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## MR. EMERSON'S REPLY.

### He Denies the Advocate's Charge That Unfairness is Shown on His Assessment Rolls.

Carlsbad, N. M., Jan. 2, 1905  
Editor Artesia Advocate:

In the last issue of your paper appeared an article criticising the assessor and the county commissioners very severely; you have been kind enough to allow me space to reply, for which I thank you. I will say that as an official I appreciate criticism, provided such criticism is based upon facts, but in your article are many statements that are not facts. For this I am not criticising you, as you received your information from other parties and not from the records. In passing, however, I am surprised that you did not publish a report of the committee sent here to investigate the rolls by your citizens. Why was this?

I will now make reply to some of your statements. For instance, you say:

"As soon as the Artesia farmer gets an artesian well his patented land is immediately put at \$15 per acre and a straight levy of \$1000 against his well. There is not a law on earth for this, yet it is done. The writer hereby challenges the tax assessor to show one scintilla of law covering this particular piece of discrimination."

This is an error, for if the land is patented no assessment is made for the well, the Board of Equalization considering that the well is represented in the land, but if the land is not patented, then an assessment is made against the well, as it is against any other improvements that a man may have on his claim. Now, Mr. Editor, if you can produce one taxpayer in the artesian district whose land is patented and assessed, and then in addition the well is assessed for \$1000, I will make him a present of \$25 in cash. This offer refers to the rolls of 1905 only.

Again you say:

"The Holt Live Stock Company owns 5448 acres in the Pecos valley, all in the artesian belt, but not in cultivation. The rate prescribed is \$5 per acre, or \$27,240. They are assessed at \$4,112. This cattle company has thousands of acres of free government land to graze their herds upon, but they are good fellows and need the money, and the Artesia farmers ought to have to pay it, anyway, for didn't they have the audacity to want a new county once and a change in business all around? These are only two sample cases. There are others."

The Holt Live Stock Co. owns 5448 acres of land; but not in the artesian belt. A large part of this land lies below Lakewood and, with the exception of several hundred acres, is the Pecos river banks from Artesia to Carlsbad. This land was taken up for the purpose of controlling the water for their cattle in early days. The company retired from business some eight or ten years ago, and if they have a cow on the range in this county I have not been able to locate it. None of the company are residents of this county at present. Dr. Ross and myself checked over this matter and decided possibly that there were some 1800 acres that might be classed in the artesian belt and a large part of this 1800 acres being on the banks of the Pecos river. Their agent at this place has informed me today that \$10,000 will buy the whole tract of 5448 acres, so if any of your readers desire a snap here is an opportunity. I consider that if I did make an error in classifying the land, we didn't miss an equitable assessment much

by valuing this land at \$4112, according to the way other property is rendered in this county.

"The Pecos Irrigation Company owns adjacent to Carlsbad 27,000 acres of land. Of this, 7340 acres are under the ditch and partly in cultivation. This should be a minimum of \$5 per acre—\$36,700. There are 19,750 that should be \$1.25 per acre grazing land at the very least—\$24,662, making a total assessed value according to that classification of \$61,362. What do we find it all valued at on the rolls. The sum of \$23,420, or less than one dollar per acre."

This is true in regard to the number of acres owned by this Company, hardly adjacent to Carlsbad though Mr. Editor as their lands extend from Lakewood on the north 18 miles, to a place 25 miles south of Carlsbad, lying within a strip some 40 miles long and probably 10 miles wide. 7340 acres under the ditch so you say, we will admit that for the time being, the purpose of the Company was to sell water rights and furnish water to the purchasers of same, and naturally if there was enough water all of their lands carried water rights, the truth is they were unable to supply but a little more than enough water to fulfill their contracts, so that less than one thousand acres of their own lands had any water whatever, now Mr. Editor of what value is a water right from which you get no water?

I note that you say that there are 10750 acres that should be assessed at \$1.25 per acre, but that the Board of Equalization of the Territory of New Mexico says it shall be assessed at \$30 per acre. I myself have sometimes doubted the justice of this as I believe that any land that is worth owning is worth assessing at at least \$1.25 but unfortunately the above said Board is the one of the highest powers we have in matters of taxation in the Territory. Be this assessment wrong or right it has no effect on the valuations of County which you discuss, for it was rendered the same way in the years of 1904 and 1903.

So that I feel that I have not made a very big error as the year 1905 the toe dam went out and no water was in the canal.

You have said there were other cases but as you have cited none I let that pass, believing that you were just guessing.

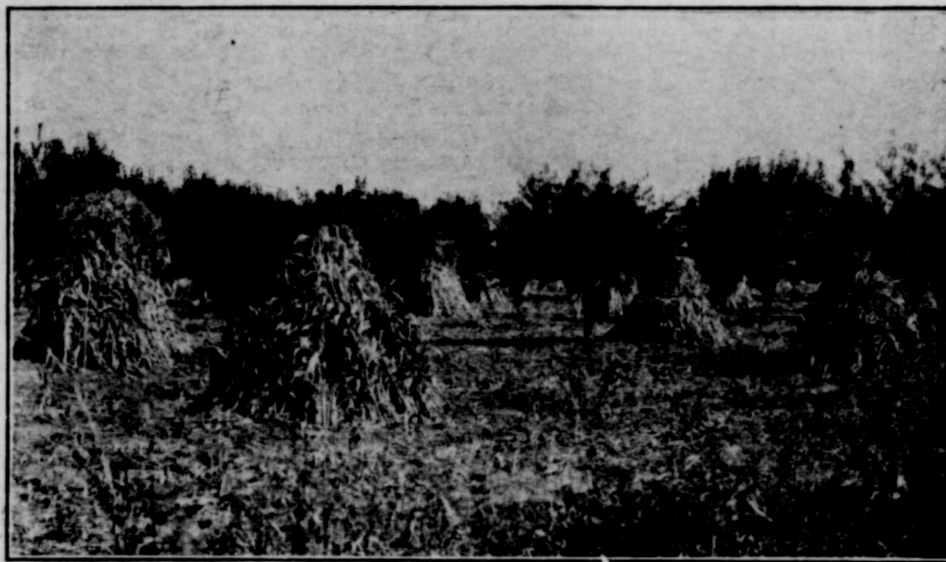
Here is where the large decrease you mention comes in.

Live Stock Values:		
	1904.	1905
Horses and mules,	\$113290	\$86136
Cattle,	614710	492576
Sheep and goats,	99940	81385
Totals,	\$827940	\$660097
		660097
Decrease,	\$167843	

This loss in live stock values was caused by a reduction in cattle from \$11 per head in 1904 to \$9 in 1905, stock horses were reduced from \$15 per head to \$7.50, these were orders of the board of equalization of the Territory, the loss in sheep was occasioned by removal from the county of many sheep as anyone who is acquainted with the facts can tell you.

The total valuation of Artesia school district for 1905 is \$308,220, in this is involved railroad assessment of \$45,000, leaving \$264,220 the amount on which your citizens actually pay taxes, it is true that your school district shows gain of \$200,672, which to us is wonderful, no one appreciates more than I the growth of the Artesia country, and I do not believe that any fair minded man will say that your country is

## In Fairest Artesia



AMID THE APPLES AND THE CORN.

overassessed, considering the assessed value \$309,220 with the actual values of the property.

The town of Artesia has an assessed value of \$148,515, the town of Carlsbad has for 1904 assessed value of \$274,930, for 1905 \$327,695 an increase of \$52,765, it was not here that the escape from taxation was made. The Carlsbad school district shows value for 1904 \$459,657, for 1905 \$428,595 an increase of \$68,938.

I could go through the entire roll, and would be especially pleased to do so with you Mr. Editor, and show you that the assessment for 1905 was made with malice toward none but with an effort for an equitable assessment only; that every taxpayer was assessed with the intention that he might bear his part of the burden, it matters not where his residence might be. I can show you that land in the vicinity of Carlsbad in actual cultivation was valued at \$20 per acre while equally as good land in the vicinity of Artesia was valued at \$15. I can show you that on the main street of Carlsbad business lots are valued \$800 for corner lots and \$600 for inside lots, while lots on the main street of Artesia are valued at for corners \$350 and inside \$200.

In closing, let me say that I will be around again soon making an assessment for another year. I shall do the best I can to get an equal assessment, without fear or favor. As you have said, I have no apologies to make for my rolls. They speak for themselves and are open for inspection at all times. I, with you, believe that Artesia should name a commissioner, but as to the assessor, I shall do all that lies in my power to have him hail from Carlsbad.

Yours Truly,  
J. L. EMERSON.

### The Flow Increased.

Artesian well Supervisor Wilson informed a Record reporter that the flow of the artesian wells in the valley had slightly increased during the last year. The increase is more marked in the south. The greatest pressure is 78½ pounds on the John Richey well at Artesia.

The tax has been paid for 300 wells leaving about 60 unpaid. Under the law it will be the duty of Mr. Wilson to compel those who have not paid to do so. If is the intention of Mr. Wilson to have the district attorney take up these cases at the earliest practicable date, and he will at once make information against those who have failed to comply with the law. Roswell Record.

J. J. Henderson this week sends a couple of Advocates back to Texas.

### A REMARKABLY CLEVER OFFER.

#### A Tailoring Firm that Proposes to Repair Free Clothing Sold Months Ago.

The following letter was received this week by Joyce-Pruit Company of this city and is self-explanatory:

ED. V. PRICE & COMPANY,  
Merchant Tailors,  
266, 263 and 270 Franklin St.  
Chicago.

Joyce-Pruit Co.,  
Artesia, N. M.

Gentlemen:-

We made one hundred thousand suits and overcoats during the year 1905. Any one of those hundred thousand suits or overcoats that we may have made for any of your customers, where the linings did not give satisfactory service, please return and we will reline the same free of charge. Or if any coat front has failed to hold its shape, we will remake at our expense.

We know that this is a radical departure from the methods of the best of clothes makers but those who wear clothes made by our firm are protected to the extent mentioned.

Trusting you have had a prosperous year, and with the compliments of the season, we are

Yours very truly,  
ED. V. PRICE & CO.  
Ed. V. Price, Pres.

Joyce-Pruit Co. have just received the large sample book for the above firm containing several hundred samples showing the many different kinds of handsome materials. They will be pleased to take your measure and to assure you a perfect fit.

### League Program.

Sunday, January 7, 6:00 p. m.  
Laying Foundations For 1906—  
Luke 6, 46-49, Isaiah 25, 16-17.  
Leader, Mr. Blankenship.

The Rock Foundation of Character is Obedience, by Leader.

Our Corner Stone, Christ, 1 Cor. 3, 2, by B. F. Stoaue.

The Foundation of the Church, Eph. 2, 19-20, by Mr. Gibson.

Can we put our League upon a better basis of growth and usefulness? To be answered by each officer.

Everybody invited to attend, and to be on time. Don't forget about the business meeting Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

### Notice to Presbyterians.

Rev. E. E. Mathe, pastor of Presbyterian Church will preach at the Christian Church next Sunday afternoon (Jan. 7.) at 3:30 o'clock. All Presbyterians are urged to be present. A cordial invitation is extended to the public generally. A welcome for all.

### ANOTHER WELL SPOUTS FISH.

#### Artesia is Not the Only Supply Station Connected With the Subterranean Minnow Market.

About one year ago, the Advocate published an account of the coming up of a number of small fish from the artesian well of Harry Hamilton, two and a half miles east of town, then just completed at a depth of about 900 feet. The item was also sent to the Roswell Daily Record by its correspondent at this place, Mrs Fannie McClane Martin. Even with that lady's excellent reputation for veracity to back us up, a whole lot of folks at a distance were unkind enough to say that the Advocate was lying—using the item for immigration purposes. It was a fact, nevertheless, that can be sworn to, and finds a parallel in a dispatch from South Dakota, which was read and sent to the Advocate by Mrs. Martin. It reads:

Britton, S. D. Dec. 1.—An interesting fish story has developed from the striking of a flow in an artesian well which was completed a few days ago on the farm of Landlord Chappe, of a local hotel, near town. The well is 960 feet deep. Even before the casing had been sunk the entire depth of the well it is said the well began throwing up small fish. The tenant on the farm brought one of the fish to town. Mr. Chappe at first thought the story that the fish came from the well was a joke, but finally decided to investigate for himself. He drove out to the well and soon ascertained that the stories were true. He brought back with him a number of the fish which have been placed in a tank at Brown's barber shop, where they can be seen by those interested. The artesian well is only 11-4 inches in diameter.

Mr. Horner, a Tennessean, is now living on the Hamilton farm, near Artesia, and he informed the Advocate editor a few months ago that many small fish continue to come into his irrigation ditches from the big well.

The free reading room on Second street maintained by the ladies of the Artesia Library Association is a constant source of entertainment and profit to the strangers within our gates, as well as homefolks. Its doors are open every afternoon and evening and the rooms nicely warmed, with nice wicker rockers at the disposal of visitors. Miss Ola Venable is proving herself a gracious hostess and accommodating librarian. The public at large, with few exceptions, hardly realizes that this free reading room and library is proving to be a great advertisement for Artesia. Such an example of progress is not found in many (if any other) towns the size of Artesia. A couple of gentlemen from Vincennes, Ind., were pleased to have the privilege of the reading room a few evenings since and remarked that their home town, with its hundred years of civic history and fifty thousand inhabitants, had not yet progressed to this point. They paid the ladies of Artesia a great compliment. A gentleman from Dalhart, Texas, Mr. W. H. Gibson, was so impressed with the merit of the work being done that he voluntarily subscribed a sum of money to be paid each month for its maintenance.

Santa Fe is preparing to celebrate the inaugural of Governor Hagerman on the 22nd in a most creditable manner and the Daily New Mexican kindly furnishes the Advocate an advance proof of the program of festivities. There will be a public reception and ball and every territorial official is working hard to make the event a great social success.

There is a Seed House in the Pecos Valley.

Send for our 1906 Illustrated and Descriptive Catalogue of Field and Garden Seeds. Mention this Paper.

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Roswell Produce & Seed Co.

# What is an Angel?

What is an angel and whence came the popular symbolism of a heavenly messenger with its wings, its flowing draperies, its branch of lilies or its flaming sword? What historic or religious reason is there for putting wings on angel figures and why should there be any argument about their sex? Out of a recent controversy between the artistic and the religious interpretation of an angel these questions have grown and have called attention to the fact that very few people have any definite conception of an angel.

The Egyptian, the Greek and the Persian deities all had their winged messengers who obeyed their commands, and the Biblical angels follow the same idea, but no writer of ancient times goes very deeply into the origin of angels. It is taken for granted that the angel host existed prior to the creation, and its numbers were infinite, each host consisting of a "thousand times a thousand" and the hosts themselves innumerable.

What these "upper ones," these messengers from heaven, looked like opinions differ, as religious paintings of every century show. Daniel says that when an angel appeared to him he "beheld a man clothed in linen whose loins were girdled with pure gold of Uphaz. His body was also like the beryl and his face as the ap-

pearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his feet like in color to burnished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude." But those who saw these heavenly visions described them differently. One beheld an angel that seemed to extend from earth to heaven, and another vision towered above his companion by the length of a journey five thousand years. There are other Biblical authorities than Daniel for the belief that angels had bodies like our own. Tradition says that God is responsible for their creation and that they existed prior to the beginning of the world. The ancients painted them in simple draperies and with wings large, glorious and magnifi-

cent in color, tinted with the rainbow hues of heaven. When these angel wings were outspread they formed a gorgeous background for the figure, and when they were at rest the tips of the wings drooped to the ground. There is a quaint tradition that the idea of giving wings to God's messengers came from the maple key, that odd little winged blossom of the maple which at certain seasons of the year forms on the stem and then flutters to the earth, borne by two delicate transparent wings. Whether this is responsible for assigning wings to the "upper ones" or not is still a mystery, but long before the time of Michael, Gabriel and the musical choirs of heaven, the messenger of Isis traveled earth and heaven upon wings, while Mercury also sped hither and thither by their aid.

Following the use of simple white drapery in the painting of angels' colors delicate azures, greens, reds and purples were introduced. Then there came a period of elaboration. The Spanish and Flemish artists depicted angels arrayed in long, heavy, trailing robes embroidered and jeweled in barbaric splendor. Later a reaction began and painters went in for the loose, simple flowing drapery of the Greeks. Some of them even went back to the Old Testament idea of wingless angels. Rossetti, for instance, made his "Annunciation" angel a slender, graceful and youthful

figure without feathered appendages. Burne-Jones is another exponent of the simple style. Fra Angelico painted the most feminine angels of any of the great masters. Though he is supposed to have believed in the man angel the faces of his heavenly messengers exquisitely dainty against the golden background of the nimbus, were decidedly feminine. Now and then genuine feminine angels have appeared on canvas or carved out of marble, but neither the church nor art seems to approve of this departure from the orthodox in angelology. One explanation of this oversight or willful neglect in identifying woman with the heavenly host is that woman's place in the ancient world was too unimportant for her to have any de-

termined influence on art. Her inferiority to man was an accepted fact. Rank among the angels was first observed in the early part of the Bible. There the first of the archangels are mentioned. St. Michael, the guardian angel of Israel, was made the captain of the archangels. His army comprised six others of the elect in angelhood, among whom were Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel. Next to the archangels came the cherubim and seraphim in the heavenly hierarchy. The seraphim are supposed to be closest to the throne of the Creator, while the cherubim, who are wiser than the seraphim, are given special duties to perform.

In his Madonna di San Sisto Raphael represented cherubs as little children with tiny wings. Some were just heads and others had arms, but no bodies. Murillo, too, filled his picture of the "Immaculate Conception" with tiny winged heads. Perugino gave us cherubim with three pairs of wings surrounding a baby face, no doubt basing this fanciful image on that verse in the Bible which speaks of the cherubim with three pairs of wings, one to cover the face and the third to fly with.

But what has religion of to-day to say about the belief in and representation of angels? Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Slicer gives it as his opinion that "angels were men and angelic at-

## Met Death in Automobile Accident



Mrs. FRANCIS BURTON HARRISON

Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison, who met death in an automobile accident near New York Nov. 25, was a daughter of the late Charles A. Crocker of San Francisco, and inherited \$5,000,000 from her father.



ANGEL of the ANNUNCIATION—H. & Jan van Eyck



SOME RAFAEL CHERUBS



CHERUBIN WITH THREE PAIRS OF WINGS—Perugino

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tributes were no more feminine than masculine." The matter can hardly be taken seriously, for the representation of the angelic presence is simply a part of the symbolism of religious art and is meant to aid the imagination of the devout, who need symbols in their approach to the spiritual sphere. All physical representation of spiritual things is a survival of that view of the universe which carried over to the Christian thought the Greek conception of Olympus and its deities.—New York Herald.

