

The Artesia Advocate

ALFALFA \$14. PER TON.

Inspects Are That Artesia Farmers Will Receive Highest Prices Ever Known

The remark is often made by inspectors that alfalfa will not be worth anything much when the entire valley gets to raising alfalfa, and at first glance one might think there was some foundation for the supposition. Present market quotations, however, successfully dispute the idea and dispel the fears of prospective land investors. The time was a few years ago when farmers in the valley were getting only \$5.00 per ton for alfalfa. It was not raised in sufficient quantities to make this a source of supply for the country at large, consequently we had only a local demand to furnish. After the great alfalfa field of the valley was discovered four years ago, the southern and central states people were made aware of the fact that in this valley could always be found a supply of the very finest hay, no matter how dry or how wet other sections of the country might be. They found out that the valley farmers could cure their alfalfa just as fragrant and green as the day it came from the field, while hay shipped from rainfall countries was liable to be mildewed and rotten. From this time this become known, the Pecos Valley farmer has been a clover, literally and financially. Alfalfa has not sold as low as five dollars per ton for several years, and the price is getting better. The price has never been so high at this time of the season as right now, notwithstanding the fact that the Pecos valley has raised at least one-fourth more hay this summer than any previous year in its history. The highest price last season was \$17 per ton in April of this year. It is already selling for \$14. in Artesia and harvest is not over. At this time last season it was selling for eight. It is freely predicted and reasonably expected that it will go to twenty dollars before spring. And there will be none for sale at that price. There is very little hay in the country. Louisiana, South Texas and the Panhandle has sent buyers here this season in droves and every available bale has been gobbled up at from \$10 to \$12. Estimating at \$10 per ton, a number of Artesia farmers will get close to one hundred dollars worth of alfalfa per acre this season, and when it comes to figuring the stuff at fifteen and twenty, it's enough to drive a man wild. And especially when watered and can be bought here as low as fifty dollars per acre. This sounds a little romantic to the old states farmer who never expects more than three per cent on his investment, and lots of them won't believe it long enough to come and see.

G. W. Wilson, who was until recently chief of police, pound master and general factotum of the city, loomed up about seven feet on the horizon yesterday, and all the way from Arizona.

"BEST COUNTRY ON EARTH."

Is What An Artesia Citizen Says of The Valley After Crossing The Mountains.

It has been nothing less than comical, at times, to watch the efforts of former Artesia citizens to get back home, after going away trying to find something better than the Pecos valley. That is, it would be amusing if we did not know so well that the trip away has deprived them of good opportunities to make money out of agricultural lands hereabouts and that they always come back poorer in pocketbook than they would have been had they stayed with the old ship. There may be better countries than that around Artesia—yes, we say there may be better, but no one has been fortunate enough to discover it yet. Another straggler came in this week and he says he is here to stay. Five or six months ago, J. W. Watkins went west in search of something extra fine and he has put in the summer trying to find it. He came back home this week and says Artesia is IT. It is his opinion that after one climbs the mountains toward the setting sun he leaves all that is any good of New Mexico. He has tried the western and northern parts of the territory and says it is no buena for anything on earth but sheep and republican politicians, and that after climbing these barren hills for a while the Pecos valley looks like a dream of Paradise. All of which goes to prove that J. W. is a gentleman of discernment and unimpeachable judgment.

Bought Ranch Near Hope

Mr. Wm. Carson, who recently sold his farm south of town to Mr. Bates, of McLennan county, Texas, has this week perfected a trade whereby he becomes owner of the Joe Richards ranch of 320 acres, two miles east of Hope and also an eighty-acre alfalfa field bought from Hugh Gage. The land is watered from the Penasco river, and is so located that Mr. Carson has plenty of range for his cattle. The property is all first class stuff.

Will Build Nice Cottage

Mrs. Bertrand, who last week sold her residence in the southern part of the city to a gentleman from Missouri, has this week let the contract for the erection of a cottage on the lot just west of her former residence, the same to be made of cement blocks and to cost about \$2000. J. T. Patrick is the contractor in charge.

Louis Sholars, who was a citizen of Artesia when the town's only hotel was a straw pile on the Stegman ranch, writes from South Texas to friends in the city that he has never been able to shake off the Artesia fever, and that he yet hopes to get back here and spend his days in God's country. Well, come on, back old man, we will all scrouge over and make room for you.

R. W. Terrill, of the real estate firm of Clayton, Talbot & Terrill, left Tuesday morning for points in the north, to be absent a couple of weeks.



