

The Artesia Advocate.

FACTS FOR INVESTORS

What Artesia Commercial Club Will Collect.

WILL PLANT TREES ON STREETS

"The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" will be told concerning the country in and around Artesia by the Artesia Commercial Club.

The Club at a large and earnest business meeting Monday night determined to make frank and full statement of just what a man can expect to do who invests in this country.

The following committee was appointed to collect data: Geo. P. Cleveland, S. W. Gilbert, James D. Whelan, E. J. Higgins, Ed. W. Gessert, Harry E. Mull and Harry W. Hamilton. The committee is instructed to accept nothing that is not verified by affidavits of men of standing in the community.

All statements heretofore put out have covered only a portion of the facts and they are all now obsolete. The committee is already at work.

On motion of John B. Enfield a committee was appointed to at once secure the cooperation of all property owners in the immediate planting of shade trees.

The committee on trees consists of S. W. Gilbert, E. B. Kemp, J. C. Gage and John B. Enfield.

A verbal report of the proceedings of the bridge committee was made by James D. Whelan who asked that the old committee be discharged as too large and that a new one be appointed.

The matter of a dump was discussed and it was decided to ask the council to provide a dump and to prohibit the throwing of trash along the railroad track.

The Club has determined to hold nightly meetings.

ARSENATE OF LEAD HAVE SEVEN MILES BUILT

The Most Approved Agent for Destructing of Coding Moth.

The following letter from Hope Parker Earle, the noted horticulturist of Roswell, regarding Arsenate of Lead, is one of great interest to our orchardists.

Roswell, N. M., Nov. 1, 1906. The Merrimac Chemical Co., Boston, Mass. Gentlemen: I first used Arsenate of Lead in spraying of coding worms in 1905, in a small way, with encouraging results. I felt sure that we had found the best possible remedy for our orchard pest, that I induced my neighbors to adopt this poison the past year. We have used our carload of it, and it gives me much pleasure to say that it has given every man who has used it faithfully, almost perfect protection against this most difficult of all orchard troubles.

My own use of it was for four times, owing to the trees being too closely planted for the passage of spray wagons after the limbs got heavy with the crop. Have my late pears had some worms, perhaps 5 to 8 per cent. But my early pears did not show as much as one-half of one per cent wormy. I expect to trim and prune as to spray six times next season, and hope to keep the late fruit as free then as I did the early crop the past summer. But I sprayed heavily and faithfully. This must be done. I now rest in the calm assurance that this most exasperating destroyer of our apple and pear crops can be almost completely controlled.

Very truly yours, Parker Earle.

Fixed Up Base Ball Grounds

Yesterday the work on the base ball grounds was practically completed on the diamond and the placing of the grand stand. The field is now in fine condition, and we are informed by manager Burt, will be ready for the team to begin practice Monday.

Will Build Spur

The P. V. Railroad will build spur track by the power house of the Electric Light and Ice plant.

This spur will be extended north to Main street. In case the new mills warehouse and elevator are built north of Main the spur will be extended across that street.

W. C. Marable, of Dayton, was in town Thursday looking for a good spraying mixture for his fruit trees. He was pleasantly surprised to find the famous Swift Arsenate of Lead at Pecos Valley Drug Co. and having used this spraying mixture last year left an order for 200 pounds.

I. Shockey of Abilene, Kansas who has landed interests near Artesia was here looking after same this week. He is an enthusiastic admirer of Artesia.

Town Board of Trustees Flour and Feed Mill SCIENTIFIC FARMING

Company Incorporated With \$5000 Capital Will be Ready in Sixty Days.

On another page will be found the details of the formation of the Artesia Flour and Feed Mill Company. The principal purpose for which it is organized is to set forth the scientific conduct of a flour and feed mill. The company is organized for the purpose of manufacturing flour and feed. The company is organized for the purpose of manufacturing flour and feed.

The mill will be of great benefit to Artesia.

The official publication of the nonliability of stockholders is also found in this issue.

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Town Board of Trustees

Meet and Pass Some Ordinances

The Town Board of Trustees met in regular session February 14th, 1907.

An ordinance providing for the distance trees are to be planted from the lot lines was introduced by Attorney Oshorn and placed on reading.

The ordinance numbered 71 amending Ordinance No. 57 where "in" refers to "width" of sidewalk was read, and by suspension of rule it was placed off passage and passed.

