just the Nature of the Boy.

"Let's go over to Baxter's pond to skate."
 "Oh, it's too fur. Let's skate here on the crick."
 "But the ice is a heap thinner over at Baxter's."
 "All right. Come ahead."

How He Spent His Time.

A bond salesman just back from Maine says he asked an old fisherman in a snow-bound hamlet what he did with himself evenings.
 The reply was: "Oh, sometimes I sit and think, and then again I just sit."—Boston Record.

The Joker's Way.

"He's a great practical joker."
 "I suspected as much."
 "Ah! he has been playing some prank on you, eh?"
 "No, but I played a little joke on him yesterday and it made him furious."

Insubordination.

Mamma—Now, Tommy, when I tell you to do a thing, you must obey me.
 Tommy—Aw—I ain't your husband.
 —Cleveland Leader.

VERY TROUBLESOME.



Mrs. Jones—Why have you delivered the milk so late this past week?
 Milkman—The weather has been so cold the pump has been frozen every morning.

PLUMB NEVER TIRED

KANSAS STATESMAN A MARVEL OF ENDURANCE.

Story Told by Senator Vest Well Illustrates His Physical Powers—Night's Enjoyment Never Interfered with Day's Duty.

Senator Plumb of Kansas was a physical giant, athletic and ceaseless worker, as well as tireless, says a writer in the Los Angeles Times. One of his assistants was as large as he was and as good a worker; but once in three or four months he would give way to an inordinate thirst for beer, which incapacitated him for work four or five days, or sometimes a whole week. On one of these occasions, when Senator Plumb particularly needed him, the Senator introduced a resolution in the Senate forbidding the sale of any kind of liquor to employes of Senators or of the Senate, and he delivered an impassioned speech in favor of the resolution.

The preceding evening Senator Plumb had been dallying a bit with wine, but that part of the story was best told by Senator Vest of Missouri, who said: "I think that my friend Plumb has greater powers of endurance than any man I have ever known and he demonstrates that fact in his everyday life. For example, last night Plumb and Mahone and Hatton and John Chamberlin and a few other friends spent considerable time eating and drinking and smoking, and finally we entered upon a little game of draw. Before I realized it the clocks in Chamberlin's were striking 5 o'clock, and the game was brought to a close. I went home and left orders to be called at 11 o'clock, because it was 'calendar day' in the Senate, and I wanted to be there at the opening of the session at noon, to look after a particular bill that I had on the calendar. I was awakened, had my bath and breakfast and reached the Senate just in time for my duty. I met Plumb at the door, and he told me that he had been at work all morning on his correspondence, but that he was not tired.

"With the calendar before me, I leaned my head on my hands, watching the time for my turn, and I fell fast asleep. I awoke fully an hour, and might have awoke for but for an awful dream. I dreamed that I was sitting at my desk, unable to get up, and the capitol building was on fire. I could see the flames all around me. The marble stones were burning, the Goddess of Liberty on the dome, although of bronze, was all aflame. The capitol was surrounded by fire engines, many of them having come from Baltimore and Philadelphia. I heard the captains of the firemen shouting their orders and I tried to call for help, but I could not. Finally, as the flames crept closer and all around me, all of the noises of the engines and the firemen and the flames were condensed into one awful roar. This continued, until it seemed to me like one tremendous human voice. Moreover, that great big voice began to sound familiar to me. It seemed to me as though out of its awful roaring I might expect that voice to frame the words: 'Vest, I raise you; or 'Vest, I call you.' This awful voice finally awakened me; and, mirabile dictu, there stood Plumb, as fresh as a daisy, delivering a temperance speech."

The Foam on the Top.
 Don't snuggle conceit to your bosom, my dear lad!
 Because you're on top of the wave, For here is a thought that might serve as alloy
 To the gold of the credit you crave: The best is not always at surface, my son,
 And I think, if to notice you'll stop, You'll observe that the good to the bottom may run.
 But the foam always lingers on top.

I would not discourage your zeal, my dear lad!
 It is best to keep working alway. But this funny old world often labels as bad
 The thing that is good in its day. In fact, I may say that it classifies wrong
 Some part of the great earthly crop. And I think you will note as you journey along
 That the foam often gets to the top.
 We will not mention names if you please, my dear youth.
 But look on the world as you go. See the men whom we place at the summit, in truth,
 Then gaze on the mortals below. And I give you my word I'll have nothing to teach.
 And this brief little anthem will stop. If you do not agree with the thing that I preach.
 That the foam may be found on the top.
 —A. J. Waterhouse in Sunset Magazine.