A Familiar Scene.—The Sixth crop of Alfalfa is now being harvested in the Artesia Country.

SWAPPED FARMS IN THE DARK

A Iowa Man and Artesia Man Do Some Trading "Sight Unseen."

When a man has once seen the Artesia Country he will do anything honorable to get hold of a piece of land. This fact is demonstrated every day, but a decidedly unusual instance happened in town yesterday. Mr. Marian D. Woods, of Des Moines Iowa, bought an irrigated farm from Wm. Crandall & Company Thursday, and still was not satisfied. While in the office of the Pecos Valley Immigration Company at a late hour that night he got in conversation with J. R. Creath, saying that he had a farm in Missouri he would trade for Pecos valley dirt. Creath was game and thought he could fill the bill. After bartering for some time, a deal was made, Mr. Creath becoming owner of the Missouri farm and Mr. Woods a tract of land belonging to Creath. Neither gentleman has until yet seen the land he bought. After this trade was consummated, the two gentlemen went for a walk and Mr. Woods purchased two town lots by moonlight.

More Sales Today.

The Pecos Valley Immigration Company reports the sales today of 320 of the Lee land on the Penasco to W. A. Swingle. The purchaser has been a citizen of Artesia several years and is known as a shrewd business man, who generally knows what he is doing.

Dry Land Corn

Mr. R. F. Priest comes to the front this week with some unusually fine Kaffir corn heads that he grew on his place eight miles west of Dayton without irrigation. It is equally as good as if it had grown in the water belt, and there is really no telling what Priest could have done with a head of water.

Wm. Crandall & Co. sold to Marion D. Woods and Frank Mains, of Des Moines, Iowa, 80 acres out of the Duckworth homestead, five miles south of town. The above gentleman also bought two town lots from J. R. Creath and 160 acres of dry land northwest of town.

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BOUGHT A GOOD RANCH

The Nebraska Colony is Enlarged by the Addition of Another Good Farmer

Mr. Earnest Werner, a well known orchardist and farmer of Falls City, Nebraska, bought the A. L. Norflet farm of three hundred and twenty acres, six miles northwest of town, Tuesday, and has returned home to make arrangements to take up his immediate residence on same. D. D. Sullivan engineered the deal and is having some improvements made for Mr. Werner previous to his arrival. This is an unusually good piece of land, lying in a large valley with no waste land upon it. The entire 320 is in cultivation. Mr. Werner will put down another well upon same.

Mrs. T. F. Blackmore received a message one day this week summoning her to the bedside of her mother in Pueblo, Colorado, who had been stricken with apoplexy.

LATER

Mrs. Blackmore received a delayed message yesterday stating that her mother died Wednesday. The message was so long en route that Mrs. Blackmore was unable to attend the funeral. The lady's many friends in Artesia and elsewhere in the valley extend to her sincere sympathy in her sudden and terrible bereavement.

Artesia is wedded to the strenuous life, and the latest proof of it is found in the announcement that Abe and Louisa Mulkey will open a series of meetings there on or about Nov. 22, in the church presided over by Rev. Messer, and the revival will be participated in by all of the preachers of the city, which means that the Plenty-of-water town is going to get a shake-up that will go down into history. There has been a persistent rumor that during this engagement the evangelist would devote a large part of his illumination to the crop and climate industry, but there is no confirmation of it. If he realized as many of us do in the soreness of our defeat, he would certainly land on these topics, but for one, I haven't the heart to tell him.—Will Robinson, Roswell Register Tribune.

Miss Carrie Covington left this week for Clouderoft where she will teach school this winter. She is accompanied by her little Dorothy Stephenson.

NO COUNTRY IS IT'S EQUAL

A Traveling Man Extravagant in His Praises of Artesia Country.

The Advocate is in receipt of a letter of further inquiry regarding Artesia from a gentleman in North Texas, in which he expresses himself in no uncertain tones about this particular beauty spot in the moral vineyard. Among other things, he says:

"I had the pleasure of passing through your city a few days ago, and must say I believe you have the Garden of Eden. While I have never been around the world, I have traveled from ragged hills of Maine to the golden fields of California and from the gulf of Mexico to the vicinity of the north pole, and have never yet seen anything that will equal your country. I am a traveling man and enjoy my calling, but if I can get 160 or 320 acres in your valley I am then ready to give up my occupation and move to or near Artesia."