### NOT THE INFORMATION WANTED.

Seeker Made His Query Just a Little Too Simple.

A female friend of the household was ill and the masculine head of the house had been assigned to call up over the telephone, when he reached the office, and find out how the woman was.

"I wish to inquire as to the condition of the elder Mrs. Jennings," he murmured over the telephone, for she lived with her daughter-in-law, and he wished to make no mistake as to identity. A feminine voice informed him that his question was not understood. Again and again he repeated it, but without avail, until finally an inspiration struck him. He decided that he would simplify his question and he shouted over the wire: "I want to know how old Mrs. Jennings is?"

"I'll see," was the encouraging response, and after a long wait another voice, a thin, quavering voice, took up the conversation at the other end of the wire with:

"I don't know who you are, and I don't think it's any of your business, but I was born on Dec. 3, 1830." And then the receiver was hung on the hook with a vicious slam.

### The Ulterior Motive.

James J. Hill was addressing a multitude of Minnesota farmers at the Fillmore county fair.

"Don't take up with every new notion you hear about," he said.

"In such ideas, as a matter of fact, there often lurk covert and selfish schemes for their promulgators' advancement. Often these ideas will not benefit the community so much as they will benefit the men proposing them.

"It is a case of a new idea's adoption for a hidden end. It is like the case of the small business man who wrote 'dictated' at the bottom of all his letters.

"You are in a very small way of business," said a friend. "You have no stenographer. You write all your letters. Why, then, this 'dictated' at the bottom on each?"

"The fact is," said the small business man, "I'm a very poor speller. In case of mistake, the 'dictated' lets me out."—Exchange.

### Reassuring.

Dr. Norman Macleod was once about to set off on a long journey through Scotland. Just as the train was pulling out the clergyman's servant put his head in through the window and said:

"Ha'e ye ta'en an insurance ticket?"

"I have," said the doctor.

"Then," said the servant, "write yer name on it, and gie it to me. They ha'e an awful bad habit o' robbin' the corpses on this Ilae."

### SCENT THE LUBRICATING OIL.

Used for the Bearings of the Delicate Drills Dentists Use.

"No, we don't perfume axle grease, nor do we scent the oil used on the journals of freight cars," said the dealer, "but there is one lubricating oil that we do scent, and that is the fine oil used on dentists' drills.

"Such drills, tiny little drills of beautiful workmanship, are made nowadays for use in every possible position. There are drills that project from the shaft at a right angle, this being made necessary by the daintiest little bevel gearing you ever saw within the drill head. Others are set at an obtuse angle, and others, again, are set at an acute angle.

"With one or another of these various drills you can drill out a hole in any tooth in any direction, up or down or from the front or the back or the side, but of course the little drills wouldn't run smoothly or nicely without lubrication, and you wouldn't want to put fish oil in a patient's mouth, already suffering enough, probably.

"So here is where scented lubricating oil is used, on dentists' drills—on the solid part, within the casing that constitutes the handle, attached to the end of the flexible shaft and on the dainty gearing at the head of the drill itself—fine oil that is scented with just a touch of attar of roses."

### ITALY TO BE RECKONED WITH.

Continental Trade Condition Liable to Be Overlooked.

Italian cleverness in machinery is one of the continental trade conditions which, it is pointed out, American enterprise sometimes forgets when rating European manufacturers who have been in the field longer than themselves and have some opportunities superior to those of the Yankee. The Italian ability to copy machinery made in other countries is remarkable. The Italians are keenly alive to the fact that they might not only supply their own home markets from their own workshops, but that they may enter the export trade as one of the strongest competitors of America. The greatest thing for Italian trade this year has been the success of the pair of Italian machines in a series of motor car races. In Milan and the country round there are about a dozen factories capable of competing in the manufacture of automobiles, paper bags, wrappings, tools, engravings and engraving machines, electrical and other machines and their parts, and of many other articles. It is these and all of America's other strongest European competitors that will exhibit in Milan's exposition next year. The American consul there advises Uncle Sam to send his best goods thither, lest by failing to do so he lose much business and prestige.

### TO REPRESENT UNITED STATES.



HENRY WHITE

Henry White, ambassador to Rome, has been selected to represent this country in conjunction with Minister Gummere of Tangier at the approaching Morocco conference. Mr. White is chosen because of his special knowledge of European politics and his general qualification and experience as a diplomat. Temperamentally he is regarded as particularly well suited for this important mission.

### Balance of European Power.

It is a sound maxim that the proper function of diplomacy is not to make war but to make peace and secure its continuance. Certainly no public servant can be more usefully employed than in the preservation of good neighborhood between the nations. The maintenance of immense military armaments by the great powers, however, proves that they have not yet reached the stage of perfect mutual confidence. It has been the policy of European statesmen generally for some 400 years to secure by a "balance of power" immunity against the aggressiveness of any one dangerously strong state.—New Orleans Picayune.

### WERE CHRISTIANS IN POMPEII.

Symbols of That Religion Unearthed During Excavations.

Newly discovered evidence that the Christian religion was known in the city of Pompeii before its destruction by the eruption of Vesuvius in the year 79 runs counter to the accepted theories of the archaeologists. Of course the proof may be disputed as not being conclusive. But the terra cotta lamp of common Roman pattern bearing the symbols of Christianity which had been unearthed in the course of excavations by the Italian government is a stubborn fact. Students of antiquity have frequently constructed elaborate theses on flimsier foundations.

There is nothing inherently improbable in the idea that followers of the Christian faith existed in Pompeii. Twenty years before its destruction the Apostle Paul had reached Rome. The Christian sect had already gained a foothold there and Paul was allowed to continue his preaching unharmed for some time. When he was brought back a captive to the imperial capital and sentenced to death in the year 65 the Christians had plainly become numerous enough to be regarded as a dangerous influence in the state. In fact, five years earlier Nero had laid the burning of Rome to the Christians, whom he afterward cruelly persecuted. Short of positive proof, what more plausible presumption does history offer than in the twenty years following Paul's arrival in Italy the Christian doctrine should have been heard at Pompeii, only a day's sail from Rome on a much traveled route?

So far less than half of the buried city has been explored. What secrets about the life of the people remain concealed under the ashes of Vesuvius no one can say. It may be that further research will establish beyond a doubt that Christianity was an active religion in Pompeii in the days when the elder Pliny perished at the spectacle of its ruin.

### KNOWS SECRET OF DIAMONDS.

English Scientist Can Make Them of Microscopical Size.

Diamonds are not born but made with unprecedented success by Dr. Burton of Cambridge, England, who has proved that the inestimable gem is a denser form of carbon crystal than graphite and that a lesser pressure than hitherto has been supposed suffices for producing artificial diamonds. He uses a molten alloy of lead and some metallic calcium, which can also hold a small quantity of carbon in solution. If the calcium is separated from the molten mass some of the carbon crystallizes. The separation of calcium can be accomplished through steam. If the introduction of steam is made during full red heat small graphite crystals are formed in the resulting crust of lime; if the steam is introduced during low red heat no graphite is formed, but a number of microscopical crystals are formed, the properties of which are entirely identical with those of natural diamonds. These diamonds possess a high refractive power and therefore strengthen the belief that some day the chemist may produce gems of sufficient size and perfection to compete with the natural stone.

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50c	Quality Suitings		38c.	Needles per Paper	1c.	
60c	Quality Eolienne		48c.	Dust Pans	6c.	
35c	Quality Table Damask		24c.	Bowl and Pitcher	96c.	
60c	Quality Velvet		47c.	Paring Knives	4c.	
12	1-2c	Quality Outing Flannel	9	1-3c.	Shirts	29c to \$2
		Lamp Chimneys No. 1	6c.	Overalls	53c, 54c, 56c	

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### ROSE LAWN

Suburban Tracts: Ideal for Homes and Small Orchards.

If you are looking for small orchard tracts, that in a few years, will make an ideal suburban home, you should look into the Rose Lawn proposition. I have a limited number of these beautiful five to seven acre lots to sell to actual home builders. These lots are under a nice artesian well irrigation system with a reasonable annual water rental. A small water main for domestic use will be supplied as soon as possible. 800 avenue trees are planted, and arrangements are being made for the planting, next season, of two continuous constant-blooming rose hedges along Rose Ave. This avenue begins at a point one-half mile south of Main street, of Artesia, New Mexico, and runs south one-half mile. The land is patented. The title is perfect. If you think this is about what you want, write at once, or come and I will take pleasure in explaining the terms and conditions.

R. M. LOVE, Proprietor  
Rose Lawn Suburban Tracts, Artesia, N. M.

Be enterprising, help advertise Artesia. Use envelopes with a big well printed upon them. Two packages for 25c at the Advocate office.

### Mr. Emerson's Reply.

The Advocate trusts that its readers will peruse carefully the lengthy article printed elsewhere and signed by Mr. J. L. Emerson tax assessor of Eddy County. We gladly give space to the article. The writer is a personal friend of Mr. Emerson—we both came from the same county in Texas—and we have no right to make on him personally. The manner in which tax assessments are made is of public concern, and any tax payer should be able to discuss the same without causing offense, so long as the truth is told. The Advocate stands ready to correct any misstatements it made in the article last week—if there were any misstatements. Mr. Emerson says "in that article are many statements that are not facts." We plead guilty to a mistake on one count, but that one count only emphasizes an unjust taxation levied along the same line. He says no tax is assessed against an artesian well when the land is patented, "but if the land is not patented, then an assessment is made against the well." This distinction made by the assessor is hardly to be considered as an excuse, for the latter assessment (made upon scores of wells near Artesia and none at Carlsbad) is without authority of law—in fact it is direct violation of the Statutes of New Mexico. Section 8, Chapter 102 of the Session laws of the 36th Assembly, approved March 16, 1905, says:

"Sec. 8 All canals, ditches, reservoirs, acequias, artesian wells, or other water works, and the water rights appertaining thereto, when the owner or owners of said irrigation works use the waters thereof exclusively upon land or lands owned by him, her, or them, shall be exempt from taxation: Provided, In case any water be sold or rented from such irrigation works, then, and in that event, such irrigation works shall be taxed to the extent of such sales or rental: Provided, Further, That community ditches shall not be subject to taxation."

Under a strict adherence to law, the collector would be subject to prosecution should he collect this unjust tax. Thus the Advocate's proposition that Mr. Emerson had no authority to assess a tax against artesian wells is correct, and the gentleman pleads guilty to the charge.

Now to his second proposition. We deny the statement that "a large part of the Holt Live Stock Company's land lies below Lake Wood" and that it goes anywhere near Carlsbad. It is practically all in the artesian belt from Lake McMillan north. There are 5448 acres and Mr. Emerson says the assessment of \$4, 112 is enough—or less than one dollar per acre. THIS WEEK the Holt Live Stock Company sold 240 acres of this land for about \$2230—some of it at \$16 per acre and some at \$6. In face of this, what right have you Mr. Emerson, to put a value of less than one dollar per acre. Most all of it is in the artesian belt and should be \$5.00, according to the Territorial Board of Equalization. You say that this board is one of the "highest powers we have in the matters of taxation in the Territory," and you must obey its mandates. Why not in this case, if in others? This is indeed "a snap," as you call it. There being no cattle on the land doesn't matter. The Board doesn't say a piece of land has to have cattle on it in order to be worth anything.

Now to count No. 3.

We deny in toto your statement that the Pecos Irrigation Company should be assessed at 30c per acre, or any part of it. According to the Board's ruling, thirty cent land is that which is not convenient to water and has no government land near for grazing purposes. This Company controls the Pecos river water for 48 miles, according to your statement, and there is open government land on both sides of it all the way down. Thus it should be \$1.25 at a minimum. It owns 27,000 acres, you assess it at \$24,430, although some of it is in a high state of cultivation.

The Company, we are told, recently offered this land and irrigation system to the government for \$300,000, or would sell the irrigation system for \$150,000 and keep the land at \$150,000. If the company itself values its holdings at \$150,000 or over \$5.00 per acre, why should you put it at 30c? Lots of like land under this system owned by private parties, could not be bought for \$100 per acre.

Raise it, Brother, Emerson, just a few notches, and then we will have no kick.

Now as to loss on assessed values. You gave a nice little table showing a decreased levy on live stock, which shows a loss of \$167,843. Why didn't you tell about that \$200,000 increase at Artesia to balance things up?

Your compliment on the growth of Artesia is appreciated in the spirit in which it is sent, but the figures do not spell anything in this controversy. It is easy enough to show the best business lots in Carlsbad at \$800 and inferior ones in Artesia at \$200.

If the Advocate has made an untrue statement about Mr. Emerson's rolls (barring the well assessment mentioned) and we stand ready to apologize for any seeming injustice. We have nothing but the kindest feelings for the gentleman,—just want to point out to him some needed changes in tax assessments.

### Ordinance, No. 58.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Artesia, New Mexico.

Sec. 1. That section two (2) of ordinance number seventeen (17) of said town, relating to occupation tax, wherein said section refers to stone or cement factories, be, and the same is amended to read as follows. Each stone or cement factory \$10.00.

Sec. 2. That the subdivision of ordinance number thirty-four, (34) imposing a license tax of ten dollars (\$10.00) per year on each blacksmith shop, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall have full force and effect from and after its passage.

Declared passed, approved and adopted this 29th day of Dec., 1905.

JOHN RICHEY, Chairman,  
J. E. SWEPSTON, Clerk.

Ktoser & Alferd arrived last week from Independence, Kansas, with a big oil rig and will bore an artesian well for Thomas Sandham, six miles southwest of town.

### Ordinance, No. 57.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the town of Artesia, New Mexico:

That the Town Engineer shall establish a uniform grade for sidewalks running along all streets and alleys within the corporate limits of the town of Artesia, not heretofore provided for by ordinance. And that the plans and specifications for sidewalks along all of the above named streets and alleys shall be such as are in the office of the town engineer, with the following exceptions: Said walks shall be four feet wide and not less than four inches thick, and of concrete or gravel according to said engineer's plans and specifications for constructing sidewalks of said material.

Declared passed, approved and adopted this 29th day of Dec., 1905.

JOHN RICHEY, Chairman,  
J. E. SWEPSTON, Clerk.

Wanted—A man to gather corn. Two weeks work. Apply this office.

FOR SALE.—A good pony, gentle for anyone to drive. Apply at J. P. Dyer's store.

COWS FOR SALE—40 Jersey cows and heifers for sale in bulk. Apply to G. P. Cleveland.

FOR SALE.—House of four rooms and bath, water in house and yard, also vacant lot, on Grand and 1st St. Apply at residence or this office. B. F. Sloane.

**Lost Soldiers Enjoyed Themselves.**

During the preparatory maneuvers of the Bavarian infantry at Nish, a regiment was lost for 24 hours. When it was finally sighted, the men were at the bottom of the ravine dancing to music furnished by a Gypsy camp.

**Edward Snubbed William.**

European royalty is excited now because King Edward while at Marienbad, flatly refused to visit the kaiser, whereupon the latter, who makes no concealment of his intense personal dislike of his uncle, sneered offensively.

**Dickens' "Old Curiosity Shop."**

Dickens' "Old Curiosity Shop" is No. 13 of the street where it stands, near Lincoln's Inn fields. It is now owned by a waste paper merchant, who is enterprising enough to carry on, besides his professed trade, a business in selling Dickens souvenirs.

**Valuable Cargo of Silk.**

The steamship Korea, which arrived at San Francisco from the Orient recently, brought the most valuable consignment of raw silk ever landed in this country. It was worth \$2,450,000. It was dispatched East in haste the same night, 3,500 bales of it.

**Gold Mounted Bicycles.**

The Sultan of Turkey owns more than 200 bicycles, some with gold and silver mountings. It is said that he could earn a good salary as a trick rider. He also has a weakness for motor cars and grand pianos.

**Distinguished English Governor.**

Sir William MacGregor, governor of Newfoundland, is one of the most remarkable men in the British colony service, both physically and mentally, and is the only governor to wear the Albert medal, which is the civilian counterpart of the Victoria cross.

**An Odd Sunday Collection.**

After the annual Sunday school sermon had been preached at St. Ann's, Nottingham, a collection was made in aid of the sick and poor. The gifts included thirty-five oranges, 213 eggs, 46 pots of jam, 102 bananas, 56 tomatoes, sweets, tea, dolls and toys.

**Settled by Turn of a Coin.**

A dispute over the division of a large tract of California land, left by the late Bart Smithson, was settled the other day by tossing a coin. The land was divided into four parts, and the four heirs, with the head and tail of half a dollar, made successive selections, to the great loss of the local legal fraternity.

**Has Earned a Rest.**

Rear Admiral G. W. Baird, after forty-three years' service in the navy, during which time he has had but four months off duty, now asks to be relieved as superintendent of the state, war and navy department building in Washington.

**Duel With a Regiment.**

The former lieutenant of the French Seventh-eighth regiment of the Line, Maurice Huet, has fought a duel with one of his former colleagues, receiving a wound in the arm. As soon as he recovers another will challenge him. He may live to fight them all. He wrote a book about life in a French garrison town.

**Hughes' Straggling Beard.**

Charles E. Hughes, the New York insurance inquisitor, had a wonderfully straggling beard when he first came prominently into view in connection with the present investigation. On the advice of friends he has had his whiskers trimmed into reasonable shape, and now is much less of an attraction for the cartoonist. In addition to which his appearance is greatly improved.

**Bernhardt's Barbaric Taste.**

It was Thomas Carlyle who said that all genius was akin to savagery. Sarah Bernhardt exemplifies this in the boudoir of her chateau in Paris, says the Pittsburg Gazette. Mme. Bernhardt is a perfect barbarian in her defiance of all the conventionalities regarding color schemes. Her sleeping room is hung in royal, picked out with peacock plumes. Over her Louis XVI. bed is a canopy made of unspun silk taken directly from the silk-worm cocoon. A great splash of crimson satin, in the form of a shield, adorns the center. The walls are hung in old tapestries, and in the interstices of the hangings are row after row of tiny monkey skulls, the eye sockets of which are illuminated with electric lights. The "divine Sarah" has parted with her pet tiger, and now has for a companion a large and ugly baboon, whose ears have been pierced so that they may carry large rings of solid gold. Bernhardt is said to look as young as she did twenty years ago. Her face is without wrinkles, and her step is as spry and her manner as vivacious as when she first electrified her native city as an actress.

