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LEASES

We have some choice state leases near wells now in operation. Select your leases now as it will be too late when the boom starts. Best leases going fast.

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Good farms may still be had at bargains. Let us show you our list and convince you. We make farms a specialty.

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We have some exceptional bargains on our lists now of good residences for a limited time. Let us show you what we have. Now is the time to buy, while prices are low and before the big oil excitement starts. Come and see us.

W. C. Henderson of Lake Arthur, and brother, George Henderson, of this city departed Tuesday for Long Beach, California, where they will spend several weeks visiting. They went overland.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneider, of Atoka, have gone to California to spend a couple of months with relatives.

There will be a meeting for all farmers of Artesia and vicinity, Dec. 9th, at City Hall at 7 p. m. Every farmer interested in a farmers organization should be present.

S. W. Stehwien of Rice County, Kansas, and J. Kaehnke, of Chicago, arrived in Artesia a few days ago and will make their home here. They were soldier boys and are here for their health. It is hoped the boys will be benefited in the change of climate.

"Uncle" Ed Tyson for many years manager of the Turkey Track ranch, east of Artesia, was a visitor in Artesia this week. Mr. Tyson after leaving this country spent a year or two in South America, later making his home near Tiatan, N. M., but is now field representative for the Cassidy Southwestern Commission company, located at Oklahoma City.

City Market

PHONE 37

FRED LINELL, Manager

Meat prices are down and you can't afford to cut down on your meat allowance now.

Read The New Prices:

Beef Stews and Beef Roasts
- - - 20 and 25 cts. lb.

Beef Steaks - - - 25c lb.

Pork Roasts - - - 25c lb.

Pork Chops and Pork
Steak - - - 25c lb.

Pork Sausage - - - 25c lb.

Wilson's Certified Sugar
Cured Ham - - 37c lb.

Our Pure Home Rendered
Lard - - - 20c lb.

We are expecting fresh shipment
of OYSTERS TODAY 60c pint

Do not forget that we have a nice
line of Groceries at reasonable prices.

WE DELIVER

IN THE OIL FIELDS

Little Progress Visible to the Naked Eye,
But Strong and Continual Under Current--Delays Characteristic of New Field--New Contracts Being Made and Leases Changing Ownership.

While there has been little progress made in the development of the oil fields during the past week, to judge by surface indications, there has been a strong undercurrent of activity that will soon show results.

The explanation of the unexpected by slow progress lies in the fact that this is a new field of unknown formation, and development work must be slow and cautious. Again we are a great distance from the base of supplies, and the delays in transportation of extras for drilling machinery are annoying and aggravating.

The new cable for the Dayton well is larger than any used before in the work there, and requires heavier appliances. The cable has been here a month, but the new bull wheel and drum, ordered at the same time, have not yet arrived. This accounts for the delay in the work of that well.

As has been previously announced, the owners of the Lakewood well have abandoned the task of recovering the tools in the bottom and intend to shoot it. Some of the shooting material arrived a month ago and the balance was lost in transportation. Tracers finally located it in Oklahoma City, and it was received here last week. Every thing is now in readiness for the shooting as soon as Van Welch, the general manager, arrives. He was expected two weeks ago but has not yet arrived, being detained elsewhere.

The Kansas-New Mexico people intend to shoot their well but are waiting to see the result of the shooting in the Lakewood well. It is also thought that there will be enough material left after shooting the Lakewood to do the job for the Kansas-New Mexico. There will be something doing at both these wells as soon as Mr. Welch arrives which will probably be this week.

The drilling of the well by the Sunshine Oil Company, mention of which was made last week, is now a certainty, as Grant Keys announces that he has closed a contract with Gray Bros. of Artesia to do the work. A new rig has been ordered for this job and to drill other wells in shallow territory. The Sunshine Co., was originally organized in Artesia, but most of the stock held by Artesia people was sold and the activities of the company have been in the vicinity of Wichita Falls. The Company has made a big bunch of money down there and is now financially able to rush with vigor anything it undertakes. The well to be drilled by this company is on land secured by government permit through the new lease law. It is in township 21, range 23, and the section will probably be 29.

The Chaves-Eddy Co., has offered by two different contractors for the drilling of its well on section 36, township 19, range 25, and it is announced that one or the other

of the offers will likely be accepted and work begin at once. The site of this proposed well is less than three miles from the New Mex. well.

There are still other drilling contracts in the making but no definite announcements can yet be made concerning them.

We expect to have something more definite and more important to announce next week.

WE ARE BEING WATCHED

Mr. A. M. Hoveo f Amarillo, a well known writer and newspaper man, was in town the first of the week to get a line on the prospects of this portion of the Pecos Valley. He investigated the cotton growing industry, the oil situation and everything pertaining to the growth and advancement of this locality.

The Santa Fe road publishes a magazine at Topeka called The Earth, the mission of which is to exploit and settle up the territory tributary to its lines, and Mr. Hoveo makes flying trips over the territory and writes the results of his observation for this publication. The coming issue of The Earth will probably contain something of interest to our people from the pen of Mr. Hoveo.

