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OUTRAN THE BEAR.

Dr. George P. Stoker, Late of Artesia, Establishes a New Record.

"Doc" Stoker, formerly a well known and popular physician of this place and who never failed to create a sensation as short stop for Manager Burt's baseball aggregation, is just now looking after his mining interests in the republic of Mexico and a few other things that chance to fall in the way of a real live one. The Advocate is permitted to publish below an excerpt from a private letter to O. J. Adams, written a few days ago, and from a perusal you will gather an idea of what he is up against in the land of Montezuma. His reputation as a sprinter has been long established to the satisfaction of Artesia rooters, but in his latest attempt he evidently "cut second" and come on home without any waste of time. Among other things, he says:

I have decided life is a joke on me. Once in a while, I go out and do this Mexican society. Well, you ought to see me. They can't talk to me and I can't talk to them. I just watch around until I see one that looks pretty good then I just go over and go to making signs. It's great business, but it's the best I can do at present.

Say, but I thought of you the other day. This darn panic came at the wrong time. Some fellows needed a little money and nothing doing, so they decided to go to shipping ore from a silver mine over on the west coast. As I had to do the assaying, I packed my outfit and started. The weather has always been so nice that I had forgotten about it ever getting cold—except when you hunt ducks. The first two days out it rained on us then it cleared up and we had three or four days fine weather, then one day began looking suspicious. By that time, we were right on top of the Sierra Madre mountains, the highest place in this country. Well, that evening it kept looking like "look out Perkins," so about three o'clock my old Indian guide said business was going to pick up, and that I had better duck. I asked him where I would go. Off down the mountain a little way was a little cave. I went down there. It was a little old wet hole so low that I couldn't stand up straight anywhere in it, but here these Indians know and he said I had better stay, so he unpacked and built a fire and there was no place for the smoke to go except in my eyes. Then it kept getting colder and began snowing. Next morning everything was covered with snow, and for five days and nights it snowed nearly continuously, and I couldn't get out. The Indian said I would get lost, and freeze to death. Well

that didn't sound good, so I stayed pretty close to my hole. Occasionally I would sneak out and kill a turkey or a deer, so I had plenty to eat in the meat line, but say did you ever chase big game? One evening, I was sneaking along after a deer, when I got a sound like a noise. I looked up and up the hill a little way was a big old bear standing up shaking a little old bush. Well, I raised up and took a shot at him and he came tumbling down and I thought of course I had him but he came alive and made for me and I began to shoot at him, but he didn't seem to mind the shots, and just kept coming. By then he was right up close and he sure looked big. I didn't know what to do and the idea just struck me to take him into camp alive. I started and he followed, well there for about a quarter of a mile was the most strenuous piece of life I have ever had. We were just about holding our own, when I ran over some pines and scrub oak. It threw me and checked my speed a little and when I looked he was right close. His teeth looked so big, white and pretty that I decided stronger than ever to take him in alive so I came up running. I didn't look back to see if he was coming for a long time and when I did look for him he was way behind but still coming. I was afraid he wouldn't know the way into camp by himself, so I tried to check up a little and wait for him, but I had gotten such a start that I couldn't, and I was soon out of sight. He didn't come in and I didn't go back to look for him. Now just such as that, I am afraid, is going to cause these auburn locks of mine to turn a silvery gray.

The fifth day of my cliff dwelling it was still snowing and the guide said by going east I could get out of the mountains, so I started and a merry time I had but when I got out of the mountains I flew my kite for Durango, next time I start across the mountains it will be "in the good old summer time."

Saturday Night Last.

Armed with chafing-dish and material for making candy, as well as a generous supply of marshmallows to toast before the cherry open grate, a bevy of young ladies fell upon the unguarded telephone office of the city for the purpose of giving Miss Day, the operator, a little surprise before her departure for her home in Topeka, Kansas. A most enjoyable evening was spent in an old-fashioned way.

Those composing the party were: Misses Jessica Hoffman, Clara Boose, Valley Higgins, Duma Phillips, Mary Sullivan, Cora Hess, Virginia Kennady, Lydia Day and Mrs. Bruning, who acted as chaperon.

Miss Rhe George has gone to her homestead near Hope.

WANTS CLEAN OFFICERS.

A Recent Comer to Eddy County Discerns the Leak.

Dayton, N. M., Dec. 14, 1907.
Editor Artesia Advocate:—

I have been interested in reading about the mismanagement of county affairs at Carlsbad. It seems that both Artesia papers agree that there should be a change. It seems, however, that the Carlsbad editor can keep the editors of both Artesia papers so busy exchanging compliments that they have to spend much time in looking over Webster's Dictionary, and the works of other experts in the American language, in order to find names and terms suitable to be applied to the Wild Irishman who runs the Carlsbad "Anti-be-good-paper" and thus it can be justly compared to the farmer who sheared his hog, "got lots of noise but no wool."

As long as people can be deluded by appeals to party loyalty just that long will the office seeker remain in office and little will he care how much the editors of Advocate and "Carlsbad Anti-be-good" exchange compliments: his pockets will be filled with fees and the taxpayer will have to foot the bill. There is only one sure way to remedy the evil of mismanagement of public affairs and funds of this county, and that is for all in this end of the county to unite and put up a citizens ticket and support it. Let each town be represented by a candidate that can be relied upon and let them pledge themselves that if elected they will do all in their power to bring about a reform in the manipulation of the county's affairs and funds and that they serve for reasonable salaries and turn all fees into the county's funds and that they practice economy in all public affairs.

Now Mr. Editor just lay aside all thought of the editor of the "Carlsbad Anti-be-good" and work to get the people united and elect a clean set of officers and leave party politics entirely out of the question and then we will have a complete reform, do this and the taxpayer will have his innings. He has been running flies long enough.

If you will put forth the same energy in working to the end that a proper citizens ticket be put in the field that all can support, that you do in applying suitable compliments to the editor of the "Carlsbad Anti-be-good-paper" it ought to succeed and the taxpayer will be fairly represented.

Yours Truly
J. E. Johnson.

Miss Lydia Day, night telephone operator, left Wednesday for her home in Topeka, Kansas.

CUT PRICES ON CHRISTMAS GOODS,

Has been the slogan at our store this week. We need the room and the money, so have decided to sell for

One Fourth Off

For cash only. This saves bookkeeping, consequent confusion, and is a great saving on Holiday Goods.

Cut Prices On

Cut Glass,
Silverware,
Toilet Cases,
Pictures,
Toys and Dolls,
Hand Painted China,
Ladies Hand Bags,
Games and Books.

Such a wholesale reduction in price has never been made in Artesia, and the best goods will go in a hurry.

Come Early Don't Delay

Many nice presents have been sold, but we bought twice as many goods as needed, so there are plenty left.