The Advocate would be glad to have the gentleman move to Artesia, for from the time of his epistle, we would not fly back to our singletree when the word comes. Artesia has more of that kind of people than any town of its size on earth and we want the rest of them.

M. B. OF A. LODGE IS FORMED

Organization Perfected in Artesia With a Membership of About Fifty.

Mr. N. F. Gramlich, an organizer for that popular fraternal insurance order, the Modern Brotherhood of America, has been at work in Artesia for several weeks, and perfected the formation of a lodge last Friday night with a very large membership, composed of well known and substantial business men of the town. The first officers elected were: F. A. Linell, president; Joe Cohan, vice president; C. E. Mann, secretary and treasurer; E. S. Haggard, chaplain; Albert Linell, watchman; Ada Waling, escort; Peter McClay, sentry; Drs Baker, Dunaway and Graham, physicians; Lee Turknett, E. S. Haggard and John Hook, board of directors. The new order has secured use of the Fenton hall for the present.

One of the attractive autumn show windows displayed in the city is that of the Grand Leader, put on yesterday. An old-fashioned fire place is arranged of stocks of winter underwear and several logs of cedar arranged within ready for the lighting. A large doll, nearly three feet high, is standing before the fire with hands outstretched in the attitude of warming. Everybody admires the ingenuity and good taste displayed.

The ladies of the Christian church will give a turkey dinner Thanksgiving day, Nov. 26 at the Home hotel, corner Main and 4th st. We extend an invitation to all.

Mrs. J. F. Lowry will be Carlsbad yesterday afternoon to attend the Grand Ch...

IS DEFENDING THE SALOONS.

Are a Blessing, Instead of an Evil, Says the Carlsbad Current and Sun.

The editor of the Carlsbad Current and Sun seems to be dead to all shame, or else is owned body and soul by the saloon men and gamblers of the town. His editorials must make interesting reading for the many homeseekers now visiting the valley—or for the committee whose business it is to locate a Methodist college. Last week's issue of the booze fighter's organ says:

Judge Pope should order a list of expense of the late lamented court published, so as to set at rest the discussion concerning cost of the saloons of Carlsbad. Judge Pope knows too well that the saloons of this town are a source of revenue to the courts, instead of an expense. They pay their costs and fines and the county is not only not a loser, by the saloons, but a gainer. Justice to all should be the motto of all far minded people, and those politicians who have it in their heads to be taught to...

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The Advocate is published in the Great Pecos Valley of New Mexico, in the center of the flowing well district. These wells flow from 500 to 5,000 gallons of pure water per minute. There are hundreds of them and the smallest flow is sufficient to irrigate 320 acres in fruit trees. Production in this country has only begun. We have better inducements to immigrants than any other country offers. Land is cheap yet. Come and investigate.

Thousands of bushels of alfalfa seed are being threshed in the Artesia country this fall, and yet there will not be enough to supply the local demand, to say nothing of the constant demand from a distance. The big steam alfalfa huller of W. C. McBride & Co. is running almost day and night and yet the seed is gobbled up as fast as it is run from the separator at 18 cents per pound. Mr. McBride informs the Advocate that he would put on another huller early in the season had he thought there would have been so much seed in the country. Every farmer is planting some alfalfa and some of them are putting in hundreds of acres. Besides this, many entirely new farms are being put in and next season's crop of hay in this section will be something wonderful. A great demand is constantly being made upon this valley for seed and commission houses at a distance will have no objection to it being shipped to them. A recent report with hand made to be of superior quality shipped from this valley and Dallas to Texas comes at a very reasonable price. The Texas commission, as fixed by the state line, but there the charges are exactly doubled and there is no appeal. The passenger rate is three cents per mile as far this way as Texico, where the Santa Fe gets in its philanthropy and the rate goes to four cents on down south until it strikes the Texas line again. As far south as the New Mexico line, trains maintain a regular and prompt schedule every day, because the Texas railway commission says so and from its orders there is no appeal. From Texico south, the Santa Fe maintains no schedule at all and brings the passengers and mail on down to the valley just whenever the old worn-out engines happen to stagger in. We have had all the experience we want with trusting to the tender mercies of the Santa Fe. If the system has ever extended the public a favor without being forced to do so, we failed to hear of the occasion.