GIN RUNNING FULL BLAST

The cotton gin is now running every day and well into the night--holidays and all. From fifteen to twenty bales are ginned daily. The cotton is now coming from a long distance. Several loads have come the present week drawn by tractors from the J. L. Graves farm near Roswell, while Thomas McKinstry is hauling his crop as fast as picked from Hagerman. It looks as though the whole crop would not be ginned until well into January.

BETTER KEEP AWAY FROM COLUMBUS

Lewis Hellberg of Columbus, N. M., in town for a week or so. He and his partner, Mr. Blair, own a considerable amount of land about Artesia, as well as property in town, and they are now considering a deal for leases near Lakewood.

Incidentally Mr. Hellberg is very emphatic in his denunciation of Gov. Larrazolo for pardoning the men who participated in the raid on Columbus. He says if the men are to be returned to Mexico the officer in charge had better select a route that does not run through Columbus. He also doubts that the men would be much safer in El Paso.

ANOTHER GOOD FARMER

T. F. Wilson with his wife and five children has arrived from Ranger, Texas, to make a home in this vicinity. Mr. Wilson is going to buy a good improved farm and is considering several offers that have been made him in the vicinity of Atoka. He is a man of means as well as experience, and for such as he there is plenty of room. What this valley needs, from an agriculture standpoint, is good, thorough, thrifty farmers.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Taos, the old, the picturesque, the interesting, the first of a series of descriptive studies of New Mexico, in the program of the Woman's Club this year was the subject of study at the meeting, which was held in the Citizens State Bank building last week.

Mrs. Yates was leader and introduced the subject in an interesting paper giving the atmosphere, surroundings and days of Kit Carson. Mrs. Stroup followed with a description and personal observations of the Indian pueblo, perhaps the most picturesque and interesting of all the New Mexico pueblos, and Mrs. Wheatley rounded out the study with an admirable paper upon the art colony, which numbers among its members some of the most famous in the country and which devotes itself to a delineation of the scenery and people of this noted section of the southwest. Santa Fe will be the subject of the next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Yohn of Warsaw, Indiana, arrived in the city this week to make Artesia their home. They are looking for a place to live, but houses are a scarce article in Artesia, and soon there will, to accommodate the new comers, have to be built new ones or turn people from our city.

ELROSE THEATRE

Week Beginning December Six

Paramount Pictures

Wednesday and Thursday:

Eugene O'Brien
in "Poor Simp".

Friday:

Metro Special.

Saturday:

Bille Burke

in "Misleading Widow".

Mack Sennett Comedy

"Uncle Tom Without a Cabin".

ESSAYS ON COTTON

High School Students Write Papers on Origin and Uses of This Indispensable Commodity.

To stimulate interest in cotton culture by added information concerning its origin, usefulness and the extent of its cultivation the Citizens Bank offered three prizes to the students of the High School for the best three essays on the subject of cotton. In response to this offer twenty-one competitive papers were submitted.

The committee selected to examine these papers found them all so good, and so nearly equal in merit that it had difficulty in arriving at a decision as the following communication will show:

Judges' Communication.

Mr. A. C. Keinath.

Dear Sir:

The committee to whom you referred for examination twenty-one essays by High School students on "Cotton" begs leave to return herewith the essays with a report of their labors. The committee is constrained to say in the beginning that in undertaking to decide which three of the several offerings were entitled to prizes, bit off more than they were able to masticate.

In our efforts and desires to do justice, we literally "burned the midnight oil." And even then we could not truthfully say that our decision was entirely satisfactory to ourselves. This was not because the offerings were so poor, but, rather, because they were so uniformly good. The merits of all the essays were surprising and we regard it as exceedingly unfortunate that every one can not draw a prize.

The committee considered the essays chirographically, orthographically, vocally and literarily. Some excelled in some of these features and fell a shade below the standard in others. After selecting the one for the first prize, we selected another for the second prize because of the excellent writing and its perfect punctuation. Number three was selected for its easy and graceful expression. It is simple justice to say that number two and number three were not one whit better, except, perhaps, in the respects named, than fifteen or sixteen others.

The committee wishes to offer its hearty congratulations to the authors of all these essays on the general merits of their efforts, and to say to those who failed to receive a prize that their productions were not so far below those of the prize winners that the latter have a license to boast. Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE.

FIRST PRIZE ESSAY

(Eunice Wells)

The most ancient cotton growing country is probably India. Many years before Europe had conceived the idea of applying modern industry to the manufacture of cotton, India had matured a system of hand-spinning, weaving, and dyeing, which during a long period made no real improvement. The people made no progress in the mechanical operations of modern times, nor was the cultivation of cotton either improved or materially extended. Between the years 1788 and 1850 numerous attempts were made by the East India company to increase the supply of cotton in India, and American planters were engaged for the purpose.

The quantity now obtained from India averages something over one million bales annually, being the largest supply produced by any one country with the exception of America.

The cultivation of cotton began at not so remote a date in China as in India. The growth of cotton in Turkey, as elsewhere, was greatly stimulated during the time of scarcity, but it has since declined largely in account of the feebleness of the government.

The great cotton belt of the United States begins in North and South Carolina and runs down through Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas. A little cotton is raised in some other states, but the states mentioned produce the greater part of our crop. Texas producing the most.