ALL GOODS CHARGED WILL BE AT REGULAR PRICE. PAY CASH AND GET THE

25 PER CENT OFF.

Pecos Valley Drug Co.

For Best Fire Insurance See L. W. Martin

THREE PAY FINES.

And Marshal Nelson Finds Company in His Financial Ventures.

The plot thickens. When Well Inspector Mull began prosecutions this week against those Artesia farmers who had failed to cough up a fiver each for the privilege of being a bloated well owner (although the constitution of New Mexico says a water right is not taxable) he ran up against several things that had been private history for some time. The cases came up before Justice Swepston, Tuesday, and three fines were assessed on pleas of guilty—one against E. A. Clayton, one against Wm. Clark and one against D. W. Williams. Then the case preferred against John R. Hodges had to be dismissed because, as previously mentioned, that gentleman swore he had sold all his stock in the Artesia Water, Power and Light Company, and was no longer secretary of same. Then came the job of finding out just who is who in that worthy organization. All obtainable evidence goes to show that when Jim Nelson, city plumber, came to count the shares of stock he had purchased from Messrs. Hodges and Denning he found that he was also in possession of the shares of Mr. Cottingham, amounting in all to 56,437 of the par value of one dollar each. (And here it might be good taste to remark that the sudden finding of all this fortune did not turn the head of our humble marshal or make him the least bit giddy. He is the same lengthy edition of Sunny Jim and is as approachable and friendly as if he was really worth no more than the balance of us poor folks.) So far as land office evidence shows, Jim never owned but 160 acres of land in this country and that was a desert claim which was surrendered to the government because proper assessment work was not done and this was evidently the tract he traded to parties named for the 56,437 shares of water (ed) stock at the value of one dollar per. That Jim is a financier without fault or blemish goes without saying. The men who sold him the shares were the president, secretary and treasurer of the company, and so far as can be learned, no successors have been elected to fill the places. It is more than likely that Mr. Nelson becomes the whole machinery of the shebang, power-house and all. A search will be made, we learn, to see whether or not the former holders of the shares had the authority to bequeath unto Mr. Nelson so much wealth—on the grounds that so much love and affection is not often displayed by soulless corporations. And it further develops this week that Mr. Nelson is not the only owner of waterworks stock. Mr. L. J. Larson, who conducts a grocery store on fourth street now owns and controls all the capital stock of one hundred thousand shares except 99,999. On June 13th of this year, Mr. Larson purchased from J. A. Cottingham one share of stock at the par value of one dollar. Evidence adduced does not show whether

the consideration was paid in cash, or whether he gave lands like Mr. Nelson. But that is immaterial. He becomes a co-partner of Mr. Nelson in holding the bag. There are forty-five thousand more shares of the good thing lying around loose and if any Artesia citizen wakes up Christmas morning and finds his stocking full of strange collaterals, all he will have to do is to phone to the marshal and he will take charge.

Science Bids the Desert Drink.

Old Science one day was walking round
With a thoughtful brow and a mien profound,
When he came to the place where the desert lies,
Gray in the glint of the turquoise skies;
And the desert was parched, and the desert was dry,
For the scurrying clouds e'er passed it by.
Then Science, the merciful, bade it drink.
"Now what'll you take?" he said and—think—
The desert murmured "Water."
Then Science, the merciful, waters stored,
A shimmering, glimmering, glistening hoard.
He took from the streams where they kiss the land,
And held their wealth in his giant hand;
In canyons lost in the mountains fold
He bound the waters of wealth untold,
Bound them and stored them, and held their cheer
For the great wide world as it swingeth here,
And gave to the desert Water.
Oh, the fruitage rare that the desert knows!
The wilderness blossoming as the rose!
The million homes where the cacti grew,
And the sheen of green neath the turquoise blue!
The scented blossoms, the bloom of peach!
And the lesson, the lesson it aye doth teach,
That the desolate places may still rejoice,
And the gray-turned green, lift a grateful voice,
If we give the desert Water.
—Anonymous.

Pure Leaf Lard, Artesia Market.

Footpads in Pecos Valley.

When we hear of hold-ups and robberies back east, little is thought of it, because it is an every day occurrence back where dollars are as big as cart wheels and ten simoleums are all that a man's life is worth. In the west, a man's pocket-book is safely lying around most anywhere and the law against robbery is a dead letter on the statutes. The first robbery we ever heard of occurring in the Pecos Valley took place at Roswell Tuesday night, when some amateur knocked a prospector from Arkansas down and took his roll amounting to \$42.72. In speaking of the occurrence, the Roswell Daily Record says; "This is the first robbery of this kind to occur in Roswell in many years, and many people doubted the story when they first heard it on the streets this morning."

ALL INTEREST IS FOCUSED ON CHRISTMAS

And what line of business would you say receives most attention? Guess Jewelry and you'll guess right. It occupies the first place in the heart of all—young and old.

Don't Let Our Display Escape You.

Months ago we decided to be in position to say to Christmas shoppers—Here is a Christmas Jewelry display Demanding your attention.

Holiday Suggestions..

Diamonds, Watches, Rings, Brooches, Silverware, Cut Glass, Clocks, China.

Take your time to view our showing thoroughly. Ask about quality. Get prices. It's none to soon to do choosing. We are glad to lay aside all selections.

E. N. SKAER, The Jeweler.

Girls Had Fine Trip.

A jolly crowd of High School pupils, accompanied by Prof. and Mrs. Brasher and Prof. Hicks, left Friday evening for Artesia, returning Sunday morning. The occasion was a game of basket ball between the girls basket ball teams of the two high schools, which was arranged as co-incident with Prof. Brasher's appearance on the Artesia lyceum course in his popular lectures, "Grit."

The Roswell girls were entertained in the homes of the girls of the Artesia team, and there was not a dull minute during their stay. A drive and a party in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening made time pass quickly, and tempered the dissapointment of the Roswell girls in having lost a closely contested game.

Following is the line up and score, which the Roswell manager says is as good as could be expected, considering that there was but one sane (Sain) girl in the Roswell team.

Roswell. Artesia.
Faye Thomas(c) Bernice Temple
Sadie Fairchild (rf) Sara Owen
Lillie McKnight (lf) Laura Lynn
Lucy Jones (rg) Ruth Brainard
Echo Sain (lg) Texa Acord
Gertrude Rabb (sub)

Lotta Ferson
Referee, Hicks.
Umpires, Childress, Elkins.
Time-keepers, Brasher, Botts
Score: Artesia, 11; Roswell, 7.
—Roswell Record.

Presbyterian Services.

There will be services at the Presbyterian church tomorrow at the regular hours, morning and evening. The subject for morning will be "The True Spirit of Christmas Giving" John 3: 16. There will be special music by the choir assisted by Mrs. Corbin. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend all services.

