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Mr. Cameron had not attempted to deny the figures therein but had declared it a fair statement of facts.

The figures contained therein are true as far as the county books are true. The Artesia delegation at Santa Fe, including the speaker, had gone to the auditor to have the figures verified. That officer said, "these figures are correct according to the county books, but the county books are not correct; checking up the vouchers I find the indebtedness of Eddy county \$550 greater than reported." Of course this would make a difference of less than \$100 in the indebtedness of the proposed county, but it showed loose methods in county management.

The speaker had heard of landslides in politics but never understood the true significance of the term. However, in 1905 there were more than 4000 acres more land assessed in Carlsbad precinct than in 1906. In 1906 there were more than 4000 acres more land assessed in Artesia precinct than the previous year. He could only account for it on the ground that a landslide occurred from Carlsbad up to Artesia.

In former days the territory now contained in both Chaves and Eddy counties was a part of Lincoln county. The same reasons which impel us to ask a separation now induced them to do so then. Then as now the old county objected, but the rights of the people were recognized and counties were created. We only ask that we be granted the same privileges that were accorded them; that our rights be granted as theirs were granted."

Judge Logan was roundly applauded.

S. W. Gilbert, President of the First National Bank, said that this meeting is the beginning of Artesia county. We are right and he is confident we shall win. He hopes that when we shall have our county government we shall have no "landslides."

Dr. R. M. Ross said he had not examined the books of Eddy county recently but had done so two years ago. There was ample evidence of lax management of county affairs. He is confident that we will have less taxes to pay in our new county if correctly managed, than under present conditions. He believes that we should choose local officials for their fitness and not on account of political affiliations.

Rev. J. M. Blalock, pastor of the Christian church, stirred the

SHORT-WITHAM HAVE BIG WELL

Eighty-five Pounds Pressure in New Gusher

S. A. BUTLER DID THE WORK.

Monday S. A. Butler of this city finished an artesian well for Messrs. Short and Witham 3 miles east of Artesia. The pressure is eighty-five pounds.

Mr. Butler moves to the Joe Bloomfield farm four miles south where he will begin work at once on another artesian well.

For dry holes the wells in this district have more water in them than one would suppose.

Judge D. D. Femple returned from a trip to Lake Arthur Monday.

Messrs. Naylor & Maitland had their broom corn hauled Wednesday by G.S. Sellers & Sons of Hope. There was a big yield.

Mrs. E. I. Allen is one of the grip sufferers and, it is hinted, not one of the most patient victims.

audience. He compared Artesia county to a young eaglet who when ready to fly is ill treated by the mother bird. Roswell and Carlsbad realize that the time has come when we are about to leave them; hence they do not give us needed improvements. He said that a vote of thanks was due the ladies of Artesia. They have a nice public library. By hard work they succeeded in raising a goodly sum to make a substantial addition to their list of books. Yet they were willing to give this money for which they had worked so hard, were willing to sacrifice the ambition that was so dear to them in order to help defray the expenses of our representatives at Santa Fe. At his suggestion a vote of thanks was extended to them and to all our ladies for their unselfish interest.

Rev. E. E. Mathes, pastor of the Presbyterian church, said he was not familiar with details but was heartily in sympathy with the movement. As he believed it was for the interest of Artesia and of the surrounding territory He bade God speed to the movement.

Other speakers were S. A. Orr, W. F. Swartz, G. P. Cleveland, J. B. Atkeson, James D. Whelan and others.

A resolution was passed thanking the band, and Messrs. Feenster and Majors, and another was carried thanking the committee of the Christian church for use of the church.

In reply Rev. Blalock invited the committee to come back and hold the ratification meeting there.

The committee on resolutions of which J. F. Newkirk was chairman then brought in the following report which was adopted amid applause:

We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to submit the following report:

We ask the privilege to call the attention of the intelligent citizens of Chaves and Eddy counties and the people of New Mexico to the reasons which impel us to ask the creation of Artesia county at this time.

1st. The conceded superiority of small counties over large ones in the matter of efficiency and economy in the conduct of county affairs.

2nd. The inconvenience and

COMMITTEE VISITS RIVER

Bridge Committee Look up Location and Take Pictures

GOOD PLACE FOR STRUCTURE

Monday the bridge committee visited the Pecos river for the purpose of finding a satisfactory site for a new bridge.

Those of the committee who made the trip were Olin Ragsdale, E. A. Clayton, C. L. Heath, E. B. Kemp and James D. Whelan. The committee was accompanied by J. W. Turknett, a member of the Eddy county board of commissioners, and by R. R. Beatty, who came to help out a good cause.

The committee looked over all available sites and finally found one, three fourths of a mile north of the line east of town where it was determined that a bridge could be built for relatively little cost.

We shall describe the situation at more length later.

expence incident to being situated a long distance from the county seat, necessitating, in the case of Hope, the loss of three days on the part of those compelled to visit the county seat. This condition entails needless hardship and expense and often results in frustrating the conduct of business, and to the retardment of the interest of the Pecos Valley as well as of individuals directly interested.

3rd. As a result of the present counties being too large a preponderance of the political power of Eddy county and of Chaves county has been concentrated in the hands of those whose thoughts are molded by the influence of Carlsbad and Roswell, respectively, and as a result the people of the stretch of country lying within the confines of the proposed Artesia county while paying taxes into the county treasury have not derived a dollars worth of benefit there in the way of public improvements. Of the \$37,000 worth of public improvements in Eddy county not a dollars worth is situated in the confines of the new county. Of the \$46,000 in public improvements in Chaves county not a dollars worth lies within the confines of Artesia county.

Every community in the proposed new county can with justice repeat the plaint of the Lake Arthur Times in its issue of Jan. 10:

"Lake Arthur has never received anything from the outside, she has been treated like the black sheep of the family, and only good for kicks."

Nor can it be said that no improvements are needed in the district named. The need of such improvements have been conceded as general propositions, but these necessary improvements will only be granted by conceding to the county seats structures that are not necessary.

As a lamentable instance of official prejudice we call attention to the fact that a call for a mass meeting in Carlsbad to protest against the formation of Artesia county bore the official signature of A. C. Heard, chairman of the board of county commissioners. And the invidious inference that might be drawn therefrom is not modified by the fact that the statements in said call did not

COUNTY DEFEATED.

As we go to press we learn from Roswell that our representatives are returning from Santa Fe conceding the defeat of the new county proposition. All the matter in this issue is true except our prediction of victory and that was based upon the equities of the case and without a due regard for the strength of the forces of hood arrayed against us. The combination of the rings at Roswell and Carlsbad was too strong for justice. This is not the first time that right suffered by being placed between thieves. However the scriptural thieves had all the best of it for at least one of them repented, while the brood of political vipers at Carlsbad were impervious to appeals of justice or generosity. We submit we have been friendly to Carlsbad but we find enough of warming snakes.

RICHARDSON CALLED DOWN

Leading Citizens of Artesia Say His Statements Are Absolutely and Unqualifidely False

The Roswell Record of January 24th, 1907, contains a statement, purporting to have been made by Judge G. A. Richardson, president of the Roswell Commercial Club, to the effect that the sentiment in favor of a new County is not unanimous in Artesia.

The undersigned persons are thoroughly familiar with the conditions and the sentiment of the people of Artesia and the surrounding Country and come forward and brand the said statement, by whomsoever made, as absolutely and unqualifidely false. There is no division of sentiment here and we defy Judge Richardson or any body else to name half a dozen taxpayers in Artesia precinct who do not favor the new County.