That estimable organ of the Carlsbad booze fighters, the Current, says it was not the saloons that cost Eddy county so much during the recent term of Judge Pope's court but on the contrary intimates that it was caused by some of the court officers who hunted up cases that had no foundation in fact and that complaints were filed with the grand jury for no other purpose but to get some fees for the officers. This is rather a grave charge to make and it may behoove the officers to do some explaining. Just about the time court adjourned it was said that the grand jury had a lot of trouble about a sheep stealing case from the Monument country. Complaint was made to the grand jury that a certain party had purloined some muttons belonging to another. A number of witnesses were subpoenaed from the mine country at a tremendous expense to the

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funds—this was not done. Now Judge Richardson says if the government will relinquish its hold on the premises he can secure money wherewith to put in one of the biggest irrigation projects in New Mexico. Richardson is not given to the foolish habit of talking through his sombrero and it is to be hoped that his plan may be carried out successfully. Why the engineers of the reclamation service ever abandoned a sensible, feasible project like the Urton reservoir and Penasco reservoir to monkey with a stream like the Hondo—which is really no stream at all and has not been full of water for two years—is one of the mysteries of the west. It stands today as a sun-scorched, dusty monument to the enterprise and sagacity of the Roswell boosters and has given to the valley all that it was intended to—the expenditure of some good, government money in the Roswell market. Now if the same boosters who soft-soaped the reclamation people will give Judge Richardson some timely help, the benefit will be immediate and lasting.

The railway companies delight to tell the poor suffering geezers who pay the freight how philanthropic they are by nature and how good to the people they would be if the several state legislatures would only quit harassing them with restraining laws and give them a chance to do the square thing. The plea of persecution they put up is pathetic at times, but no one is fooled thereby. The Pecos Valley is shown a brand of original philanthropy every day and it is not to be of superior quality shipped from this valley and Dallas to Texas comes at a very reasonable price. The Texas commission, as fixed by the state line, but there the charges are exactly doubled and there is no appeal. The passenger rate is three cents per mile as far this way as Texico, where the Santa Fe gets in its philanthropy and the rate goes to four cents on down south until it strikes the Texas line again. As far south as the New Mexico line, trains maintain a regular and prompt schedule every day, because the Texas railway commission says so and from its orders there is no appeal. From Texico south, the Santa Fe maintains no schedule at all and brings the passengers and mail on down to the valley just whenever the old worn-out engines happen to stagger in. We have had all the experience we want with trusting to the tender mercies of the Santa Fe. If the system has ever extended the public a favor without being forced to do so, we failed to hear of the occasion.

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county, yet the grand jury was never able to find anyone who ever heard of the case, the sheep or the man who stole them. Maybe this is the case the Booze Fighters' Organ has reference to. Mullane might render a service to the tax payers of Eddy county for once in his life by telling what he knows about the case, and at the same time clear his friends of the charge of lawlessness.

It has always been popularly supposed that the great pest, Johnson grass, was indestructible and we have accepted the statement as true until lately. There is a ranch on the Penasco river, six miles south of Artesia, that has been noted as a fine hay farm. Immense crops of Johnson grass have been harvested there annually. About a year ago the owner thought he would try the experiment of sowing alfalfa on the ground and seeing what the result would be. The grass was plowed and the ground seeded. Alfalfa, true to its nature, would grow after frost, and Johnson grass would not, and as a result the alfalfa was nearly to maturity in the spring before the thegrass could get a start. A number of good crops of alfalfa have been harvested this year and almost all of the Johnson grass seems to be eradicated.

The question of building a new jail at Carlsbad was not left to a vote of the people of the county, and it is well that the commissioners ignored the people's will, for there would have been no new jail. Developments go to show that the commissioners a year or two ago made a smart jail-building purpose and have been laying aside money for the purpose ever since. It is estimated that the \$12,000 will have been collected and the jail paid for within two years more. The county did not need a jail to be sure, but there is some consolation in the knowledge that we will have it paid for so soon. When the Carlsbad city prisoners are taken out of the county's care—which Judge Pope says they must be—there will be no particular use for a jail of any kind.

Carlsbad is worrying because annual income has been reduced \$2,000 by dropping the gambling licenses. But El Paso discovered that she was much better able to pay the amount needed through the regular channels of taxation than to stand being robbed by the green table artists. Banish the gambling finally and completely, stand up to the decent policy and it won't take long to prove its value even to the worst opponent. To kill gambling is the best business policy for everybody, aside from all other considerations.—El Paso Herald.

The Weekly Guzzle-Guzzle, or the Booze Fighters' Friend, which staggers out at Carlsbad every Saturday, makes a serious accusation against the old gang when it says the expenses of the court are due to padding by the officials there, rather than by the lawlessness of the county seat town caused by too many saloons. It is hard to believe this statement in face of the fact that one saloon man of Carlsbad cost the county more money this last term of court than his license money will amount to in two years.