This ordinance provides that sidewalks shall be five feet wide. An ordinance numbered 72 was read for the second time, providing for the construction of sidewalks on certain streets, was passed.

The application of Artesia Water Power and Light Company to extend mains across 4th street, block 52 and Washington Ave., was unanimously passed.

The dry ordinance was passed over until next meeting.

The Town Marshall was requested to see the Pecos Valley Railroad Company and request them to put in a crossing on Washington Avenue.

Adjourned to meet Thursday evening February 14th, 1907.

Is A Good Proposition.

W. H. Chisholm gives the following statement of results he expects from his investment here in Dayton.

He is an up-to-date business man, as his success and standing in the commercial world has proven.

When such a man leaves the black lands of Texas and puts \$40,000 in Pecos Valley dirt, we 2x4 fellows ought to put up, shut up, or leave: 320 acres of land, 120 in alfalfa, 200 in apples; 14,000 trees, in 5 years get \$1 per tree, \$14,000; 6 years, \$28,000; 7 years \$46,000; 8 years, \$200,000; and after the first or second year alfalfa will pay all expense of the orchard, and does not include the profit in potatoes, beans, tomatoes, melons, etc., that may be produced in the above time on the remaining 120 acres not in alfalfa.

What does a man want with a bank or gold mine when he has such a proposition as this?—Dayton Echo

For Sale

A lease on eighty acres of land (Sperry & Lukins' farm) three and one half miles north of Artesia. On account of sickness I am not able to work on the farm. For further information see note for Sperry & Lukins.

I also have four work horses, one good milk cow, giving four and one half gallons per day, sixty five black chickens, five turkeys, three pigs, three thousand pounds of Kaffir corn and fifteen hundred pounds of barley.

Mrs. S. B. Dyer is making just as good cake now as she did the night of the band program, and M. H. H. is a good to ugly man as to prettiness.

Sunny Jim wasn't in it as a sweet tempered man, compared with the fellow who has Los Angeles & Son do his hauling. Have them when you have the chance.

I have put on a low two horse wagon for hauling pianos and household goods. Give me a call. Phone 24.

T. T. KAMENDALL

selville, Ark. Agents here prospect at Hope.

A. D. Schinn county clerk ofpecting and

For Sale

FOR SALE at \$8.50 per acre in quantities to suit purchaser, of Martin & Flock, Artesia, N. M.

C. S. Cunningham of Greenfield Iowa is here looking over the country and likes it very much.

Subject of Lecture at Commercial Club Next Wednesday.

Prof. J. Vernon will give the subject of "Scientific Farming" at the Commercial Club next Wednesday.

The lecture will be held at the Commercial Club rooms at 2 p. m. and 7 p. m. February 20. Every farmer and everyone interested should attend these meetings. Be sure to come out. The professors are thoroughly familiar with the needs of the country and will impart much valuable information.

A Sensational Sale.

Prof. J. R. Cannon and D. B. McAnnally of Hope are about to begin extensive improvements on the old Zack Woods farm they purchased last week from Geo. Matthewson of Los Angeles, Cal.

The deal was in many ways sensational. Mr. Matthewson who is in business in California again here to sell had asked \$4000 which would have been considered a good price for a short time ago.

Cannon ran out into the street and nabbed his man just as another would be purchaser ran up.

Before night the purchasers were offered \$1000 for their bargain by several parties.

The farm has 160 acres and already has 50 acres in orchard. Messrs. Cannon and McAnnally will build a residence, fences and outbuildings.

Sunday Dinner at Artesia Hotel

The Artesia, the leading hotel of the city will hereafter give a special Sunday dinner, from 12 to 2 o'clock local time at regular price. Also board and room \$1.50 per day. Meals 35 cents. Board and room \$7.00 a week or \$25.00 a month. tf

Expect To Build Elevator

Pecos Valley Hay & Grain Co. will open up business here. There will be "something doing in the hay and grain business in Artesia this year several gentlemen have this week organized a company for the purpose of handling hay, grain, flour and feed of all kinds. Francis Wetig is manager of the new concern. The new firm will handle all sorts of farm produce making a specialty of the purchase of alfalfa. They expect to construct an elevator for the handling of grain.