**Millionaires in Overalls.**

New York society experienced a sensation when the announcement came out of California that young Charles Chauncey Stillman, son and heir of President James Stillman of the National City bank, who is one of the leading ministers in the Standard Oil cabinet, was earning a meager \$75 a month in Oakland as an ordinary—or extraordinary—baggage smasher. Simultaneously with this bit of news came a paragraph from London saying that John Cecil Rhodes, a nephew and heir of the late South African nabob, had donned overalls and gone to work in the Kimberley diamond mines. Other instances of millionaires wearing the habiliments of toil have come to light in such numbers recently as to resemble an epidemic of labor—a plague of overallitis which is smiting scions of wealth throughout the social and financial world.

**To Save Niagara River.**

The international deep waterway commission has adopted a resolution which has just reached the war department in Washington, recommending that no more franchises be granted for taking water from the Niagara river, the outlet of Lake Erie, and St. Mary's river, the outlet of Lake Superior. Copies of the resolutions will be transmitted to the governors of New York and Michigan, as the jurisdiction of the United States has been questioned. The commission, however, were of the opinion that the federal government had full authority. No question was raised about the power of the Canadian government to regulate the taking of water from the streams of Canada.

**Miss Krupp Likes Flowers.**

Miss Bertha Krupp, daughter of the famous gunmaker and manager of the great plant at Essen, has become an ardent florist and spends much of her time in the beautiful gardens which her father laid out for her. She is especially enthusiastic about orchids, and has imported some of the rarest growths from South America. Believing ornamental gardening to be a suitable calling for women, she has started a school at Essen, where girls are trained for the pursuit. Miss Krupp's reserved life is a source of wonder to her many friends. She rarely leaves the Villa Hugel except for an occasional trip to Florence or the Italian lakes. There is no talk of her marrying.

**Roman Altar Found.**

A Roman altar four feet high and of square formation has been unearthed near Melrose, England, at the site of an ancient Roman camp. An inscription chisled on it reads: "To the great and mighty Jupiter, Carolus, centurion of the twentieth legion, the valiant and victorious, cheerfully, willingly and deservedly paid his vow."

**The Bloodstained Rug.**

It is stated on the authority of a London magazine that the czarine, fearing the baleful influence of a historic rug sent by the Sultan of Turkey as a gift to the imperial parents on the occasion of the infant's birth, has sent the young heir to the throne to a place of hiding known only to herself and the czar. The rug sent by the sultan is said to be one known as "The Bloodstained Rug of the Tenth Century," which was taken from the walls of a Moorish palace in the twelfth century, when it was pronounced bewitched. It next appeared in Rome in the fourteenth century, but was banished from an Italian palace because of its uncanny influence, and was moved from place to place during the next 100 years, leaving death and destruction in its wake. It was lost during the sixteenth century, reappearing in the palace of the sultan at the beginning of the eighteenth, where it remained until sent to St. Petersburg, where it arrived at the beginning of the war with Japan.

**China Growing Warlike.**

Chan Chun Man, head of a Canton firm employing over 10,000 hands, has been studying American industries. In Philadelphia, apropos of the Chinese awakening, he said: "China has for thousands of years been highly enough civilized to despise war. Her new-born respect for war is not an unmixed good. There is, perhaps, a little of degeneration, of barbarism, in it. But at least China will no longer be the laughing stock of nations more warlike than herself. It will no longer be possible to say of her, as the Japanese once said, that a Chinese general explained a defeat with such a report as this: 'The ignorant enemy, unaware that guns could be fired against an object behind them, came upon us from the rear and thus rendered all our cannons useless.'"

**Keeping Church Doors Open.**

Rev. W. S. Rainsford, of New York, holds that a church door should hardly ever be closed. "I was not always so keen for open churches," he confessed recently, "but a 4-year-old girl settled my mind on that point. I was walking with her, listening to her childish prattle, when we passed a tightly closed and locked church. 'I s'pose God has a key to let Himself in,' she remarked, looking thoughtfully at the barred door, 'but the people have to go to the sexton.' I didn't have a church then, but I made up my mind that when I did have one the people would not have to hunt up the sexton to get in."

**Patriotic Widow.**

Mrs. Newman K. Perry, of Pittsfield, Mass., wife of Lieutenant Perry, who was killed by the blowing up of the Bennington in San Diego harbor last summer, says she will devote the remainder of her life to nursing sick sailors and soldiers. She is to enter St. Luke's training school for nurses in connection with the hospital in New York, and after graduating will offer her services to the government. Mrs. Perry is only 20 years old. She is intensely patriotic. When the body of Lieutenant Perry was sent East Mrs. Perry would allow no one to have any part in the funeral who was not a sailor or a soldier, and the lieutenant was buried with full military honors.

**Eight Vegetarian Octogenarians.**

Eight octogenarians of ages ranging from 80 to 91, one of them a woman, were the principal figures at a recent meeting convened by the London Vegetarian Association. The hall was crowded, but not altogether by vegetarians, one or two skeptical interjections suggesting the presence of some carnivorous Philistines among the audience. The chairman was C. P. Newcombe, who, despite his 80 years, spoke at considerable length in a loud, clear voice, and with much vigor. The burden of his address was that one is not too old at 80, or even 100, if he enjoys the blessings of health, which can be secured by a non-flesh diet.

**Smoking Reform.**

Smoking is to be reformed by its friends. A convention of pipe smokers was held in Belgium to combat the abuse of tobacco. The best way to prevent the abuse of tobacco is to smoke slowly. M. Kos, the president of the convention, informed his hearers that it took him three hours and seven minutes to get through one pipe. It is obvious that at this rate of going one could hardly smoke more than four pipes a day. A pipe, according to M. Kos, will out last three hours if filled in a particular way—loosely, that is, at the bottom, firmly in the middle, and again loosely at the top. "Further," said he, "you must give up your whole mind to the process. Patience and determination make the true smoker." M. Kos went on to affirm that the object of the convention, strange as it might appear, was to combat the abuse of tobacco. Those who smoke slowly get the greatest amount of pleasure out of their tobacco, while the nicotine is absorbed in the wood and does not reach the lips.

**Have Reformed Paris.**

Newspaper enterprise has reached such perfection in Paris, according to the London Globe, that the *Matin* and *Journal*, which have been making a specialty of abuses and reforms as an advertisement, have now remedied nearly every scandal in the metropolis. At their own expense they have reconstructed buildings, converted all procurable bad characters, and even entered the government offices and reorganized them until their representatives have been thrown out. Matters have now come to a serious climax—there is little left to reform. Paris is reported to be becoming the best of all possible cities. Unless another Dreyfus case or Panama scandal can be got up the circulation of the papers will be seriously impaired.

**Mosquito in Politics.**

John Martin, candidate for borough president in Richmond, Staten Island, has dragged the mosquito into his campaign. In a manifesto just issued he says: "Scientific methods for exterminating mosquitoes are known. They require only energy, money and official backing to make them effective. We could considerably reduce the discomfort from mosquitoes if our borough president would take up the campaign energetically. I pledge myself, if elected, to use all my power and to devote at least one-fifth of my salary to rid the island of the mosquito pest. A successful campaign would double real estate values."

**Oldest Locomotive Engineer.**

Archibald Sturrock, formerly locomotive engineer on the Great Northern railway in England, has just entered his ninetieth year. Mr. Sturrock joined the Great Northern railway in 1850, and practically revolutionized the locomotive narrow-gauge system. Mr. Sturrock is now the oldest locomotive engineer in the world. He is also the oldest volunteer field officer in Great Britain, having joined the force in 1859. He served upwards of twenty-one years as captain, three as major, and possesses the long service decoration.

**Has Lafayette's Watch.**

S. S. Wertz, of Altoona, has come into possession of a most valuable and historic heirloom. It is a watch that was once owned by Lafayette. He came by the watch through the death of a relative, John Van Pelt, at Germantown. The watch, a rather unique timepiece, was made by Gregson, of Paris, France, for Lafayette. It is made of gold and is studded with 180 pearls, and instead of a mainspring a small chain encircles the drum and keeps the watch in motion.

**"Real Daughter" Dead.**

A "real daughter" of the Revolution was Mrs. Caroline Pinto Hubbell, who died at Bridgeport, Sunday, at the age of 86. Her father, William Pinto, was a private in the New Haven militia, in the Revolution; her mother was Lauretta Packard, of Dartmouth, Mass.

**Royalty in the Ranks.**

According to Le Petit Parisien, the ex-Archduke Leopold, of Austria, who married Fraulein Adamovitch and became naturalized as a Swiss citizen under the name of Leopold Woifing, is now serving as a common soldier in a Swiss regiment at Geneva, in accordance with the law which requires military service from all citizens of the confederation. The ex-archduke, we are told, has to perform all the duties of his new position, helping to scrub the floors of the barracks and to sweep the yard, besides participating in several hours' drill each day. Through a practical joke played upon him by some comrades he lately incurred the punishment of four days' arrest, but it was not carried into effect, as suitable explanations were forthcoming. Curiously enough, this new Swiss recruit formerly held the rank of major general in the Austrian army.

**Rattlesnake Cured Him.**

Albert E. Geschiedt, a young lawyer of Mount Vernon, N. Y., had almost despaired of ever being cured of a goitre on his neck. For two years he had suffered torture and many specialists had treated him without giving relief, when he was advised by a friend to go and see "Rattlesnake Pete," a snake charmer in Rochester, who placed a big bull rattlesnake almost six feet long about Mr. Geschiedt's neck. The reptile coiled itself until the patient was almost choked to death. Under the influence of the charmer the snake would relax its hold and then recoil. This application was kept up for an hour each day, and after a course of treatment Geschiedt has returned home seemingly much improved and confident that the goitre will disappear entirely.

**An Island of Wild Horses.**

Sable island lies about eighty miles to the eastward of Nova Scotia and consists of an accumulation of loose sand, forming a pair of ridges united at the two ends and enclosing a shallow lake. Tracts of grass are to be met with in places as well as pools of fresh water. These afford sustenance for large numbers of wild horses or ponies, descended, it is supposed from stock cast ashore from a Spanish wreck early in the sixteenth century. Twenty-five years ago it was estimated that the ponies numbered from 500 to 600, but at present there are not quite 200, divided into five troops.

**Hetty Green's Auto.**

Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in America, is to purchase an auto. She is to run this auto herself. Her heart is softened toward all automobilists. She no longer thinks they are devil wagons, run by devils for devils. Soon she will spin from bank to bank in her own auto instead of walking. Three rules she has laid down for herself: "My auto must be the best on the market that can be bought for the least money. My auto must be capable of going slow. My auto must be one that I can run myself. No chauffeur for me."

**King Edward's Bad Bargain.**

When King Edward agreed to place the hereditary revenues of the crown at the disposal of the nation he made a bad bargain. Instead of the revenues he agreed to accept a clear yearly sum of \$2,350,000 and the nation is making a profit on the bargain. It amounted to \$112,500 last year and is increasing. Among the properties assigned by the king were considerable portions of the West end. Rents have risen greatly. One instance is the Carlton hotel, for which the ground rent was only \$3,815 per annum, but which is now \$21,000.

**Automatic Billiard Tables.**

Automatic billiard tables have been invented in Germany to do away with the services of an attendant and save the proprietors of cafes the men's wages. On dropping a small coin into a slot the balls are produced automatically, and at the end of fifteen minutes they disappear from the table.

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## Ladies' Raincoats

On hand and in order to reduce the stock, we offer them at the following exceedingly low prices. Each one a stylish garment made in the best manner possible and are warranted waterproof. Those that sold for

\$9.00	now	\$7.50	\$9.50	now	\$7.75
\$11.00	now	\$7.75	\$14.00	now	\$12.00
\$15.00	now	\$12.00	\$16.00	now	\$13.00

## Ladies' Dressing Sacques.

Pretty designs in Flannelette and Eiderdown, neatly trimmed with satin  
\$1.25 ones \$1.00, \$1.50 ones \$1.15, \$2.00 ones \$1.35.

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ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO.

For Sale—Pure-bred Barred Plymouth Rock chickens and White Holland turkeys. Box 21, Hagerman.

Miss Nelle Ede, of San Angelo, is the guest of her friend, Mrs. John S. Major, on Grand avenue.

E. A. Clayton was a visitor to the county seat Tuesday.

L. W. Holt, of Hagerman, called on the Advocate Tuesday evening.

Manager Harry W. Hamilton, of the Artesia Telephone company, tells the Advocate that he has the plans prepared for a one-story brick building which the company will erect as a permanent home for the exchange. It will be 25x40 feet, situated on the site of the present office.

Shredded Kaffir corn for sale. The very best of feed. Come and get it at \$3.00 per ton or \$5.00 delivered. W. C. McBride.

Go to Clayton for town lots. He has most any kind you want, and in any size blocks. In acre property, he has 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 60 or 80 blocks joining the town. So get you an ideal home before they get too high. These properties are bound to increase in value. It will be a pleasure for him to show you what he has.

Blaine Richey returned Monday night from Carrizo Springs, Texas.

E. C. Cook, of Lakewood, was enjoying the sights of the city Saturday.

Prof. A. A. Kaiser, of the Dayton schools, was a caller at the Advocate office Saturday.

Nim Childress telephones the Advocate from Hope that the citizens of that live little city will soon vote a \$5000 bond issue with which to build a modern school house.

Nicely printed envelopes, with a picture of a big artesian well, two packages for 25c, at Advocate office.

Full stock Sherwin-Williams Paint and Varnishes. John Schrock Lumber Co.

Buy your sand for sidewalks from Jim Conner

Mrs. B. C. Robertson, of Hereford, Texas, has returned to her home after a visit to the family of N. E. Cannon. She was accompanied home by her little grandniece, Dora Lawhorn.

Jim Conner has plenty of sand on hand,

Willis Ford, the popular insurance solicitor of Roswell, spent Wednesday in Artesia.

James L. Owen, from Owensboro, Kentucky, has been in Artesia a week and likes the valley so well that he bought land and has become a citizen. We are getting quite a colony of Blue Grass folks and the bars are down for any more who may care to come.

For Sale—5 good residence lots and 2-room house close in at a bargain. J. C. Meek, one block north of stone yard.

Clarence Ullery was down from Roswell a day or two this week trying to adjust himself to that elegant new store room erected by his company on Main street. It is one of the nicest store rooms in the Pecos valley.

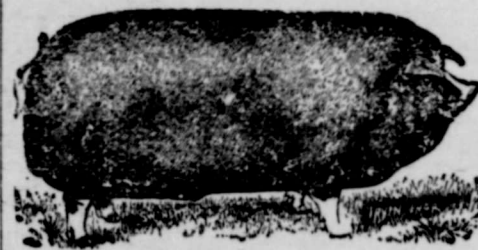
By the accidental omission of one figure, the Advocate was made to say that Artesia's postmaster was drawing the magnificent salary of \$450 per year. It should have read \$1450.

When you go to have your cement walk put in, figure with J. T. Patrick. He will do the right kind of work and of course that is cheapest.

J. O. Duncan has joined the force of affable clerks at J. P. Dyer's.

G. U. McCrary, Esq., was a visitor to the county seat Tuesday.

S. B. Dyer, the new alderman to succeed E. B. Kemp, resigned, is excellent timber for the place. He is deliberate, and a law and order man on every part of the ground. No one has the interests of Artesia more at heart than Mr. Dyer, and the Advocate predicts that he will be a valuable member on the board of trustees.



## Pure Leaf Lard 15 CENTS.

Kettle-rendered lard, made of pure hog fat, always goes further and makes better pastry than any other kind.

Our lard is made in a separate building used for that purpose only. It is made in a kettle with steam and smell conductor attached, insuring lard free from all disagreeable odors.

We put it up in pails or crocks, as you wish, and guarantee it to contain absolutely nothing but trimmed hog fat—no rinds go into the kettle.

Send your own crock or pail and have it filled. Quantity price is less than single pound.

## The Artesia Market Company.

The many friends of Edwin B. Kemp regret that he chose to lay lay aside the aldermanic toga. They always knew where to find him on questions pertaining to the enforcement of the city's laws.

We have the services of a first class plumber. Prices the lowest. Hoffman Hardware Co.

Northern-fed beef—Artesia Market.

The installation, banquet and ball given by the Carlsbad W. O. W. Camp Tuesday eve was attended by the following Artesia "choppers": H. S. Logan, Chas. Echols, Tom Logan, J. E. Swebston, J. D. Christopher, Thad Cobb, Will Watkins and G. U. McCrary, Ewin and Rex Walling.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tackett desire to extend thanks for the many kind and thoughtful acts of their neighbors during the illness of their little daughter.

Taken up.—A red milk cow, brand J. A. connected on hip. Apply to H. H. Hess.

The Advocate is indebted to Mr. A. W. Henry, of Dayton, for some timely assistance in its mechanical department this week.

Miss Lucy Jacobs, of Greenfield, Mo., arrived in Artesia Thursday evening, visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Mathes.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Major entertained at dinner Wednesday evening in honor of their guests Miss Mary Greenlee, of Roswell, and Miss Nelle Ede, of San Angelo, Texas. Those present were Misses Lee, Major, Ede, Greenlee and Field; Messrs. Robertson, Higgins, Nimitz, Kemp and Thomas.

"Seal Shipped" Oysters—Artesia Market.

A number of Artesia citizens have started the new year exactly right—by subscribing for copies of the Advocate to go to friends and relatives in other states. The only way to get homeseekers into the valley is to tell them of its advantages. Do you know any better way than the Advocate route?

Lela, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tackett, died on New Years day of pneumonia and was buried the following day. The little one's death was a sad blow to its parents and they have the sympathy of everyone.

Prof. Kinneer, superintendent of the Beaumont, Texas, schools, spent a few days in Artesia this week, prospecting.

Messrs. J. J. Burge and J. B. Hancock will leave in a day or two for Old Mexico to investigate some mining properties for a company recently formed at this place. The Advocate wishes them all kinds of success, but would warn them that the Yaquis will get 'em they don't watch out.

Eugene H. Holmes, pastor of the Christian church, is having a neat two-story residence built on Quay avenue. Contractor Homer Bethel is in charge of the work.

Dipping vats, tanks and cisterns made at reduced prices, made up in factory style.

Hoffman Hardware Co.

160 acres of land nine miles northwest of Artesia for sale cheap. For further information call at the Millinery Store.

Walker Brothers, the progressive real estate men of Artesia, brought in another pullman Wednesday loaded with homeseekers, and a number of good sales are in prospect. This firm has proven itself particularly successful in settling farmers in this part of the Pecos valley. One of the gentlemen spends his time in the north and east interviewing responsible and conservative business men and farmers who have idle money and not averse to making more. No one is solicited to come unless he is able to buy when he gets here, hence Walker Brothers do considerable business every excursion week. Very few far seeing business men will overlook the opportunities for sure profit to be found in the valley and the above-named firm has the exclusive right to sell a large number of the choicest farm in this favored section.