V E Fatherree, D W Robertson, E N Skaer, J F Porter, E L Robertson, Geo P Cleveland, Wm Crandall, Albert Blake, Jim Conner, E S Howell, E I Allen, W H Watkins, J D H Reed, Otto Harris, J T Johns, John H Messer, G U M Crary, J G Osburn, J B Atkeson, J R Blair, John B Enfield, H M Gage, John A Orr, J E Swebston, L W Martin, H T Peck, A L Norfleet, John R Hodges, A V Logan.

correctly describe conditions.

4th. We have reason to believe that we can conduct the new county at much less cost to the taxpayers thereof than under the present arrangement. And as time passes the rate of taxation will fall. Under normal condition the valuations of the county will nearly double in two years through the patenting of government lands.

5th. We have the property, the population, the energy and the enterprise necessary to conduct a first class county government.

6th. The division is equitable; it will leave Chaves and Eddy counties in the same relative position as before. In Eddy county the construction of the Carlsbad irrigating dam will in a short time make up for most of the loss entailed by the separation.

7th. Lastly by securing a better political condition it will benefit the entire Pecos Valley and all the people thereof.

WAS AN EX-PENSIVE

Mrs. S. B. Dyer's Donation Brought \$83.50 at Band Entertainment

MISS CANNON PRETTIEST GIRL

The big band social entertainment and ball took place at the old Logan & Dyer building last night. The hall was filled to overflowing.

The first part of the program consisted of six selections by the band and of two vocal selections by R. E. Scott and E. A. Johnson. Miss Dora Rice played the piano accompaniment.

The ethical having been gratified the material in the audience was made manifest by given hungry glances toward the well filled boxes brought by the ladies. These were auctioned by Judge A. V. Logan, who thus learned the sales man's title of Colonel, and won his military honors with becoming dignity. The boxes sold well, one brought \$3.50.

Next came the voting of the big cake to the prettiest girl. Several names were entered, but the contest soon narrowed to Misses Ella Cannon, Cora Rice and Nettie Callaway. The votes were a penny per. The result of the votes as finally declared was as follows:

Miss Ella Cannon \$1.00
Miss Cora Rice .75
Miss Nettie Callaway .75
So Miss Cannon was the winner and very generous to the age rooms, mighty fine market.

After this the program the young folks spent several hours in a social ball.

The proceeds were as follows:
From voting contest \$83.50
From boxes \$38.50
From dance \$ 5.75

Total \$127.75

Not a dollar of this or of any other money received by the band goes to any of the individual members thereof. It is all turned into the band fund. The boys hope they now have enough to buy uniforms.

The Uneeda Grocery and feed yard has a new light fixture on Main street and will have other big ones up in front of the feed store. The lights are beauties. O. J. Fenn was the artist who designed them and did the work.

J. C. Gage, Wm. Hanson, Chas. T. Hoffman and Dr. M. M. Hanson have gone for a ten days trip prospecting and hunting in the mountains.

Mrs. Bell who has been visiting her mother, left Friday morning for home in Texas.

J. W. Skaer retired from Wichita, Kansas, Monday.

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ARTESIA COUNTY IN PECOS VALLEY

Elects Officers and
 Forth Unanswerable Arguments Showing
 Granted. Is Necessary For Proper
STRONG INSTURRY Within Boundaries of Proposed
 Further Interests of Entire Valley.

At recent meeting of State
 First National Bank, of
 Directors were chosen, E. J. COUN-
 well; R. M. Ross, K. V.
 W. Hamilton, Olin H. Gulated
 enter, J. W. Turknet create
 and S. W. Gilbert. create
 county comprising the
 between lines drawn
 townships 19 and 20 on
 uth, and between 14 and
 the North, extending to
 line on the East,
 the West including all
 is known as the pan-
 of Chaves county.
 proposed that the name
 county be Artesia and
 nesia be the county seat

Our high school includes
 a three years course. There are
 seven instructors all told and a
 school population of over 500.

In addition we have Artesia
 College, now practically com-
 pleted and which will be opened
 to students Feb. 4.

A contract has been let for
 the construction of a municipal
 water works system, at a cost
 of more than \$42,000 excluding
 the cost of well. To secure this
 improvement a \$50,000 bond
 issue was voted; the bonds sel-
 ling at a premium.

A franchise has just been
 granted to the Artesia Electric
 light and Ice Co. for the con-
 struction of a light system.

This company will also con-
 duct a cold storage plant, and
 ice plant and a pop factory.

The Womans Club is an organ-
 ization that has been in a great
 measure responsible for the ele-
 vated moral and intellectual
 tone that pervades Artesia soci-
 ety while the Artesia Club is
 a business mens organization
 in the conduct of which pleas-
 ure and business are happily
 blended.

THE MATTER OF TAXES

It is this bugaboo that the
 foes of the proposed county are
 trying to invoke to scare the tax
 payers.

We submit that taxes will be
 absolutely much less under the
 new arrangement than under
 the old.

In order to sustain this state-
 ment we submit the following
 facts.

The total assessed valuation
 of Eddy county on March 1, 1906
 was \$2,154,604 of this \$375,372
 lies within the boundaries of the
 proposed new county, and \$1,
 319,232 remains within the
 boundaries of Eddy county after
 the proposed reduction.

The total assessed valuation
 of Chaves county at the same
 time was \$3,258,265; of which
 \$254,313 was in the proposed
 new county, and \$3,003,952 re-
 mains in Chaves county.

The total debt of Eddy county
 is \$61,550. Before this debt is
 divided we must deduct \$37,000
 for public improvements (ALL
 OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE
 BOUNDARIES COMPRISED IN EDDY
 COUNTY AS REDUCED), and sink-
 ing funds aggregating \$3,354; a
 total of \$40,354; which deducted
 from the total indebtedness
 leaves \$21,196 to be divided.
 Pro rated this would leave Ar-
 tesia county to assume \$8,218
 of the present Eddy county
 debt.

Chaves county has a debt of
 \$53,000 with sinking funds and
 improvements aggregating
 \$46,000, leaving \$7000 to be
 divided. Pro rated this would
 leave the new county to as-
 sume \$540 of the Chaves county
 debt. THE TOTAL DEBT OF
 THE NEW COUNTY WOULD BE
 ONLY \$8,758.

The above figures of as-
 sessed valuation do not in-
 clude value of lands upon
 which final proofs have
 been made since March
 1, 1906 and which in the
 proposed new county alone amount
 to \$150,000, making the total
 value of property in Artesia
 county if established, \$1,239,685

Now, then this has refer-
 ence to the subject of taxes in the
 following manner:

A county which pays over
 \$15,000 and under \$20,000 to the
 Territory per year is a county
 of Class "D."

Artesia county would pay be-
 tween \$15,000 and \$20,000 to
 the Territory and would be in
 Class "D."

Salaries of officers in Class "D" would be as follows:	
3 County Commis- sioners,	\$900.00
1 Probate Judge,	250.00
1 Probate Clerk,	400.00
1 County School Super- intendent,	600.00
Court fund,	3000.00
New County Records,	1000.00
Assessor's Commission at 4 per cent,	405.87
Treasurer's Commission at 4 per cent,	495.87
6 per cent int. on \$8,758 (debt.)	525.48
Total,	\$7,667.13

A tax of \$1.00 per \$100.00 on
 \$1,239,685.00 would be \$12,396.
 85, which is nearly \$5,000 more
 than is necessary to pay the
 expenses of the new county.

We believe that a \$3000.00
 court fund is a very liberal es-
 timate as there would be no
 docket with which to begin the
 new county.

There would be about \$3,000.
 00 licences paid into this new
 county per year which is not
 estimated in the above.

We are now paying \$3.72 per
 \$100 in Eddy county for County
 and Territorial purposes. \$1.40
 of this is Territorial and \$2.32 is
 County tax.

Artesia county could be main-
 tained at a less rate than either
 Chaves or Eddy is maintained.
 The above rate shows a reduc-
 tion of \$1.32 per \$100.00 which
 is more than half of the county
 tax.