Recorders House Burns in Carlsbad

This morning the residence of W. C. Owen was burned to the ground: loss \$3 000; insurance \$1600. The fire started in the kitchen from an unknown cause about 9 o'clock and in forty minutes the house was in ashes. Preston Jackson a young man who works for Tracy & Roberts, approached to hear the burning building and inhaled the fumes. His condition is serious but little furniture was saved from the wreckage.

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An Infamous Proposal

The report of the postal committee, consisting of Senators Penrose, Carter and Clay, and Representatives Overstreet, Garner and Moon, and the accompanying bill regulating second-class mail matter which they recommend for passage, are of so extraordinary a character as to demand the immediate and urgent attention of all engaged in the publishing business.

The proposed changes are uniformly burdensome and harassing and are avowedly hostile to the development and extension of newspapers and other periodicals. The entire theory of the report is that the development of newspapers and other periodicals is reprehensible and should and must be curbed by law. Throughout the report are arguments that the press of the country is furnishing its readers more than is necessary or proper, and the bill frankly and drastically proposes to restrain this tendency of publishers to be over-liberal with subscribers.

The bill also set up in the postoffice department an odious censorship and unendurable right of inquisition. Simply as an example of the attitude assumed by the commission, we quote from a disquisition in the report on the impropriety of the class of fiction and magazine matter in newspapers: "Another consequence of expansion of power of fiction is found in the confusion of the newspaper and magazine type of the unhealthy exaggeration of the modern newspapers shown especially in its Sunday edition. The newspapers rapidly being extended into the magazine field at the sacrifice both of the postal revenue and the true mission of the newspaper. The miscellaneous matter collected in the Sunday issue of a newspaper must of necessity lack the quality to make it socially and educationally valuable."

If these opinions were academic expressions they would not be of material importance but when it is seriously proposed to put into law the ideas of individual senators and representatives as to how newspaper should be edited, and to outlaw those which do not meet their views, what might otherwise be regarded as pure impertinence becomes an attack on the essential liberty of the press. If fiction and "magazine matter" in newspapers can be put under the ban, why not editorial criticism?

Some of the restrictions and added burdens that are laid upon newspapers by the proposed law are: The bill provides that the newspaper title and date must appear upon every page of every part, section or supplement of the paper. No newspaper or part or section of a newspaper must have advertising to a greater extent than 50 per cent of its superficial area. Each part or section of a

newspaper must be of the same size, form and weight paper.

Supplements must be of the same form as the main body of the publication, save in the case of maps, and plans illustrative of the text; must contain no advertisements, and must be supplied only to complete matter left incomplete in the main body of the publication. The number of sample copies must not exceed 10 per cent of the paid issue of the paper.

With each issue of his publication, the publisher must make under oath a statement showing the number of copies mailed to subscribers of different classes, the number in bulk, the weight thereof, and the average weight of a single copy. The publishers are also required to furnish under oath: "Such other information with respect to the publication as the postmaster general may by resolution prescribe." Newspapers must be folded as the postmaster general may prescribe. The present rate of one cent a pound is abolished save for packages weighing not less than ten pounds. For other copies the proposed rate is one-eighth of a cent for two ounces or less, one-quarter of a cent for four ounces or less and one-half cent for each additional four ounces or fraction thereof thus penalizing the large paper. Undelivered papers are penalized by a charge of double the third-class rate. Free copies are forbidden save to exchanges, to advertisers, as samples, and to agents or solicitors. The full printed subscription price (save agents' commissions) must be charged in all cases without reduction by rebate, premium, gift or otherwise, this applying to all subscriptions, whether by mail or otherwise. — Albuquerque Citizen.

Our Coming (?) War.

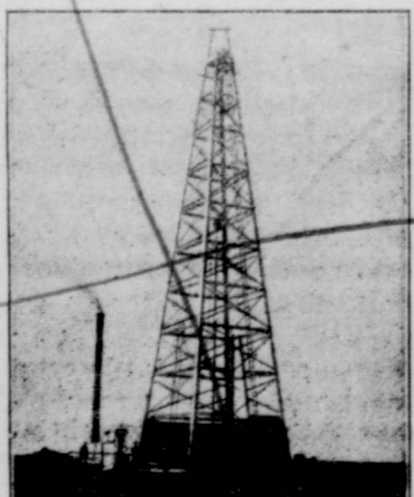
Richard Pearson Hobson has a war record consisting of an escapade wherein he covered a lot of departmental graft by sinking the ship Merrimac someplace not far from a channel he was supposed to close during the siege of Santiago.