Dollars go further in buying your Christmas gifts if you shop at the Big Store—Joyce-Pruit Co.

Standing in the Contest.

ORGAN CONTEST.	
High School	38293
I. O. O. F.	29479
Library,	251
RING AND WATCH CONTEST.	
Miss Jewel Logsdon	21918
Miss Nora Gage	18564
Miss Nellie Turknett	6801
Miss S. K. Bradshaw	4142
Miss Rose Whetig	3360
Ruth Price	1673
Ora Hale	1522
Miss Allie Chisholm	1317
Evelyn Welch	1203
Daisy Kaufman	967
Rachei Dunaway	959
Pheaby Martin	921
Ruth Brainard	711
Miss Fannie Eddington	481
Miss Cora Rice	444
Ester Hook	418
Miss Effie McCaw	233
Pearl Lawrence	189
Miss Kattie Kappan	163
Dora Twyman	116
Ellen Cooper	50

In this contest all tickets not legally signed by the voter will be thrown out, and not counted.

Votes may be purchased from the following establishments.

Grand Leader' Redford & Mann, Big Jo Lumber Company, Artesia Feed & Fuel Company, Fatherree & Enfield, G. R. Fleicher, R. R. Beatty, Artesia Advocate and E. N. Skaer. Voting box at Redford & Mann's Drug Store.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up on me; one said heart disease, two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed for blood poison weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by Pecos Valley Drug Co. 50c.

To Those Who Owe Me.

All persons indebted to me for blacksmith work are urged to come in at once and pay the account. I need the money and must have it.

J. O. Richards.

Order Christmas Turkey's of The Artesia Market. Do it now!

KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS

WITH Dr. King's New Discovery

FOR COLDS PRICE 50c & \$1.00. Trial Bottle Free

AND ALL THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES.

GUARANTEED SATISFACTORY OR MONEY REFUNDED.

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Physician and Surgeon.
Office Opposite the First National Bank. City Physician.

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OSBURN & LOGAN,
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law
Rooms 1 and 2 Bank of Artesia Bld.
Notary in Office.
Artesia, New Mexico.

DR. M. M. INMAN.
Physician and Surgeon
Residence Phone 103. Office 105.
Office next door to Adams' Barber Shop.

DR. T. E. PRESLEY,
Specialist
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Office hours 9 to 12 a. m. 2 to 4 p. m. Oklahoma Block, Roswell, N. M.

CARSON & WILLIAMSON,
Contractors and Builders
Plans and specifications furnished. See us before building. Shop on West Main Street. 12-21

P. M. BAKER, M. D.
Physician and Surgeon,
Office Phone No. 9. Residence Phone No. 15. Room 3, over City Drug store

DR. J. J. CLARKE,
(Graduate New Orleans College of Dentistry.)
Dentist.
Office over City Drug Store.

For Sale.
\$40 Victor Talking Machine and 35 good records with case. Take all for \$35.00 and be quick. Write Box 236, Artesia New Mexico. 3 t.

For any of the ordinary diseases of the skin Chamberlain's Salve is excellent. It not only allays the itching and smarting but effects a cure. For sale by City Drug Store.

HIGGINS LAND COMPANY

Sells Cheap Irrigated Lands

Governor Curry in Town.

Governor George Curry and party who are making a tour of the valley in automobiles, will arrive in Artesia from Roswell about 3 p. m. today and will meet the citizens at the Club rooms.

Prof. Brasher Lectures.

The first number of the Lyceum Course for the benefit of the High School Science Club was not only interesting in itself but started off the course in the right way to insure full houses for the lectures to follow. This lecture was by Prof. Brasher, Superintendent of the Roswell Public Schools, his subject being "Grit."

Preceding the lecture Miss Rosa Wetig, one of the High School girls, sang "While We Were Making the Hay" an attractive number; her voice is one of unusual promise. Mrs. Mark Corbin also sang. Needless to say that her song was well received and another demanded. Her visit to Artesia and her willingness to share her voice has been greatly appreciated.

While Prof. Brasher makes no claims as a lecturer, his school duties being on "the strenuous life" order, he certainly was very interesting on this occasion. He read from manuscript but stooped at frequent intervals to throw in some illustrative stories and witticisms very cleverly told. We have heard nothing but favorable comment on the "Grit" lecture. The club is about \$16 better off financially because of it. This means that the audience was far from small, the admission being but a trifle.

The Artesia Advocate has opened a fight for a better and more economical government in Eddy county. It draws attention to the very large salaries paid to county officers, which runs from five to eight thousand dollars per year, when men of the best qualifications could be found to fill the offices gladly at \$2,000 per year.

The Advocate says: "No law can compel a man to take more than belongs to him. Officers can be paid a straight salary and let all fees go into the county treasury. This way, the fees will almost pay the

salaries." No county in New Mexico needs relief from excessive salaries more than Chaves county. We have officials that have grown rich at the public expense, and though the conditions are well understood the people do nothing to bring about a change for the better. The Lake Arthur Times would like to see lower salaries made an issue at the next election. And if good men will run for county offices at the next election, with the promise to the voters to turn into the county treasury, all amounts over a reasonable salary (say \$2,000) they would be sure of a large vote and almost certain election. We have nothing against any of the county officers of Chaves county who are, so far as we know, good men, but the high rate of taxes, should bring about an examination into our expense, and a reduction in all items that should be found excessive. Fees should be abolished and only salaries paid to county officers.—Lake Arthur Times.

The Womans' Club.

Some illness and the preparation for the various Christmas bazars and festivities seriously crippled the Woman's Club session of Wednesday as to attendance. The following faithful few were present, Messdames Keinath, Enfield, Swepston, Frisk, Mathes, and the hostess, Mrs. John P. Dyer.

The meeting's only lack was in point of members, however. The program is reported as one of the best and most thoroughly enjoyable of the year. The lesson was the first on "Martin Chuzzlewit" and that bright leader, Mrs. A. C. Keinath and assistant, Mrs. John B. Enfield, got out of it everything possible in the way of instruction and entertainment. The informal discussions by the members were unusually good also. Mrs. Keinath presided at the business session. Mrs. Guy Reed Brainard was elected to membership. The reception planned for New Year's night has been indefinitely postponed because of the illness of the President, Mrs. Albert Blake.

The next meeting occurs January fifteenth, with Mrs. M. M. Inman as hostess.

Substantial Christmas Gifts

Seem to be in big demand this year, that is, if you judge from the large amount we have already sold.

Why Not Decide

to buy something of this kind for those you care to make presents. It answers the purpose to a dot and fills two places instead of just one.