The county tax in Chaves
 county is \$1.90 per \$100.00 and
 the Territorial tax \$1.40 per
 \$100.00. That portion of Chaves
 which would come into this
 county would have its county
 taxes reduced nearly half.

Leaving all the latitude in
 the world for unexpected ex-
 penses: we are safe in saying
 that taxes would be reduced
 nearly 50 per cent in the terri-
 tory comprised in Artesia county
 should it be created.

NO NEEDLESS EXPENSE.

It is not proposed to add ex-
 penses to the new county by
 voting bonds for a court house
 for some time or until condi-
 tions warrant and the people
 demand its construction. We
 guarantee that we will furnish
 suitable offices for a year with-
 out a dollar of cost to the coun-
 ty and thereafter rooms can be
 rented a reasonable figure.

THE JUSTICE OF THE CLAIM.

It will be noted that not a
 dollar of public money has been
 expended in the territory in-
 cluded within the boundaries
 of proposed Artesia county.
 We have been taxed to build
 bridges, and public buildings
 and improve roads from which
 we do not and cannot derive
 benefit, except such indirect
 benefit as may be derived by
 the entire Pecos Valley from
 any improvement therein.

However, the creation of a
 new county and the benefits
 which it would confer on the
 entire Pecos Valley would
 redound much more to the in-
 direct advantages of Roswell
 and of Carlsbad than the con-
 struction of public buildings in
 those cities now indirectly con-
 fer on the territory within the
 proposed district.

We have ample taxable prop-
 erty. Two years ago Terri-
 torial Auditor Stafford said
 that \$700,000 was a sufficient
 amount of assessable property
 to furnish funds for conducting
 the affairs of a county.

With reference to the relative
 standing of the proposed county
 among the counties of the terri-
 tory:

We have not the report of as-
 sessed valuation for 1906 for all
 the counties, but from the sum-
 mary of assessed valuation of
 1905, we deduce the following:

Chaves, now first, was then the
 second, and Eddy was the twelfth
 among the counties of the
 territory. Deducting the as-
 sessed valuation of the proposed
 county of Artesia in the manner
 set forth above, from the total
 assessed valuation of Chaves
 and Eddy counties and they
 will still maintain their relative
 standing among New Mexican

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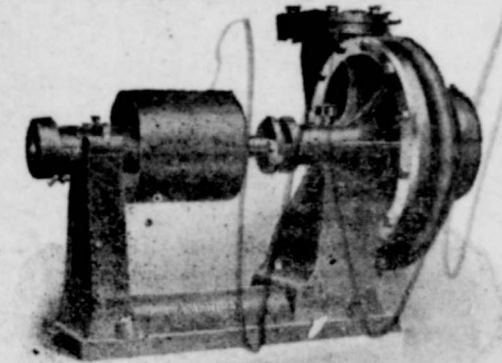
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Some Carlsbad Easy Marks, or The Averted Tragedy

"A sucker is born every minute" and several of the breed have survived the troubles and ills of infancy and grown up and settled in Carlsbad.

Evidently these guileless creatures fell under the influence of some panhandle grafter at the time when the Amarillo crowd was trying to convince prospective investors in the valley that the artesian wells were playing out.

The Carlsbad "come ons" swallowed the bait, hook and sinker, and reached for the cork. Since that time they have no doubt been congratulating one another on having "something up their sleeves" to pull on Artesia.

Saturday night at the anti county meeting in Carlsbad, they sprang a scheme of deep Machievallian cunning. It was this: Let the news papers of Artesia be warned that if they persisted in urging the new county project, the whole cruel story would be given to the unfeeling world. The marks were not posted. They didn't know that the testimony of all who have visited the valley and THE FACT THAT THE WELLS ARE ALL RIGHT, have at last compelled even the Amarillo grafters to cease to circulate the senseless charge. These were things the Marks didn't know. They really believed that the wells were simply dry holes.

However, a gentleman named McLenathan who takes THE ADVOCATE and knows how to lead, got up in open meeting and razzed the crowd that the Marks were in error; that the wells at Artesia were running as strongly as ever and that while he was opposed to the new county, he would not mind for that sort of thing.

The matter was dropped. I think of the picturesque, ending scene that must have occurred in Carlsbad when the plan and sent a motion to muzzle the press of Artesia.

We fear THE ADVOCATE man would have been like a (Will) be shaken in the wind; that he would have wilted even a certain argus eyed literator and on another great occasion, at how about the News? Frank would not have yielded. I picture the scene! The journalist quietly at work when the delegation crawls upon him. The spokesman approvable with stealthy and Frank Newkirk, he said in sepulchral tones: do you see, Artesia?

Yes, verily do I love her. Frank Newkirk, if you love her cease to try to notice her from us. Beware! We have her guilty. We have in our possession a document circulated 1st July by Catechem Skinner, real estate men of Amarillo, showing that there is no artesian water in the

Pecos Valley. "We also have a statement made during the snow storm by A. Lyre, another real estate man, also of Amarillo, showing that the people of Artesia have to melt snow to get water to drink.

"Refuse to submit and we give this to the world; Yield and the secret remains on the spot.

"We warn you that if we start this, a host of friends will arise on every hand for us. Lake Arthur being in the artesian belt will rejoice with much rejoicing and will try to be transferred to Eddy county that she may pay taxes at Carlsbad. Woods of the Lakewood Progress will sound our praises and the people of that town who have strayed away after the new county proposition will return and struggle to us as a kitten snugly to a hot brick. For they too, are in the artesian district. It will be a great help to the whole valley. But if thou wilt lie down we will not proclaim to the world."

The aforesaid world will never know what Frank would have done for McLenathan of Carlsbad, who hadn't invested in any packages of Amarillo green goods, squelched the proceedings by the very common place announcement that there was nothing to the story, that it simply wasn't true.

Considering the possibilities in the way of ten-twenty-third melodramatic effects; considering how much yellow back literature might have evolved out of the situation, it is almost too bad that McLenathan switched the subject to such horribly bourgeois topics as assessed valuation and the like.

Before And After Taking When Heard was seeking a Democratic nomination, did he announce that, if successful, he would misuse his official title to give an official air to a public (unofficial) attack on the interests of many of those Democrats? When appealing to the voters, did he proclaim such a principle? Scarcely.

When the Devil was sick The Devil a Saint would be. But when the Devil got well: The Devil a saint was he. Anyway Capt Bujac didn't think the wells were playing out when he made his noted speech in the Artesia City Hall October 27 under the auspices of the Democratic Club. We all recollect how he aroused our enthusiasm by referring to the past growth, present prosperity and future prospects of Artesia. The Captain very properly denounced the artesian well tax as unconstitutional and unjust.

The Lakewood Progress man says THE ADVOCATE does him an injustice when it charges that the Progress attacked the people of Artesia and vicinity. The Progress said:

"We think that this scheme of ambitious towns and designing office hunters should be sat down on good and hard."

As Artesia was the town referred to and as everybody in and around here has signed the petition for the county it looks as if he was almost insinuating something against our town and our people. We really do not think Woods meant any harm. We read his last effusion through and advise all who want light reading for leisure hours to do the same. Our opinion is that Woods is excusable on the ground of inculpable ignorance.

his neighborhood office who owes Artesia \$22, to the support of a tax on Artesia wells. But if these people's wells are dry, how can they be? Is it possible that a man can't enjoy the luxury of maintaining a dry hole in the ground without paying a tax on it?

Hope They Are Not Blackmailers

The street has it that Dexter has refused to help Penasco, Lake Arthur and the Plains against county division, for the reason that any cut will hurt Hagerman. If this is a fact, it is the basest ingratitude and the people should rise up in their might and forever settle the bridge matter. We understand that while the contract has been let the Commissioners can change the location.—Roswell Record.