Later he got more notoriety by being kissed by a crowd of idiotic females.

Hobson wants a big navy and he is writing a mess of truck about how Japan will put crimps in Uncle Sam in a war which he says is inevitable. There is nothing to this war talk. The Japanese statesmen and newspapers decry the idea and express surprise at the apprehensions certain Americans profess to feel. The American yellow journals, which have papers to sell, the administration that wants a big navy and an excuse to butt into state affairs, and Hobson who wants notoriety, all dilate on the alleged possibility of hostilities, but there isn't anything serious about to happen.

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A Drowsy Correspondent

There appeared in last Sunday's El Paso Herald a special article on the Pecos Valley signed by one Robert Corcoran. The Herald is the most enterprising newspaper in the vast section of which El Paso is the center, and frequently employs several special correspondents to write up the different thriving localities of the great Southwest. The men employed on this work are usually writers of ability, and if the country through which they pass, and which they describe, does not receive a square deal it is not the fault of the publishers.

Corcoran passed down the Pecos Valley and described Texico, Portales, Elida, Urton, Roswell and Hagerman. His narrative then proceeds:

"Then we pass through Lake Arthur, Dayton and Lakewood, all thriving towns, where our journey ends. Carlsbad is the oldest town in this section of the territory, its birth occurring away back in ancient times—at least twenty years ago. It is pretty well known to your readers and needs no particular mention here."

Not a word about Artesia! Why? People here are asking this question with surprise not unmixed with indignation.

THE ADVOCATE does not blame the Herald; but how about its correspondent?

If there has been one obvious fact in the Pecos Valley during the past couple of months, it has been the existence of Artesia.

Larger than any of the towns named in the Herald article, except Roswell and Carlsbad, with an intelligent and aggressive population, and with a future second to none in the Sunshine territory; her great (and just) fight for a new county has attracted the attention of all. Aside from this, her phenomenal growth, the marvelous productivity of the surrounding country, and her inexhaustible supply of artesian water spouting from the largest wells in the world, awakened universal interest.

It is therefore simply incredible that a man with ability enough to even get on the staff of the Herald could pass by without hearing of Artesia.

We are familiar enough with the fair business methods of the Herald to know that it would not knowingly have its correspondent slight a community, even though it did not have a reader in that community. But the Herald has a large and increasing circulation here, so self-interest is on the side of fairness. The culpability of the paper is not to be admitted as a possibility.

The question recurs, "Why was Artesia slighted?"

Perhaps there are a few miserable miscreants in Carlsbad and Roswell who, out of pure malice, would make it "worth the while" for a correspondent to ignore Artesia; but we hesitate to believe that the reporter sold his manhood and betrayed his employers for a bribe.

Probably Corcoran suffered from a temporary fit of mental aberration and forgot all about Artesia. Men are sometimes oblivious to things most palpable: Napoleon slept by a battery in action at Bautzen.

THE ADVOCATE believes that the Herald will "do the handsome" by Artesia, and, also, administer an antidote for the soporific troubles of the slumberous Corcoran.

Neighbors Got Fooled

"I was literally coughing myself to death, and had become too weak to leave my bed; and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for thanks be to God, I was induced to try Dr. Kings New Discovery. It took just four one dollar bottles to completely cure the cough and restore me to good sound health," writes Mrs. Eva Unepaper, of Grovertown, Stak Co., Ind. This King of cough and cold cures, and healer of throat and lungs, is guaranteed by Pecos Valley Drug Co. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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WHOLESALE Artesia, New Mexico RETAIL

Desert Land Entries.

EXPENDITURES FOR WHICH PROOF WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

No proof of expenditure will be accepted unless the expenditure was essential to the actual or ultimate reclamation of the land.

A dwelling house is not essential to reclamation, and no allowance will be made therefor.

Plowing after the first breaking of the land, seeding land to crops, irrigating, cultivating and harvesting crops are not items for which proof of expenditure will be accepted.

The cost of windmill or pump will not be allowed unless it is specifically shown that the same was essential to the contemplated mode of irrigation and was not installed for domestic uses.