Christmas exercises at the Red School House on Friday afternoon, Dec. 22, were a grand success. The attendance of visitors was not large on account of the snow storm, but the program given by the teacher and pupils was highly appreciated by all. Christmas songs, suitable recitations, tableaux, amusing dialogues, and the laughable little comedy, "How She Cured Him", were very creditably rendered. The pupils taking part were, Eddie Yeargin, Howard Yeargin, Adelbert Carson, Earnest Carson, Irma Carson, Vellie Carson, Cathryne Hedwig Walter-scheid, Gabie Gesler, Florence Gesler, Clara Gesler, Ross Gesler, Hollie and Clarence Langford. The teacher Miss Ledu-ka D. Carson was highly complimented for her patient toil in getting up this superb Christmas entertainment.

## GOOD BLOOD FOR BAD

Rheumatism and Other Blood Diseases are Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"In the lead mines I was at work on my knees with my elbows pressed against rock walls, in dampness and extremes of cold," said Mr. J. G. Menkel, of 2975 Jackson avenue, Dubuque, Iowa, in describing his experience to a reporter, "and it is not surprising that I contracted rheumatism. For three years I had attacks affecting the joints of my ankles, knees and elbows. My ankles and knees became so swollen I could scarcely walk on uneven ground and a little pressure from a stone under my feet would cause me so much pain that I would nearly sink down. I was often obliged to lie in bed for several days at a time. My friends who were similarly troubled were getting no relief from doctors and I did not feel encouraged to throw money away for nothing. By chance I read the story of Robert Yates, of the Klauer Manufacturing Co., of Dubuque, who had a very bad case of rheumatism. I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, the remedy he had used. In three or four weeks after beginning to use the pills, I was much better and in three months I was well. The swelling of the joints and the tenderness disappeared, I could work steadily and for eight years I have had no return of the trouble. My whole family believe in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Both my sons use them. We consider them a household remedy that we are sure about."

What Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did for Mr. Menkel they are doing for hundreds of others. Every dose sends galloping through the veins, pure, strong, rich, red blood that strikes straight at the cause of all ill health. The new blood restores regularity, and braces all the organs for their special tasks. Get the genuine Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at your druggists' or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

### Plot Against Hearst.

Tammany pressure is really being exerted, according to Washington reports to Southwestern papers, to have Hearst barred from the Democratic congressional caucus. This is one of the questions the Southern members are really facing. The feeling among them is said to be a strong indisposition to make a martyr of Hearst by putting him out of the party. No other feeling would be sane or sensible. Exclusion from the Democratic caucus would be but another prodigious "ad."

### Snubbed Our Carrie.

Carrie Nation was in St. Louis the other day on her way to fill a lecture engagement. Hearing that Miss Phoebe Cousins, the noted woman suffragist, was at one of the hotels there, Mrs. Nation called and sent up her card. Miss Cousins told the bell-boy: "I do not want either to see or talk with Mrs. Nation." Carrie departed in triumph saying Miss Cousins was afraid of an interview. The latter dryly coincided in this view on hearing of the saloon smasher's remark.

### Kitchener Tall and Wiry.

Lord Kitchener, whose recent appointment as military autocrat in India caused Lord Curzon to resign his position as viceroy, has been thus described by G. W. Stevens, war correspondent: "He stands several inches over six feet, straight as a lance, and looks out imperiously above most men's heads; his motions are deliberate and strong; slender, but firmly knit, he seems built for tireless, steel-wire endurance rather than for power or agility."

### Expensive Scissors.

The German emperor not long ago received a peculiar present—a pair of scissors, but so exquisitely made as to be valued at nearly \$500. A steel merchant was the giver. He had the emperor's portrait and some celebrated historical buildings engraved on the scissors. The engraved is said to have worked five years at his task.

George Jackson of Corsicana had his left hand mangled by the saws in a gin in the eastern part of this city Wednesday. The middle finger was so badly mangled as to necessitate amputation at the last joint.

Wednesday night at midnight, in a difficulty at Lufkin, Tim Sims was shot and killed. The ball entered the neck, breaking it, Sims dying instantly. N. R. Chancey is in jail waiting an examining trial, charged with the killing.

It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors.—Plutarch.

The man who boasts of never minding matters is likely to be chopping up somebody's reputation pretty fine.

Every-one is bound to bear patiently the results of his own example.—Phaedrus

Mrs. R. L. Stevenson,

Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, who has made her home in San Francisco for several years, is in very poor health, and has gone to Lower California to recuperate. Mrs. Stevenson has identified herself with a literary coterie in San Francisco and her home there is a sort of literary salon. She recently completed a new edition of her husband's works in which she has supplied a large amount of new material bearing upon the life of the distinguished novelist.

### A Sanguinary Event.

If as many persons have been killed and wounded in Odessa the past week as the dispatches have reported, then on the basis of bloodshed the Russian revolution is not so very far behind the French Revolution. A change of government that is celebrated by 5,657 persons going to the hospitals in one city is certainly a sanguinary event.

C. F. Daly, passenger traffic manager of the New York Central lines west of Buffalo, and Warren Lynch, general passenger agent of the Big Four, were called to New York recently for conference with President Newman. A plan is said to be on foot to transfer Mr. Daly to New York as passenger traffic manager of the New York Central, to give Mr. Lynch the Chicago post, to retire George Daniels, general passenger agent of the New York Central, and to make H. J. Rhein, now general passenger agent of the Lake Erie and Western, general passenger agent of the Big Four. Mr. Daniels has confirmed the report as to his retirement. He will be made general advertising manager of the system.

### Eight Vegetarian Octogenarians.

Eight octogenarians of ages ranging from 80 to 91, one of them a woman, were the principal figures at a recent meeting convened by the London Vegetarian Association. The hall was crowded, but not altogether by vegetarians, one or two skeptical interjections suggesting the presence of some carnivorous Philistines among the audience. The chairman was C. P. Newcombe, who, despite his 80 years, spoke at considerable length in a loud, clear voice and with much vigor. The burden of his address was that one is not too old at 80 or even 100 if he enjoys the blessings of health, which can be secured by a non-flesh diet.

### Oldest Locomotive Engineer.

Archibald Sturrock, formerly locomotive engineer on the Great Northern railway in England, has just entered his ninetieth year. Mr. Sturrock joined the Great Northern railway in 1850, and practically revolutionized the locomotive narrow-gauge system. Mr. Sturrock is now the oldest locomotive engineer in the world. He is also the oldest volunteer field officer in Great Britain, having joined the force in 1859. He served upwards of twenty-one years as captain, three as major, and possesses the long service decoration.

### THE "COFFEE HEART."

It is as Dangerous as the Tobacco or Whisky Heart.

"Coffee heart" is common to many coffee users and is liable to send the owner to his or her long home if the drug is persisted in. You can run 30 or 40 yards and find out if your heart is troubled. A lady who was once a victim of the "coffee heart" writes from Oregon:

"I have been a habitual user of coffee all my life and have suffered very much in recent years from ailments which I became satisfied were directly due to the poison in the beverage, such as torpid liver and indigestion, which in turn made my complexion blotchy and muddy.

"Then my heart became affected. It would beat most rapidly just after I drank my coffee, and go below normal as the coffee effect wore off. Sometimes my pulse would go as high as 137 beats to the minute. My family were greatly alarmed at my condition and at last mother persuaded me to begin the use of Postum Food Coffee.

"I gave up the old coffee entirely and absolutely, and made Postum my sole table beverage. This was six months ago, and all my ills, the indigestion, inactive liver and rickety heart action, have passed away, and my complexion has become clear and natural. The improvement set in very soon after I made the change, just as soon as the coffee poison had time to work out of my system.

"My husband has also been greatly benefited by the use of Postum, and we find that a simple breakfast with Postum is as satisfying and more strengthening than the old heavier meal we used to have with the other kind of coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pgs.

## IN CONSTANT AGONY.

A West Virginian's Awful Distress Through Kidney Troubles.

W. L. Jackson, merchant, of Parkersburg, W. Va., says: "Driving about in bad weather brought kidney troubles on me, and I suffered 20 years with sharp, cramping pains in the back and urinary disorders. I often had to get up a dozen times at night to urinate. Retention set in, and I was obliged to use the catheter. I took to my bed, and the doctors falling to help, began using Doan's Kidney Pills. The urine soon came freely again, and the pain gradually disappeared. I have been cured eight years, and though over 70, am as active as a boy."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Nice Pets, These.

Among the latest additions to the collection in the Zoological Gardens, London, are a grieved tortoise, two long-nosed crocodiles, a knob-nosed lizard, a scaly dove, a mealy amazon, an elate hornbill, two cut-throat finches, a red river hog, and a bonnet macaque.

### Belgium's Colonial Area.

Though Belgium has an area of only 11,373 square miles, which is less than one-fourth the size of New York, and a population of only 6,500,000, it has accomplished within twenty years a mighty task, opening up to the world a vast territory in Africa, covering 800,000 square miles, with a native and white population of about 30,000,000.

### A Wise Baboon.

When a battalion of infantry was leaving England the other day for South Africa a baboon, the regimental mascot, showed an amount of joy that was in striking contrast with the demeanor of most of his military friends. "He knows he's going back home," said a sergeant.

### Facts and Proof.

Hulett, Wyo., Dec. 4th (Special)—An ounce of fact is worth a ton of theory and it is evidence founded on facts that backs up every box of Dodd's Kidney Pills. The evidence of people who know what they do. Mrs. May Taber, highly esteemed resident of Hulett, says:

"I know Dodd's Kidney Pills are a valuable medicine because I have used them. I took seven boxes and they cured me of a severe attack of Kidney Trouble. They relieved me from the first dose, and when I had finished the last box I had no pain and my Kidneys are now acting properly."

Dodd's Kidney Pills are now recognized all over the world as the greatest Kidney Remedy science has ever produced. They cure Rheumatism, Dropsy, Gout, Lumbago, Diabetes, Urinary and Bladder Troubles, Bright's Disease, and all disorders arising from any form of Kidney Disease.

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Cures Blood, Skin Troubles, Cancer, Blood Poison, Greatest Blood Purifier Free.

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, rashes and lumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) according to directions. Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop, the blood is made pure and rich, leaving the skin free from every eruption, and giving the rich glow of perfect health to the skin. At the same time B. B. B. improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia, strengthens weak kidneys. Just the medicine for old people, as it gives them new, vigorous blood. Druggists \$1 per large bottle, with directions for home use. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice also sent in sealed letter. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of impure blood and skin disease, and cures after all else fails.

A necessary evil must be the kind that money is the root of.

### Stands Head.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for, and more. For sprains, bruises, cuts, burns, aches and pains it has no equal on earth. It stands head on my medicine shelf. Very truly yours,

T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tenn.

The most glorious exploits do not always furnish us with the clearest discoveries of virtue or vice in men.—Plutarch.

He bids fair to be wise who has discovered that he is not so.—Publius Syrus.

### Save Your Lungs.

Don't neglect that cough. One pair of lungs is all you'll ever have—treat them well. Simmons' Cough Syrup will soothe and strengthen them, stops the cough and gives you a chance to sleep in peace.

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### Insist on Getting it.

Some grocers say they don't keep Deffance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Deffance contains 16 oz. for the same money. Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Deffance Starch. Requires no cooking.

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When a man makes a fool of himself he generally does it to please some woman.

### More Flexible and Lasting.

won't shake out or blow out; by using Deffance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

The way to make your wife have confidence in you is to tell her that

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Deffance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 1/2-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Deffance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Deffance. He knows that Deffance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Deffance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Deffance never sticks.

Conscience isn't in it with the humiliation of being found out.

### TEXAS FARMERS.

Located in the Panhandle Country constitute a vast proportion of those who are out of debt, possess an abundance of all that is necessary to comfort and easy hours, and own bank accounts. Those who are not so fortunate should profit by past experiences and recognize that these conditions are possible in the Panhandle as no where else for the reason that no other section now offers really high-class lands at low prices, and that the agricultural and stock-farming possibilities of this section are the equal if, and in some respects better than three to five times higher priced property located elsewhere. In a word: Many magnificent opportunities are still open here to those possessing but little money, but prompt investigation and quick action are advisable, as speculators have investigated and are fast purchasing with a knowledge of quickly developing opportunities to sell to others at greatly increased prices. The Denver road sells round trip tickets twice a week with stop-over privileges. For full information write to A. A. Glisson, G. P. A., Fort Worth, Texas.

### TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT CHANGED

Announcement of important changes in the traffic department of the Wabash and Wheeling and Lake Erie railroads and of the appointment of a new general manager for the eastern Gould line, the Western Maryland, have been made. Vice President B. A. Worthington of the Wabash lines east of Toledo has issued circulars announcing the appointment of C. H. Newton to be joint agent of the Wheeling and Lake Erie and Wabash-Pittsburg terminal railroads at Toledo, effective on Dec 1. It is also announced that the office of general freight agent of the Wabash at St. Louis is to be abolished, and S. B. Knight, the present incumbent, has been appointed industrial agent.

Horace Clark, general manager of the Western Maryland and West Virginia Central railroads, the Gould tidewater lines has resigned, and Alexander Robertson, formerly general manager of the St. Louis Terminal railroad, has been appointed in his stead.

### Kelly Gets Higher Position.

Instead of R. F. Kelly coming to Chicago to supersede Frank Palmer as assistant general passenger agent of the Wabash at Chicago, it was announced yesterday that Fred H. Tristram formerly assistant general passenger agent at Pittsburg, will have the Chicago post and Mr. Kelly will succeed Tristram at Pittsburg. This promotion will place Tristram next in line for the general passenger agent of the Wabash.

## Are You Tired, Nervous and Sleepless?

Nervousness and sleeplessness are usually due to the fact that the nerves are not fed on properly nourishing blood; they are starved nerves. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes pure, rich blood, and thereby the nerves are properly nourished and all the organs of the body are run as smoothly as machinery which runs on oil. In this way you feel clean, strong and strenuous—you are toned up and invigorated, and you are good for a whole lot of physical or mental work. Best of all, the strength and increase in vitality and health are lasting.

The trouble with most tonics and medicines which have a large, booming sale for a short time, is that they are largely composed of alcohol holding the drugs in solution. This alcohol shrinks up the red blood corpuscles, and in the long run greatly injures the system. One may feel exhilarated and better for the time being, yet in the end weakened and with vitality decreased. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery contains no alcohol. Every bottle of it bears upon its wrapper *The Badge of Honesty*, in a full list of all its several ingredients. For the drugist to offer you something he claims is "just as good" is to insult your intelligence.

Every ingredient entering into the world-famed "Golden Medical Discovery" has the unanimous approval and endorsement of the leading medical authorities of all the several schools of practice. No other medicine sold through druggists for like purposes has any such endorsement.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" not only produces all the good effects to be obtained from the use of Golden Seal root, in all stomach, liver and bowel troubles, as in dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation, ulceration of stomach and bowels and kindred ailments, but the Golden Seal root used in its compound is greatly enhanced in its curative action by other ingredients such as Stone root, Black Cherry bark, Bloodroot, Mandrake root, and chemically pure triple-refined glycerine.

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## TERRITORIAL BANK REPORT.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE  
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OF NEW MEXICO, ON  
DEC. 30, 1905.

RESOURCES.	
Loans on real estate,	\$ 7,521
Loans on collateral security other than real estate,	64,478
Overdrafts,	287
Due from other banks and bankers,	10,349
Real estate, furniture and fixtures,	7,911
Checks and other cash items,	647
Gold coin,	\$ 520
Gold certificates,	1,000
Silver coin,	246
Silver certificates,	500
Legal tenders,	500
National b'k notes, 1,490	
Total cash on hand,	4,256
Total Resources,	\$95,449

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in,	\$ 15,000
Other undivided profits (less expenses and taxes paid,)	3,125
Total Deposits,	77,324
Total Liabilities,	\$95,449

I hereby certify that the above statement is true and correct,

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## At the Christian Church.

Special services will be held at the Cristian church next Sunday. All members are requested to be present. This the first Lord's Day of the new year is to be the occasion of a special rally and roll call, election of officers etc.

The morning subject will be The Growing Vision, and in the evening, The Voyage of Life. Both friends and strangers are cordially invited to attend.

E. H. Holmes, Minister.

## Ordinance No. 55.

Whereas, The Artesia Telephone Company has presented to this Board an application for a franchise for extending, maintaining and operating its telephone exchange in the town of Artesia, and submitted therewith a form of contract to be made, which said proposition and form of contract are as follows, to-wit:

This Indenture, made and entered into this 29th day of December, 1905, by and between the Town of Artesia, of Eddy County, New Mexico, hereinafter called the party of the first part, and the Artesia Telephone Company, a corporation organized, existing and doing business under the laws of the Territory New Mexico, hereinafter called the party of the second part, witnesseth:

That, whereas, The said party of the second part constructed and has been operating a telephone exchange within what is now the corporate limits of the said town of Artesia, under authority to occupy and use the public streets and alleys of the town for that purpose granted by the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County; and

Whereas, It will be to the manifest interest of the said municipality and said Company that a contractual relation exist between them with reference to the maintenance, extension and operation of said telephone system, since the said town of Artesia has become incorporated; and

Whereas, Said Company, the party of the second part, has submitted to the said party of the first part a proposition in writing, requesting that a contract in form and substance as this instrument be executed; and

Whereas, The Board of Trustees of said town of Artesia have decided, at a meeting held on the 29th day of December, 1905, that it is to the best interest of the said town and the inhabitants thereof that this contract be made;

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the premises, and of the sum of One Dollar to said party of the first part paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the covenants, agreements, and obligations of the party of the second part hereinafter set out, to be by it performed and kept, the party of the first part does hereby grant to the party of the second part, and to its successors and assigns, the right to maintain such poles and posts as it now has set and erected on and along the streets, alleys, and public places and grounds of said town of Artesia, for supporting its telephone wires and cables, and said party of the first part does also grant to said party of the second part the further right to erect along the streets, alleys, and public places and grounds of the said town of Artesia all such poles, posts and towers which may be found necessary for supporting the wires and cables used in connection with said telephone exchange, and the right is further granted to said party of the second part to construct underground conduits for its said wires and cables on and along said streets, alleys and public grounds, it being understood always that said posts, poles and towers shall be so located, and of such height, as in no way to interfere with the free and unobstructed use of all of said streets, alleys, and public grounds for every purpose, and that same, and the wires and cables suspended thereon, will not destroy nor unreasonably

injure any of the shade or ornamental trees that grow upon any of the streets and alleys or public grounds of said town of Artesia; and said party of the second part, for the purpose of erecting said poles, posts, or towers, or for stretching the wires and cables thereon, or for constructing any of said conduits and laying wires and cables therein, shall have the right to go upon any of the streets, alleys and public grounds in said town of Artesia, and make thereon any and all necessary excavations, provided however, said excavations shall be made in such way as not to obstruct the free use of said streets, alleys and public grounds, and not in any way endanger the inhabitants of the town, and no excavation made in said construction work shall be allowed to remain open upon any of the streets, alleys, or public grounds longer than may be reasonably necessary, it being the intention of the party of the first part to require the party of the second part, its successors and assigns, to refrain from doing anything in the construction of or maintenance of said telephone system which will in anyway interfere with or prevent the free use of the streets, alleys, and public grounds in said town, or interfere with any individual citizen in the peaceful enjoyment of all such public places and his or their private property rights.