We trust we are not to understand from this that if the citizens of Dexter do not see fit to allow themselves to be dictated to by Roswell that the Record would advise the commissioners to refuse to grant what by their previous action they concede to be right. For surely the Record does not think that the bridge was granted to Dexter in exchange for the manhood of its citizens? If they are not entitled to the bridge as a matter of right who was it granted? Although the wording of the editorial quoted leaves its meaning equivocal, we think the Record doesn't mean that the Chaves commissioners elected by all the people, and paid by all the people to represent by all the people should prostitute their office perjure themselves, and debase their manhood in order to intimidate the people of Dexter from doing what they feel in duty bound to do.

Any one who would advise a course of that kind would be advising the commissioners to do what, if attempted by an individual, would land the perpetrator in a felons cell in the penitentiary on the charge of blackmailing, and would put all aiders, abettors and advisers behind the bars as accessories before the fact.

And that is where such people ought to be landed. For the man who would do such a thing or advise that it be done and would yet lay claims to respectability, would be a living, walking lie, lacking only opportunity and moral courage to change his innate depravity into avert criminal acts, and who ought to be incarcerated for the protection of honest people.

From the way that vague threats of future reprisals are circulated, with the evident intention of intimidating and holding up towns and individuals we fear that one Colonel Mann of Town Topics is branching out into Pecos Valley journalism.

Unearthed Mammoth Mastodon Tooth

W. E. Newton of this city, on Saturday of last week unearthed a mammoth mastodon tooth in a gravel pit near his residence within the city limits. The tooth measured 76 inches in length, 23 inches in circumference and weighed 150 pounds. The tooth will be preserved as a curiosity.—Kerrville (Tex.) Mountain Sun.

We hear that a rumor started around Kerrville that President Roosevelt lost the molar while on a hunting trip some years ago. Friends of the President deny the charge and say that he still has all his teeth.

The Roswell Record of January 24 quotes Tom Waller of Lakewood as saying "I have the evidence in my pocket in the form of a petition with signers, that with the exception of two, the citizens of Lakewood are against any kind of county division in the Pecos Valley at this time." We are willing to compare the number of signatures from Lakewood on Tom Waller's petition, if he had one, with the number on the petition from that neighborhood which we have secured and forwarded to Santa Fe. The Advocate does not believe that Tom Waller told the truth if he made that statement. Why did he keep the petition in his pocket?

Mr. McLenathan thought it would be unwise to bring up the phantom now haunting the Artesia people of wells failing; while Bujac took issue and held that the facts should not be smothered, but stated, as far as can be absolutely proven.—Report of Carlsbad Anti-County Meeting in Carlsbad Current.

The term phantom is wisely used in this connection. For the alleged failing of the wells is but a phantom, "the shadow of a shade, the ghost of nothing." It is a gnome conjured up by the Amarillo grafters to besmirch the Pecos Valley, and was of the same character as the "alkali flat" gag that the fakirs used in denouncing Carlsbad. But the defunct libel is not haunting Artesia; it is a spirit that has been exorcised and laid. When men of intelligence are compelled to adopt the alternative of passing colorless resolutions such as said meeting adopted and repeating exploded libels such as even the panhandle grafter is ashamed to repeat, it is no wonder that conservatives like J. W. Turknett came away convinced that a new county is necessary.

Mr. Turknett says that every argument used was favorable to a new county.

Of course THE ADVOCATE would be glad to adopt Capt. Bujac's suggestion and have the "facts stated, as far as absolutely proven," if such a course were necessary. But it isn't necessary, for everybody now knows that the wells are not failing, and the enemies of the Pecos Valley are no longer using the heavy falsehood against us, so any further refutation such as might result from the adoption of the Bujac plan would be redundant. However, if Carlsbad wants to advertise our advantages we will be duly thankful for small favors. Capt. Bujac was doubtless moved by a desire to exonerate Artesia from a false charge. However, we would rather have the right to look after our interests, than a certificate of character that we don't need.

THE ADVOCATE is frankly surprised at Capt. Bujac's opposition to a new county. During the recent campaign here were fond of quoting a speech which they said he made at the Artesia hotel just before the last Democratic primary in which they alleged that he spoke with all the rare eloquence he possesses in regard to Artesia's destiny as the county seat of a new county. Certainly this report of his speech won him many votes here last fall. It is said that C. R. Brice when seeking a nomination two years earlier said he would favor a new county, two years hence, (i.e. now). Yet he, too, opposed the project.

Relative to Captain Bujac, we regret that his intemperate zeal for his own town has so warped his judgement as to impel him to take the wrong side. An attitude which in view of previous utterances leaves him open to the charge of inconsistency. Any assertion to the effect that our wells are drying is more than inconsistent.

We have much fault to find with Hon. J. O. Cameron in the same connection, and Mr. Cameron also has a bridge matter to square that ought to be rather annoying.

The New Mexico Sun argues that Artesia is too near the north line of the (present) county to make a county seat of a new county wherein it would be situated near the center. Wonder if that is an Irish bull.

Does the Sun want a new county with the county seat at Dayton and the south line a couple of townships further south than in the proposed county of Artesia

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If a bridge and a couple of offices is all there is to the movement, will the Sun explain why we are compelled to pay a continued increasing proportion of county taxes without any improvements of any kind being granted us?

There is no need of Carlsbad and Roswell assuming an attitude of hypocritical friendship toward the artesian territory. They not merely misrepresented us to defeat our rightful claim but they have deliberately adopted a course by which they hope to injure the business of the whole artesian country.

Formerly enemies these towns are now friends reminding one of similar characters on a tragic occasion. "And the same [day] Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves."

Willard Jackson, of Amarillo, is visiting friends in Artesia. Mrs. Jackson and daughter are here visiting.

We desire to say that the charge alleged to have been made by C. H. McLenathan and others at the Roswell meeting of January 23, to the effect that the figures put forth by the Artesia Publicity Committee relative to assessed valuations are based on values a year hence is untrue. J. F. Newkirk, G. P. Cleveland, James D. Whelan. Artesia Publicity Committee.

Capt. Bujac and Will Reed, the lion and the mouse, have united to form the new county. The team's motto is, "Equal rights to none; special privileges to Carlsbad." But the roaring of the lion and the knowing of the mouse won't win the battle for our stepmother down the stream.

There is more water farther west: 8 miles West and 3 miles North of Artesia a well is being drilled and artesian water was struck at the depth of 261 feet. Say there is no water in and around Artesia.

Lake Arthur and Lakewood will doubtless put up a lot of dough to help disseminate the false impression that wells are drying up. Carlsbad ought to push that bright idea.

Lakewood's bridge is now closed. Problem: If it takes two bridges and a jail at Carlsbad to get a bridge at Artesia, how many bridges and jails will Carlsbad have to get in order to let Lakewood have a bridge?

RICHARD'S VICTORY.

Two brothers, aged nine and ten, respectively, pupils in a public school of Washington, were recently absent for a period of two weeks. When the elder of the boys returned to his class he brought a note from his father stating that the cause of the absence of his children was illness. "Where's your brother Dick?" asked the teacher. "Is he still sick?" "Yes, ma'am," replied the pupil, "he's still in bed with a broken arm." "I'm sorry to hear it. How did it happen?" "Well, it was this way, ma'am. You see, Dick and I were trying to see which could lean out of the second-story window the furthest, and Dick won."

NATIONAL BROTHERLY LOVE.

Officers and Directors for Ensuing Year.

Rev. E. Ward Deduces K. of P Principles From Holy Writ.