The cost of material for necessary construction work will not be allowed unless it actually has been applied to that use, and it must be stated in the affidavit.

The cost of tools, implements, wagons, and repairs to same, used in construction work, can not be computed in the cost of construction.

No expenditure for surveying will be allowed unless it is specifically stated that it was for the purpose of establishing lines and levels and canals and ditches.

EXPENDITURES FOR WHICH PROOF WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Cost of constructing storage reservoir, well, canals, ditches, and maintaining same. The cost of each item must be stated separately, and the length, capacity, and location of the ditch and canals must be given.

Cost of water right, if accompanied with certificate of purchase or ownership.

Cost of clearing land, if it is shown to be the first clearing. The extent, character, and location of all clearing must be fully set forth.

Cost of first plowing or breaking. All claim for plowing or breaking must specifically state that it was the first plowing or breaking of the soil, and the area and location of the land broken must be stated.

Cost of fencing necessary to protect the land for the purpose of reclamation, the length, kind and location to be stated.

Cost of any permanent improvement essential to the reclamation of the land, provided its purpose or use is shown.

BE SPECIFIC, SET FORTH IN DETAIL THE NATURE, CHARACTER, AND PURPOSE OF ALL IMPROVEMENTS, AND STATE COST OF EACH SEPARATELY.

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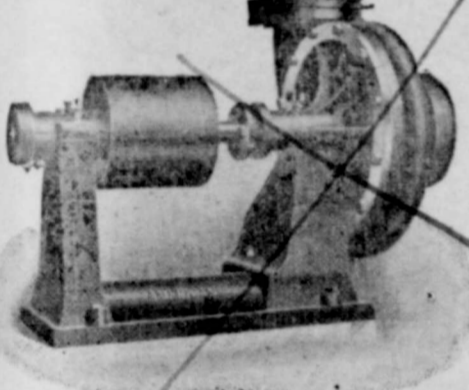
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ARTESIA, N. M.

Better Than California.
Long Beach Cal. Feb. 7, 1907
Mr. E. A. Clayton,
Artesia N. M.

Dear Sir, and Father:—I will write you a few words to describe this country in comparison of Pecos Valley. In the first place if the people in the Pecos Valley had the determination to make it a flower garden and a wonder to the world, as the Californian's in the beautiful Southern California have, it would be one of the grandest places in the world. In most all the towns and cities in Southern California it is the law when persons or syndicates wish to cut their lands up in town lots, the first thing they have to do is to grade the streets, put in side walks and curbs on every lot of the entire track, pipe water to each lot, and, in many places, plant a palm or shade tree in front of each lot and in many places streets are oiled. You can see that it is no wonder it is a flower garden, with all its nice streets and side walks and curbs for miles and miles. What if every lot that has been surveyed out in Artesia was side walked, curbed and the streets graded and oiled; with water piped on every lot and nice shade trees planted in front of each lot? Would they not sell for \$300, a lot where they only bring 50 to 75? To be sure they would, and you would sell 10 to 1 at that price, and there would be 10 to 1 houses built on them, and a better grade of house. People coming in there would realize Artesia was going to amount to something.

All of this with the climate is what makes Southern California what it is today. Why not wake up the towns in the Pecos Valley to this important fact? In regard to climate she hasn't got the advantage of Artesia or the Pecos Valley. It is true enough the winters are colder there, but while you have colder winters there we have a rainy and foggy winters here I would just as soon put on my leggins and over-shoes and wade out in the snow and enjoy a good rabbit hunt with a *sun shining on me, as to walk down to the beach, or walk out on the pier with an overcoat on or a parasol over me to keep off the drizzling rain or dense fog while watching some boat land. And for inducement to buy, the Pecos Valley can beat California 3 to 1 on interest made on investments. In first place you can buy alfalfa land there for \$100, an acre that will cut more hay and better hay than the same kind of alfalfa land here that would cost you not less than \$300, per acre. And while the price for hay is no better here than there the expense of irrigating it here is much greater than there for the simple reason that they have to pump water for it here. I would rather have 160 acres of good alfalfa land with an artesian well on it in that country, than 160 acres of the best alfalfa land southern California, taking them both at same price for I could make a much better living on 160 acres there than here with less trouble and expense. Now how do you like your alfalfa farm? I wish I owned one there myself. If I was in good health I would be there when I got through my trip. This is a nice place for a person to enjoy what they have worked hard for.*

The price of driving here is practically the same as there; a few things little higher, butter is 50c a pound, eggs are 45 50c, honey 20c; other things are the same price here.