In consideration of the rights and privileges granted as aforesaid the party of the second part binds itself, and its successors and assigns, at all times to allow the said party of the first part the free use of its poles, posts, towers, and conduits, for running and suspending thereon, or placing therein in case underground conduits should be used, such wires as may be necessary for police, fire, or other public signal service, provided and used for the public safety, and also will furnish for the use of the said municipality such telephones as may be necessary for the convenient carrying on of its business. And the said party of the second part further binds itself and its successors and assigns, to at all times provide and furnish for the use of the inhabitants of the town of Artesia telephone instruments of a good serviceable class at a charge of not to exceed the following prices, to-wit: For places of residence where not used by more than one family, two dollars per month; for places of business or offices, three dollars and fifty cents per month for two telephones taken by the same person, one to be used at a place of business or office, and the other at his or her residence.

It is further contracted and agreed that said party of the second part may transfer, assign or sell the privileges and franchises hereby granted, to any person, firm or corporation, and such purchaser or purchasers shall be bound by all the terms and conditions of this contract as the party of the second part hereto, and the privileges and rights hereby granted shall remain in force and effect for the period of twenty-five years from and after the date of this instrument, and said party of the first part contracts and agrees that it will not grant to any other person, firm or corporation a right to erect, construct, install, or maintain within said town of Artesia any public telephone exchange so long as the party of the second part, or its successors and assigns, shall in all things comply with the terms of this contract in all of its provisions and spirit, and particularly shall be prepared to furnish on reasonable notice and keep in operation all the telephones which the inhabitants of the town shall require and be willing to pay for, at not to exceed the rates of rental hereinbefore named; and this contract shall become effective at once after its authorization by the Board of Trustees of the said town and the publication of the Ordinance.

In Witness Whereof, the party of the first part has by resolution adopted on the 29th day of December, by

its Board of Trustees caused its corporate name to be subscribed and its corporate seal affixed hereto by its proper executive officer and recorder; and the party of the second part by resolution of its Board of directors has caused its name to be subscribed hereto by its president and attested by its secretary, the day and year first herein written.

TOWN OF ARTESIA OF EDDY  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

by John Richey,  
Chm. Bd. of Trustees.

Attest: J. E. Sweptston { SEAL }  
Recorder

THE ARTESIA TELEPHONE COMPANY

by Harry W. Hamilton,  
President.

Attest: Floy Richey Hamilton, { SEAL }  
Secretary.

Territory of New Mexico,

County of Eddy,

On this 29th day of December before me personally appeared John Richey, to me personally known, who, being duly sworn, on his oath did say that he is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the town of Artesia, a municipal corporation, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Trustees, and said John Richey acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

And also on the same day before me appeared Harry W. Hamilton, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is the President of The Artesia Telephone Company and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of the Board of Directors, and said Harry W. Hamilton acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, the day and year in this certificate first written.

L. W. MARTIN,

Notary Public.

[Seal.]  
And, whereas, such proposition and proposed contract, after having been considered by the Board, are in all things approved, and on the vote taken for determining the sense of the Trustees three votes were given in favor of accepting said proposition and authorizing the execution of the proposed contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the town of Artesia:

Section 1. That the town of Artesia does agree to all the terms and conditions of the above mentioned contract with the Artesia Telephone Company, and authorizes and directs the undersigned officials to execute said contract on behalf of this said town of Artesia, and that the Recorder attest the same with its corporate seal.

Section 2. It shall not be lawful for any person to wilfully damage or in anyway interfere with the poles, posts, towers, wires, cables or other property of said Artesia Telephone Company used by it in the operation of its telephone exchange.

Section 3. Any person who shall violate the provisions of said Section 2 hereof shall on conviction be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the town prison or county jail for a period not exceeding ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Section 4. This ordinance shall go into effect at once after its publication.

JOHN RICHEY, Chairman,  
Board of Trustees.

Attest: J. E. SWEPTSTON,  
Recorder.

{ SEAL }

## Because

He wasn't handsome, hadn't fame,  
He bore no proud ancestral name;  
Four figures, at the very most,  
Could sum the wealth he had to boast.  
To culture he made slight pretense,  
His wit was rather forced and dense;  
His chance for winning her seemed slim,  
And yet—she fell in love with him!

By no means, now, was he a fool;  
He had a courage calm and cool,  
And perseverance of the kind  
That shuts its eyes and goes it blind;  
But, peace or strife, or sun, or snow,  
Whatever occurs, contrives to go!  
Not traits that win a heart, you'll say,  
And yet—she married him one day.

"He has his faults, as who has not?"  
She said, when friends her reason sought  
For wedding him. "He's plain, 'tis true,  
I see all that as well as you!  
For while on wedding him I'm bent,  
My love's not blind to such extent  
I cannot see his faults and flaws."  
And yet, I love him—just because!"  
—New York Press.

# The Ways of DIPLOMACY

BY GEORGE SHEDD

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Marian Loveless was referred to among her acquaintances as the living statue, and with good reason. Beautiful, accomplished, with the figure of a Venus, of perfect health and strength, she had arrived well into her twenties without feeling a tremor of the heart. And it was not that efforts in plenty had not been made to arouse the warmth in her gentle breast, for she had many lovers who had used all their art to inspire the divine passion in her heart.

"I must have been born deficient," she said frankly to one of these in rejecting his suit. "For I certainly do not have any warmer feeling for you, nor any other man than hearty friendship. I admire you, I respect you, I have not a criticism to make of you. But I have no such emotion as you express, nor such as my girl friends tell me of, and of which I read in books. I am lacking somehow. I am sorry, both on your account and on my own. I can not conceive of such a thing as giving up my independence and individuality and merging my life into that of a man. I shall always respect and like you and will be a sister to you."

"Sister!" exclaimed the man, and he went to the Klondike and never saw her again.

And that was the story she was compelled to tell her most ardent wooers.

"I like the men first rate," she said. "Indeed their robust way of looking at things and doing things is quite a relief at times from the petty little ways the women have, and they are very handy in dancing and rowing and driving and running automobiles, and that sort of thing, but to go away and live with and become a part of—I simply cannot understand it."

This was the state of affairs when Gerald Mann appeared on the scene and was attracted by the beauty and the personality of Miss Loveless. When he went slap up against sexlessness, so to speak, he was dumbfounded, then interested. He was a thorough man of the world, widely traveled and of much experience with women. That a woman in perfect health, with red lips and swelling curves and flashing eyes should be perfectly passionless was incredible, preposterous. Hence he was stimulated to try his powers and in the trying he lost his heart.

For the first time in his life Gerald Mann was in love. It was the real thing, too, and a hard attack of it. He struggled violently and ridiculed himself mercilessly over his pre-slumber cigar, but to no avail. He had had many affairs and indulged in



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some engagements, but this was different. This woman he must have to complete his life. There was no question about that.

In the meantime her adamant attitude was not even scratched. Mann rather interested her with his well-stored mind and his knowledge of men and places and things, but that was all. He never quickened her

pulses—unless when he put an added dash of recklessness into the speed of his automobile.

Finally, after struggling in the meshes until he was sore and tired, he surrendered and poured out his declaration of love to the object of his desires.

"Oh, dear, how dreadful!" she said, calmly. "Just when things were running along so nicely, too, and we were having such jolly times. And now I must lose you."

"Never!" he exclaimed, passionately.

"Yes, I will," she replied in a discouraged tone of voice. "I don't know where you will go or what you will do, but you will go away from me. And you know it all the time, too—you knew I had no capacity for love. Why did you do it?"

He breathed some fervent words about it being "written by fate," and ordained from the beginning of time, and that sort of thing, and finally received the inevitable promise of sisterhood.

But Mann was older and more experienced than the others had been and the attack having been deferred



She was all a-tremble.

so long may have been more severe. Any way, he refused to go away, or to accept her as a sister. He simply staid on and announced that he would wait for the arousing of her woman's nature which, he averred must come some day.

Things were not wholly comfortable or normal, however, and so far as Mann was concerned, certainly not joyous, when he met at his club one day an old friend, an Italian gentleman with whom he had become very well acquainted one summer when he was abroad. The Italian was a musician—a violinist of exceptional ability and high reputation. He had come to tour America with his wonderful violin. After greetings had been duly exchanged, the two sat down and had a long chat, renewing the old acquaintance most happily. Mann could not keep back the great change in his life and the disappointment with which he had met. Signor Valletti was all sympathy, but resolutely skeptical regarding the lady's incapacity to experience the gentle joys of love.

"Et eez eempossible," he said. "Et eez reedeeculous. All laatee have ze divine passion. Et eez a part of zeir divine nature."

"Well, I'd like to find the way to arouse it," growled Mann moodily.

"Have you tried ee zeemagination?" asked Valletti. "Zat is zee key to unlock ze most guarded heart."

"I've tried everything," replied Mann. "I've bombarded her with the most potent love stories, I've read her the most passionate poems, have taker her to see the strongest plays, piloted her through the art galleries where hang the most stirring pictures—but to no avail."

"But zee music—zee vera language of lof—have you tried zat?" asked the Italian.

"Oh, yes, after a fashion," replied

Mann, "but the girl is absolutely devoid of musical qualities. She does not sing a note, and does not even thump on the piano. She is utterly indifferent to music."

"No, no, signor," exclaimed the Italian. "Zat is eempossible. No vom-an ees indifferent to music."

There was a long pause during which Signor Valletti smoked fiercely. Then he said:

"My friend I—I vill arouse zee vom-an nature in zee lady."

He went on to outline his plan and the hopeless lover grasped it as a drowning man at a straw.

So it happened that Miss Marian was invited by Mr. Mann to hear "a violinist—said to be a remarkable player." A manager friend of Mann's had asked him to hear this violinist. It was explained, and give his opinion before a contract was signed. Mann implored Miss Loveless to go with him and aid him with her counsel. Protesting her inefficiency, she yielded to his pleading. It was explained that the new violinist had met with an accident which had temporarily disfigured him and he declined to play before any one unless guarded by a screen. So it had been arranged to hear him in the conservatory of the manager's home, where the player could remain out of sight.

The conservatory was most artfully arranged. The lights were soft and low and the rays of the moon shining through the glass transformed the place into a veritable garden.

They seated themselves on a rustic seat surrounded by flowers and plants, the air sweet with the scent of roses. Presently out of the very stillness and so softly as to be almost a part of it, came the subdued strains of music. They were sweet and restful and seductive. Gradually the music rose in volume and power and took a lighter vein. It spoke of green meadows and sparkling water and leafy shade. Then with a sudden change it leaped into the realm of passion and told the whole story of love. The unseen artist filled the air with love, longing, despair, pleading, delirious joy. Then with a flash the strains turned to a wooing song irresistibly ardent, tender and compelling.

Mann arousing himself from the trance the music had thrown him in, glanced at Marian. Her eyes were downcast, tears were on her flushed cheeks, she was all a-tremble. He slipped his arm about her. She did not resist.

"Marian, sweetheart," he whispered.

"Yes, Gerald—dear," she replied, letting her head sink on his shoulder.

Gerald afterward told her that the unseen artist had secured the engagement.

ich was true.

## HIGH LEVELS REACHED BY MAN.

### Heights That Necessitate Artificial Inhalation of Oxygen.

The highest point at which mountain climbers have stayed for any length of time is 20,992 feet on the Himalayas, where an exploring party painfully stayed for six weeks in 1902. Higher still at 21,910 feet is the extreme point of Mrs. Bullock Workman's ascents, the greatest height reached by a woman. Mr. Bullock Workman kept on to a point 23,393 feet high, which is the greatest height reached by any mountain climber.

The altitudes reached by Mr. and Mrs. Bullock Workman were above those at which M. Berson, the aeronaut, began his artificial inhalation of oxygen. At 26,240 feet the aeronauts in general begin the continued inspiration of oxygen, and neglect of this precaution was responsible for the death of Croce, Spinelli, and Sirel at 28,208 feet, their companion, Tissandier, just escaping by a miracle.

Mount Everest, the highest point of the globe, is only some 700 feet higher, 28,995 feet, and 3,000 feet above that begin the cirrus clouds that are composed of spicules of ice. At 35,424 feet is the highest point ever reached by man. This is the height attained by M. Berson in his balloon on July 31, 1901.

### Had to Wake Up to Find Out.

The following is told of an elderly gentleman, known as Uncle Zeke, on the West Side:

While stopping at a certain hotel in the northern part of the state he called at the office one morning, and the following conversation took place: "Landlord, the darn cats in this house made so much noise last night that I couldn't sleep a minute."

The landlord laughingly replied: "Why didn't you get up and put them out, Zeke?"

"Well," said Uncle Zeke, "I didn't know they was there till morning."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

### Giving Good Cheer.

Don't attempt to cheer another who has had to face defeat. By describing your successes; don't expect, when you repeat. With unhidden pride the story of your well-earned, splendid rise. That the flash of sudden gladness will illuminate his eyes.

If you wish to cheer the brother who is halting in distress. Cease a moment to remember the great talents you possess—For a moment cease to wonder at your wisdom, if you can. And enlarge upon the greatness that is in the other man.

—S. E. Kiser.

## LIFELONG ENEMY OF LIBERTY

Pobledonostseff, the Incarnation of Absolutism in Russia, Gives Up.

There was not room in all Russia for liberty and Constantine Petrovitch Pobledonostseff. The czar promised the Russians liberty, and Pobledonostseff, who had always denied that the people were entitled to liberty, effaced himself.

For more than half a century Pobledonostseff was the evil genius of the czars of Russia. He was the incarnation of absolutism. He believed in the autocracy of the czar. He did not believe in the rights of the people to any form of self-government. He did not believe in free speech, or in a free press. He was equally opposed to freedom of conscience. He did not believe in educating the masses. He believed in the czar and the Orthodox church—and in nothing else.

### As His Enemies See Him.

Pobledonostseff's enemies have declared that his ruthless fanaticism has broken up thousands of families, ruined countless men of the noblest



character, and driven untold thousands into Siberian exile; that his long life has been devoted to working evil, unredeemed by one single act of charity or nobility; that his hands are stained with the blood of massacred Jews, knouted peasants, and bludgeoned students.

Whether these charges are true or false, or partly true and partly false, Pobledonostseff is the most hated man in Russia to-day. And yet his bitterest enemies gladly testify to his sincerity and his absolute purity of character. Money has never soiled his hands. His name has never been connected with scandal, although his fierce denunciation of the immorality of even men high in Russia's society stings like the whip of a scorpion, and intensifies the already burning hatred felt for him.

It is admitted, too, without dispute that Pobledonostseff is totally without personal ambition. His enemies, who speak of him as bigoted, fanatical, and cruel, admit that he is actuated in all his policies and plans by a devout and fervent ideal. Singlemindedness, simplicity, purity, intensity, and a determination that is fanatical—these are the elements of Pobledonostseff's character.

### Fifty Years of Public Service.

Pobledonostseff was born in Moscow in 1827, and since 1846 he has been a part of Russia's official life, for in that year, after completing his education in the higher law school of Russia, he was appointed by Czar Nicholas I. as an official of the senate. From 1859 until 1865 he was professor of civil law at the Moscow university, and during these years he was the tutor of the czar's son, Alexander. It was Pobledonostseff's association with the czarevitch for nearly ten years that gave him such an influence over the young man who afterwards became Alexander III., and also with Alexander II. In 1868 he was created a senator, and in 1872 a member of the imperial council.

It was in these growing years of his career that Pobledonostseff formulated his peculiarly Russian principles of political economy and instilled them into the minds and hearts of Alexander II., Alexander III., and Nicholas II. The basis of his political creed was: "The czar alone rules, the church is omnipotent and the principle of the sovereignty of the people is the falsest of all doctrines."

### Tears Up a Constitution.

Pobledonostseff ruled Alexander II. only intermittently. It was Pobledonostseff who led the reactionary opposition to Alexander II.'s naturally liberal tendencies. Only once did a political enemy triumph over Pobledonostseff. In the closing years of the reign of Alexander II. Boris Melnikoff formulated a constitution and prevailed upon the czar to sign it. But Pobledonostseff triumphed after all, for an assassin killed Alexander II. and his son, Alexander III.—the pupil

of Pobledonostseff—mounted the throne. Alexander III. tore up the constitution his father had signed and inaugurated "the terror" in Russia. In those awful years of fierce warfare between absolutism and nihilism—years in which thousands of liberal Russians went to the scaffold, to prison, or to Siberia—Pobledonostseff was the power behind the throne.

The czar ruled Russia, but Pobledonostseff ruled the czar. The czar made him procurator of the holy synod and thereafter Pobledonostseff ruled the church as well as the czar. His reign continued until Alexander III. died and the present czar, Nicholas II., mounted the throne.

From this period his influence in state affairs grew rapidly. He became a member of the council of the ministry of justice, a privy councillor, a senator, a secretary of state, a minister, and finally chief procurator of the holy synod. Since the death of the Czar Liberator Alexander II. he has been unquestionably the most powerful man in Russia. He has been a voluminous writer on jurisprudence and politics, and his "Course of Civil Law" has a European reputation. Personally he is exceedingly interesting, a little frigid in his manner, but a brilliant talker and a not ungenial host.

### His Influence Over the Czar.

Nicholas II. is a man of natural liberal tendencies, but he has been held secure in a gait jacket of absolutism put upon him by the reactionary party—the grand dukes, the chiefs of the bureaucracy—of whom Pobledonostseff was the ruling spirit. Nicholas II. decreed the end of exile to Siberia for political crimes—and Pobledonostseff nullified the decree by his influence over the bureaucratic chiefs, to whom the enforcement of the decree was entrusted. The czar decreed more privileges for the zemstvos—and Pobledonostseff's influence prevented the decree from going into effect. Nicholas II. a year ago promised the people wider liberties, and the same day he signed a ukase, said to have been written by Pobledonostseff, who arose from a sick bed to go to the palace at midnight, nullifying everything he had promised.