All Christians.

In his article in the Woman's Home Companion, describing the International Sunday School Convention in Jerusalem, Doctor Devins relates the following significant incident:
 "An unexpected favor was received from the officers of the Russian church on the Mount of Olives. A meeting had been planned to be held near the place of the Ascension. As the leader of the meeting, the writer went to see if it could be held under the trees near the church.
 "Why not?" was the reply, accompanied by a smile on the saintly face of the speaker. "Why not? Do we

OYSTER OPENING AN ART.

Two Men Who Certainly Had It Down to Perfection.

"Talk about opening oysters," said the old pilot, as he pushed back a heap of shells and asked the waiter for his check, "I never did see any body to beat Penny Hawser, who used to have a stand near Gene Blackford's, in Fulton Marke. Benny could open oysters like magic. Never used a knife, either. Said it was cruel."
 "How did he manage it?" asked the guileless young man from uptown.
 "Snuff, my boy," replied the old pilot, solemnly. "Bought real Scotch snuff, the strongest in the market. When he held a little of it in front of the oysters they sizzled the top shell off."
 "Pooh!" said the young man.
 "Benny was all right in his way," observed the cashier, "but he wasn't a circumstance to a feller on a freight sloop that used to run between Fulton slip and Bridgeport. Why, when that feller'd come in here he'd take a dozen oysters and spread 'em in a row on that very table you're sittin' at. Then he'd begin to spin a sea yarn. I never heard another man like him. Them oysters jes' opened their mouths in astonishment at his whoppers. Then he'd take 'em by surprise, whip 'em out of their shells, sprinkle 'em with pepper an' vinegar an' swaller 'em."
 —New York Press.

PARISIANS EASY TO REACH.

Charlatans Reaping Rich Harvest in French Capital.

The very latest fashionable craze at Paris is medieval magic, astrology, palmistry and the rest, interspersed with a little spiritualism. Palmistry is for the moment the supreme interest, and Mme. de Thebes is the supreme palmist. "Hand reading parties" are all the rage. The guests sit round a table and Mme. de Thebes or one of her colleagues reads each hand in turn.

"The Japanese are going to carry everything before them. The countess will live to be 100. You will have to go to Vichy if you want to get well. You will be the victim of a horrible automobile accident." Such are the current prophecies or recommendations, and after an hour or two of it the guests get up, declaring Mme. de Thebes to be a goddess, and poorly paid by the 100 francs which the goddess invariably charges.
 "Mme. de Thebes would give you her attention on an evening for 20 francs, but now that she's become a hand reading is on, that sum does not, of course, suffice to awaken the mysterious powers. Mme. de Thebes thinks of going to America. It will be interesting to see whether American society will send her packing or prove as idiotic as the Parisians.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

A Bit of Greenery.

A green, thrifty plant will make a lonely room seem more homelike. The potted ferns and palms which supply this touch of green during the winter months must be carefully tended.

In the first place they must have fresh air. They are very like human beings after all. Once a week the room in which they are standing should be thoroughly aired. Care must be taken not to chill the plants.

They must be kept moist. A fern allowed to dry out is never again worth a cent. It has lost its grip on life, and sooner or later will die. Don't keep the jardiniere filled with water, but keep the earth moist to the bottom of the jar.

Both palms and ferns have need of a weekly bath. If it is impossible to set the plants into a tub and give them a good showering, sponge off the leaves at least once a week. It keeps the leaves clean and glossy, drives off lice and nourishes the plant.

Good Behavior.

J. D. Benedict, the superintendent of the Indian Territory schools, nodded towards a sturdy and grave young Indian girl.

"She is a maid," he said, "in the house of a friend of mine, and the other day she was left in charge of the children while her mistress went for a long drive.

The mistress, on her return, said to the maid:

"How did the children behave during my absence, Caroline? Well, I hope?"

"Beautifully, madam," Caroline answered. "And at the end they fought terribly together."

"Why did they fight?" the mother asked.

"To decide," said Caroline, "which was behaving the best."

Love's Springtime.

My heart was winterbound until I heard you sing:
 O voice of Love, hush not, but fill My life with Spring!
 My hopes were homeless things before I saw your eyes:
 O smile of Love, close not the door To paradise!
 My dreams were bitter ones, and then I found them bliss:
 O lips of Love, give me again Your rose to kiss!
 Springtime of love! The secret sweet Is ours alone;
 O heart of Love, at last you beat

Ordinance, No. 15.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the town of Artesia, N. M.