For Gentlemen

We are showing a nobby and complete line of **STYLISH NECKWEAR, MUFFLERS, GLOVES, SILK SUSPENDERS, DRESS SHIRTS, FANCY VESTS, ETC.**

For Ladies

We have a big variety of different items too numerous to mention, and you are almost sure to find just what you want and find it for less money than you can elsewhere.

Twenty-five Per Cent.

discount on ladies' SHIRT WAISTS from now until Christmas. You cannot afford to forget this.

∴ ∴ When Out Christmas Shopping, Give Us A Call. ∴ ∴

GET
THE
HABIT--
GO TO
THE

Grand Leader
ONE PRICE - SPOT CASH

IT PAYS
OTHERS
IT WILL
PAY
YOU

THE STORE THAT KILLED HIGH PRICES

To Our Friends:

As the glad Christmas time approaches, we are reminded of the many kindnesses bestowed by our many friends and customers during the year just past. We feel that our efforts to please the people of Artesia has been appreciated and they have not been slow to acknowledge same. Our trade has steadily increased all the year until today we have the name of nearly every family in the town on our list as customers. In an humble way, we desire to say that we are very grateful for the trade and confidence of the people and desire to assure you that we will endeavor in the future to merit a continuance of same. We will continue to carry the very best quality of family groceries and will sell them at the lowest possible prices consistent with good business.

Allow us to wish each and every citizen of Artesia and surrounding country a merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours gratefully,
The Artesia Feed and Fuel Co.

That's It!

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Coughs, Influenza, Bronchitis and all Pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Redford & Mann.

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.

Railroad Time Table.

South bound passenger, arrives at 11:40 p. m., local time.
North bound passenger, arrives at 5:15 a. m. local time.
South bound local, arrives at 12:30 p. m. local time, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
North bound local, arrives at 9:30 a. m. local time, on Tuesday Thursday and Saturday.

AT THE CHURCHES.

Methodist Church.
W. V. TEER, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9:30 p. m.
Preaching, 10:50 a. m.
Junior League 3:00 p. m.
Senior League, 6:00 p. m.
Preaching, 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:00.

Baptist Church.
J. C. JAMES, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching, 11:00 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. 5:30 p. m.
Preaching, 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:00.

Presbyterian Church.
E. E. MATHES, Pastor.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching 11:00 a. m.
Junior Endeavor 3:00 p. m.
Senior Endeavor 6:00 p. m.
Preaching 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:00 p. m.

Christian Church.
Sunday School 9:15 a. m.
Preaching 11:00 a. m.
Junior Endeavor 3:00 p. m.
Senior Endeavor 6:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday evening 7:00 p. m.
Ladies' Aid Society Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Catholic Church.
FATHER ROBERT KALT, Pastor.
Mass at 10:30 a. m., on first and third Sundays. Prayers every Sunday morning at 10:30.

Agreeably Surprised.
Many suffers from rheumatism have been agreeably surprised at the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It makes sleep and rest possible. For sale by City Drug Store.

FURNITURE

Bureaus, mattresses bedsteads, center tables, splendid line of cook stoves and heaters, rocking chairs and all kinds of household utensils, everything you want

All Good as New

at prices that will make you buy.

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About Digestion.

It is not the quantity of food taken but the amount digested and assimilated that gives strength and vitality to the system. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and enable them to perform their functions. The result is a relish for your food, increased strength and weight, greater endurance and a clear head. Price, 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by City Drug Store.

What's

worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism, use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be "well cured". A positive cure for Sprains, Neuralgia, Bruises, Contracted Muscles and all the ills that flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams, Navasota, Texas, writes: "I have used Snow Liniment for sprained ankle and it gave the best of satisfaction. I always keep it in the house." Sold by Redford & Mann.

1100 Fine shade trees, Locust, Maple, Elm and Sycamore, 1 to 2 inches in diameter.

At Artesia Nursery.

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OUR MOTTO: "ALWAYS THE BEST SERVED REGARDLESS OF PRICE"

WE WILL SERVE

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FROM 12:00 TO 1:30.

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LIST YOUR LAND WITH US
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HOUSE RENTING.

MAKE THE PRICE RIGHT, I WILL DO THE REST, L. W. MARTIN

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GAYLE TALBOT, EDITOR

This paper has been entered in the postoffice at Artesia, New Mexico, as second-class mail matter.

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The Advocate is pleased to have Mr. Johnson of Dayton come to the front on the reform-in-county-government platform and to prove that, with the other patriotic citizens of Dayton community, he does not believe a man should allow his party fealty to interfere with his actions when it comes to cleaning out the Augean stables and re-stocking same. The economics of the party politics cannot possibly effect the administration of a county office. It should simply be the best man for the place and him well paid—with no premiums on the side to tempt him into forbidden paths. Mr. Johnson's suggestions are timely. The next thing confronting the tax-payers of Eddy county is the Democratic primary, at which nominations for the various offices will be made. That this primary will be held is a certainty. All the talk of "non-partisan" and "citizens" tickets can not prevent—neither can that line of argument prevent the election of the Democratic nominees next November. The party's overwhelming strength in Eddy county insures that.

If the friends of reform in Eddy county expect to win, it is very certain that the fight must be made in the Democratic primary. Every Republican in the county knows this to be true. Figures can not lie and there is no going against the combination. The man who wants to see good men elected and the county's business administered economically will answer the call at the primary and help. The man who takes refuge behind his party name and fails to get in the fight for good government, will have no one to blame if the reign of plunder continues. This rule would apply just as forcibly if the Republicans were in power and conservative Democrats failed to come to the rescue. Under those circumstances, the Advocate would certainly make haste to help the opposition put in the best men possible.

The Republicans have a chance to show their patriotism or to withhold it. This is a matter over which the Advocate has no control. It is theirs to give or withhold.

Mr. Johnson's good-natured raillery about our waste of ammunition on Editor Mullane is accepted in the spirit extended. Our error is apparent. The hunter who goes out after bear and wastes his ammunition on snow birds, is bound to come home hungry.

Four more days until Christmas! And then every contrite Christian of us will begin to burn gunpowder in honor of the birth of the Savior of the world. Did you ever stop to think how very ridiculous—if not positively sacrilegious such a performance is? It is cer-

tainly a mistaken conception of the proprieties that would prompt us to carouse and drink and behave like rowdies just because an anniversary of the Christ's natal day approaches. Discordant noises are not a sign of reverence and debauchery is a poor form of worship. The wise men of the east who followed the stars to the birth-place of the Savior fell down and worshiped at his feet. In emulation of that devotion, we burn firecrackers and make night hideous with our howls and wanton discharge of guns. Devilment has taken the place of devotion and Christmas means a season when reckless mortality has license to behave in a way that would be a crime at any other time of the year. The gift-giving feature of our Christmas observance, and the good cheer and neighborly intercourse is a blessed thing—and pity 'tis that we could not keep it up all the year—but how much more sensible and appropriate it would be if we could dispense with the rowdism.