But all things come to an end. The Russian people, aroused and terribly in earnest, enforced their demands for liberty, and the czar, deserted by the grand dukes, abandoned by his frightened bureaucratic chiefs, warned by the assassination of Bobrikoff, Von Plehve, and Serguis, yielded. He promised the people a constitutional form of government, and Pobledonostseff, true to his principles to the last, gave up his office of procurator of the holy synod.

## SWEDEN'S NEW ENSIGN HOISTED

### Old Emblem of Union with Norway Is Lowered—Vessels Salute.

The old union flag was struck throughout Sweden on Nov. 1, and the new Swedish ensign was hoisted to accompaniment of salutes, the ringing of church bells and parades of troops. In Stockholm the whole garrison paraded and most of the population thronged the streets. At 9 o'clock the flag flown by Sweden before the union with Norway nearly a century ago was again broken out over the palaces, from church steeples, public and private buildings and steamers and sailing vessels.

A Chilean schoolship in the harbor



The New Swedish Flag. (Groundwork of flag is blue, the cross yellow.)

joined with the Swedish vessels in saluting the new flag.

Similar ceremonies took place in all the cities and every schoolhouse in the country had its demonstration, the children gathering outside and saluting the flag.

### Considers Himself Young at 60.

The sixtieth birthday of the eminent violinist, August Wilhelmj, was celebrated in London on Sept. 31. He considers himself a very young man. His father, aged 93, is still as active as a man of 40, playing the violin every day with great zest. The elder Wilhelmj was a personal friend of Bismarck, as well as of Wagner.



## WEALTH DUE TO LAZINESS

With the opening up of the section of the Province of Ontario in the neighborhood of North Bay, a couple of hundred miles directly north of the city of Toronto, all sorts of tales have drifted down out of that country about the mineral wealth it contains and the lucky "strikes" that have been made by prospectors. One of the most romantic of these, and one that has the merit of having real wealth to show for it, concerns W. G. Tretheway, now a resident of Toronto, who is the possessor of a mine that has already paid him a small fortune, which he found simply owing to his lazy habits.

At the time he made his "strike" Tretheway was a traveling salesman for a wholesale shoe house and was possessed of a certain amount of knowledge of chemicals and ores of various kinds. Two years ago his business route carried him to one of the new settlements on the Grand Trunk railway, in the North Bay district, called Cobalt, from the deposits of that mineral that had been found in the neighborhood. Tretheway, who

was always keeping an eye out for something in the way of a "strike" for himself, took a walk out in the forest around the place, and strolled along a beaten path because it made the easiest walking. He came to a place where a big tree had fallen across the trail, but instead of walking around the tree, as every one else had been in the habit of doing, he ducked under it to save himself that much distance.

As he bent his head to pass beneath the prostrate trunk his eye caught something that had been rooted up by the fall of the tree, and he dropped down on the ground. He gathered up some of the earth, put it in his pocket and returned to the station. At the earliest opportunity he went through the necessary formalities to get possession of the land, and with the little money he possessed he began to work the claim, which was a cobalt mine. In less than two years he has cleared nearly \$200,000 from the mine and has reduced the price of cobalt about 40 per cent. And all because he was too lazy to walk around a fallen tree.

## NEW CODE FOR HELIOGRAPH

Lord Harris tells an interesting story of how Col. Frank Rhodes outwitted the Boers. It concerns the relief of Mafeking.

As Col. Mahon approached Mafeking from the south, Col. (now Major-General) Plumer was approaching it from the north, and Col. Mahon received the following questions from Col. Plumer by heliograph:

1. What is your strength?
2. How many guns have you?
3. How are you off for stores and provisions?

Col. Mahon would not allow any answer to be sent, for fear of the Boers trapping it on the way, until Col. Rhodes suggested the following replies, which were approved. I attach the key in brackets:

1. Q. What is your strength?

A. Naval and Military multiplied by ten.

[The number of the Naval and Military club in Piccadilly is 94, and multiplied by ten approximated their strength of 1,000.]

2. Q. How many guns have you?

A. As many as there are boys in the Ward family.

[Lord Dudley and his brothers.]

Col. Mahon protested, as regards this, that there would be no one who would know, but Col. Rhodes assured him that Col. Watson Jarvis, who was with Col. Plumer, would be sure to.

3. How are you off for stores and provision?

A. Officer commanding Ninth Lancers.

[Col. Little, known as "Small" Little.]

The answers were received and correctly decoded.

Lord Harris also mentioned that Col. Rhodes contributed largely out of his own pocket to the outfit of the Mafeking relief column, and that in his day he was one of the best batsmen in the British army.—New York Times.

## FAMOUS PONY EXPRESS RIDERS

The world's record for organized and "schedule" riding was made by the Pony express, says C. F. Lummis in McClure's Magazine. Never before nor since has mail been carried so fast, so far and so long merely by horse power, and if I am not in error, never elsewhere have horses been so steadfastly spurred in any regular service. The Pony express carried mail between the east and California (at \$5 per half ounce) for about two years. It ran from Independence to San Francisco, 1,950 miles. Its time was ten days and it never needed eleven. It employed 500 of the fastest horses that could be found, of course, all western horses, 200 station keepers and 80 riders. It had 190 stations—crowded down the throat of the wilderness, 65 to 100 miles (or even more) apart, according as water chanced. The rider was allowed two minutes to change horses and mails at a station.

William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," was the most famous of the Pony express riders—and as a 14-year-old "kid" got his first "job" from the man who invented the Pony express. Cody made the record here—a round trip ride (necessitated by the killing of his relief) of 384 miles without stops, except to change horses and to swallow one hasty meal.

Another of the Pony express riders, Jack Keetley, made a run of 340 miles in thirty-one hours; and another, Jim Moore, rode 280 miles in fourteen hours and forty-six minutes.

Such men got \$100 to \$125 per month and "found." Their mail was limited to fifteen pounds. Postage was \$5 per half ounce for some time; then the government ordered it cut down to \$1 per half ounce, at which figure it staid till the completion of the overland telegraph to San Francisco (Oct. 22, 1861), ended the life of this gallant enterprise.

## DREAMING AND WAKING FORMS

Harvey, who discovered the circulation of the blood, is said to have recorded a dream in which a bumblebee stung him in his left thigh, on a place where a couple of days later appeared an ugly ulcer. Malesherbe, the renowned French author, found himself in a dream attacked by a rowdy who stabbed him in his left breast with a dagger in an area where the following evening he felt the first attack of severe pneumonia. "The archives of medical reports," says Dr. Axel Emil Gibson, "are heavy with cases of a similar character, which have either received no explanation at all or else have been explained away entirely."

Dr. Gibson calls attention to the fact that dreams depend on some other media than those known as the five senses. A conclusive evidence in favor

of this view is found in the circumstances that even the blind are able to see in dreams—as witness experiences recorded by Helen Keller, "Blind Tom," the poet Milton, and others. Hence the conclusion seems to be unavoidable that it is only as far as physical vision is concerned that the optic nerve guides and limits the field of vision.

This same author arrives at the deduction that dreaming and waking differ in degree and form of manifestation only, not in principle and essence. "Like waking consciousness," he avers, "the dream reveals, but does not create. The same world that surrounds the waking individual surrounds the dreaming, only the viewpoints and media of observation are changed."

## BOOKS FOR THE CONVALESCENT

For reading during convalescence the British Medical Journal prescribes literature that cheers but does not inebriate, and warns persons recovering from illness against writers "whose style, like that of George Meredith, puts a constant strain on the understanding of the reader, or like that of Maurice Hewlett, irritates by its artificial glitter, or like that of Marie Corelli, annoys by its frothy impertinence." Dickens should go well during convalescence—except "Pickwick," at least in surgical cases, because of the many side-splitting episodes which would play havoc with the union of parts. For the same reason, in order that healing granulations may not be interfered with, Mark Twain's works are absolutely interdicted.

"Smiles' 'Self Help' is quite innocuous," says the learned journal, "but we should be cautious in recommending it, in order that the patient may not thereby be led to meditate over a misspent career, and to have suggested to him all the opportunities in life he might have grasped but did not. A dependency might thus be induced which would delay a restoration to health, and which might even prove fatal. Thackeray (except "Vanity Fair," which is a pessimistic book) should go very well; 'Pendennis' and 'Barry Lyndon' will certainly entertain."

"Magazines of the day are placid and cheering enough; and in them one will seldom come upon a story sufficiently original or vigorous to excite anybody."

## SHOOTING IN INDIA

### HUNTER TELLS OF DEATH OF QUEEN OF JUNGLE.

Driven by Beaters Toward Spot Where Hunters Were Concealed Tigris Is Easily Disposed Of Without Risk.

Hugh S. Gladstone tells how he shot an Indian tiger: "We walked for about a mile along an ill-defined track through thickish jungle. Arrived at a spot where the jungle is rather clearer, we were shown our machans, or seats, tied up at a safe height in the trees. In this case, charpoys, or native beds, on which we sat cross-legged, or wicker stools, had been securely lashed by all four corners in trees about thirty feet high and about fifty yards one from the other. I had drawn the lucky number—one. Long bamboo ladders had been brought and with the help of these we climbed up into our machans. Mine was tied about twenty feet from the ground, where, with the slightest breeze and my additional weight, it swayed most alarmingly. The heat, beating down through the bare branches of the trees, was terrific. The first excitement was caused by a mob of monkeys, which came from behind, leaping and bounding over trees and through bushes at the most astonishing speed. All around one could hear doves and pigeons cooing; otherwise the jungle seemed peacefully tranquil.

"All of a sudden we heard, about half a mile in front of us, the signal shot fired for the beat to begin. Instantly there was an uproar. Every beater shouted, and many of them had gongs, antiquated firearms (some of them seven feet long) or large rattles. These they beat, fired or whirled with a will, which made the jungle a perfect pandemonium. Excitement ran high and every ear was strained to catch the first snapping of a twig or to hear the footfall of the tiger or the crackling leaves. One of the coolies, flanking in a tree on my right, suddenly caught my eye. He was clapping his hands gently and throwing pieces of stick into the undergrowth below him. As he pointed I could hear a rustling and almost directly after came a double roar. The noise in the distance grew closer and louder and in a few seconds there emerged on to the path we had come down a tigris.

"For a moment she stood about 100 yards off, looking back toward the east, lashing her tail, and then proceeded to walk down the path toward me, quite slowly and very quietly. She was hid from me by a thick lot of jungle, but turning to my right she left the path to go between me and the nullah. When she was broadside to me between two thick bushes I fired with my .450. So far as I could see she did not flinch and I snapped at her again as she passed behind the second bush. I thought she staggered as I last caught sight of her, and a few seconds later I felt sure I heard a tall-tale gurgling in her throat.

"Then the beaters came on, and we all climbed down from our machans and examined the ground where I had fired. Not a trace of blood could be found and I began to fear I had missed badly. We formed a little party and went very cautiously into the jungle, coolies being sent up repeatedly into trees to spy. Suddenly one of these called out that he saw the tigris lying dead and we all ran forward to find her, shot through the lungs."

### Tackled the Wrong Party.

During the National Civic Federation's convention in New York Samuel Gompers, apropos of a mistake, said:

"It might have been embarrassing—as embarrassing as the position of a young man of Toledo whom I heard about the other day.

"He had been calling now and then on a young Toledo lady, and one night as he sat in the parlor waiting for her to come down her mother entered the room instead and asked him in a grave, stern way what his intentions were.

"He turned very red and was about to stammer some incoherent reply when suddenly the young lady called down from the head of the stairs: "'Mamma, mamma, that is not the one.'"

### The Old South.

Clost ter fields of cotton I hear de engine scream,  
En I looks cross de fleecy furrer ez folks looks in a dream,  
De carwheels drowns de music er de ol' plantation song,  
En I sez, ez dey rish en rattles: "De worl' is gwine along!"  
Dar's something what soter gits me—what 'pears ter be sayin' plain:  
"You in de way, ol' man, ter-day—make room fer de screamin' train!"  
Hit's flyin' on ter de city, by medders en flowerin' vines—  
De city what throws its shadder on de cabin in de pines!"  
'Pears lak' de worl' done ler' me—feebie en ol' en gray;  
I only 'pears ter be livin' in a country fur away,  
I knows de ter de ol' home whar de flow' w. w.  
But someb' 'bout 'un' it ain't de habit.

## GUARDIAN FOR MANY SAILORS

About 9,000 boys in the United States navy are called by the name of one man, says the New York Tribune. For twenty-two years they have been known by his name in the Surrogate's office, on the receiving ship in the Brooklyn navy yard, and throughout the navy generally. He is legal guardian of the entire number, and it was through him alone that they entered the navy.

This man is neither government official nor philanthropist—just a plain business man, with a business office in a downtown skyscraper, and he told his tale on the express stipulation that his name should not be used.

"It began quite by accident," he said, "twenty-two years ago. I was in the Surrogate's office one day when the guardian clerk remarked: 'I'm sorry for that youngster over there; he wants to go into the navy the worst way, and he has no guardian to sign his contract.'

"The government requires a contract with every apprentice entering the navy, and as the apprentices are necessarily under age, and as no minor can sign a contract under the law, of

course, boys without parents or guardians cannot enlist.

"A great many boys desiring to enter the navy were in just this position. They were homeless, wandering boys, who either had no relatives or none they knew anything about, or perhaps their relatives simply refused to take the trouble to fix up the papers.

"Well, I offered to act as guardian for that first boy, was legally appointed, and got him into the navy, and since that I've kept on, till now there are somewhere near 9,000 of them scattered over the world. That's all there is to it.

"When a boy in this plight seeks enlistment at the New York receiving station, the commanding officer refers him to me, the boy turns up at my office, and I fix up the matter for him."

"Time? Well, yes, it takes a little time. There was a period when I couldn't get much business done. That was when it first began. It used to be thirty-five or forty boys a week then. Now I've got the thing systematized, so that it doesn't interfere with business."

## NELSON'S CRAVING FOR FAME

When Nelson died, a hundred years ago, in the very hour of victory, it seemed impossible that his fame should be increased—for, as Southey said in his well known and admired peroration, "If the chariot and the horses of fire had been vouchsafed for Nelson's translation he could scarcely have departed in a brighter blaze of glory." But all through the century the great chorus of praise has swelled steadily—time has but increased the splendor and meaning of his name, says Esther Hallam in the National Press.

This fame, this dear place in the hearts of his countrymen, was the sole reward Nelson craved for all his services and sacrifices. Even when young and comparatively unknown he had a kind of prophetic insight of the fame that was to come. "In my mind's eye," he once said, "I ever saw a radiant orb suspended which beckoned me onward to renown." And he told his wife, with magnificent confidence,

on another occasion, "One day or other, I will have a long 'Gazette' to myself; I feel that such an opportunity will be given me. I cannot, if I am in the field of glory, be kept out of sight." His was a temperament eager for praise—his impetuous, sensitive disposition could hardly exist without it, and happily his deeds were so splendid and his nature so lovable that his contemporaries gave it him lavishly. "There is but one Nelson," said grim old St. Vincent, summing up the verdict of all who knew and fought with him, not less than the verdict of posterity. After the battle of the Nile Nelson's name began to glow with something of legendary splendor, though he was yet a living man; and the eulogy pronounced in the house of lords by his friend, Lord Minto, when the news of that marvelous battle reached England, is not so well known as it might be. It has a certain precision and stiffness of phrase, but nevertheless is warm and eloquent.

## "CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME"

Under the law of inheritance prevailing among the Mohammedans, the property of a deceased person is liable to be divided among a numerous body of heirs. An unqualified application of this rule would mean the absolute pauperization, within a short space of time, says the Nineteenth Century Magazine, of Mohammedan families and prove utterly subversive of national and individual well-being. No permanent beneficence nor the continued existence of family influence or prestige, without which progress is out of question, would be possible. Accordingly it was ordained by the lawgiver of Islam that a Mohammedan may lawfully "tie up" his property and render it inalienable and nonheritable by devoting it to pious purposes, or, by the language of Mohammedan lawyers, "by dedicating it to the service of God, so that it may be of benefit to mankind." This is the well-known rule of wakf, universally recognized and acted upon throughout the Mo-

hammedan world. The endower is entitled to designate any pious purpose or purposes to which it may be applied and either to constitute himself the trustee or appoint any other person. Now, the mussulman law declares in the most emphatic terms that charity to one's kith and kin is the highest act of merit and a provision for one's family and descendants, to prevent their falling into indigence, the greatest act of humanity. Accordingly, family benefactions, or wakfs, providing for the maintenance and support of the donor's descendants, either as the sole beneficiaries or in conjunction with other pious objects, have existed for the last thirteen centuries, and all sects and schools are unanimous in upholding their validity. The institution is traced to the Prophet family, who created a benefaction for the support of his daughter and her descendants, and is, in fact, placed in the same category as a dedication to a mosque.

## POMP OF ROTHSCHILD FUNERAL

Vance Thompson, in Everybody's Magazine for November, describes in "The Rothschilds of France," the pageantry of Baron Arthur Rothschild's funeral.

"The Baron Arthur," says Mr. Thompson, "was a weakling; he was unregarded in his lifetime; the newspapers said he died by his own hand; but his funeral served to illustrate the family magnificence and social power. All traffic was stopped in the main thoroughfares of the city through which the procession passed. For hours the heart of Paris ceased to beat. Business ceased. Trams and buses were arrested. Hour after hour the long funeral crept through the boulevards, while Paris looked on in wonder. The same Paris had seen the old poet, Victor Hugo, borne to his grave in a pauper's cart. The dead Baron went with medieval

pomp, though he was but a nephew of the house. Came first three coaches with the rabbins. Then the hearse, with great plumes, drawn by eight horses in sable cloths. Then the house servants; butlers in white silk stockings; ushers in gilt chains and livery; valets, coachmen, footmen, stable lads; buglers, masters of hounds and horse in pink; guards and beaters of the preserves, and, conspicuous, the huntsmen, leading in leash the Baron's favorite hounds—and the hounds leaped in leash and bayed; followed, too, his farmers and the peasants of his fields; and with all went the Family, and in a mile of carriages, the aristocracy of France paid homage; with such pomp the Baron was taken to his grave; and the earth was laid upon him and he slept.

"Such anecdotes are really documents of the social life of the epoch."