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WAS A LARGE CONGREGATION

Stockholders the following: E. A. Cahoon, K. C. Smith, H. Ragsdale, Bennett, D. W. Gilbert, Vice-President; W. Hamilton and K. C. Ross. The assembly was not elected but it is that K. C. Smith will arrive on the 1st and be installed in his office at that time. Mr. Smith is the manager of the Peoples Bank of St. Louis, La.

In a sermon, the central idea of which was fraternity, Rev. E. Ward, emancipated Pythian principles to a large congregation at the special K. of P. Service, in the Presbyterian church Sunday. Before the service the Knights met at the hall and marched in a body to the church. Many who were not connected with the church were also in attendance and the beautiful and commodious service was filled.

Rev. Ward did not confine his discourse to any specific text, but quoted passages showing that the doctrine of fraternity is in accordance with teachings of the Bible. Moreover, he showed by citing numerous instances, the Pythian practiced brotherly love in their dealings with each other and with the dealings of brother Knights.

Rev. Ward gave a brief but succinct account of the organization and growth of the order from a single lodge to its present proportions.

As a striking illustration of the beneficial effects of the fraternity and the blessing which God bestows upon it, is His command and prophecy in the 37th Chapter of Ezekiel, beginning at the 15th verse, when the Lord, speaking through the prophet shows the greater strength of the brethren and his approval thereof by referring to the different tribes each as a separate stick, and how they gain power by this union.

Along the same general line he quoted Zachariah, 11th Chapter, beginning at the 5th verse.

He dwelt upon the friendship existing between Damon and Pythias and said that the same sort of friendship should be maintained in the everyday life of member of the Knights of Pythias. If necessary the members should be ready to die for each other.

Owing to the abundance of his illustrations it is difficult to do Rev. Ward justice in anything less than a full report. But it is a strong plea to the member to live up to the highest ideals of the order.

Miss McIlhany's Recital.

The recital given by the pupils of Miss McIlhany, the program of which we published last week, turned out to be a very artistic little affair as anticipated. It was held in the Methodist church, Tuesday evening and a small admission was asked merely to pay the expenses of piano moving, etc. The musicale was to show the progress and to encourage self-possession in the pupils some of whom were very young and had never before played in public. The appreciative audience should have encouraged both teacher and pupils. The numbers were so well done it would be impossible to particularize.

Mrs. Enfield assisted Miss McIlhany by contributing two vocal numbers, calling forth the accolades that her singing before an Artesia audience is always assured. One little tot, Miss Barney Clark, met with stage fright and to take the place of her piano piece, her teacher substituted a vocal duo with her sister Cora which more than compensated the little Misses singing very prettily. As usual the little people received most notice and the faultless playing of Misses Daisy Kaufman, Dorothy Reed and Dorothy Owen, was complimentary to their teacher. Miss McIlhany is to have charge of the music in her father's college which is to be opened soon.

Messrs. Sterling and Bruce from near Dayton were in at the mass meeting Thursday night. They are enthusiastic for the new county. They take a sensible view of the proposition and say that while each town would like to have it, Artesia is ahead of the others and has the logical location.

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H. T. Peck.

KNIGHTS OF THE DIAMOND

Re-elect Manager and Secretary for the Ensuing Year.

CONTRACT WITH PLAYERS.

Members and friends of the Artesia Base Ball Club met at the office of Dr. P. M. Baker Saturday night and organized for the ensuing season.

The contract has been drawn and the players have signed away their rights to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness for the next season. The following is the substance of said contract: Each man holding contract shall only be allowed to draw one half of his share of profits after each game. Each man when holding contract must play when called upon: failing to do so, so, must furnish substitute. In no case shall the nine players pay for his substitutes. Manager reserves the right to release any player at any time. Any player absolutely refusing to play without cause forfeits all claim to any money that may be in the treasury, provided his claim fails to justify his act. Manager has the right to judge his cause.

Every player shall appear on the diamond in full uniform at every game. All disputes shall be settled by the field captain. Any player violating this rule shall be subject to a fine.

All players when called upon to practice shall appear on the diamond in full uniform, or furnish reasonable excuse. Any violation of this rule will be subject to a fine.

An Original Idea.

Mrs. S. A. Butler gave a dinner on Tuesday, January 22, that stands alone in rare originality and thoughtfulness. The occasion was Mrs. Butler's birthday, she is not afraid to have us say which one, but we forbear. She celebrated the passing of this milestone by inviting to spend with her the grandmothers of Artesia. She tried to invite all but may not have found out everyone. Some were in ill health and could not be present but the following were so fortunate as to respond to the invitation: Mrs. Annie A. Kemp; Mrs. Turner, mother of F. E. Turner; Mrs. Watson, mother of Mrs. William Idler; Mrs. Jenkins, mother of J. D. H. Reed; Mrs. Rigdon, mother of Mrs. Mary Owens; Mrs. Baker, Dr. Baker's mother; and Mrs. Coats, mother of Mrs. Phillip Pardon, Mrs. Jane Hoagland, mother of Mrs. J. A. Bruce responded with a letter of regret. Mrs. Butler had as assistants Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Phipps and they served a noon dinner to be dreamed of—just a plain dinner of old-fashioned, well-cooked viands in great abundance. The guests surprised the hostess with numerous party gifts. The whole day was spent in pleasant reminiscence and in comparison of the varied experiences which must of necessity have befallen such an interesting assembly. The ladies all, of course, have been transplanted to New Mexico and represent several of our most important states. It is needless to say that they will always hold Mrs. Butler in loving remembrance. E. A. Johnson was sent for and took a picture of the table without its guests and also one of the group of lovely old ladies assembled on the piazza. A finished picture will be Mrs. Butler's souvenir to each invited guest.

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8 O'clock, Saturday Morning, January 26th

and continue for Ten Days. Come early and make your selections. A sack of candy for every child in the caunter; a cup of Genuine Mocha Coffee for the ladies and a good cigar for the men.

A. G. SIEGNER

Shepard's Leave Artesia

L. F. Shepard, his wife and son Otis who recently left us, are citizens a town hates to lose as was attested by the treatment they received at the hands of their neighbors in the west of town. These and a few others gave them a rousing surprise party on Wednesday night that was a "truly" surprise and held all the charm usually attending such informal gatherings. Those helping out in the merriment were Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Skaer, Mr. and Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Bell Mrs. Armstrong and son and her daughter Irene, Misses Blanche and Clea Parker and the two Mr. Scoots. The taffypulling with which the program of the evening closed did no wise lessen the fun.

The Shepards were entertained after Tuesday morning by the A. J. Parkers and left on Friday morning for their new home in Deming, N. Mex. Mr. Shepard was for about a year and a half with the J. B. Dyer Co. and was popular in business and musical circles.

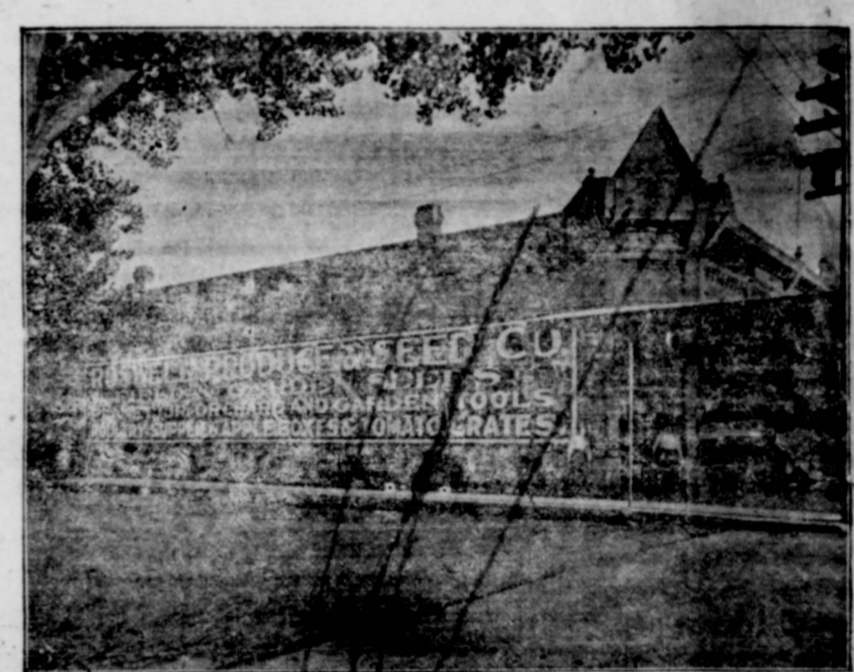
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Marshall McIlhany

Mrs. Dr. Chas. Thomas returned from Roswell Wednesday night.