Christmas most truly belongs to the children. It celebrates the event of the Christ child, to whom the wise men brought gifts, and the shepherd's came and worshiped. Would that every child in this land of abundance might receive the little portion necessary to fill the heart with joy and chase the sobs and tears away. It takes so little to open the founts of joy for a child, it would seem so small a portion might fall to the lot of every child. But alas, some will be burdened with grief till they weary in counting them, and others—what a disappointing Christmas it will be to them. Cannot we be more thoughtful one to another and share our blessings with those less favored and thus make our Christmas more truly happy for ourselves and merry for many others. Where in all humanity is there greater longing, dearer expectation, sweeter hope than in the heart of a child on Christmas morn? But in all the earth there is no look so sad, no sob so stabbing as are called forth by the empty stocking.—Exchange.

The musical and literary talent in Artesia has always been a subject of surprise and congratulation to all visitors to the city, and our people have been justly proud of the showing made along that line, but the entertainment at the Club room Tuesday night brought out the fact that we have been entertaining talent all this time that no one was aware of. Everyone who has had an opportunity to hear her has been to glad to accord praise to Miss Bess May McClane as a reader, but no one suspected that her sister, and our worthy townswoman, Mrs. Fannie McClane Martin possessed talent as a reader no less remarkable. If they did not love her so much, her friends in Artesia would almost be angry with her for depriving them of the pleasure of her histrionic talents these past three years. It is not necessary to state that such another lapse will not be allowed again.

As the Democratic primaries draw near, that astute politi-

cian, Dave Runyan, gets down to his whittling in dead earnest. His Barlow is kept at a feather edge, and he is cutting the shavings a little finer, if possible, than ever before. All of which is a sign that D. W. has his weather eye on the indicator and will be ready to help his friends when the time comes. The fact that he had hard luck with his string of runners two years ago, will not deter him from backing some winners next time. Dave claims that he has ceased to be a Jonah since going into business with Dick Eaton and J. C. Gage and that this rabbit's foot is in fine shape for the campaign.

Nowhere else except the Pecos Valley can the farmer have splashing fountains and blue grass lawns, just like "town folks." The Advocate saw a sight at the comfortable country home of C. F. Erb, Monday, that would almost give a dry-land farmer hydrophobia. In front of the house is a lawn of blue grass. Hose was connected from the big artesian well and a spray of crystal water was thrown for fifteen feet in the air. Grow? Why, of course, things will grow. As well try to stop the stars in their course as to head off that blue grass.

The dear old Pea Vine train had a hard time getting into the valley when running on regular railroad time, but now that the system has adopted "alfalfa" time altogether, it will hardly get here in time at night to meet itself going back next morning.

It is a poor rule that will not work more ways than one. Insist that your merchant sell you produce grown in the Pecos Valley. There is no use buying produce from a distance when you can keep home money at home and thereby help home producers.

Artesia's progressive ideas are contagious. The Albuquerque Daily Journal says: "How would an annual Alfalfa Festival do for Albuquerque?"

Mrs. Mac Walkup fell dead in her husband's arms while dancing during the progress of a ball at Apache, Ok., Thursday night.

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The most complete and noblest line of buggies ever seen in Artesia are now on display at Fatherree-Enfield Hardware Company's store. They are making some very attractive prices, in order to reduce the stock before next month's stock-taking time.

Applications for Grazing Permits.

Notice is hereby given that applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, sheep and goats within the GUADALUPE NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1908 must be filed in my office at Alamo-gordo, N. M., on or before April 10, 1908. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making application will be furnished upon request. Chas. H. Hinderer, Acting Supervisor. 12-7-8t

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If you have acquired the habit of carrying a lot of loose "change" around in your pocket the chances are that at least this much of your money is deposited by somebody else. If you have never tried banking your "small change" frequently do it now and see what a surprise awaits you at the end of the year.

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DAUGHERITY HAS A SAY.

The Dayton Alcalde is Like Agripa—Almost Persuaded.

Dayton, N. M., Dec. 7, 1907.
 Editor Artesia Advocate.—
 Dear Sir:—I want to say amen, amen and amen to most of your article in the Advocate of Nov. 23rd, on common sense in county government. You start off on the right trail, but you seem to stop short of your opportunity. You say not a thing about any movement for a campaign to have the law changed to set this great wrong right. Why don't you at the same time begin a plan to wake up the people on that line and start the machinery going for demanding a change in the salary law at the next session of the legislature.

You speak about rotten republican legislature. Well, that would make a man smile. Now say, Mr. Talbot, did either of your democrats, Councilman Cameron or Representative Mullins, introduce at the last legislature any bill or bills to cut the salaries of county officers? No, you know they did not; and yet the democratic papers of the Valley said that Mr. Cameron had control of the council. Don't speak that way any more; it makes me blush?

We know something about the way they do things at Carlsbad. Some years ago the writer was invited by a good democrat to attend one of their meetings. He said he wanted me to vote, that he would show me how to vote. They were to elect delegates to the district convention. Well, he fixed 12 or 15 tickets for me to vote, shoved them up my coat sleeve and told me when they went to voting to go up and drop the tickets in the hat. There were about 75 present and about 250 votes cast, and they sent Col. W. A. Mullane to represent the party. (Now laugh) So that has been my last democratic convention to attend.

With regards,
 W. F. Daugherty.

The above effusion from our friend Daugherty is interesting, if not instructive—interesting to the extent of showing how far around some men will go to keep from meeting an issue squarely. The writer agrees that reform is necessary, but would discourage the movement because everything cannot be accomplished in a day. There never was a crusade of any kind conducted that did not have its inception in some given locality. No reform ever sprang forth full grown and matured in a day, and never will. What we want to do is initiate the good work of reforming local government right here in Eddy county and the better citizenship of New Mexico will soon take up the cry all over the Territory.

If friend Daugherty remembers, the first community in New Mexico to abolish gambling was Artesia. That was only two years ago. Soon Roswell took up the call and the next legislature knocked the vice entirely out of the Territory. After the first of January, even Carlsbad will be forced to

mend her evil ways and be civilized.

And why should not the call for common sense in county government be heeded just as quickly? Already, the cry has been taken up in Chaves county by the Lake Arthur Times and the Leaven now working in this, the Democratic strong-hold of New Mexico, may add life and virtue to the whole lump. The fact that Representative Mullane and Councilman Cameron, two weak Democrats, failed to reform two dozen crooked Republicans in a day, constitutes no booger for a patriot (like Daugherty proposes to be) to balk at. No one expected conscientious effort from either one of the celebrities mentioned, consequently no one has been disappointed.

It is simply our duty to see that full grown, broad gauged and honorable men take their respective places next time.