The one trouble with you there is that you dont realize what your property is worth or you would settle down and go to improving it instead of wanting to sell or give it away rather. It seems as though you give it away to see there people sell for \$300 an acre land not nearly so good as that. No wonder those northern or eastern people grab at the land like they do. When they come in they know what a good thing is and you people that sell to them think you have caught a sucker and you are the sucker your self for selling at such a low price. Well I have said all I can think of at present will close write soon.
Your son,
JOE A. CLAYTON

Articles of Incorporation.

TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.
CERTIFICATE OF COMPARISON.
I, J. W. Reynolds, Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby certify that there was filed for record in this office at nine o'clock, a. m. on the twenty-eighth day of January A. D. 1907.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ARTESIA MILLING COMPANY. (No. 4736.)
and also, that I have compared the following copy of the same, with the original thereof now on file, and declare it to be a correct transcript thereof and of the whole thereof.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Territory of New Mexico, at the City of Santa Fe, the Capital, on this Eleventh day of February, A. D. 1907. (SEAL.)
J. W. REYNOLDS,
Secretary of New Mexico.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ARTESIA MILLING COMPANY.
Know all men by these presents: That we, Grant Sooter, J. M. White, Lizzie Sooter and M. H. Crum being desirous of forming a corporation or body corporate and politic, under the laws of the Territory of New Mexico, for conducting and carrying on the business hereinafter set forth; do make, sign, acknowledge and file these Articles of Incorporation.
Article One.
The name of this corporation shall be and is The Artesia Milling Company.
Article Two.
The location of the principal office of this corporation shall be in the town of Artesia, Eddy county, New Mexico, and the name of the agent in charge thereof is Grant Sooter.
Article Three.
The objects for which this corporation is formed are as follows: 1st. To own, manage maintain and conduct a general milling business at the town of Artesia, Eddy county, New Mexico, and in other places in New Mexico.

2nd. To acquire, own, sell and mortgage lands for the purposes set out in the first section of this Article.
3rd. To do all things that may be necessary, or that may be advantageous for the carrying out of the main objects for which this company is organized, which is the establishing, conducting and maintaining a general milling business.

Article Four.
The amount of the total authorized capital stock of this corporation shall be and is six thousand dollars, divided into six thousand shares of one dollar each. The amount of the capital stock with which this corporation shall commence business is two thousand and seven hundred dollars, divided into two thousand and seven hundred shares of one dollar each.

Article Five.
The names and postoffice addresses of the incorporators, and the number of shares subscribed for by each are: Grant Sooter, Artesia, N.M., 2500 shares; Lizzie Sooter, Artesia, N.M., 100 shares; M. H. Crum, Artesia, N.M., 50 shares; J. M. White, Artesia, N.M., 50 shares.

Article Six.
The period limited for the duration of this corporation shall be and is twenty five years from and after the filing of these articles with the Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico.

Article Seven.
The business of this corporation shall be transacted by a board of directors consisting of three stockholders to be elected annually by the stockholders in a manner to be provided by the BY-LAWS of the corporation; and until such election the following shall constitute the Board of Directors: Grant Sooter, J. M. White and M. H. Crum.

Article Eight.
All money of this company shall be deposited in some bank to be selected by the directors, and shall be disbursed only upon check signed by the President and Treasurer of the corporation jointly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, on this 25 day of January, A. D. 1907.
(Signed) Grant Sooter, (Seal)
Lizzie Sooter, (Seal)
J. M. White, (Seal)
M. H. Crum, (Seal)

Territory of New Mexico,
County of Eddy.

On this 25 day of January, A. D. 1907, before me personally appeared Grant Sooter, Lizzie Sooter, J. M. White and M. H. Crum to me known to be the persons who are described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Artesia, New Mexico, on the day and year in this certificate first above written.
(Signed) George U. McCrary,
Notary Public, Eddy County, New Mex. (Seal)

ENDORSED:
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
THE ARTESIA MILLING COMPANY
Filed in office of Secretary of New Mexico, Jan. 28, 1907, 9 a. m.
J. W. Reynolds, Secretary.
Compd. M. L. to M. M.