Mr. Baker on the Cottonwood is putting in a second well.



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Monday afternoon about an hour before sundown while coming in for lumber with which to build a house, S. N. White, of Hope, had quite a serious accident. One of the horses was young and skittish. About two miles west of Artesia the single tree dropping off the double tree scared the animal which plunged and nearly jerked Mr. White from the wagon.

Before he could recover control of the horses he was thrown to the ground. The team then turned clear around upsetting the wagon and running toward home.

His son Hilary White who was driving another team, sprang to his fathers assistance, when his team also started and ran toward Artesia.

A passing gentleman took Mr. White to Artesia where Dr. J. Dale Graham attended to his injuries.

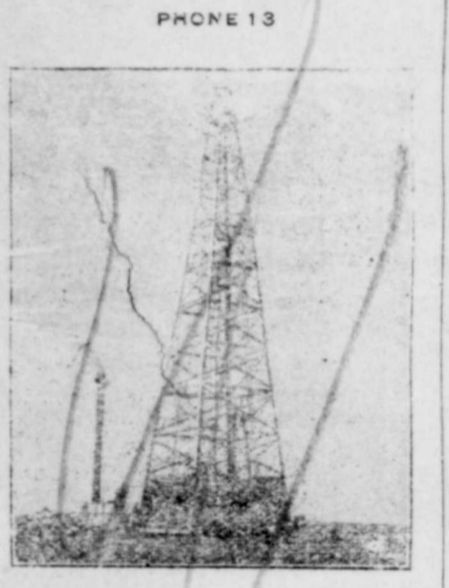
His left arm was fractured about an inch from the lower extremity of the radius and his left wrist was dislocated.

The injured limb was set and dressed by Dr. J. Dale Graham. He was able to return to his home Wednesday.

Mr. White is about sixty-five years of age but looks much younger.

Both teams were caught the same evening. No damage was done except that one coupling pole was broken.

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Contest Notice
Department of the Interior,
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Roswell, N. M., Dec 13, 1906
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Mary B. Stewart, contestant, against Desert Land entry No. 2826, made Nov. 24, 1905, for SE 1/4 Section 6, Township 16 S., Range 25 E., by James W. Wear, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said James W. Wear has not expended upon said tract in the necessary irrigation, cultivation, reclamation or in permanent improvements the sum of \$1.00 per acre for the year from Nov. 24 1905 to Nov. 24 1906. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 21, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed January 15, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

Signed, Howard Leland, Register.
David L. Geyer, Receiver.

T. O. Sanquest, of Henry county, Ill., is here looking after his interests. He has forty acres near town. Twenty seven acres of this was under alfalfa which was planted on shares. Much of this was the first planting but Mr. Sanquest cleared up \$320 as his share.

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior,
United States Land Office,
Roswell, New Mexico, Dec. 8, 1906.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Emory J. Phipps, contestant, against homestead entry No. 6600, made January 9, 1906, 1, for E 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 5, Township 18 S., Range 25 E., by Wilson C. West, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said Wilson C. West, has wholly failed to establish his residence in a house upon said land within six months from the date of said entry, that the said Wilson C. West has not improved nor cultivated any part of said entry as required by law, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 7, 1907, before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office at Artesia, N. M., and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 16, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M.
Howard Leland, Register.

Cured of Lung Trouble

"It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man of Kershaw, S. C. "I had run down in weight to 135 pounds, and coughing was constant, both by day and night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and continued this for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Guaranteed at Pecos Valley drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Notice For Publication.

Desert Land, Final Proof
United States Land Office,
Roswell, New Mexico,
December 22, 1906

Notice is hereby given that Enos P. McCormick, of Artesia, Eddy County New Mexico, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1183, for the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, T. 16 S., R. 25 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, New Mexico, on Monday, the 4th day February, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

Benjamin N. Bell, Horace M. McCormick, William E. Clark, Christopher Totten, all of Artesia, New Mexico.

Howard Leland, Register.

Notice For Publication.

Desert Land, Final Proof.
United States Land Office,
Roswell, New Mexico,
December 22, 1906

Notice is hereby given that William L. Whitaker, of Hope, Eddy County, New Mexico, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1180, for the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, T. 17 S., R. 23 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, New Mexico on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

S. P. Blain, Thomas H. Blakely, Jesse C. Richards, William H. Graham, all of Hope, New Mexico.

Howard Leland, Register.

Notice For Publication

Desert Land, Final Proof.
United States Land Office,
Roswell, New Mexico,
December 22, 1906

Notice is hereby given that Annie E. Coote, of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, assignee of John N. Burroughs, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1110 for the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, T. 17 S., R. 25 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, New Mexico, on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

William J. Phipps, Emory J. Phipps, Philip V. Pardon, James D. Brown, all of Artesia, New Mexico.

Howard Leland, Register

The Right Name.

Mr. August Sherpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative." Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25c at Pecos Valley Drug Store.

Mr. Kuykendall, of Texas, is here to take possession of the E. F. Hardwicke farm. Mr. Kuykendall bought the farm during the fall snowstorm. He says that now when the snow is gone he finds the place better than he expected. Not a single thing was misrepresented or exaggerated.

ORDINANCE NO. 70

An ordinance authorizing and granting to the Artesia Ice and Light Company, their heirs or assigns, the right to construct, acquire, operate and maintain an electric light plant in the town of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of supplying light and power to the citizens and inhabitants of said town, and a right to construct and maintain electric light wires, lines, etc., along and through the streets and alleys of said town. Said Rights and franchises to continue effectual and useful for the period of Twenty-one years.

Section 1. That the Artesia Ice and Light Company, their heirs, representatives or assigns, are hereby granted the right and privilege to construct, acquire, operate and maintain an Electric Light Plant, with all the necessary poles, wires, lamps and appurtenances in the said town of Artesia, and are authorized, to use all the streets, alleys, lanes, bridges, viaducts and public grounds of the said town of Artesia, for the purpose of placing beneath the surface or suspending in various places on and along said streets, alleys, lanes, bridges, viaducts and public grounds, cables and conductors of electric light, together with lamps, lamp-cutouts and appurtenances and devices suitable for distributing and supplying said town of Artesia and the inhabitants thereof, with an electric current for light and power; and any and all other purposes to which electricity may now or hereafter be applied. Said rights and franchises to continue useful and effective to the said company, their heirs or assigns for a period of twenty-one years.

Section 2. Said grantees, their heirs or assigns, shall not unreasonably obstruct the passage on any street, alleys, lanes, viaducts or public places, and shall place the wires on substantial poles, said wire to be hung at least eighteen feet above the ground. Should it become necessary for the said grantees to make an excavation of any kind in the construction of the said plant or works, they shall be required to fill, repair and level up the same, within a reasonable time, with the streets, alleys and grounds.

Section 3. When the poles are set in or along an alley, they shall be set and located as near the side of the alley as practicable, and when erected on and along the streets of said town, they shall be set and located, when practicable, along the outside edge of the sidewalk, so as not to interfere or obstruct the drainage, with all the poles placed in such a manner as to least discomode the public and property owners.