Cotton is grown under a large range of climatic conditions and in a great variety of soils. Ideal conditions for its growth are a deep, mellow, rich soil, a warm steamy atmosphere with abundance of moisture until the bolls are well developed, with drier atmosphere and soil while the fibre is ripening and being gathered.

The method of cultivation varies somewhat in the different countries, but it is believed the system practiced in the United States is the most nearly perfect. The beds are raised eighteen inches to two feet in case of than fifteen or sixteen others.

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Victrolas

A Victrola is properly a family gift. Don't waste too much money on individual gifts—but all join in a

VICTROLA

It will supply entertainment throughout the year and make those long winter evenings seem shorter. Come in and see the various styles which we have on display

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EARLY BUYERS
—Is never—
Disappointed by
THE GIFTS THAT LAST



A. F. ROSELLE



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The Ford Sedan, with electric starting and lighting system, demountable rims with 3 1/2-inch tires all around, is the ideal family car because of its general utility and refined and comfortable equipment. Finely upholstered. Plate glass windows. An open car in the spring, summer, and early fall. A closed car in inclement weather and winter. Rain-proof, dust-proof. In the city or the country, a family car. The low cost of operation and maintenance is not the least of its charms. Won't you come in and look it over?

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ARTESIA, N. M.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., November 8th, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Alice Kepple, of Artesia, N. M., mother of Clarence G. Kepple, deceased, who, on August 21st, 1920, made Homestead entry No. 038683 for SE 1/4 SW 1/4; SE 1/4 Sec. 20 SW 1/4; S 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 21 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 22, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 27. N 1/2 NE 1/4; NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 28. Township 17-S, Range 27-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year Proof, under the act of July 28th, 1917, Public No. 32, to establish claim to the land above described, before S. W. Gilbert, U. S. Commissioner, at Artesia, N. M., on the 15th, day of December, 1920.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Perry C. Logan, John A. Bruce, John J. Clark, H. Austin Stroup, all of Artesia, N. M.
Emmett Patton, Register.

Look! Look!!

A big gusher on Main street blowing coal and fire sky-high. Up-to-date blacksmith and wood work shop. Also plumbing. Our motto is "To live and let live". Have your work done while you wait. Give us a trial and be convinced. Reasonable prices and good work. Thanking you for past favors. Our terms are cash as we can do your work cheaper for cash.

W. B. GLOVER AND BURGE
West Main Street

FOR CASH ONLY

And a strictly merchantable title as evidenced by an abstract brought down to date. That's the way they do business in the oil fields and they do it quick. That's the way you will have to do, so.

Get an Abstract on that State Lease and be prepared

STATE LEASE ABSTRACT COMPANY
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

NOW!

Is the time to see about your **COAL** for NEXT WINTER

See E. B. Bullock

LUMBER

Is LOWER. See **Kemp Lumber Co.**

Phone 14

Near East Campaign Now On

For several years past the Near East Commission that was authorized by a special Act of Congress to collect funds and old clothes for the Armenian and Syrian widows and orphans has had right of way for its good work between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This period belongs to the Near East and their campaign is now on.

A telegram just received states that these widows and orphans cannot wait until January for clothes and food, but must have support at once or they will die by the hundreds and thousands.

Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge, the multi-millionaire who has large interest here in the State of New Mexico, pays all the expenses so that every cent of each dollar goes direct to buy food, clothing and medicine. Donations, either of old clothes or money may be made through one of the local churches, lodges, clubs or some representative of the Near East Relief, or may be sent direct to Dr. H. R. Mills, State Director at Clayton, New Mexico.

GET AN ABSTRACT ON THAT STATE LEASE

Now before the boom comes. You can't sell your lease to a stranger without an abstract and when they strike oil the town will be full of strangers. Your prospective purchaser won't wait for you to have an abstract prepared then, so let us have your order and we will make up your abstract now. State Lease Abstract Co., Artesia, N. M.

VESPER SERVICE

Dr. Grenfell, the world famous missionary of the Presbyterian church in Labrador, was the subject of study at the service, which was conducted by Mrs. Mathes. Excellent music was rendered by a choir consisting of Mrs. Gates, Miss Margaret Mathes, Mrs. R. V. Young, Mrs. Rex Wheatley, Mrs. Frank Wilson and Messrs. Van Hoy and Bigler, Miss Esther Morgan presided at the piano.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Library Board will hold a Bazaar at the Library on the first Saturday in December, taking the place of St. Paul's Bazaar this year. Gifts of all kinds on sale.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Winans were in Roswell the first of the week on business.

Mesdames Oldham, Gilbert and Wheatley and Miss Emma Clark drove to Roswell Wednesday in the Oldham car.


At Christmastide no gift brings greater joy than an artistic and life-like portrait from Boddy's Studio. Place your order now.

Agency for the Roswell Steam Laundry at Cunningham's Barber Shop. We gather on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:30. Phone 207. B. D. Wilson, local agent.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sutton have moved back from Lake Arthur, Mr. Selby having bought back the store, which Mr. Sutton was running.

"The Jewish hospital in Balat, which is very well run is too small for the Jewish children, but they are willing to rent a building and cooperate with the Near East Relief in this work of curing trachoma cases."—Constantinople Report.

