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## TOM WALLER'S TIME

### Inference Drawn From Insinuation of Lakewood Progress

T. M. Waller has returned from Santa Fe, where he and others have been for some time working in the interest of this part of the valley. Tom evidently had a good time while in the Territorial Capitol. They were cordially received, royally treated, wine and dined occasionally, and we actually believe that Tom is sorry it's all over. Lakewood Progress.

Woods can never know the exact extent of Tom's good time. We infer from the above that his appearance indicated that he had been "seeing the elephant" as it is recorded that he evidently had a good time. As our contemporary does not give us the details we are compelled to supply the omission.

Imagine this sturdy yeoman approaching the board of Lullus, conscious of the justice of his cause. The brilliant lights reflect on the vari colored glass of the chandeliers; glass that is destined to assume unheard of hues and indescribable shapes ere the night is past.

The cognac is laid, each glass containing that looking cherry with a toothpick stuck in it; when some eating, then Chamberlin; more chawin', followed by Hockheimer; another mawfest, with Asmannshauer as a chaser. By this time the Lakewood contingent with their auxiliaries are in a condition to resent the cause of Liberty, equality, Fraternity, E. Pluribus Unum and the trinitis, in perfectly comprehensible banner, and the statesmen are becoming amenable to reason.

At the end of a few more rounds, in which a variegated menu of culinary dainties are served away, pickled in unnamable brands of the fruits of the line, the Artesia county proposition begins to take on a sickly hue; the train don't waste steam whistling and Gayle Talbot and Newkirk are the only living things in the midst of the desolation; sole denizens of that place of horrors once known as Artesia.

On account of the sad narrative and for other causes tongues refuse to articulate, but are helped by the tinkling tantalizing titillations of Cooks Imperial (Extra Dry).

When a few liquors have been hung on, when the cabs have been called and the anti county representatives have been gently released from the "touching" embrace of the legislators; all overcome with emotion—when these things are all over, the course of education which Mullane says Carlsbad subscribed 2000 plunks, finished. If the legislators woke with a few dollars more in their pockets; why it is an evidence that anti-county movements were lucky and should be encouraged. At this juncture the "galled jade" began to wince. But Tom undoubtedly had the time of his life. We are inclined to assume the correctness of Wood's guess that "Tom is sorry it is all over." They always are "the ornin' after."

## Will Submit Bridge Bonds

### Commissioners Will Call Special Election to Vote on Proposition: Also a Bridge For Carlsbad and Lakewood Got Appropriation.

Last Thursday a committee composed of E. B. Kemp, D. W. Runyan, and J. C. Gage appeared before the county board in behalf of a bridge across the Pecos River. The commissioners determined to call an election for the purpose of voting \$10,000 bonds for a bridge across the river here and a similar amount for a second bridge at Carlsbad. This last part of the proposition was opposed by the Artesia committee and by Mr. Turknett who represents this end of the county on the board.

It was agreed to appropriate \$1,750 to help Lakewood build a bridge. This was a good thing, as the structure is needed and the amount asked was extremely reasonable.

#### COMMENT ON ABOVE.

The Artesia committee and Artesia commissioner were both correct in trying to prevent the coupling of the Carlsbad issue with the Artesia proposition. When Carlsbad wanted a bridge before, she obtained a practically solid vote for a bond issue on the express promise that she would help Artesia get a bridge when needed. It was not fair to tack on a new condition thereafter.

This is over, however. The fact is that the new condition was imposed and it is a pure business proposition that confronts Artesia as to whether she ought to accept the conditions. As far as granting a bridge to Carlsbad is concerned, we haven't the least objection.

When THE ADVOCATE in its issue of Nov. 24th started the bridge agitation, the Carlsbad Argus in its next number approved of the proposition to build a bridge here but said Carlsbad also ought to have a bridge. In January when the editor of this paper appeared before the county board in behalf of a bridge for Artesia, he was informed by Chairman A. C. Heard that the members of said board believed we ought to have the structure, but that a bond issue would not carry for our bridge unless coupled with an issue for a similar edifice at Carlsbad, and suggested that we secure data, as to the size of structure we needed and present same in April.

Capt. E. P. Bujac, who out of courtesy, appeared with us before the board upon that occasion, then suggested that while Artesia was collecting her data the Carlsbad Commercial Club should also collect information in regard to its needs. We suppose this was done, for we understand that Capt. Bujac appeared in behalf of Carlsbad before the board Tuesday. At any rate all the Carlsbad papers have agitated a Carlsbad bridge more or less.

We mention this to show that the supposed need of a bridge at Carlsbad was brought to the attention of the people there and probably they think they need

such a structure. Whether they do need it or not is immaterial. THE ADVOCATE doesn't know. Moreover, THE ADVOCATE doesn't care.

Our indifference on this point is sublime. How on earth can it make any difference to us?

Not a dollar of taxes will be paid for at least ten years to liquidate bonds issued now. Everybody knows, everybody concedes, that in less than ten years we will have a new county in the Pecos Valley. Carlsbad will have to pay for that bridge. Let her have it, then. She has probably decided that she needs it and she is the one town that ought to know. This much is certain, either Carlsbad is correct in her idea that she needs a bridge, or she isn't. She does need it, or she doesn't.