Section 4. Said grantees, their heirs or assigns, shall not charge during the life of this ordinance, for a 16 candle power incandescent lamp, greater sum than \$1.25 at a flat rate, or more than \$10.00 per month for arc lamps, to be run on moonlight schedule the same to be used all night, and shall not charge a greater sum than fifteen cents per kilowatt hour, meter rate.

Section 5. The said grantees shall have sixty days from the taking effect of this ordinance, in which to commence the erection of the electric light plant; and one year from said date to have it fully completed and in operation. If said grantees should fail to commence work on said erection in the time above stated, or if they should fail to complete the same within the time specified above, without good cause shown, this ordinance shall be of no force or effect.

Section 6. The said grantees shall furnish free of charge to the said town, light in sufficient quantities to properly light the town hall, and sufficient light for the building to be used as the fire department of said town.

Section 7. The said town of Artesia hereby agrees and binds itself to use of said grantees, five 100 candle power arc lights during the life of this franchise. Said town further agrees, that in event it should at any time during the life of this franchise, acquire, operate and own a water works system, that it will supply to the said grantees sufficient water for the manufacture of ice for the period of ten years, free of charge to said grantees.

Section 8. The said Artesia Ice and Light Company, their heirs or assigns shall file an acceptance of this ordinance with the clerk of the Board of Trustees of said town within five days after the passage of this ordinance.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the Artesia Advocate, a newspaper of general circulation in said town of Artesia. Declared, passed and approved Jan. 10th 1907.

(Signed) **WM. CRANDALL,** Chairman.
Attest (Seal) **J. E. SWEPSTON,** Clerk.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Roswell, N. M.,
December 20, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Joseph S. Highsmith, of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 6169, made Oct. 6, 1905, for the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver, at Roswell, New Mexico, on January 28, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz:
John M. Howard, of Artesia, N. M.; Lewis C. Robertson, of Artesia, N. M.; John W. Price, of Artesia, N. M.; John W. Fester, of Artesia, N. M.
Howard Leland, Register.

Mrs. T. T. Blackmore returned Monday from Hagerman, where she visited Mrs. Ella Davidson.

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ARTESIA

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO.

OF ARTESIA

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nounce all connection and affilia-
on with the political rings that
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ministration, and further,

Resolved that from this good
our forth we pledge our labor
al our votes toward securing for
ddy county a conduct of county
airs that will mean even and
act justice to all citizens and
x payers, regardless of their
ecinct and postoffice address,

Resolved, that in so doing, we
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and comfort and hearty co-
operation of every honest man in
ddy county, regardless of polit-
ical affiliation, to the end that
e welfare of the whole people
ay be subserved and the mater-
ial interests of the Pecos Valley
are fully guarded, and

Resolved, further, that the
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of more importance than the
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es and that those men who have
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ts in the hour of need have sur-
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ve had in the past to our
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the future we shall stand togeth-
as one man for the benefit of
citizenship of Eddy county in
h political and material way.
ardless of what political graft
h action may disrupt, and

Resolved, that we, the citi-
s of Artesia in mass meeting
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t grateful thanks to Judge D.
tritt, of Roswell, who so ably
bravely defended the fair
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Artesia, New Mexico

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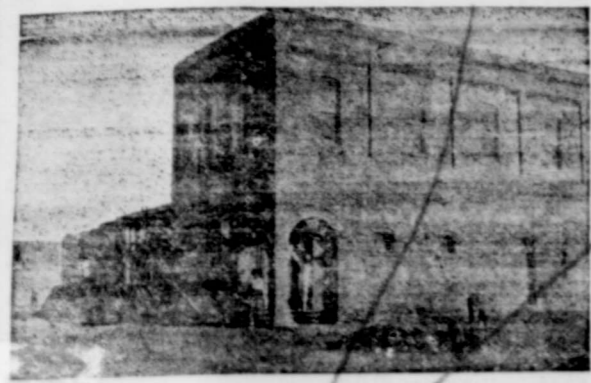
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Why not put your property among the number that will be sold as a result of these "ads?" I will not only be able to sell it—some time—but will be able to sell it quickly. I am a specialist in quick sales. I have the most complete and up-to-date equipment. I have branch offices throughout the country and a field force of men to find buyers.

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end of the year, that I have sold twice as many properties as I did the past year, but it will first be necessary for me to list more properties. I want to list YOURS and SELL it. It doesn't matter whether you have a farm, a home, or any land, or a business, it doesn't matter what it is worth, or where it is located. It will fill out the blank of inquiry below and mail it to me today. I will tell you how and why I can quickly convert the property into cash, and will give you my complete plan FREE OF CHARGE and terms for handling it. The information I give you will be of great value to you, even if you should decide not to sell. You had better write today before you forget it. If you want to buy any kind of a Farm, House or Business, in any part of the country, tell us your requirements. We will guarantee to fill them promptly and satisfactorily.

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ARTESIA LADIES ENTHUSIASTIC

Would Pawn Their Jewels to Assist in Getting New County

It was quite by accident that we learned of a little meeting held on Tuesday afternoon which refutes the claim that the pushers behind this County State idea are a set of "boomers, land-sharks"—and all those other interesting names that sprinkle the pages of the papers up and down the valley. Those twelve capable lady managers of the Library heard that more money was needed in the furtherance of the scheme and Tuesday's meeting was the outcome. From all reports, it seems the little reading-room was a veritable hot-bed of enthusiasm which has not yet died out by any means but was scattered and is propagating to an encouraging extent. The ladies were ready to get up a show, run a merry-go-round, pawn their jewels a la Isabella, or turn over some of the ready cash of the Library fund to help if need be. The men of the town assured them this would hardly be necessary in the face of the liberality met with elsewhere, but highly appreciate this offer on the part of the board. It is rumored that we have made a big mistake in not sending a lady delegation to Santa Fe, since their remarks on this occasion were of a spirited and nature that Gayle, the rest of the Santa Fe delegation, led to the slaughter of these women have

We doubt if any town in the union can boast a more public spirited class of women than Artesia and when it comes to right down actual "making things go," we men step back with our hats off to "Let Miss Lindy Pass."

Will Sow Alfalfa

J. T. Pfremmer of Crescent, Okla. is here superintending the breaking and sowing of 40 acres in alfalfa about a half mile south of town. He bought 80 acres of the Fred Spencer farm last August. He is a nursery man, and may start a nursery here later.

In any event he expects to make improvements from time to time.

Work Wanted

I am prepared to do plowing or ditching for assessment or crops.

M. O. Tuttle Artesia N. M.

E. A. Johnson, the photographer, took a number of photos of houses and scenes around Artesia and contributed them to the committee at Santa Fe in behalf of Artesia county.

We desire to thank all who in any way contributed to the success of our entertainment last night but more particularly to Mrs. S. B. Dyer for the magnificent cake which she so generously donated.

Artesia Cornet Band

Framers Call At Broom Factory
I have moved my broom factory into the old Tom Logan property to the bakery on N. under furnish brooms planted on shares. Much of this was the first planting but Mr. Sanquest cleared up \$320 as his share.

AT THE MARRIAGE BUREAU.



"Here am I, waiting two hours—growing older every minute—wishing they'd hurry."

SURE OF A GOOD TIME.

Friend—Did you have a good time chaperoning the party last night?

Young Matron—Lovely. All of the girls were so much older than I.—Detroit Free Press.

VARYING ASPIRATIONS.

"It used to be the height of my ambition to own an automobile," said the worried looking man.

"And what is the height of your ambition now?"

"To get rid of it."

Both of Them.