Sec. 1. That it shall hereafter be unlawful for the proprietor, keeper, manager or agent of any establishment or principal place of business in which merchandising or hardware store or well drilling supply store or house, or either of the other occupations hereafter specifically mentioned is or hereafter may be pursued or conducted in said town to pursue or conduct such occupation or occupations without one or more of them first having paid the license fee or tax authorizing the same and having obtained and posted conspicuously in said establishment or place of business, the license or tax certificate as hereinafter specified and provided, and it shall be unlawful for any person to pursue or conduct, either transiently, temporarily or permanently any of said occupations within said town without first having paid the license or tax herein specified authorizing the same and obtained the proper license or tax certificate as hereinafter specified and provided:

Sec. 2. All persons designated in the preceding section shall be personally subject to and liable for the payment of annual license fees or taxes, payable quarterly, to authorize the pursuit or conduct of said occupations at the rate and in the amounts specified in the following schedule, beginning April 1st, A. D. 1905, to-wit:

Sec. 3. Every such establishment doing business of \$10,000 or less, \$10. Every such establishment doing business of over \$10,000 and less than \$25,000, \$20.

Every such establishment doing business of over \$25,000 and less than \$50,000, \$36.

Every such establishment doing business of over \$50,000 and less than \$75,000, \$50.

Every such establishment doing business of over \$75,000 and less than \$100,000, \$64.

Every such establishment doing business of over \$100,000, \$100.

Each saloon, \$400. Each hotel having over 6 rooms, \$20.

Each hotel having not over 6 rooms, \$12. Each lodging or rooming house, \$12.

Each lumber yard, \$40.

Each lunch counter, street stand or news stand, or each news stand located in any other place of business whether owned by the same party or not in the sum of \$12.

Each newspaper or printing establishment, livery stable, meat market ice dealer, building contractor, undertaker, \$20.

Each feed stable, wagon yard, auctioneer \$10.

Each person or partnership doing

a real estate, insurance, and loan business in the same office \$25.

Each person doing an insurance business, \$16.

Each person or firm doing a real estate, loan, \$16.

Each person or firm doing a real estate, loan and abstract business, \$16.

Each person or firm doing an abstract business, \$16.

Each person, partnership or corporation engaged in banking, \$50.

Each loan office, \$36.

Each established laundry, \$12.

Each transfer, vehicle or dray, \$12.

Each person or agent, company or organization doing business for any insurance company, having no regular agent in the town of Artesia, \$50.

Each brewing company doing business in the town, \$40.

Each store selling drugs, paints, oils, glass, or soda water, wall paper or either of these, \$25.

Each stone or cement factory, \$25.

Each real estate agent or firm, \$25.

Each real estate and insurance, \$25.

Any person or firm who offers for sale any land, not his own, for a commission, shall be considered in the real estate business whether he has an office or not, in said town, and shall be subject to and liable for a license fee or tax in the sum of \$25.

Any person or firm establishing and running; managing or conducting a lumber yard in said town of Artesia, handling only what is termed mountain lumber, shall be subject to a license fee or tax in the sum of \$12.

Sec. 4. Each person, partnership or corporation who shall be liable or subject to any license fee or tax under any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall pay the same quarterly in advance. Such payments shall be made to the town treasurer who shall deliver a true receipt therefor, specifying amount, time and occupation, which receipt shall be delivered to the town clerk who shall immediately issue a certificate authorizing the pursuit of such occupation and for the time specified in said receipt. The clerk shall preserve and enter as upon account with said treasurer the receipts so delivered to him and report the same to the board of trustees when so required.

Sec. 5. Any person violating any of the provisions of said ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$25, or by imprisonment in the town jail for not less than 10 days nor more than 25 days or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court trying the case.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of March A. D. 1905.

A. V. Logan, Chairman. Attest, Albert Blake, Clerk.

ARTESIA STONE CO.

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Roswell Canning Factory.

Roswell is to have a canning factory. The stockholders in the company elected the following directors to serve the first three months: R. F. Barnett, C. C. Tannehill, L. K. McGaffey, W. S. Prager, R. P. Bean, L. D. Fort, H. F. Smith, J. P. White and George W. Medley.

The officers named are R. F. Barnett, president; H. F. Smith, vice president; L. D. Fort, secretary; L. K. McGaffey, treasurer.