In either event, as she will have to do the paying, we ought to let her have it. If she needs it and is willing to pay for it, we ought to give it to her as a matter of right. If she doesn't need it, (she's got to pay for it and you) if she doesn't need it, let us help her impose a "white elephant" on herself and thus get even with her for the mean things she has done to us in the past. During the county fight we were deeply moved by the solicitude Carlsbad and Roswell displayed in our behalf lest we stray off and tax ourselves to death. We know we ought to reciprocate and take a friendly interest in keeping Carlsbad from squandering her substance. We are calloused. We are willing to let her blow herself. We will help vote ten thousand dollars for her to erect a statue of Adonis modeled in form and feature after that redoubtable knight of the paste and boiler-plate, W. H. Mullane; provided that said statue can be classed as a public improvement that will be taxed against Carlsbad when the inevitable county division comes; and, provided further, of course, that the appropriation for the statue is coupled with the appropriation of a like amount for supplying some real public need for Artesia.

Now, this much is conceded by all: A bridge across the Pecos here will help Artesia, more than another bridge across the Pecos at Carlsbad will help that town. Therefore, if we defeat the bridge proposition to injure Carlsbad, we will thereby hurt ourselves more than we will hurt Carlsbad.

#### Measured The River

Harry W. Hamilton of the bridge committee this week secured the service of Major Mark Howell of Roswell to assist in securing data for the bridge.

Tuesday morning those gentlemen accompanied by Ben Easley and THE ADVOCATE man went down and took the measurement which was phoned to Carlsbad.

## SHOULD BUILD BUSINESS BLOCK

### Merchants Say Larger Accommodations Are Needed For Artesia.

Several merchants in this city are talking of the necessity of larger buildings to accommodate growing trade.

Artesia already contains an unusual number of good business blocks for a place of its size but several merchants who are doing a large and growing business are looking for more commodious quarters.

What is the matter with the idea of erecting a large block somewhere on Main street big enough to accommodate say three stores and fixing up the second story for a skating rink and theatre?

#### A Class Celebration

Miss Nana Ross of the Christian Church Sunday School believes in keeping alive the social graces of her class as well as instructing them at Sunday services. To this end she has encouraged the idea of a jolly week night gathering throughout the past year. One of the most pleasant of these was that planned by one of the pupils, Miss Margaret Barkwell, and carried out at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Ross on Saturday evening. Nearly every member of the Class of young men and women to the number of about twenty were there. Each member had been asked to bring a package. These were used as material for some shrewd Yankee trading and an inspection of the various contents revealed some very laughable misfits. Another game of a commercial nature called for the payment of a bean for each "yes" or "no" promoted conversation with a vim. Still another play helped out the merriment, candy Easter eggs with cards attached were passed, each card bearing a rhyme telling the name of the bird who might have laid the egg, this entailed enough guessing to fill the evening which rounded off with excellent sandwiches and coffee. The delightful little party closed in time to insure early Sunday rising and a full attendance at the regular Sunday exercises.

#### Entertained

By invitation the Woman's Home Missionary society met at the beautiful home of Mrs. John P. Dyer last Tuesday in an all day session. All were requested to bring material and make a handkerchief.

There were eighteen ladies responded to the invitation, and brought all were busy sewing except one who brought a good "excuse" in the way of a baby who had good care all day.

At twelve o'clock the ladies were invited to the dining room, where an elegant dinner was served, over which Mrs. Dyer presided with an easy grace that few of us could emulate, with such a hostess. There is always much laughter and good cheer. After dinner the good work went on, and with shame to the younger members be it said, that Mother Kemp was the first to finish her handkerchief. A beautiful one too of lace and hemstitching. While some of us got only two sides of one hemstitched and not very neat at that, but they will be mixed together at the bazaar in May.

At three o'clock work was laid aside and the meeting called to order by the President, Mrs. Dyer, who read a chapter in the Bible, then proceeded to business. Several good propositions were voted on to raise funds for the society. Which will be heard from later on.

A rising vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Dyer for the elegant dinner and good time provided by her. Then adjourned to meet again on April 16th with Miss Cora Hess.

A Participant.

#### In Honor of the Chapmans.

On Tuesday night, ladies night, there will be a reception given by the Commercial Club in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Chapman who are about to leave.

## E. A. COX GOT HIS NON A. WALDEN GOES

### "De Push" Led By Boss Brown Handed Him "De Dope"

#### VERY MUCH FEELING SHOWN

After an exciting and exceedingly bitter contest, E. A. Cox was triumphantly elected a member of the Artesia school board Tuesday. Cox received all the votes cast, as there was no opposition on the part of anybody but the candidate himself. Last term Judge A. V. Logan was IT and there was a conspiracy to take a fresh strangle hold on him; but the judge was temporarily out of the territory and it was thought that any attempt to take an unfair advantage of his absence might result in depriving Artesia of a worthy citizen. Besides the Judge has been growing plutocratic from the "increment" that he accumulated from saving his salary, and the proletarians were beginning to murmur.