## SINNER'S NEXT OF KIN

One night they spake of me—my kin,  
Wide-wandered from the earth!  
The dew that fell was from her eyes,  
Who here did give me birth;  
My father's voice was in the wind;  
"I sowed, but there is dearth,  
Or bitterness, as of the ash  
The gale lifts from my hearth!"  
My little sister (flown in Spring)  
Leaned past the evening star;  
"Till now I waited for thee here  
Beside the crystal bar;  
But that which thou hast done, alas!  
From thee removes me far;  
And in the breath I made for thee  
The flowers all weeping are!"  
They spake of me, of me—my kin,  
In lengthened line arrayed;  
From one to other passed the word,  
On branching lips effrayed;  
They mounted far—an ancient host,

By scorn or pity swayed!  
Of me they all together spake,  
Yet none would give me aid,  
Then from the lessening line, came one  
With mine own form and face;  
"Thy grandsire's grandsire knew me not,  
Yet am I of thy race;  
Thy good—thy ill—and all thou art,  
To me mayst surely trace;  
And next of kin, I'll stand by thee,  
In the dread Judgment Place!"  
"I best can say how that wild blood,  
Which ruled thine erring will,  
Ran, undiverted, from my spring,  
Thy fragile cup to fill;  
And when the rest thy doom invoke,  
From Heaven's midnight hill,  
Thy next of kin for thee will plead,  
And they shall hold them still!"  
—Edith M. Thomas in the November Century.

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### Announcements.

Friends of Herbert S. Logan authorize us to announce his name as a candidate for tax assessor of Eddy county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

A number of Artesia country farmers have complained to the Advocate that the home merchants will not buy their grain, yet have it shipped in by the car load to retail to their customers. This is a bit of surprising news to us and is regrettable, if true. There is nothing more important right now than that Pecos valley farmer should find a ready sale for his surplus feedstuffs. The home merchant should buy it in preference to any other. Keep Artesia money in Artesia.

The first copy of the Lakewood Progress came Saturday, and it's as newsy as a veteran. Here's to its good health, and to the town's good health; may they live long "und brosp'er."

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, OR ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO,

At the close of business, December 30, 1905.

#### RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts,	\$ 90,614.37
Overdrafts,	150.36
U. S. Bonds and Prem.,	6,562.50
Banking house, furniture and fixtures,	6,310.52
Cash and due from banks,	45,658.58
Redemption fund,	312.50

Total, \$149,608.83

#### LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock,	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid,	6,718.50
Circulation,	6,250.00
Deposits,	111,640.33

Total, \$149,608.83

The above statement is correct:  
R. M. ROSS, Cashier.

### The Telephone Franchise.

It must be a very dull, sultry day in the valley when Artesia cannot stir up a little excitement in municipal circles. In this, the formative period of the future metropolis of southeastern New Mexico, there are many rough places to be passed over and it is really not surprising that hard jolts are experienced once in a while. There is a limit to public endurance, however, and the humble laymen were not prepared for the shock when they awakened last Saturday morning to find that the honorable board of town trustees had the night previous made a present to the Artesia Telephone Company of a twenty-five-year exclusive franchise over the streets and alleys of the city, carrying with it the price the people should pay for the service. It was not known that anything of the sort would be asked for, and the people had not had an opportunity to consent to or reject the deal. The town trustees had previously refused to consider the giving of an exclusive franchise to the waterworks company or electric light people, and the citizens anticipated no danger along this line. Hence the didoes that have been cut and the wriggling that has ensued in the ranks of the telephone users. The personality of the men to whom the franchise was granted had nothing to do with the case—for they are tax-payers and first-class citizens—but there is, you know, an inherent sentiment in the American breast that rebels at suggested servitude or to have its liberties circumscribed by any arbitrary power. This spirit has been given vent in Artesia this week, and many unkind things have been said of the councilmen—even to the extent of accusing them of having personal interests at stake. As to this, the Advocate has nothing to say. We are not the arbiter of any man's conscience nor the judge of any man's intention. It is a fact that the Advocate reporter has found but two men in the town who endorse the action of the board. There are doubtless others, but we didn't happen to meet them.

It is hardly worth while for the Advocate to state its position in the matter. We are opposed to any kind of an exclusive franchise where the service of the whole people is concerned. Our reasons were set forth in the waterworks controversy a few weeks ago. The town trustees have made a mistake, in our opinion, but, fortunately, it is not a serious one, for the reason that it is not within its power to deliver the goods as promised. That power has not been delegated to any council in New Mexico, and another telephone company can come in whenever desired.

The Organic Act passed by Congress establishing the Territory of New Mexico, Chapter DCCCVII says:

"That the legislatures of the terri-

ories of the United States now or hereafter to be organized shall not pass local or special laws in any of the following enumerated cases, that is to say among other things: Granting to any corporation, association or individual any special or exclusive privilege, immunity or franchise whatever."

The action of the trustees has brought out much talk about the putting in of a mutual telephone system, but up to the hour of going to press we have heard of no definite action being taken.

Four trustees were present at the meeting Friday, and the Advocate has interviewed each of them on the telephone proposition, as follows:

J. C. Gage: "It has been my opinion that the telephone companies at Roswell and Carlsbad had just such franchises as the one asked of us and that no other company or outside connection could get into either town. If we ever had another system, it could not get outside connection and would thus only cause confusion. Two companies always cause trouble to the people, as every business man would have to subscribe for each. I voted for the franchise because I thought it would be best for the people in the long run."

D. W. Runyan: "The fact that I owned stock in the company had nothing to do with my vote; I would have voted for it anyway, because I thought like Mr. Gage, that it would mean that Artesia would always have one good system instead of two inferior ones, and thus 'save confusion.'"

John Richey: "All I have to say is that no one else is asking for a franchise. These people have put in a first-class system, are extending its lines in various directions, and I believe should be protected to the most reasonable extent. I would not have voted for the franchise if I did not think the people would be assured first-class service. I would be willing to vote the waterworks company a like franchise if the application is made in proper shape."

G. P. Cleveland: "My reason for opposing any exclusive franchise is the fact that the very smartest of us know only a very little. That in itself is truthful knowledge. We do actually know that law means restraint and monopoly unbridled arbitrary power. It is therefore a fundamental fact that the less we have of monopoly, the better for us."

Manager H. W. Hamilton of the telephone company: "I have in contemplation the erection of a brick exchange building and other improvements which will cost thousands of dollars. I asked for this protection from the city simply as a matter of business."

A copy of the franchise granted is published elsewhere in this issue as ordinance No. 55.

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Mrs. Potts Tells How Women Should Prepare for Motherhood

The darkest days of husband and wife are when they come to look forward to childless and lonely old age. Many a wife has found herself incapable of motherhood owing to a displacement of the womb or lack of strength in the generative organs.



Mrs. Anna Potts

Frequent backache and distressing pains, accompanied by offensive discharges and generally by irregular and scanty menstruation indicate a displacement or nerve degeneration of the womb and surrounding organs.

The question that troubles women is how can a woman who has some female trouble bear healthy children?

Mrs. Anna Potts, of 510 Park Avenue, Hot Springs, Ark., writes:

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"During the early part of my married life I was delicate in health; both my husband and I were very anxious for a child to bless our home, but I had two miscarriages, and could not carry a child to maturity. A neighbor who had been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound advised me to try it. I did so and soon felt that I was growing stronger, my headaches and backaches left me, I had no more bearing-down pains, and felt like a new woman. Within a year I became the mother of a strong, healthy child, the joy of our home. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is certainly a splendid remedy, and I wish every woman who wants to become a mother would try it."

Actual sterility in woman is very rare. If any woman thinks she is sterile, let her try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free to expectant or would-be mothers.



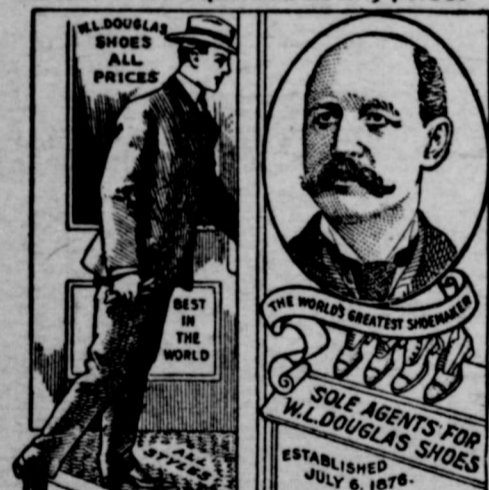
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The race is coming up out of the valley of bondage and fear on to the mountain top of vision and trust.

### MILK CRUST ON BABY.

Lost All His Hair—Scratched Till Blood Ran—Grateful Mother Tells of His Cure by Cuticura for 75c.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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You never hear any one complain about "Defiance Starch." There is none to equal it in quality and quantity, 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.

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FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 303 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

May usually is such a beautiful month that it makes most of us want to write poetry whether we can or not—and the trouble is we generally cannot.

### Lawyer's Will Void.

The proverbial inability of eminent lawyers to frame their own wills so as to command the support of the courts has been again illustrated by the invalidating of the will of the late Chief Justice Paxson, of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. He devised a large portion of his landed property for the establishment of an agricultural school for poor boys. Under the Pennsylvania law wills containing charitable bequests must have the signatures of subscribing witnesses. But the chief justice forgot all about the witnesses and his bequest has been held void.

### Three Paris Papers For Sale.

There will shortly be witnessed in Paris the spectacle of three well known daily newspapers being sold at auction. M. Jaluzot, the sugar speculator, who committed suicide, was interested in journalism. Accordingly he was the principal stockholder of "La Patrie," "La Presse" and "L'Echo de l'Armee." His bankruptcy necessitates their sale.

### Beer in Mugs and Glasses.

Bavarians have long insisted that beer is better and more wholesome if drunk out of stone mugs than out of glasses. Dr. W. Shultze has now examined the matter scientifically and has found that beer is made injurious by a chemical process which dissolves the oxide of lead in the glass.

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A Letter from the Ex-Governor of Oregon.

The Ex-Governor of Oregon is an ardent admirer of Peruna. He keeps it continually in the house. In a letter to Dr. Hartman, he says:

STATE OF OREGON, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.:

Dear Sirs:—I have had occasion to use your Peruna medicine in my family for colds, and it proved to be an excellent remedy. I have not had occasion to use it for other ailments.

Yours very truly, W. M. Lord.

It will be noticed that the Governor says he has not had occasion to use Peruna for other ailments. The reason for this is, most other ailments begin with a cold.



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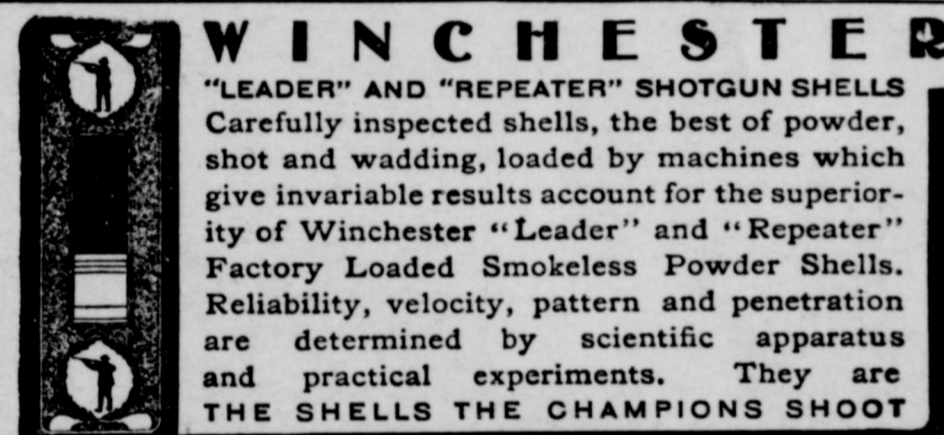
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# NERVOUS?

Do you worry about nothing? Startle at trifles? Feel irritable, peevish, sad and blue? Suffer from neuralgia, sick headache, dizziness, backache, bearing-down pains? If so, your nerves are stretched to the snapping point, like the strings of a fiddle twisted up out of tune, which screeches at the least touch. You are in a dangerous condition of health and need a medicine to take the strain off your nerves. If you are a woman, what has overstrung you is probably disordered menstruality, which, in women, makes more trouble, pain and nerve sickness than any other single cause. The thing to do is to follow the example, being set daily by thousands of women, and take the good, old, reliable remedy for female disease, with a record of 70 years of success, in the cure of female diseases, viz:

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# DAYTON, NEW MEXICO.

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Come down and see me, I can show you better than I can tell you. You ask me why is it you want to sell property that is paying you such good interest on the investment. My answer is this, for the simple reason that I am not strong enough to carry them.

## J. WALTER DAY, DAYTON, - - - NEW MEXICO.

### A Progressive Citizen.

The South McAlister Daily Capital of Dec. 12th, contains the following items concerning Mr. W. E. Rogers, who recently established the Rio Pecos Ranch, eight miles north of Artesia:

Col. W. E. Rogers, formerly one of the best known members of the local bar and a heavy property owner in this city, is here on a brief business visit from Roswell, N. M.

Col. Rogers sought the New Mexican climate for his health and has engaged in the ranch business in order to secure the benefits of out-door life. He has a ranch of 960 acres near Roswell in the irrigated district. He says he grows mules for money and Jersey cattle and fine horses for pleasure.

"Yesterday a deal was consummated whereby Col. Wm. Busby becomes owner of the Mountain House property on Second street and Washington avenue. W. E. Rogers, the former owner, is said to have parted with the property and its two structures for \$10,000, which is considered very reasonable."

Mr. Rogers is the gentleman who recently shipped in Atlas, the three-thousand-dollar imported French Coach stallion, No. 3449, that will make the season this spring in Artesia.

Nice veal to-day—Artesia Market.

Another Republican weekly newspaper will appear in Roswell next week. The editor-in-chief will be Will Robinson, the most versatile writer that ever shoved a quill in the Pecos valley. Capt. B. F. Harlow, who has been such a success as manager of the Roswell Printing Co. will see to the mechanical department. No doubt the new paper will be a compliment to Roswell, though Republican.

The Board of Town Trustees met yesterday in extra session to arrange for the taking of the census in this municipality and Mr. Idler was delegated to do the work. If our population has increased sufficiently, the saloon license for the ensuing year is doubled. Two of the four saloons have closed pending a settlement of the question.

Two more special coach loads of homeseekers were brought in and side-tracked at Artesia last night, making four in all this week.

### New Year Resolutions.

Plant trees.  
Plant more trees.  
Build cement sidewalks.  
Say a good word for Artesia on every possible occasion.

Do unto others as you would have them do to you—keep your irrigation ditches from overflowing the public road, thereby causing your neighbor to swear off and on.

Contend for a public park and keep up the lick until you get it.  
Patronize home institution thereby keeping Artesia money in Artesia.  
Don't knock, and, for goodness sake be cheerful.

Dick Eaton says the unprecedented early and wet winter is causing cattle on the range to lose flesh rapidly. This has been an unusually good year for stock, generally speaking.

### Ordinance, No. 56.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Artesia, New Mexico:

Sec. 1. That all sidewalks facing on Main street between the right-of-way of the Pecos Valley & Northeastern Railway Company and fourth street in the town of Artesia and not constructed of cement according to the plans and specifications for cement sidewalks in the office of the town engineer, and all sidewalks constructed of lumber, cinders, macadam or other material except approved cement sidewalks, be and the same are hereby condemned.

Sec. 2. That all sidewalks facing on Main street between the right of way of the Pecos Valley & Northeastern Railroad Company and Fourth street in the town of Artesia except cement sidewalks constructed according to the plans and specifications as referred to in section one of this ordinance, shall be torn down and removed, and in their stead shall be constructed cement sidewalks according to said plans and specifications.

Sec. 3. That the owners of lots abutting said condemned sidewalks as referred to in Sec. 1 of this ordinance are hereby given ninety days from the publication of this ordinance in which to complete the tearing down and removing of said sidewalks and the construction of cement sidewalks according to the plans and specifications as in this ordinance provided.

Sec. 4. That in event of the failure of the owners of said abutting lots as referred to in Sec. 3 hereof, to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, the same will be done by authority of the Town of Artesia and the costs thereof will be assessed and collected, together with the costs of any action that may be brought against any one or more of said owners, as in such cases by ordinance made and provided.

Sec. 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after five days after its publication.

Declared passed, approved and adopted this 29th day of Dec., 1905.

John Richey, Chairman  
J. E. Swebston, Clerk.

All-pork sausage—Artesia Market.

### Christian Endeavor!

Topic—How Finding Christ Changes the Life, Matt. 13: 44-46.  
Leader, Miss Brown.  
Song and References.  
Everybody welcome.

### Our

Galvanized flues lined with No. 24 iron. This makes them outlast all others.  
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### A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of piles. "I can truthfully say" writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and bruises. 25c at Pecos Valley Drug Store.

### To Protect Your Bank Account, Your Appetite and Your Appreciation of Good Meats.

Buy where nothing but pen fed cattle and hogs are handled, where home made pork sausage, bologna, weine worst, hog-head cheese, liver, sausage, lard warranted to be made from nothing but pork fat, Swift premium bacon and hams.

We haven't time to write you about the cleanliness of our market. We only ask you to call and inspect it yourself.

Notice our cutter as he displays his mastership of his trade.

We call your special attention to the weight of the meat you buy, watch the scales, follow us and if there is any mistake we are always ready and more than glad to make it right. We are not here to load you on our fancy goods. We are here to give you weight, to give you your money's worth of the best that can be bought in the city and to make a living for ourselves.

We compete with anybody on prices on halves or quarters of beef or pork.

### Model Meat Market, S. P HENRY. PROP.

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#### You Might Get Hurt.

No matter how skillful. Even if you are ever so careful. Provide for the long dreary weeks of crippleddom by having the best accident policy known. The Maryland Casualty Co. with \$2,976,967 30 for the protection of its property holders, will pay you indemnity. It will also pay you for partial disability. Its health policies provide a salary for you while you are sick.  
Get Life, Investment, Accident and Health Insurance that insures, and GET IT NOW.  
Call on, or address, R. M. LOVE, ag't, Artesia, N. M.

### Notice.

All persons are warned not to take sand from my land, N. W. 1/4 Sec. 27, T. 15, S. R. 25 E., unless authorized by Lake Arthur Lbr. Co. or Kemp Lbr. Co. B. F. Dewey.

### Torture of a Preacher.

The story of the torture of Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church, Harpersville, N. Y., will interest you. He says: "I suffered agonies, because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies, without relief, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which entirely cured my cough, and saved me from consumption." A grand cure for diseased conditions of throat and lungs. At Pecos Valley Drug Store: price 50c and \$1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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#### Notice for Publication.