E. I. Allen has this week supplied some of his friends with splendid celery raised in his wife's garden, in the western part of the city.

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ST. CECELIA CLUB.

The Recently Organized Music Club Renders Initial Program Last Evening.

Because of the rains of last week, the first meeting of the recently organized music club was postponed until yesterday evening. While it is the intention to study the compositions of but one master at each meeting, the first program was miscellaneous and performed informally. This did not prevent its being very pleasing, however, and each number was well done and well received by the listeners.

These were the numbers:

Piano, "Dripping Fountain," Smith—Mrs. F. E. Turner.

Piano, "Valse Caprice," Noland—Miss Lutie McElhany.

Voice, "Could I," Tosti—Encore; "Ah! 'Tis a Dream," Mrs. Olin Ragsdale.

Piano, Cavalleria Rusticana, Mascagni—Mrs. W. E. Ragsdale.

Ballad, "What are the Wild Waves Saying?" Mr. and Mrs. Erb.

Piano, "Rustle of Spring," C. Sinding—Miss Sara Owen.

Voice, "Let Me Love Thee," Encore, "Hearst Thou?" Mrs. John B. Enfield.

At the close of the program, light refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

Preceding the program, the constitution and by-laws were adopted, as handed in by the committee, with the exception of one or two slight changes.

The name also was accepted as "The St. Cecilia Club."

The rules of government were signed by the members present and three new names were added to the charter list: Misses Minnie Ruede, Bradshaw and Ralston.

It was decided that all additional members be received, at present, without payment of any fee except the small monthly dues required of charter members. After the second meeting in November, a membership fee of \$1 will be required of each new member.

The next regular meeting will be held Friday, Nov. 8th, Nevin and his compositions being the subject.

Justice of the Peace J. E. Swepton, with Miss Allie Bee Clayton as official interpreter, performed the ceremony Thursday evening that united in marriage Senor Jesus Falazar and Senorita Calbetana Loza.

Prof. A. A. Kaiser and wife, of Dayton, are spending the day in Artesia. Professor Kaiser is principal of the Dayton school, and the patrons in that district are to be congratulated on securing such talent.

The cement foundation is being laid this week for the Askew warehouse on east Main street. It will be 100x140 feet in size sufficient to accommodate a huge amount of alfalfa and grain.

NEW I. O. O. F. HALL

Plans in the Hands of Contractors and Work to Begin Right Soon.

Artesia lodge of Odd Fellows is making hurried arrangements for the erection of its hall, to be built on the corner of Main and First streets. Plans have been prepared and contractors will soon submit bids on same. The structure will be 25x100 feet, two stories high and built of brick. It will be an ornament to that portion of the city.

New Land Office Rulings

A recent ruling of the land office requires that in all cases where homestead entries are made after November 1, 1907, commutation proofs must show actual and continuous bona fide residence for the full period of fourteen months.

In all cases where the entries were made before November 1, 1907, the rule heretofore existing that six months consecutive residence following the date of the entry will be considered as a part of the required fourteen months, remain in force.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has issued an order which requires the registrars and receivers of all United States land offices to prepare all applications to make entries and filings on public lands when they are requested to do so by the applicants. This order will insure greater accuracy in papers of this kind, and be a saving to the applicants who have heretofore been required to have their applications prepared at their own expense.

Where to Get Votes

If you are interested in the voting contest on in the city remember the Advocate has coupons to give away on every subscription or any kind of job work or advertising. Send the paper to the old home and thereby kill two birds with one stone—teach your friends something about the best country on earth and help some worthy contestant.

Mr. R. L. Carothers, an expert job printer from Carlsbad, arrived Thursday to take a position with the Advocate. With competent help and best of material, the Advocate is prepared to give its patrons a much better grade of work than they have before been able to secure in Artesia. When you want something extra nice, phone No. 11.

Geo. A. Webb, of Alva, Okla., yesterday bought the house and lot of W. M. Gambin near the public school building. Martin & Haggard made the sale.

D. F. Ragsdale this week bought through Martin & Haggard, a cottage and half block of land near the public school building, from G. W. Dent.

Mrs. John S. Major, of this city, was appointed Grand Ada by the Grand Worthy Matron of the order of the Eastern Star at Carlsbad yesterday.