Having completed ten pleasant and profitable years in Artesia, Body's Studio wishes to express an appreciation in tangible form by offering, for a short time, the services of their professional skill and splendid photographic equipment at special prices. The baby, "while it is a baby" should not be neglected, or entrusted to the kodak. Real portraits, true to life, and emanating the very essence of personality are cheap compared with the pleasure and satisfaction they will give you.



Dress Clothes Ready To Get Into

KIRSCHBAUM DRESS SUITS, TUXEDOS, DRESS OVERCOATS

AS life goes now-a-days, an evening suit, and the things that go with it, are little short of a necessity. And how vastly they add to the charm of the after-sunset affair—especially when they fit with the perfection and ease of Kirschbaum Dress Clothes.

Tailored in the finest weaves—very moderate in price.

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ARTESIA

The VACCINE That Made Kansas Famous

This is the Original Formula Kansas Germ Free vaccine (Aggression) which has revolutionized Blackleg treatment. It originated thru experiments at Kansas Agricultural College directed by the President of this company in person. One dose prevents Blackleg. Proved on over a million calves. Absolutely reliable—one trial convinces.

U. S. Blackleg Vaccine 20c per dose.
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Distributors Roswell, N. M.

WHO WANTS SOME SEED?

To the Newspapers in New Mexico: The Department of Agriculture has allotted to me for New Mexico a limited quantity of vegetable and flower seeds. I shall be pleased to honor all requests so far as my quota will permit.

Your courtesy in giving publicity to this effect will be appreciated.
A. A. JONES,
U. S. S.

"A GOOD PROVIDER"

When it comes to being "a good provider," no man would pride himself on furnishing trash liberally for his family. The family is entitled to good, wholesome food that helps growth.

It is the same with reading. Good reading pleases and creates its own hunger for more good reading. The Youth's Companion is the best of reading for all—every mother—every age.

And it comes every week—crowded with the best. Let us prove it with a sample.

The Youth's Companion has long since ceased to provide for "Youth" alone. It has become the favorite all-the-family weekly of America. Its name is a misnomer, but is retained for the sentiment it has generated in American homes through its service to every age.

Still \$3.50 for a year of fifty-two issues, but this price not guaranteed beyond January 1, next.

New subscribers for 1921 will receive:

1. The Youth's Companion—fifty-two issues in 1921.
 2. All remaining weekly 1920 issues.
 3. The Companion home calendar for 1921.
 4. McCall's Magazine for 1920. All the above for \$2.50. \$1.50—the monthly fashion authority. Both publications for only \$3.50.
- THE YOUTH'S COMPANION
Commonwealth Ave. & St. Paul St., Boston, Mass.
Net subscriptions received at this office.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Can be accomplished with pleasure and economy if you select your gifts at the Library Bazaar. All kinds of hand made dainty articles. First Saturday in December.

Azores' Population.

The population of the Azores is about 245,000, the number of its inhabitants having changed but little in the last century, and, if anything, having diminished.

Home Versus House.

Home cannot be given us. We may be given a house, a place to eat and sleep. This is not a home. A home is a place of love and rest and peace. Love and rest and peace must be deserved, must be earned. Nobody can hand them to you as so many packages. They are matters of reciprocity. If you have none to give there will be but little for you to receive.—West-ern Methodist.

Have you been in to see the Big Discounts in Joyce-Pruit Co., dry goods department.



Effective Nov. 14, 15:01 A. M.

LOCAL TIME TABLE

Santa Fe R. R. Passengers

South-Bound	2:44 P. M.
North-Bound	9:12 P. M.
Local Freight	
South-Bound	1:05 P. M.
North-Bound	8:55 A. M.

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We have some Bargains in well selected oil lands

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Oil Lands, Leases and Royalties Bought and Sold

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Doctor Loucks

If it is a part for a storage battery he has it

If it is your storage battery or electrical equipment giving trouble he can fix it.

He has a complete outfit for testing your FORD magneto and re-charging it if necessary. He is also prepared to make all kinds of tests on the electrical equipment of all cars.

Storage batteries bought, sold and exchanged.

If it is a good tire you want he also has them in all sizes.

Doctor Loucks

HE will not sell you a new battery if he thinks he can give you better value by repairing your old one.

Service!

Not "how big your account is" but "How may we serve you", is the dominant spirit upon which this institution does business.

LET US SERVE YOU

First National Bank

Member Federal Reserve System

Will there be a Victrola in your home Xmas

Mrs. Joe Clayton has been sick with tonsillitis this week.

Tom Whitted has bought the house just east of Corrington hall. Ladies ready to wear at Big Discount. Joyce-Fruit Co.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Gates were in Roswell yesterday going up by auto.

The Snapfill fountain pens are here. The gift that lasts. A. F. Roselle.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cunningham and B. F. Lampton drove to Roswell Tuesday.

Did you get your cream check yet? You did if you sold to us as we test and pay cash. Phone 24.

Mr. Miller, of Roswell, was the guest of Joe Anderson this week while here on business.

We have the cheapest shells and ammunition in Artesia. Shot gun and rifle shells. W. F. Hollomon & Sons.

Mrs. Rex Ragsdale, of Carlsbad, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stagener.

The family gift worth while is a Victrola. A fine assortment of instruments are now on the floor ready for selection.