E. B. Kemp was next cornered. "Nay, nay, Regina," said the lumber magnate, in his excitement reverting to the accent his ancestors used in 1792, "Nay, Nay, I goes by Carlsbad election day, mit a gommiddee to pring a pryng py Artesia up, aretty, von chob is enough, yet." That let him out, for the machine determined that they couldn't corrupt the electorate sufficiently to elect a man whose name was in any way connected with Carlsbad.

Things were desperate, but Principal Brown' who is a thorough master of the "con," thought of a victim.

"Say, cullies," said he, "Dere's a guy down at Joyce-Pruit's what looks kinder verdant. Saw him at de show; called him Silas dere; scater mixed up wid an Irish loidy, a Mis' O'Connor. Cox is his name. Tink we can git dat feller. See! We'll use knock outs, if he scraps we gives him a bum lamp, See?"

So they handed Cox the "hash-eech speil" and got his name on the ballot. Most voters balked at being parties to the game but "de gang" was well organized so Cox was railroaded in.

There is a rumor current to the effect that Cox is preparing to contest the election on the ground of fraud, but this has not been confirmed.

#### We Need a Bridge Now

Lake Arthur is to have a bridge, Lakewood is to have a bridge. Artesia needs a bridge and needs it now. There is a considerable settlement in the Mea beyond the river that now trades in Midland, Texas, that will come this way when the proper crossing is secured. Normally these people will come to Artesia but if there is a bridge at Lake Arthur and none here they will go to Lake Arthur, and Chaves instead of Eddy county will get the benefit of their trade. Nor is this the worst—the cattle and sheep interests on both sides of the river will center about Artesia if the bridge is built, if it is not they, too, will cross at Lake Arthur and build up that town with the business that ought to come to Artesia.

We lose nothing by getting a bridge now, we lose much by failing to do so.

#### New Restaurant

R. C. Holmes yesterday opened a new restaurant at the old stand formerly occupied by Geo. Bane on Main near the railroad. He is an old hand in the business and will keep an up-to-date place. Try him.

## To Amarillo as Artesia's Representative.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club last Monday night the committee appointed to ascertain the amount that citizens will contribute to Amarillo exhibit monthly reported \$95.50 pledged with a donation of \$1.00 in addition for first month. Several men had agreed to contribute but had not yet named amount. A committee consisting of Gayle Talbot, H. L. Muncy and James D. Whelan was appointed to secure a representative, and to have general charge of the affair.

It was ordered that the monthly collection be made by the secretary of the club.

Later Non A. Walden was chosen to have charge of the exhibit. He left Wednesday bringing big oats and alfalfa. Thursday H. L. Muncy got out and rustled oats that stands waist high. The exhibit will be all right.

#### Easter Services in Artesia

Easter was observed in some manner at every church of the town. The day itself was so beautiful as to bespeak large audiences.

At the Baptist Church Rev. James preached on "The Resurrection" and the music by the choir and congregation was a selection of well known and appropriate hymns. The Sunday School classes of Mrs. Hugh Allison and Miss Atterbury, the primary classes, were conveyed in big wagons to the Allison home west of town, Saturday afternoon and treated to a rollicking "egg hunt."

The pastor of Christian Church preached a sermon in keeping with the day. The evening service was in charge of Mrs. Schwartz, Miss Ross and Miss Brown and consisted of speeches and songs by the Sunday School children. The music included a duet by Miss Ross and Mrs. Robertson, a solo, "Face to Face" by the latter, and one also by Nadine Allen. A very pretty feature was a drill by a band of girls who circled the audience and showered flowers upon the people.

Bro. Messer of the Methodist church had a particularly interesting Easter sermon and a beautiful anthem was sung by the choir. This choir is in specially good training at present owing to the practice they have lately had in the Queen Esther Cantata.

The Easter services at the Catholic Church called forth many visitors and the house was well filled. Father Robert Kalk of Carlsbad, was present. Because of a severe cold, he was unable to preach but feelingly conducted the celebration of High Mass. The choir of this church is one worth hearing and sang beautifully on this occasion.

Rev. Mathes of the Presbyterian Church gave in lieu of his regular sermon a short appropriate talk to give time for special hymn by the congregation and an Easter anthem by the choir. Six new members were formally received into the church.

The children of the Sunday School under the direction of Mesdames Jacobson, Keinath and Erb, held a propiate services in the evening. There were numerous recitations and class songs, a "Gardeners Song" by a boy's class bearing hoes, rakes and seed-bags. The music also comprised a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Erb, one by Margaret Mathes and Warren Bowman, one by Margaret Mathes and Phoebe Martin, and solos by Irene Armstrong, Eva Kauffman and Maud Erb. The exercises closed with a specially well spoken play carried out by the cross laden girls of Mrs. John R. Hodges interesting class. The decorations at the various churches were particularly to be praised in a town of Artesia's age.

#### New Firm In Town.

This week E. A. Clayton transferred town property for the interest of E. Robin in the firm Robin & Dyer. Cecil Clayton will take Mr. Dyer's place in the firm.

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