SPLENDID RAINS HAVE FALLEN

Artesia County Wetter Than it Has Been For Two Years Past

A slow, and steady rain fell last Friday and Saturday, and several hard showers have fallen this week, making the finest season in the ground we have had since August 1905. Even sod land has been too wet to plow all the week and farming operations are virtually suspended. Hundreds of acres of alfalfa were sown before the rains and this will be greatly benefited. The moisture came too late to do cattle any good, as grass will start right up and be tender for the first frost, which may be expected at any time. However stock on the range is in good condition. Splendid beef can be found on the prairies to the east and west.

Bridge Bonds Sold.

The bonds voted at the recent election, amounting to \$22,000, drawing six per cent interest, were sold Wednesday by the county board to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Denver, Colorado. An agent for the purchasers, Mr. F. W. Koehler, was here to consult with the board. Only one other bid was received, which came from a Chicago firm, and was an offer of \$300 bonus. As this bid was not accompanied by a forfeit it was ignored.—Carlsbad Current.

Messrs. W. M. Bond, George Graham, J. T. Fanning and D. L. Elms represented the new Masonic Lodge of Hope at the annual communication.

Mesdames George Frisk, F. J. Lukins, Kittie Bruning and Miss Lillian Major represented Artesia Chapter at the Eastern Star meeting this week.

Please come in and settle your account, we need the money to pay our bills.

Artesia Feed & Fuel Co.

The Echo says that a Dayton company has been formed that will prospect for oil, independent of the test now being made.

Bert Muncy returned several days ago from a visit to several of the northern states, as an agent for local real estate firm.

Some ore from the trans-Pecos gold field assays "six thousands pounds to the ton" so Joe Cohan says.

Mrs. A. C. Keinath and son arrived home yesterday from a visit to relatives at Newton, Iowa.

Miss Docia Draper, of Carlsbad, was the guest of relatives in the city this week.

W. P. Galloway has been appointed deputy sheriff for Artesia county.

Ike Ward has returned from Dayton and is with the Walling stable.

Mrs. J. B. Cecil and son, J. B. Jr., are visiting in Roswell. Fresh oysters at Fletcher's Market.

The Haunted House will be given Wednesday night. Mrs. J. B. Atkeson is visiting in Dallas Texas.

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W. L. Bobo, the urbane and talented gentleman who gave Jake Owen the scare of his life in the county clerk's race last year, stopped over in Artesia Thursday en route to Roswell. He had nothing to say about politics—evidently saving his wind for the next heat.

The Advocate added another new job press to its mechanical equipment this week, and it will not be necessary to hold our patrons off on orders in the future.

Mrs. John S. Major, Worthy Matron of Artesia Eastern Star order, left for Carlsbad Thursday night as a delegate to the Territory Meeting.

County Commissioner J. W. Turknett let the contract this week for a new well to be put down on land immediately east of the residence of Jacob Kline. Chapman & Cogdell are the contractors.

J. Weaver Foster was put through the second rank in Pythianism last night, and says he is feeling all over in spots this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ross spent several days in Carlsbad this week.

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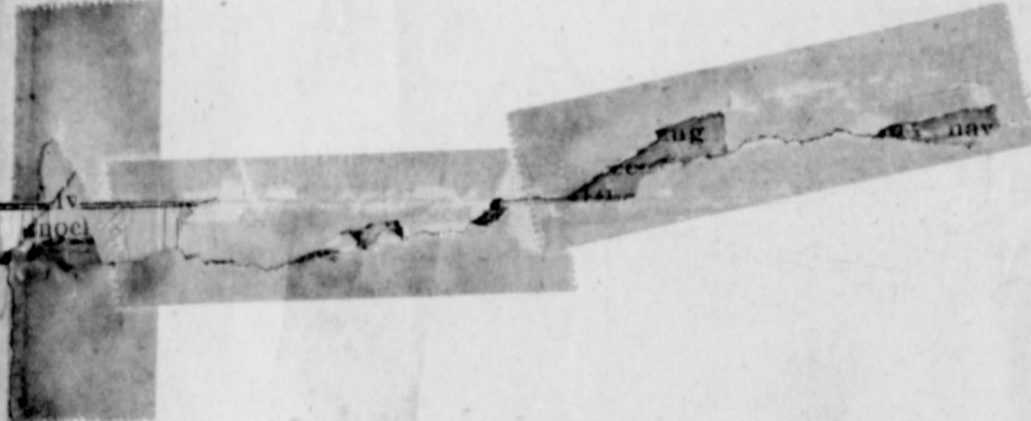
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