Uncle Bill Arnold and daughter, Miss Flora Hogg, were in from the ranch northwest of Lakewood Tuesday.

Our egg producing poultry tankage will be here in a few days. Get in your order. W. F. Hollomon & Sons.

Mrs. Ethel James has moved to the Roy Williamson house on West Mission avenue, which she recently purchased.

The old folks are getting older. If you have friends they will want your picture for Christmas. Your friends can buy any thing else you can give them. Do it now!

Notice to Subscribers of the Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co.

Collecting will be discontinued by the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company, and all remittances for subscribers accounts will be expected at the office of the Company at Artesia, by the tenth of each month. Bills will be mailed so as to reach subscribers on or near the first of each month and are due to be paid then.

It is embarrassing to both subscribers and persons collecting to call or ask for a remittance and very often a collector calls at an inconvenient time for subscribers, or a subscriber cannot be found without several efforts on part of collector. The plan of subscribers sending in or bringing remittances to office will, we believe, be a benefit to both parties concerned.

Thanking you for your co-operation, Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co.

Red Cross Roll Call.

The Fourth Roll Call, just completed shows a membership of 168 at Artesia. The branches, which have always subscribed before, took no memberships this year. A feeling seems to prevail among numerous people that the war is over, while our war is over recent reports of cruel suffering as a result of the fighting in Eastern Europe seem to indicate that the need for help is as great as ever. There is also need for Red Cross work at home this winter and the local Red Cross funds are being used for that purpose. One half of the proceeds of the present drive will also be retained here for civilian relief.

On behalf of Artesia Chapter I wish to thank all those who subscribed to the Fourth Roll Call; also to the following ladies, who willingly gave their time and labor to make it a success: Mrs. Earl Bigler, Roll Call vice chairman; Mrs. F. L. Wilson, chapter secretary; Mesdames Shattuck, Wyman, Lee Vandagriff, Hartell, Keinath, Morgan, Wright, Oldham, Polk, Geo. Welton, Knoedler. Gail Hamilton, and Otis Brown and the Misses Mina Collins, Ruth Russell, Lorita Linell and Leta Brown. Anna M. Stroup, Chairman Artesia Chapter.

Call Wilson & Anderson for cotton seed, hay or grain, meat scraps, tankage, charcoal, oyster shells. Delivered any where in the city. Phone 24.

The farmers are going to organize and it will be to the interest of every farmer of Artesia and vicinity to be present Dec. 9th at City Hall, Artesia, at 7 p. m. J. D. Bates, W. R. Hornbaker.

One dozen photographs solve one dozen gift problems. They please your friends and save you time, worry and money.

A. L. Terpening has been in El Paso and Mesilla Park the past week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradshaw, Wednesday, December first, a son.

Chas. McCree returned last week from a prospecting trip to Texas and we are glad to say better satisfied than ever with Artesia.

First-class Dressmaking. Mrs. N. P. Bullock, 1 blk. south and 1/2 block west of Junior High school.

Rev. Jones, the new presiding elder of the Roswell district, preached a good sermon upon "Faith" at the Methodist church Wednesday evening and conducted the quarterly conference.

If your hens are not laying high priced eggs phone or call and see us. We can help you. W. F. Hollomon & Sons.

\$7.50 per acre cash, and your own terms on the rest buys the best land in the Pecos Valley. See O. R. Gable.

The article relative to the Roswell-Artesia Thanksgiving football game arrived too late for this issue It will appear in our next number.

Sewing and dress making. See Mrs. W. J. Owens, one-half block west of Christian church. Dec. 3-3t

Lower prices for Christmas presents sounds too good to be true. But do you know you can get artistic, pleasing, and lifelike photographs, at Boby's Studio, for pre-war prices?

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Ferson were hosts at an elegant six course, six o'clock dinner on Thanksgiving, complimentary to their guest, Miss Anne Wilkinson of Amarillo, Texas. Those present besides Miss Wilkinson were Mrs. Clara Welton, Mr. and Mrs. George Welton and Wallace Anderson.

WANTED!

We want fifty good strong men, not "Sissies". For the Men's Bible class at the Methodist church.

We are not looking for Saints, we just want MEN. If you are a man and want good fellowship come. The class meets in the main auditorium at 10 a. m. We want you. R. F. Davis, Teacher,

Methodist Church

R. F. Davis, Pastor. Sunday School for everybody 9:45. B. P. Williams, Supt. Morning Sermon by the pastor, 10:50.

Subject: "Regeneration." Epworth League 6 p. m. Evening sermon by the pastor, 7 p. m.

Subject: "The Witness of the Spirit." The public cordially invited to these services. You are a stranger but once.

Presbyterian Church, Dec. 5.

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. G. R. Brainard, Supt. A class for every body and a hearty welcome to all.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship—Sermon Topic: "The Great Work of Saving a Soul from Death." 6:30 p. m.—Y. P. S. C. E.; Subject, "Progressive Living". Leader, Miss Dorothy Glenn. All young people not members of similar societies in other churches are cordially invited and will receive a warm welcome.

7:30 p. m., Evening worship with brief sermon on "What it means for a Soul to be Lost." "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." Cordially yours, E. E. Mathes, Pastor.