The company is to be incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000, half of which is to be fully paid up.

At a recent meeting L. D. Fort was appointed manager of the factory and instructed to proceed with all work necessary to get the factory under way and make contracts.

Artesian Well.

Contract wanted—I desire a contract to drill an artesian well near Artesia. C. R. Brice, Carlsbad, N. M.

That Big Well.

The Artesia country received another-boost this week and in the end it will count more than will a separate county government. The largest artesian well in New Mexico was brought in on Tuesday evening. The flow shoots into the air ten feet over an eight inch casing and the roaring of the water can be heard for a mile and will make the surrounding arid acres laugh with joy. Fortunate Artesia? What would not Santa Fe give to have one such well between here and Lamy?—New Mexican.

To Exchange.

One-third interest in Gibson Hotel for land in Penasco valley, or Seven Rivers country. Write W. A. Baker, Box 793, Roswell, N. M. 28-3

It is reported that the mail sacks from Monument, Eddy county, were lost in the high water of the Pecos river last week and the driver, James Mullane, had a narrow escape of his life and a hard time to save his team. He attempted to ford the stream, but the current was so strong that it overturned the vehicle and dumped the contents into the river.

Paying Property for Sale.

I desire to sell the Hotel Artesia property. Is paying 20 per cent on the investment today. If you want a bargain see me quick.

J. C. Gage, Artesia, N. M.

Mr. Ernest L. Carroll and wife left Thursday afternoon for Melissa, Texas, where they will make their future home. For several months past Mr. Carroll was in the employ of the Advocate and we regret that he did not see it to his interest to remain in the land where the sun does not always shine.

Windmill For Sale.

Sixteen foot windmill containing two pumps, one 5 1/2, Cook's cylinder, one 4 1/2 Cook's cylinder. For particulars apply to G. W. Barnes, Artesia, N. M.

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Through the hospitals in our cities one is surprised to find such a proportion of the patients lying in snow-white beds women who are either awaiting surgery or recovering from serious operations.

Should this be the case? Surely they have neglected themselves. Ovarian and womb troubles are the cause of the increase among women of this country—they creep upon us unawares, but every one of them in the hospital beds had warning in that bearing-down, pain at left or right of the back, nervous exhaustion, pain in the head, leucorrhoea, dysmenorrhoea, displacements of the uterus, irregularities. All of these are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or uterus, and if not heeded the penalty is paid by a dangerous operation. These symptoms manifest themselves not long until you are forced to go to the hospital and undergo an operation—but remember Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has saved thousands of women from surgical operations.

Women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, leucorrhoea, displacement, ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, lassitude, irritability, nervousness.

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Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—
"I was in a very serious condition when I wrote to you for advice. I had a serious womb and ovarian trouble and I could not carry a child to maturity, and was advised that an operation was my only hope of recovery. I could not bear to think of going to the hospital, so wrote you for advice. I did as you instructed me and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; and I am not only a well woman to-day, but have a beautiful baby girl six months old. I advise all sick and suffering women to write you for advice, as you have done so much for me."

Miss Ruby Mushrush, of East Chicago, Ind., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—
"I have been a great sufferer with irregular menstruation and ovarian trouble, and about three months ago the doctor, after using the X-Ray on me, said I had an abscess on the ovaries and would have to have an operation. My mother wanted me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as a last resort, and it not only saved me from an operation but made me entirely well."

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If a boy baby has a pet name he so behaves that it goes off and leaves him before he is three, while a girl's will cling to her forever.

Knowing How.
In swine raising, as in all the man that "knows now" that makes the money. This knowing how comes from experience, and study. Many a man has the experience, but never learns how because he does not put his brains to work to solve the various riddles that he finds in his business of swine raising. Many a man studies, but lacks the experience. He thinks he has solved the problems before him by the mere studying of methods and rationals as described by others. His lack of experience proves his downfall. The two elements or factors must go together—experience and study. The man that knows how finds that he has something that is capital in itself. Moreover, no man can take this capital from him, nor can he easily give it to another man. The knowing how is built up on so many pieces of experience and so much meditation that the man that tries to learn from him is bewildered at the odds and ends he is required to pick up if he would keep the pace set by his teacher. It pays a man to make an expert of himself, even if he does not get a national reputation by so doing. The world is full of labor, but every laborious process can be shortened, if we but learn how to do it. It is the shortening of labor processes that has made the modern world different from the old world and has set the brain of man free from its drudgery. In hog raising, as in other things, we need to make ourselves free by using the brain.