"Ah! my pretty pippin," said the impudent traveler, approaching the inn door, while his companion tied their horse to the hitching post.

"Certainly," replied the innkeeper's pretty daughter, "come in the man to come in, too."

thing was misrepresented or exaggerated.

and granting to the Artesia Light Company, their assigns, the right to construct, operate and maintain an electric light plant in the town of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of supplying light and power to the citizens and inhabitants of said town, and a right to construct and maintain electric light wires, lines, etc., and through the streets and alleys of said town. Said Rights and Franchises to be effectual and useful for the period of twenty-one years.

Section 1. That the Artesia Light Company, their heirs, representatives or assigns are hereby granted the right and power to construct, acquire, operate and maintain an Electric Light Plant, with all the poles, wires, lamps and appurtenances, and the right and privilege, and to be authorized, to use all the streets, alleys, lanes, viaducts and public grounds of the town of Artesia, for the purpose of placing, mesh the surface or suspending wires, poles and along said streets, alleys, lanes, bridges, viaducts and public grounds, time to time as they may see fit, and conductors of electricity, together with lamps, lamp-cases and appurtenances suitable for distributing and supplying light and power to the inhabitants of said town, with an electric current for said power, and any and all other purposes to which electricity may now or hereafter be applied. Said rights and franchises to be effectual and useful for the period of twenty-one years.

Section 2. Said grantees, their heirs or assigns shall not unreasonably obstruct the use of any street, alleys, lanes, viaducts or public places, and shall place the wires and substantial poles, said wire to be hung, at least fifteen feet above the ground. Should it be necessary for the said grantees to excavate for any kind of in the construction of the said plant or works, they are required to fill, repair and level up the same within a reasonable time, with the alleys and grounds.

Section 3. When the poles are set in or along any street, alleys, lanes, viaducts or public places, they shall be set and located on the side of the alley as practicable, and when erected on and along the streets or alleys, they shall be set and located, when possible, along the outside edge of the sidewalk as not to interfere or obstruct the use of the same by the citizens or owners.

Section 4. Said grantees shall not charge more than \$1.25 at a flat rate for a light per month for any one or more lamps, and shall not charge more than fifteen cents per hour, meter rate.

Section 5. The said grantees shall have the right to commence the erection of an electric light plant; and one year from the date of the completion and in full of said plant, the said grantees shall fail to work on said erection in the time specified, or if they should fail to commence within the time specified, without good cause shown, this ordinance shall be of no force or effect.

Section 6. The said grantees shall furnish sufficient light for the building to be used for the fire department of said town.

Section 7. The said town of Artesia shall have the right to use of said five 100 candle power arc lights for the life of this franchise. Said town shall, in event it should at any time, for the life of this franchise, acquire, own a water works system, that apply to the said grantees sufficient to manufacture of ice for the town years, free of charge to said town.

Section 8. The said Artesia Ice and Light Company, their heirs or assigns shall file an affidavit of this ordinance with the clerk of the town of Artesia within thirty days after the passage of this ordinance.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its publication in the Artesia Advocate, a newspaper published in said town of Artesia. It passed and approved Jan. 10th 1907.

WM. CRANDALL, Chairman.
J. E. SWEPSTON, Clerk.

Notice for Publication.
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., December 20, 1906.
is hereby given that Joseph S. Blackmore of Artesia, New Mexico, has of his intention to make final proof in support of his Homestead Entry No. 6169, Section 26, Township 16 North, Range 26 East, and that said land made before the Register or at Roswell, New Mexico, on 28, 1907.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Department of the Interior, at Washington, D. C., this 19th day of December, 1906.

W. M. Blackmore returned Monday from Hagerman, where she visited Mrs. Ella Davidson.

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BANK REFERENCES

Died

Miss Carrie Virginia Harris died at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harris here on Thursday Jan 24 at 7:40 p. m. She was twenty two years old the 15th last April.

Interment took place at Artesia cemetery Friday at 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. H. Messer of the M. E. church south, officiated. The young lady was born in Hunt county Texas.

She was a bright child and learned rapidly in school. Four years ago while a student in Baylor university, her system and her mind both gave away under the pressure of too assiduous devotion to study. Her family came to the Pecos Valley hoping change of scene and climate would help her. The hope was vain.

Four days before she passed away her mind again grew clear she talked about things that occurred years ago and readily recognized members of the family.

She was a devoted member of the Methodist church from the age of thirteen years. After recovering her mind she frequently expressed religious sentiment. Her death was a great loss to her family.

Her neighbors and friends for sympathy expressed and kind deeds performed during the last illness of their daughter.

THE ADVOCATE joins the many friends of the bereaved family in expressing condolence.

Hope Happenings

Mr. George Beckett has sold his farm and drug store in town and will now move to Eagle Valley.

Mr. Beckett has been rustling sheep in the mountains was taken ill and carried home yesterday.

We learn that Mr. Bass of Carlsbad will run his horse Blue eyed Johnie, vs. again Billy, belonging to the Cox boys of Hope, 300 yards, for \$300. they will run Jan. Feb. 14.

Mr. Will Owens has been unsuccessful moving a house this week. He will renew and come again next week.

The water was shut out of the canal Monday in order that it may dry up, and be ready to begin working on soon.

Miss Bessie Chisholm has resigned from her position in the primary department of the public school and Miss Eddie Riley who has also resigned from the upper school has taken Miss Chisholm's place. Miss Eda Taylor will take Miss Riley's place in the upper school.

The citizens have almost unanimously signed the petition for a new county. Hope is in the geographical center of the proposed new county.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Sim White got hurt. He was coming from Artesia a few days ago and was jerked from the wagon getting his arm broke and his wrist dislocated.

President of the society is the shoe business. Mrs. J. B. Cecil left for Cleveland Ohio to

Artesia and the Wells.

Artesia and the artesian belt generally, has nothing to fear from a full and fair publication of all the facts concerning the artesian wells. As the governor very truly said in his message, there has been variations in the flow. This we do not deny. For the past several months there has been a steady INCREASE in the flow: an increase which we shall next week sustain by affidavits of any number of reliable citizens.

What we complain of is the manner in which this matter is handled by the anti-county people of Carlsbad. Their manner of getting it before the people conveys the impression that it is something that is liable to blast Artesia. No such inference can be honestly drawn from the statements in the governor's message, and no such inference is honestly drawn from the said message.

As an evidence of wilful distortion we point out an editorial in the current issue of the New Mexico Sun. That paper says that "the Governor in his message has stated that the wells show a decided decrease in flow," and then quotes the message wherein the statement appears that they show "a somewhat decreased flow throughout the district."

Of course a casual reader would hastily conclude that the message sustained the editor's interpretation of it: which it does not. The kind of sophistry which is used by the Sun and which is a fair sample of the Carlsbad method, is one of the most dangerous with which logicians have to deal. It is more guarded but not a whit more honest than the more direct lies told by the Panhandle boomers on the same subject.

That the editor of the Sun does not believe what he says much less what he implies, is indicated in the same editorial by the invitation the Sun extends to Artesia to "throw in with Carlsbad and get a couple of bridges." If the paper fears for the future of Artesia its suggestion to waste money on a bridge here is nothing short of criminal.

The character of attack we mention is an assault on the interests of Lake Arthur, Lakewood and Dayton no less than on ours. It is essentially false and all the more dangerous, it lacks the directness of a flat lie.

The rapid increase in the flow and in the pressure has evidently taken place since the governor received the information upon which he based his message but if the Carlsbad people do not know of it their ignorance is culpable.

Later: Since writing the above we learn that Government Well Inspector Wilson was here inspecting the wells today and that he told Judge G. U. McCrary that the wells show an increased pressure of nearly twelve pounds.

Mr. Cecil will spend about two weeks there, while Mrs. Cecil will remain for some months.