Miss Ella Cannon has resigned her position in the telephone exchange.

Fire Insurance That Insures.

We represent TEN of the Strongest Fire insurance Companies in the world. Below we give you a partial list of them showing their surplus to policy-holders and some of the San Francisco loss paid by them.

Company	Surplus	San Francisco Losses Paid
Hartford, Inso. Co.	\$4,819,909.59	\$6,000,000.00
Springfield F. & M. Inso. Co.	3,171,124.59	1,171,124.00
Aetna Ins. Co.	8,406,072.43	3,700,000.00
Insurance Co. of North America	4,042,994.40*	2,000,000.00
German American Ins. Co.	6,442,674.00	2,350,000.00

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Complete Abstracts of all Lands in Eddy County
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(Successors to Record Sisters) Adams building on Main next to Artesia Feed & Fuel Co.
Special Sale Ladies and Childrens Hosiery Now On.

Almost a Catastrophe

W. B. Putman had quite an experience Sunday afternoon. He took his children driving when the breast strap broke letting down the neck yoke. One of the horses became frightened and began kicking. Mr. Putnam was pulled out of vehicle between the plunging steeds. His left leg was quite painfully hurt but he was otherwise uninjured. The horses were finally quieted with out serious breakage to the rig.
The children were not hurt at all.

Rising From The Grave

A prominent manufacturer, Win. A. Fertwell, of Lacama, N. C. relates a most remarkable experience. He says: "After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Bright's disease, in the Diabetic stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure me permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and bladder complications which have troubled me for years." Guaranteed at Pecos Valley Drug Co. Price only 50c.

We will wager \$50 that Lawson can shoe one of two horses of equal speed and let any other smith in the Pecos Valley shoe the other and the horse shod by Lawson will beat the other by from 40 to 80 feet in a quarter of a mile race. Artesia Machine Shop.
Jame Wheeler and S. E. London of Hyrio Okla. were here this week. They are old friends of Preston Baker. Mr. London bought the Branch Mc Call farm eight miles west of Artesia.

A gentleman named McCabe from Bonita Kansas has bought the C. R. Echols farm two miles north of town. The Farmers Land League negotiated the deal.
J. W. Turknett returned Wednesday from Kerrville Texas, where he has been visiting friends for a couple of weeks. Miss Nellie Turknett was down from Roswell Sunday. Mrs. L. Lawhon is visiting Mrs. R. C. Robertson at Hereford Texas.

Well Drillers Active

The well men around Artesia are all on the jump. Gessler has five wells contracted for and is running two rigs. Chapman, Cogdell & Co. started this week. Butler is at work on the Bloomfield farm, Mull is drilling for Gunther. All the farmers who are having wells put down expect to plant increased areas in crops this spring.

Hunting for Trouble

"I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils' cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Alleghany, Sierra Co., who used Huntidg Mr. Walters; it cures every case, Guaranteed Pecos Valley Co. 25c.

Anti Saloon League.

The second meeting of the Anti Saloon League will be held at the Baptist church Thursday evening, February 21.
The purposes of the organization will be presented by the president, Mr. Orr; the "Need of the organization," by Dr. Norfleet; "How it succeeds," by W. S. Swartz; "Physiological effects of intemperance", by Dr. Dunaway.
Short talks by others.
Special music.
The public is invited to attend this meeting.

E. A. Clayton is on deck with a very feasible plan of having a horse market in Artesia the first Monday of each month. It is a good thing; push it along.

Buff Plymouth Rocks

I sell buff Plymouth Rocks eggs for \$1.00 for 15 eggs.
4t Mrs. Mary Owen.
Now get your shade trees and make "Fairest Artesia" the garden spot of the sunshine Territory.
Dr. A. L. Norfleet went to Hagerman on business Tuesday.
The artesian well drilling outfit of Chapman & Co. went out to the J. M. White farm three miles northeast of Artesia Monday afternoon. They will begin work at once.
Mrs. F. G. Pomeroy moved into the Cleveland residence Monday.
Attorney J. G. Osburn went to Carlsbad on legal business Monday returning Tuesday.
Peter Olbretz, of Hydra, Okla., is another man who is going to put his cash into Artesia real estate. He is a boyhood friend of W. P. Walterscheid.