Profits in Turkeys.
For a number of years prices for turkeys all over the country have been good. Wholesale prices have been steadily going up, and in New York for the past ten years they have averaged from 8 to 20 cents per pound. The price is higher in Boston, but lower in Chicago, where the wholesale prices in the same time have ranged from 3 to 18 cents. The best stock can always be sold high, while poor stuff is always a hard thing to get rid of. Even a turkey, if skinny and bony, is not desired by anyone. The last census shows the numbers of turkeys in the country to be about 6,500,000. When we consider that there are a little over 5,000,000 farms, we see that the number of turkeys on each farm is but one and a fraction. We believe that the greater profits in turkey raising will before long greatly increase the aggregate number being raised in the country.

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Public speaking especially exposes the throat and bronchial tubes to catarrhal affections. Breathing the air of crowded assemblies, and the necessary exposure to night air which many preachers must face, makes catarrh especially prevalent among their class. Peruna has become justly popular among them.



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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Orr desire to express their thanks for the many favors extended by their good neighbors during the recent illness of their little daughter, Louise. They feel grateful, more than they can express in words.

The Baptist people have a nice new fence around their lot on north Grand and have planted shade trees thereon. At an early date we look for a nice new church on this lot.

The Bank of Artesia building is rapidly nearing completion and while not so large as some of our brick structures is beyond question the most graceful and prettiest of our buildings.

Dr. T. E. Presley, specialist eye, ear, nose and throat will be in Artesia Monday the 27th. If his practice in his office at Roswell keeps increasing he may not be able to make many more trips to Artesia, so don't fail to see him this time.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Totzek, assisted by their daughter, Miss Irma, entertained at high five last night, complementary to their visiting daughter, Mrs. McNatt, of Artesia. The party was held at the pretty Totzek home on South Kentucky Ave. Several games were played, Mrs. Burling winning the prize, a burnt leather sofa pillow. An elegant luncheon was served in three courses.—Roswell Record.

160 Acres Watered Land

For rent. Apply at Advocate office.

The trial of Lee Danley for the killing of his brother-in-law, W. F. Harris, resulted in a hung jury at Carlsbad this week.

J. H. Beckham Jr. has purchased from J. S. Venable the 320 acre ranch with Artesian well two and one-half miles Southwest of town.

Land For Sale.

160 or 320 acres, at \$15. per acre, 2 miles east of Dayton. Proof made. Eugene Lattin, Dayton, N. M. 26-5

The ladies of the Christian church have secured money this week with which to purchase a bell for the new edifice on Quay Avenue.

C. F. Matthews, of Lane City, Texas, is a new recruit to Artesia's active promoters. The firm is Matthews & Walker, real estate in the Clary building.

For Sale.

Steel windmill, tower and pump about as good as new, for \$50. Apply to J. H. Munsey.

Thomas Wittig who some months ago bought the Dave Runyan ranch has this week purchased a 160 acre tract five miles North West of town.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Groves of Carlsbad were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Martin at their pretty home on the East side, Tuesday.

Music Lessons

For a graded course of piano instructions see Mrs. T. E. Turner. Studio at Mrs. Benson's residence, First street and Grand avenue.

J. B. Enfield assistant Cashier of the Bank of Artesia was called to Ohio Thursday morning by a telegram announcing the critical illness of his father.

Interest in the Senior Epworth League continues to grow. New members are being enrolled each week. Meetings at the M. E. church each Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

Chisum Addition.

Lots are now selling rapidly in this popular addition at live and let live prices. Joh Richey & Sons.

Messrs. Hodges, Walling and Richey secured a temporary respite from jury service at Carlsbad, and were mixing with the busy throng in Artesia Tuesday and Wednesday.

E. A. Cox has sold his 160 acre farm and well three miles South of town to Mr. Skaer late of Kansas, and has purchased a house from Whitt Smith on South second street.

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C. A. P. Ranch.

Luke Gage, son of Rev. J. C. Gage was suddenly stricken with Saint Vitus's dance while at school Wednesday. He was very sick for a few hours but is about well now.

Mr. W. L. McDaniel has leased the building on West Main, at present occupied by Mr. Henry with his bankrupt stock, and about the first of next month will open up with a new stock of furniture.

Dr. T. E. Presley treats all diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He will be in Artesia, Monday the 27th of March. Don't forget to see him if you need any glasses accurately fitted.

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