BREAD! BREAD!! BREAD!!!

Try our bread made here in Artesia, as good as the best. 10c a loaf. FRANK'S BAKERY.

WE STNAD CORRECTED

Editor Artesia Advocate: In your last weeks issue an article stated that "Thanksgiving was celebrated in a negative way in Artesia, that none of the churches held the usual Thanksgiving services but appropriate sermons would be preached at all the churches the following Sunday."

I wish to correct this statement by giving an outline of the usual Union Thanksgiving services which was held this year in the Baptist church. Practically all the denominations in town participating. The music was furnished by hearty congregational singing led by a mixed choir. Patriotic songs, and appropriate songs were sung. Rev. Mathes led in opening prayer. Rev. A. J. Cox of the Church of Christ read appropriate scripture selections. Rev. R. F. Davis of the Methodist church led in prayer of Thanksgiving. Rev. Mathes of the Presbyterian church read the Thanksgiving Proclamation. Re. Chenault of the Nazarine church preached an interesting Thanksgiving sermon.

A liberal offering was made, which is always distributed to the poor by the local Charity Committee. The following names were added to the Charity Committee: Mrs. A. W. Wilder, Mrs. Sallie Smith, Mrs. M. Schenk, Mrs. Don Eipper, Mrs. T. S. Stacy and Mrs. R. V. Young. Respectfully, B. A. BISHOP.

BREAD! BREAD!! BREAD!!!

Try our bread made here in Artesia, as good as the best. 10c a loaf. FRANK'S BAKERY.

NOTICE OF STOCK-HOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all stockholders of the Lakewood Truck and Fruit Growers' association, that the annual election for a board of five directors for the ensuing year for the above named association will be held at their office on December 11, 1920, 2 P. M., at the Lakewood National Bank building, Lakewood, New Mexico.

LAKWOOD TRUCK & FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION. By A. C. CROZIER, Secretary and Treasurer. 11-26-20

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Russell Knoedler left Saturday for El Dorado, Kansas, on a business trip.

Keith McCrary is out after an attack of appendicitis.

Miss Elinor Gardner was at home from Kenna for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Margaret Mathes was at home from Roswell for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Prof. Van Hoy attended the meeting of the State Teachers' association in Albuquerque last week.

Mrs. Oscar Gamble and baby, of Canyon, Texas, are visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams.

Miss Lelia Williams spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Williams, at Lower Penasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Givins are here from Paducah, Kentucky, to spend the winter with their daughter, Miss Alma Givins, superintendent of schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sipple and family arrived from Hastings, Nebraska, this week for a month's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sipple.

Mrs. Ellen Griggs and little daughter, Mary, are here from Missouri for a visit of several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sangster.

Mrs. Eskite, who had been staying at the Artesia hospital for some time for the benefit of her health, left last week with her son, who was her companion here, for her home at Washington, D. C.

Miss Onne Wilkinson, who was teacher of Spanish in the Artesia High School a few years ago, was the guest of Mrs. Thornton Ferson over Thanksgiving. She is now teaching at Amariolillo, Texas.

Mrs. W. M. Day has received the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Lavilla Anderson, of Wellington, Texas, who was killed in an auto accident on November 22. The unfortunate woman left a husband and five children to mourn her loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anderson entertained at Thanksgiving dinner, their guests being Dr. Williams and family, including their daughter, Mrs. Oscar Gamble and baby of Canyon, Texas, Mesdames Harsh and Brooks and Messrs. Jerome and Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Whitted departed Tuesday for Casper, Wyoming. They have been here sometime visiting. Mr. Whitted is interested in the oil fields here. They will be in Casper for a short time, then they go to Denver.

Buy your suit now while selections are good and at Big Discount at Joyce-Fruit Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Burt White of Roswell were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bownes the first of the week. Mrs. Bownes returned with them, after a visit in Roswell of several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dear recently of St. Louis, Missouri, are in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Morthland. Mrs. Dear and Mrs. Morthland are sisters. Mr. Dear has been in the job printing business in St. Louis and recently sold out there. They are on their way to Los Angeles where they contemplate making their future home. Mr. Dear gave the Advocate a lift in the mechanical department which was greatly appreciated.

75 "DRY" OFFICERS FOR ALBUQUERQUE N. M.

A death blow to the operators of stills in New Mexico came today when it was announced that the headquarters for federal prohibition officers which has heretofore been at El Paso is to be moved to Albuquerque in the next few days.

Instead of just a few prohibition officers searching for stills, there are to be between seventy and eighty officers working out of the local office in quest of manufacturers of liquor, according to the announcement of J. C. Johnson, chief clerk to Capt. F. E. Perkins, agent who is to be in charge of the local headquarters. This office is not only to serve as the state headquarters for enforcement of the prohibition acts but also as headquarters for enforcement of the Harrison-narcotic act of the internal revenue department.

Persons wishing to make wins for their own use will be informed how.—Columbus Courier.

Having completed ten pleasant and profitable years in Artesia, Body's Studio wishes to express an appreciation in tangible form by offering, for a short time, the services of their professional skill and splendid photographic equipment at special prices. The baby, "while it is a baby" should not be neglected, or entrusted to the kodak. Real portraits, true to life, and emanating the very essence of personality are cheap compared with the pleasure and satisfaction they will give you.