As to Mr. Daugherty's confession and the shameless part he played in perpetrating Col. Mullane upon the party, we have nothing to say. We are not the gentleman's father confessor and cannot offer him abolution for the crime. The fact that he was seduced by his Democratic friend into taking the tickets is no more excuse than father Adam had for receiving the apple from his sweetheart Eve. To a life-long Democrat, such ballot-stuffing seems absolutely impossible. but the information coming from a Republican—who must of necessity know whereof he speaks—we are compelled to accept the statement. And it is further corroborated by the fact that Mullane was the recipient of the ballot. The Democracy of Eddy county has ever been rather reckless, it seems.

The bad part of the whole transaction, however, seems to be the conversion of Brother Daugherty to Republican methods and he has been voting with the ballot stuffers ever since. Some sinner has said there are three kinds of Republicans in New Mexico—those who want office, those who want pensions, and those who own sheep and want protection. We are loth to believe that Daugherty is to be found in either category and would like to see him come out from among 'em and assist in the Democratic house cleaning that is due to hit Eddy county in a few months. This is no time for hair-splitting and contentions. What we need is workers—not horses that look around and fall back upon the single-tree before the hill is reached.

A Dangerous Deadlock,

that sometimes terminates fatally, is the stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations, Dr. King's New Life Pills should be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at Pecos Valley Drug Co. 25c

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Have you seen the new washing machine at the Brainard Hardware Store? It is a dandy. Wont fall down if you leave it without water.

Arthur Williamson has returned from El Paso, where he has been employed for some months.

Big saving in Christmas dainties in eatables if you buy of Joyce-Pruit Co.

Order your Christmas turkey of The Artesia Market. Do it now!

The Fatherree-Enfield Hardware Company is making special prices on all grades of buggies until after the holidays. If you want a bargain, now is the time to get it.

Roscoe Scott came in from St. Louis this week to spend Christmas with homefolks. He is well pleased with the medical school he is attending.

All kinds of chickens at the Artesia Market.

Arthur Williamson will be with the Pecos Valley Drug Company after the first of the year and will learn the profession of pharmacy.

Members of the Library Association, Artesia's pioneer organization, are preparing for the presentation of a society drama on December 26.

We want you to come in and look at our line of Ranges. We believe we have the cheapest and best in the city.

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Yes Sir! and no mistake, 15c pound and up for "Pure Food" candies.—Joyce-Pruit Co.

Fatherree-Enfield Hardware Company desires to greatly reduce its stock of high grade buggies before January first, and consequently are going to offer the public some rare bargains this month.

Don't fail to try our lard. Artesia Market.

In publishing the list of officers elected by Artesia Woodmen Lodge last week, the Advocate left out the name of one of the officers, because of the fact that our informant's memory was bad. The one was Mr. E. C. King, who was made Escort.

Wm. Armstrong, of Orient, Iowa, who recently bought a fine piece of land south of Artesia has let the contract to the Parker Drilling Company for an Artesian well. Casing for same is already on the ground.

You'll find gifts of the useful and servicable kind and cheaply priced at the Big Store—Joyce-Pruit Co.

E. L. Robertson returned from El Paso this week, to spend the holidays with his relatives and many friends in Artesia. Lish is now assayer at the smelters in the Pass city and is making good in great shape.

Judge and Mrs. G. U. McCrary and son, Keith, left Thursday morning for Dalhart, Texas, to spend a few of the holidays with relatives.

Chickens, hens or springers. Artesia Market.

To Rent—Nice furnished room, at J. P. Dyer residence. Mrs. T. R. Hayden,

Don't ruin your bread or pastry using off brands of cheap flour—you run no risk using the old established "Moses Best," "Fanchon" or "Gold Bond" Flour at Joyce-Pruit Co.

The Baptist congregation at Roswell has moved into its new house of worship, which is the finest in the southwest, costing about thirty thousand dollars. Fifty conversions have thus far been the result of the revival service in progress there.

The main attraction on at Roswell this week is a hypnotist, who makes it his business to put people to sleep. It would be a mere waste of labor for him to go to Carlsbad.

Special candy display all pure food too, at Joyce-Pruit Co.

The Brainard Hardware Company will give a demonstration of the work of the Stover feed mill next Monday. Will grind a wagon load of Kaffir corn in the head free of charge to the first man making application.

If you have a large room to heat you will be interested in investigating the new style of heaters that have just been received by the Brainard Hardware Co. They are built on the plan of a furnace drawing the cold air from the floor passing it over the fire and out at the top.

Beef, Pork, Veal and Mutton. Artesia Market.

Rev. J. C. Gage left Tuesday for a point on the plains, seventy-five miles northeast of Artesia, for the purpose of uniting in marriage Mr. Bruce Connor and Miss Lizzie Dalphet. Mr. Connor is the son of Mr. A. R. Connor of this place and is well known to a large circle of friends in the Pecos Valley, who wish he and his bride all kinds of happiness and prosperity.

See our splendid line of good things to eat for Christmas. Joyce-Pruit Co.

A feeding experiment at the New Jersey experiment station showed that the protein in alfalfa hay could be successfully and profitably substituted in a ration for dairy cows for that contained in wheat bran and dried brewer's grains and for this purpose is worth \$17.16 per ton, when compared with the wheat bran and dried brewer's grain at \$17 per ton.

Fresh grapes, oranges, bananas, nuts and the "Pure Foods" sort of candies at Joyce-Pruit Co.

E. C. Higgins left Thursday morning for his old home in Georgia to spend the Christmas time with home folks and will be gone a month. He told the Advocate that he hated mighty bad to leave Artesia just at this time, but he knew by experience that the pumpkin was in the smoke house and the possum on the vine in Georgia and the thought of it was too much for him.

At Christmas tide most hearts are glad
For friends we're going to greet,
Just bear in mind at this time so glad
That FLETCHER has THE MEAT.

WE WILL HAVE AT THIS TIME,
Fine Young Turkeys, Fat Fowls, Chickens, Corn Fed Pork, in Fact Everything
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FLETCHER'S MARKET, PHONE 37.

Why Judge William Pope happens to be so universally admired and so competent has been satisfactorily explained. It transpires that he was editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican when that sheet was Democratic. His conversion to that of a Roosevelt Republican could not entirely eliminate the many graces of character absorbed during his early life as a Mississippi Democrat. In other the illustrious jurist has not gone entirely wrong.

No better present for wife, child or sweetheart than a box of nice candy. E. S. Howell is displaying the prettiest line of Loose-Wiles creations ever seen in Artesia.