HOMESTEAD APPLICATION NO. 3054.  
Department of the Interior,  
Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico,  
Dec. 19, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed no ice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico, on February 2, 1906, viz:  
Robert E. McNally, of Roswell, New Mexico, for the North East Quarter of Sec. 8, T. 18 S., R. 23 E.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:  
William P. Lewis, of Roswell, N. M., Frank Wyckoff, of Hope, N. M., Charles Willburn, of Hope, N. M., Stone J. Wilburn, of Hope, N. M.  
Howard Leland, Register.

#### Notice for Publication.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.  
United States Land Office,  
Roswell, New Mexico,  
January 3, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Frank L. Strickland, of Felix, Chaves county, New Mexico, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 873, for the S1-2 of the NW1-4 of section 8, T. 17 S., R. 18 E., before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, New Mexico, on Thursday, the 4th day of January, 1906.  
He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:  
William A. Rewes, of Elk, n. m., James J. Bewes, of Elk, n. m., Hester Powell, of Lower Pecos, n. m., Frank Wallace, of Lower Pecos, n. m.  
Howard Leland, Register.

#### Notice for Publication.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.  
United States Land Office,  
Roswell, New Mexico,  
January 3, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Roberta B. Duncan, of Artesia, Eddy county, New Mexico, has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert-land claim No. 1936, for the S1-2 NE1-4 Sec. 29, and N1-2 NE1-4, Sec. 29, T. 17 S., R. 26 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, New Mexico, on Monday, the 12th day of February, 1906.  
She names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:  
James H. Beckham, of Artesia, N. M., Thomas C. Shoemaker, of Artesia, N. M., John C. Hale, of Artesia, N. M., John P. Dyer, of Artesia, N. M.  
Howard Leland, Register.

### Sand for Sale.

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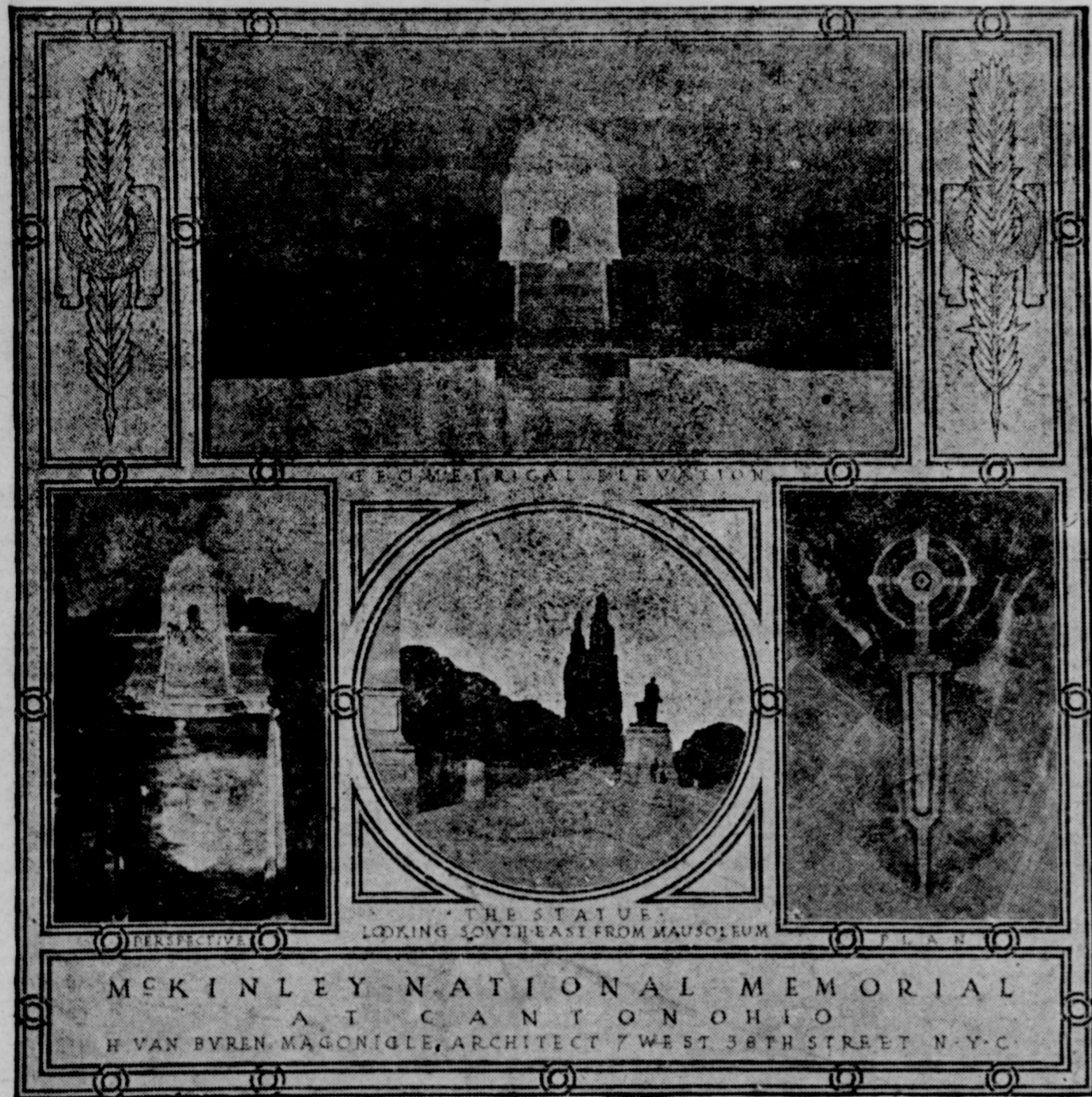
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**NOTARY PUBLIC.**  
Instruments drawn and acknowledgments taken. Office with the Cleveland Land Agency. Call on or address  
R. M. LOVE, Artesia, N. M.



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The trustees of the McKinley National Memorial association, at a meeting held in New York on May 10, approved a design submitted by its architect and authorized a committee to close negotiations with a contractor and proceed at once with the work of construction.

The association has since accumulated a fund in excess of \$500,000. Following a policy described in its original statement to the public nothing was done toward the construction of the Memorial until a sufficient amount of funds was in hand to defray all bills. According to the plans now adopted all bills may be paid from the fund in hand, and while it is the intention of the trustees to provide an endowment of \$100,000, the income from which shall provide for the proper maintenance of the property of the Association, it is thought wise to proceed with the building of the Memorial, trusting to future contributions to supply the endowment fund. The association has purchased and owns in fee-simple about twenty-five acres of land adjoining Westlawn cemetery in the western portion of the city of Canton, including a mound some seventy feet in altitude, thought to be particularly appropriate for the purposes intended. Upon this will be built a mausoleum of pink Milford

granite, circular in form, seventy-five feet in diameter at the base, and about one hundred feet in height from the foundation. This structure will be reached by a flight of approach steps, fifty feet in width, in four runs, with wide landings between, constituting a rise of fifty-five feet in all. The hill will be terraced to conform with the landings on the staircase, presenting on the whole a terraced mound surmounted by the structure proper. At the base of the staircase will be built a plaza two hundred feet in width, lying transversely to the axis of a mall or main approach running through the property belonging to the association in a southeasterly direction to Linden avenue, that will be the natural approach from the heart of the city to the memorial. This approach from Linden avenue to the plaza will be about 1,000 feet in length. It will be 170 feet in width at the plaza and fifty feet in width at Linden avenue, with a waterway or "Long Water" in the center, running from the plaza 540 feet southeasterly, this waterway being eighty feet wide at the base of the plaza and fifty feet wide at its southeasterly extremity. Flanking the "Long Water" will be four rows of trees paralleling drive-ways, two on either side of the waterway, thus affording the visitor an unobstructed view of the main approach

and the mausoleum, from the most southeasterly point of the association's property.

Mr. H. Van Buren Magonigle of New York city, one of the youngest men in his profession, but one who has met with exceptional success, is the architect of the memorial. The design he submitted has the unqualified approval of the committee in charge, and, while of severe simplicity, there can be no doubt that it will prove eminently effective, characterizing the quiet dignity of the life of McKinley.

On account of the lack of exterior decoration it is difficult to convey through a newspaper print an effective idea of the architect's conception; the accompanying picture, however, will give some idea of the general plan. The interior will be circular fifty feet in diameter, and finished in light gray Knoxville marble. Excepting the doorway there will be no opening but that through the crown of the dome, this opening or oculus being filled with a ceiling light of glass. In the center of this mortuary chamber, will be the sarcophagi, so designed that they appear as two in one. They are cut from single blocks of polished granite. The floor is of marble of different tones, designed to unite the color of the walls and the sarcophagi.

**BALFOUR REMAINS IN OFFICE.**

**British Premier Has Decided to Appeal to the Country.**

Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour, who has decided to hold the premiership of Great Britain, and "go to the country" in a general election, has been at the head of the conservative government since July, 1902. He has had a notable career, having served



in some capacity in every administration since Beaconsfield, for whom he went to Berlin on a confidential mission in 1878. Mr. Balfour was born in Scotland in 1848, and is a nephew of the late Lord Salisbury. Besides innumerable offices of high honor, he has held the leadership of the house of commons on three occasions, in 1891 in connection with the first lordship of the treasury, again as leader of the opposition in 1892-95, and from 1895 until he succeeded his distinguished uncle as premier three years ago. He is an author of considerable note, and is known as one of the golf enthusiasts of England.

**DREW LINE AT BIRTHDAY CAKE.**

**Denman Thompson's Wit Called Forth by Tribute of Esteem.**

Denman Thompson, the veteran actor, was 72 years old the other day. He was filling an engagement in Boston and when he reached the theater that evening his dressing room furnished ample evidence of the esteem in which he is held by theatergoers, as well as members of the profession. Among the many tributes which he received, one of the most striking was a monster cake. The top of the cake represented a rural scene with a miniature cow, pasture, barnyard, etc., and around the edge were 72 candles of various colors. Mr. Thompson was much affected on entering his dressing room to see the tributes from his friends and admirers. Then his characteristic humor broke forth as he surveyed the cake and said: "I don't mind about eating the candles, but I'll draw the line on cake at my time of life."

**How Peace is Brought About.**

Nearly every country with an army and navy is "spoiling for a fight" till its gets one. Then it learns a lesson and takes repose till the younger generation comes on, verdant and rejecting the experience of those who are older, and proceeds to draw blood. We say prayers and sing hymns and psalms and rejoice over the repentance of mankind when peace comes. But that peace comes through no spirit of religion or morality and is not at heart a promotion of Christianity or any system of moral teaching. Peace comes partly because some country has received a terrible whipping and the victors are so exhausted and terrified with the conflict that they are as glad as the defeated that it has come to a close.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**MONUMENT TO JOSEPH SMITH.**

**To Be Erected at His Birthplace in State of Vermont.**

The mormons are to have their monument in Vermont to Joseph Smith placed on the site of his birthplace, halfway between Royalton and Sharon. The monument has been cut in Barre and shipped by special train. It is the largest all-polished granite spire ever sent out of Barre, being thirty-eight feet and six inches long, marking the exact age of Joseph Smith, who was 38 years and 6 months at his death. The entire monument will be fifty-one feet high and it weighs 100 tons. With the exception of the cap, which is molded, the monument is entirely plain. The front of the die bears the name and dates, 1805-1844, and the rear surface an inscription not to be made public until the unveiling.

**OPPOSED TO CHANGE IN TARIFF.**

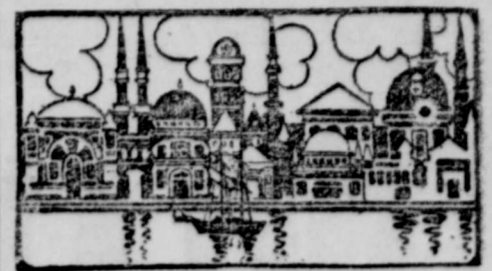


William Alden Smith, Michigan representative, is understood to be strongly opposed to tariff revision.

**POWERS UNITE AGAINST SULTAN**



Map showing location of Piraeus, Athens and Constantinople.



spects—for example, the repatriation of exiled Macedonian peasants at the expense of the government—Turkey has violated her promises, and dissatisfaction has been acute and menacing.

Some months since the powers agreed that the next step toward Macedonian reform should take the form of international financial control of that part of Turkey's European dominions. Foreign judicial control has also been suggested, and it may come later. The demonstration now projected is the method of the "concert" of coercing Turkey into acceptance of the financial reform. The diplomatic negotiations consumed a long time, and the sick man exhausted the resources of his well-known skill in introducing and encouraging discord into the "concert."

The sultan says he cannot yield, because surrender would offend his Mo-

**EASTERN AFFAIRS AT A CRISIS.**

**Grave Danger in Attempt to Coerce Turkish Sultan.**

The Russian crisis and other events of the first importance have so engrossed attention that the controversy between the "concert of Europe" and the "sublime porte" has received comparatively little notice. Yet it is of no small consequence intrinsically, and by no means free from dangerous possibilities. Bulgaria's alleged threat to march troops into Macedonia in case the powers fail to secure "complete reforms" is an illustration of this.

What are the causes of the naval demonstration which a rather heterogeneous fleet commanded by an Austrian admiral and representing that power as well as France, England, Italy and Russia is about to make in Turkish waters? What is the combined action intended to accomplish?

The trouble is connected with the old and still unsettled Macedonian question. It will be remembered that about two years ago Russia and Austria were commissioned by Europe to impose certain reforms upon the sultan's government with regard to the Macedonian and other districts. Their program was mild, but it was considered good diplomacy to move cautiously in an atmosphere so charged with electricity as the "near East." The Turkish gendarmerie was reorganized and placed under foreign inspectors, and certain fiscal measures were agreed to by the porte.

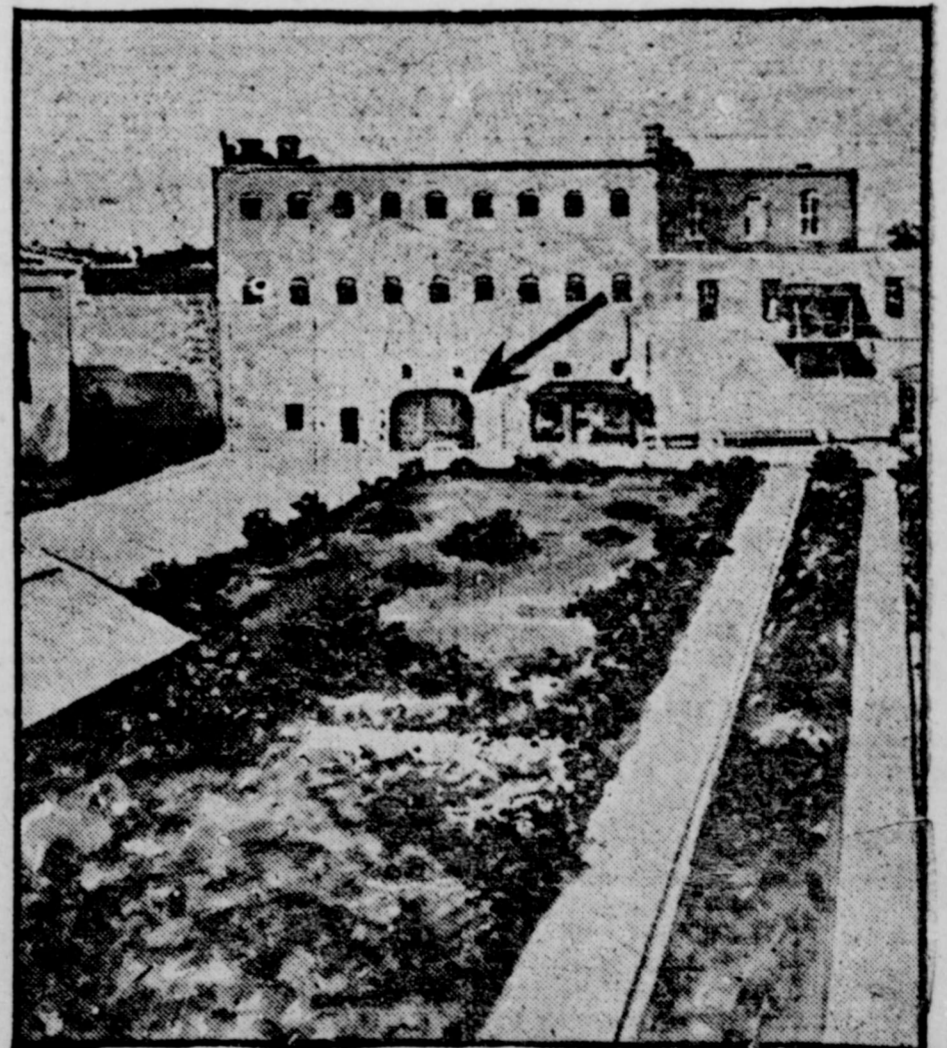
No doubt the situation is better now in Macedonia than it was at the time the Russo-Austrian irreducible minimum was reluctantly accepted by the sultan, but there is ample room for further improvement. In several re-



hammedan population, impair his prestige and excite revolt and massacre. A show of force may "save his face"; at any rate, it is hoped that he will not carry opposition to a really serious point. The seizure of a port or two should bring about the desired result.—Chicago Record-Herald.

**MUTINY IN MISSOURI PRISON**

[Arrow points to gate blown up with nitroglycerin.]



The picture shows the gate of the state penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., through which the mutineers, after killing or wounding the guardians and blowing the steel door down with nitroglycerin, escaped.

**KILLED IN CONVICT UPRISING.**

**Three Dead and Three Wounded at Missouri State Penitentiary.**

In a desperate encounter between guards and convicts within the walls of the Missouri state penitentiary, at Jefferson City, Nov. 24, a prison guard, gatekeeper and one convict were killed, and the deputy warden, a guard and a convict wounded.

Four convicts wrecked the big iron gates with nitroglycerin. They attacked Deputy Warden See in his office, shooting him in the arm and shoulder. At the outer gate they shot Clay dead, also Allison, who resisted them, and blasted a way out with another explosion.

Jumping into a wagon, they forced the driver to speed them to the out-

skirts of the city. They were surrounded by guards and armed citizens. Hiram Blak was shot dead and Vaughn wounded, when the other two surrendered.

Vaughn is serving forty years for participating with two other bandits in the killing of three detectives in St. Louis.

**Chinese Girl a Newspaper Reporter.**

Margaret Jessie Chung, a 16-year-old girl of Chinese parentage living in Los Angeles, Cal., has become a newspaper reporter there. She is teaching English in the Chinese colony of that city and for a year past has been secretary of a church memorial union. Miss Chung is thoroughly American in spirit, dress and ambition.

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