NOTICE!

To owners of milk cows: All dairy cows where milk is sold for human consumption must have tubercular test by state veterinary inspector. Leave names with Dr. W. C. Doss or Robt. Caraway, By order of the City Council. J. E. Robertson, Mayor.

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ESSAYS ON COTTON

Sea Island and less for upland cotton. The fertilizer and drainage thus secured make a warm seed bed. The beds are usually arranged to stand over the furrow of the previous year in which the old stalk and trash are thrown and covered deep enough to be out of the way of the plow.

The seeds are generally drilled in rows four feet apart and when the plants attain their first true leaf the shoots are two to fourteen inches in the row.

The date of cotton planting in the United States averages from March 1st to June 1st, the most of the crop being in by May 20th. The earlier dates mark the beginning in southern Texas and they grow later as one goes farther northward. The young plants begin to appear in about two weeks and the first true leaf is gained in eight or ten days. After the appearance of the true leaves the plant is no longer dependent upon the seed leaves for its nourishment.

Seed cotton is carried to a gin, in lots of from 1200 to 1500 pounds. That amount may be conveniently tramped into a standard wagon box, and yields a bale of 500 pounds of lint, the standard commercial package. A gin is essentially a set of fine toothed circular saws and a set of hair brushes, with supplemental machinery for properly handling seed cotton and the separated products, seed and lint. The cotton is brought in contact with its revolving saws; the fibre is entangled in the teeth and pulled from the seed.

Their air brushes are made to revolve in such a manner as to remove the entangled fibre from the saw teeth and deliver it to a press where it can be made into a compact bale. The bale is wrapped in coarse jute bagging and bound with six steel bands. A bale is usually about fifty-four inches long, twenty-seven inches wide, and about thirty-six inches thick.

The amount of cotton produced annually in the United States is about 12,000,000 bales.

Cotton is exported from the United States in great quantities, Galveston being the main shipping point. There are millions of bales loaded on our ships at Galveston and shipped to the New England states. The main manufacturing plants are in the New England states.

The amount produced in New Mexico is from 9000 to 11,000 bales. The varieties of cotton raised in New Mexico is the Durango which is the long staple, the Mebane, Rowden, Lone Star, and the Webb, which are the short staple.

Cotton is adapted to a wide range of uses. Of all vegetable fibers from which clothing is manufactured, cotton is most used for nearly all civ-

ilized people wear cotton clothing, and their parlors, dining rooms, and bedrooms are furnished largely with cotton fabrics. The coarsest sail cloths and tarpaulins are made of cotton. Allied products used for photographic films and many useful household articles are made from cotton. Gun cloth, a high explosive, is prepared by treating cotton with nitric acid. Absorbent cotton, an invaluable adjunct to modern surgery, is prepared by removing from the fibre the substance that makes the cell wall repellent to water.

Cottonseed is used to some extent by farmers as feed for live stock and as a fertilizer. The oil is extracted from the seed and refined. The better grades are used as table oil; for preserving sardines, or canned goods; for cooking either alone or compounded with animal fats and other products. The lower grades of oil are used in the manufacture of soap and washing powder. Cottonseed meal is used extensively as a food for farm stock and is exported to Europe in large quantities for this purpose. It is also used extensively as a fertilizer. One of the greatest uses for cotton at the present time is the manufacture of tire fabrics. During the war it was discovered it could be used for the manufacture of cloth for airplane wings. It was also used for the manufacture of balloon fabrics. A recent use which has been discovered is a protection of copper wires around which the cotton is wound. It is so used as a substitute for more expensive Irish linen.

SECOND PRIZE ESSAY (Gertrude Baber)

Cotton probably originated in India, at least we know that as early as 1500 B. C. the people there were making a cotton cloth, and by 1200 B. C. the Phoenicians and Egyptians, especially the latter, were making a cotton cloth of a quality, which has only recently been surpassed by modern manufacturers.

This great product is now grown in, Egypt, India, the South Sea Islands, South America and the United States. It is from the United States that cotton has grown to be of such great importance, the southern states alone, furnishing about one-fifth of the world's supply. It is grown in the south, from Virginia to Arizona. Texas ranks first in production. Georgia coming next. In 1901-1902 10,393,000 bales were grown in the United States. Of this the southern states produced 1,996,000 bales. During 1904 \$22,000,000 worth of cotton was exported.

Until recent years, New Mexico and the greater part of Arizona were not thought suited for the growth of cotton. But recent experiments have proved that the Pecos Valley is es-

pecially adapted for cotton growing, for though cotton is a tropical plant it thrives in a more temperate climate and produces a crop on a less amount of water than many other crops. It requires a growing season of from six to seven months with an increasing amount of heat during this time. The long-stapled upland variety is grown chiefly in this state.

It is of great importance that the soil be in good condition before the seed is planted in the spring. Thorough cultivation, especially harrowing, is necessary, to keep down the weeds. Cotton is planted in rows from three to four feet apart. The seeds are drilled in. To secure an even stand, the plants are "chopped out" when they are about two inches high, leaving one or two plants, twelve to eighteen inches apart. To relieve the hoeing process it is well to run a smoothing harrow over the field when the plants are a few days old. When the bolls dry and split, the cotton is ready for picking. This has to be done by hand as no mechanical device has been invented that does the work well.