Messrs. C. V. and G. R. Brainard expect to sow about two hundred acres of alfalfa on their land southeast of town next year. The former has traveled over most of the irrigated area of the United States and says the Pecos Valley offers the greatest opportunities of all, for the double reason that land is selling at a nominal figure and the water supply is the best to be had. And another reason given, which is no less meritorious, is that we have a little better state of society in Artesia country than is to be found anywhere else, population taken in consideration.

The handsomest line of fancy candies ever seen in Artesia is on display today at the store of E. S. Howell. The assortment comprises Loose-Wiles choicest selection in handsome packages.

Cotton in Pecos Valley.

The Carlsbad Farmers' institute held a most successful and profitable meeting at Malaga, at which several interesting and instructive papers were read, among which was one on "Cotton Planting, How Grown and the Results Obtained," by A. L. Simpson. He stated that he had been successful with his entire crop this season, but as a test of what could be done under irrigation and with thorough cultivation he had picked five bales of fine cotton from three acres. He also explained the method of obtaining the best results in feeding the cotton seed to dairy cattle.

The Boy Was Loaded.

A certain Artesia mother, living not a thousand miles from the editor's home essayed to apply a little corporal punishment to that portion of her young son's anatomy, Tuesday night, where it would do the most good, and her consternation and surprise was not small when a sharp report was heard and the boys pants burst into flames. The boy had stored a box of paper caps in the magazine of his trousers and the swift application of the paddle caused an explosion. A hole was burned through the trousers, handkerchief consumed and the nether garment well scorched before the ensuing fire could be extinguished. Clyde Fatherree ate his breakfast off the mantle next morning and is firmly convinced that calamities are always in store for those mothers who would interfere with the liberties of a sure-enough American boy.

To Those Who Owe Me.

All persons indebted to me for blacksmith work are urged to come in at once and pay the account. I need the money and must have it.

J. O. Richards.

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles. 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Pecos Valley Drug Co.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., November 9, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that Jesse D. McBride, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 7755 made April 26, 1906, for the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M. on December 24, 1907. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: D. S. Patterson, William O. Gray, Sterling P. Davis, Dan Davis, all of Hope, N. M. HOWARD LELAND, Register.



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PROPOSITION IS ACCEPTED.

Sanitarium to Be Built at Artesia in The Immediate Future.

Dr. L. L. Cole, of Millersburg, Kentucky, was in Artesia prospecting with a view of putting in a sanitarium in the Pecos Valley, and was so favorably impressed with Artesia that he submitted a proposition to the Commercial Club relative to a donation of land for the purpose. He proposed that if the town would give the land, he would obligate himself to water same and erect permanent building and furnish his own lighting system and guarantee to conduct the institution for a given number of years. Since his visit, the club has been in correspondence with the Doctor and accordingly a meeting was held at the Club rooms Wednesday evening for the purpose of laying the matter before the people of the town. There was no uncertain tone about the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to accept the proposition and the word to that effect was telegraphed to Dr. Cole Thursday morning.

The town proposes to buy a certain forty acres near town, give half of it to the project and reserve the other twenty.

A committee composed of Dr. J. Dale Graham, Wm. Dooley, L. W. Martin and J. B. Cecill was appointed to interview the citizens of the town and secure funds with which to purchase the land. This committee went immediately to work and is meeting with all possible encouragement.

A Dream.

Out of the dim Past seemed to come voices:

One said: "I gave my life to pleasure. Wine was good and women were good and mirth was good. But youth passed—age came, and my heart was empty and sad."

Another voice said: "I gave my life to war. Cities I sacked, enemies I crushed; laurels have I won and worn. But the sword rusted in my hand. The spiders weave twixt me and the sun. And in my ears as I grow old is the cry of the widow and the orphan."

And another voice said: I gave my life to my fellow man. I pitied his misfortune. I championed his cause. I loved the friendless. I hated wrong and fought tyranny wherever I found it. The work has been hard. The way thorny. But now, as the evening comes, I fold my arms in contentment and fear not at all the approaching shades. The Master's touch is on my head, and I hear him say, "In as much as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto me."

Thus passed my dream. And I awoke heavy at heart, for I knew that Today was as I had dreamt, and that Tomorrow might never come; that the World as it is and the World as it may be are as far apart as the real from the unreal.—Tom Watson.

Boneless Herring and Smoked Halibut at Joyce-Pruitt Co.

Ladies' Night at the Club.

The gentlemen of the Commercial Club have held numerous business meetings, smokers and the like lately. Whether they felt lonely or selfish we are unable to say, but for some good reason, they planned to make Tuesday evening, the one designated "Ladies' Night" by this organization, especially attractive. That they succeeded admirably is attested by the complimentary reports we have heard from these honorary members concerning the affair. The room was looking its very best and well heated and lighted. An extra supply of tables and games were provided. Nearly all the club members were present and the ladies responded to the invitations by turning out in force and contributing their best towards the success of the evening.

An informal program was arranged, piano music by Miss McMillaney and Prof. Garrison and vocal solos by Mrs. Olin Ragsdale and Mrs. Mark Corbin. These artists were received in the rapturous manner they have learned to expect from an Artesia audience.

Miss Jones and her readings were accorded like notice and were particularly pleasing. Mr. E. B. Kemp's witty introductions of the various numbers added no little to the success of the program. President Hamilton was a whole committee of management himself but called on others to help serve the refreshments, fruits, candies and salted nuts. A real live keg of cider was on tap also. After the collation, parts of the program had to be repeated and other numbers were called for that proved equally popular—a piano solo by Miss Boose and Mr. John Major's "Negro Sermon". The whole evening was an unqualified success and the ladies express themselves as ready to accept similar attention in the future.

A Worthy House.

The Roswell Seed Company is out with its annual seed catalogue, which is the most elaborate and comprehensive yet issued. Messrs. John B. and Walter Gill are the proprietors and have been for years. The firm has long made a careful study of the best field and garden seeds for Pecos Valley climate and soils and their goods can be absolutely depended upon. They buy where they can get the best seed for the least money and ask public patronage solely upon the ground of merit. Their methods are based upon business principles—not sentiment. Artesia farmers should send for their catalogue and order by mail. The Advocate can guarantee that all orders will receive the most careful attention. Their reputation for square dealing is too well known to need corroboration. The stock carried is complete and the fact that it is right here at our door is a matter of great convenience to Artesia farmers.

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YOURS FOR A SQUARE DEAL,

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Artesia, New Mexico.

Dayton, New Mexico.

Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., December 10, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that John M. Howard of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 3187 made Nov. 13, 1902, for the W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, of Section 29, Township 16 South, Range 26 East, and that said proof will be made before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on January 20, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Henry C. Owens, Ethelbert A. Clayton, A. Green Caraway, Lewis C. Robertson, all of Artesia, N. M.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.

When to Go Home.

From the Bluffton, Ind., Banner: "When tired out, go home. When you want consolation, go home. When you want fun go home. When you want to show others that you have reformed, go home and let your family get acquainted with the fact. When you want to show yourself at your best go home and do the act there. When you feel like being extra liberal go home and practise on your wife and children first. When you want to shine with extra brilliancy go home and light up the whole household." To which we would add, when you have a cold go home and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and a quick cure is certain. For sale by City Drug Store.

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J. C. GAGE, Proprietor

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Here's Good Advice.

O. S. Woolever, one of the best known merchants of Le Raysville, N. Y., says: "If you are ever troubled with piles, apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured me of them for good 20 years ago." Guaranteed for sores, wounds, burns or abrasions. 25c at Pecos Valley Drug Co.

To Trade.

120 acres, patented, with plenty of water, to trade for Artesia town property. L. W. Martin.

LOCAL DIRECTORY.



Meets every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock p. m. in the Fenton building. C. R. Echolds, C. J. E. Sweptson, Clerk.



Meets the second and fourth Friday nights in each month, in the Masonic Hall, over First National Bank. C. S. Davis, C. C. W. F. Schwartz, K R & S



Meets each Thursday evening, in the Masonic Hall, over First National Bank bldg. Geo. Spencer, N. G. Dean Samson, Sec.



Artesia Lodge No. 28, meets first Saturday night in each month in hall over First National Bank. H. W. Hamilton, W. M. E. E. McNatt, Sec.

R. A. M.

Penasco Chapter No. 12, meets fourth Monday evening in each month, over First National bank. H. W. Hamilton, H. P.

Eastern Star.

Meets every second and fourth Tuesday in the month, in Masonic hall, over First National bank. Mrs. John S. Major, W. M. J. G. Osburn, Sec.

M. B. A.

Meets first and third Friday nights in the month, in Fenton building. F. A. Linell, Pres. C. E. Mann, Sec. & Treas

Abstracts—Opposite Bank of Artesia.

For Quick Sales List Your Property With L. W. Martin

LOCALS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY.

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SEE JOHN S. MAJOR FOR INDIAN CORN.

A. K. Ragsdale, of Dallas, is in the city for a few days.

For quick and good work go to Artesia Machine Shop.

We do the best work for the least money. Artesia Machine Shop.

Buy your Christmas candies from E. S. Howell. He has the best.

S. P. Henry was looking after business in Roswell several days this week.

Apple trees in twenty of the leading commercial varieties at Artesia Nursery.

We need the money and appreciate your patronage. Artesia Machine Shop.

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Call 20 when you need Feed of any kind.

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How about those rubber tires? Let us put you on a new set CHEAP. Artesia Machine Shop.

Photographs of the latest styles make the best Christmas presents. To be had at Beatty's gallery.

Five thousand Cottonwood trees for sale, any size. Chisholm Orchard and Nursery Co., Dayton.

District Attorney L. O. Fullen was in the city Monday, looking into the cases against artesian well owners.

The Chisholm Orchard and Nursery Company, Dayton, has five thousand Cottonwood trees for sale, any size.

Remember Sperry & Lukins are complying exactly to the law and ordinance in regard to tapping the city water pipes.

Hart Crouch, who is preparing to take up the work of grading on the Antelope canal, made a business trip to Roswell Tuesday.

List your property with the old reliable FARMERS' LAND LEAGUE. We are bringing hundreds of prospective buyers to the valley.

J. J. Sullivan, the accomodating assistant cashier of the

Home Grown Alfalfa Seed

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Advocate Office.

Bank of Artesia, accompanied by his wife and sister, spent Monday in Roswell.

H. E. Mull came up from Artesia this morning, accompanied by Miss C. B. Brady, of Kansas City, a visitor in the valley.—Roswell Record.

A square deal assured to all if you list your property with the LAND EXCHANGE, see them at once if you have anything to sell or exchange.

Miss Valley Higgins, who has been acting as supply operator at the depot during the illness of Mr. Brown, left Tuesday morning for her home in Roswell.

Judge W. E. Rogers, of the Rio Pecos Ranch, on Cottonwood, has purchased the handsome home of Capt. E. P. Bujac at Carlsbad and will practice law at that place.

Abstracts—Opposite Bank of Artesia.

The finest bread only is made with Hunters Cream Flour. E. S. Howell has been in the grocery business for many years, and says he has never handled anything so good as Hunters Cream.

Nothing makes a better Christmas present than a good, first-class photograph of yourself, mounted on the latest style mount. Beatty has the latest and best assortment of photo mounts ever brought to the Pecos Valley.

Ed Howell, the grocery man says he used Hunters Cream flour in Oklahoma and knows it is the best. It was never seen in Artesia until this week, and our people are to be congratulated upon having the opportunity of getting it.

Raymond L. Caruthers, who has been engaged in the Advocate's job department the past month, left Monday to take a position with the Roswell Daily Record. We hope the gentleman has secured both a lucrative and pleasant position.

A Christmas tree will be provided at the new school house on Cottonwood next Tuesday evening, for the benefit of the students of the Sunday School at that place. As an illustration of the rapidity with which that section of the country is settling up, it is sufficient to say that there are nearly seventy-five students enrolled in the Sunday School there. Three years ago, Lynn Kennicott and Albert Blake were about all the boys in the township.

Conditions in the Pecos Valley are reported most favorable. The greatest area ever under cultivation will be placed under the plow and under water for irrigation during the coming spring. Alfalfa which sells steadily and readily at good figures will be one of the leading crops and as it is a very sure one the outlook despite the recent financial depression is of the very best. Immigration is steadily increasing and it is of the right kind. Most of the new comers are fairly well off and are investing heavily in agricultural lands. The census of 1910 will show a great state of progress and prosperity in south-eastern New Mexico.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Station Agent C. O. Brown is at his post of duty, after a long siege of fever.

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Notice

to debtors and creditors of the Estate of M. H. Thomas Deceased. All persons having demands against the estate of M. H. Thomas, deceased, late of the County of Eddy, Territory of New Mexico, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned within the period of one year from date hereof; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

November 29, 1907.
William O. Thomas,
Administrator M. H. Thomas,
deceased.

If you want something that is really nice in candies, go to E. S. Howell. He has prepared for the Christmas holidays by providing the nicest line of fancy candies that the people of Artesia ever had the opportunity of seeing.

Please make arrangements to settle your account with us promptly on the first of January 1908.

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A Home Made Happy by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

About two months ago our baby girl had measles which settled on her lungs and at last resulted in a severe attack of bronchitis. We had two doctors but no relief was obtained. Everybody thought she would die. I went to eight different stores to find a certain remedy which had been recommended to me and failed to get it, when one of the storekeepers insisted that I try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did so and our baby is alive and well today.—Geo. W. Spence, Holly Springs, N. C. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always cures and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by City Drug Store.

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