After the cotton has been picked it is ready to be ginned. The first gin, invented by Eli Whitney, was certainly not a complicated affair. It was a box-like structure, under an open hopper. Inside the box was a cylinder set with rows of sharp teeth, all this being turned by a crank. A slotted steel plate half inclosed the cylinder. The teeth slipping thru the slots as the crank was turned caught the fibres and tore them from the seeds which dropped down below. In the modern gin the cotton is sucked up through a suction tube or pipe and it is thrown against a screen surface with enough force to clean it of a greater part of the dirt and bolls. It is carried by suction to the saw-like structures that comb the seeds from the fiber. The seeds pass into a place where they are weighed and loaded. The fiber in thin sheets passes into a compressor where it is compressed until the desired size is obtained, then it is put in a coarse burlap covering and bound with metal bands.

The cotton fiber is used to make fabrics, from the finest lace to the coarsest canvas. Yet the by-products are almost as valuable. The lint still left on the seeds is used for cotton batting. The hulls are used for packing or for roughage for cattle. The seeds are crushed and the oil extracted is used for cooking oil or in lard compounds. The "cake" which is left, is used for fertilizers, for cattle feed, for dye stuffs and in some confectionery. The refuse of the oil is used for soap making. It has been found that the ashes of the burned stalks make an excellent fertilizer for tobacco.

THIRD PRIZE ESSAY (Radie Williams)

The origin of cotton is not definitely known. Columbus found it growing in the West Indies and Cortez, in Peru. One writer speaks of cotton in India three centuries before Christ, while Biblical references mention it as early as 1519 B. C. So much as to its origin.

It is grown in the United States, Mexico, Egypt, India, Brazil and the South Sea Islands, and is produced in greatest abundance in the United States.

The process of planting and cultivating is a matter of importance. First, plow the ground in the latter part of winter or early spring, then when the weather gets warm enough and there is no danger of frost, plant your seed. The seed may be planted from the first of February to the last of June, depending upon locality and climatic conditions. It should be drilled in rows from three to four feet apart and should germinate in from four to ten days, owing to weather conditions.

When it is from four to six inches high it should be thinned or chopped from one to three stalks in a place and from twelve to twenty inches apart.

After thinning, the ground should be plowed immediately and kept well cultivated and cleaned through the greater part of the growing season. Moisture is a factor to be taken into consideration. Most cotton is raised by dry farming methods or rainfall. Too much rain is detrimental as cotton does not require as much moisture as most other plants.

The United States grows more cotton than all the other countries combined and produces on an average of about 14,000,000 bales annually of which the greater part is exported to foreign countries.

New Mexico has grown very little cotton as yet, but is rapidly developing along those lines. Both long and short staple cotton are successfully grown in the Pecos Valley. Artesia—last but not least—has ginned to date considerably more than 100 bales.

When the cotton is gathered, it is put into wagons and hauled to the gin where the lint or fiber is separated from the seed. The machinery of the gin is operated by steam or gas power. The machinery consists of a press, fan, suction, and gin stands.

The fan furnishes the air by which the cotton is taken from the wagon and forced through a large suction pipe that conveys it to the gin stands, and then it is carried through the ginning process which separates the fiber from the seed. Then the fiber or lint is conveyed through an air tube to the press where it is packed into a large box, pressed into a bale, wrapped with jute, and securely tied with iron straps. The bale is then complete and ready for market.

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The seeds as they are separated from the fiber drop from the stand into a trough and are conveyed by an auger conveyor to the chute or seed house.

The uses of cotton are many and their importance great. The lint is made into various kinds of cloth and used in the manufacture of explosives. The seed being very rich in oil is shipped to oil mills and there the oil is extracted and made into various cooking compounds. The by-products, such as meal, cake and hulls, are used for stock food.

CAPT. REID TO ORGANIZE SEAL SALE IN PECOS VALLEY COUNTRY

Capt. W. Reid, state chairman of the Christmas seal sale committee of the New Mexico Public Health association left Wednesday on the first organization trip of the campaign. He will organize active county committees in Curry, Eddy and Roosevelt counties and meet the committee already organized in Chaves county.

Fifteen counties of the state are to have active seal sale organizations this year. George F. Granger executive secretary of the New Mexico Public Health association announced today. The sale in the remaining fourteen counties will be conducted by mail.

The sale of the Christmas seal finances the New Mexico Public Health association and its traveling clinic examined 1557 school children on its last trip. They found 8 per cent of these children examined with active tuberculosis. A welfare worker is following the clinic with reports of individual cases requiring immediate attention. She explains the report to the parents and school teachers and urges that the proper treatment be started at once.

"I hope," said Mr. Granger, "that the proceeds of this year's sale of Christmas seals will enable us to greatly extend the scope of the child's activities to every county in the state. You know there are nearly 75,000 school children here. We hope too, to be able to employ trained nurses who can spend a month or two in each county."

Walter Connell is state treasurer of the seal sale committee.—N. M. Ruralist.

Mr. Fred White Says, "Don't Idle Because You Only See One Rat." "I did, pretty soon I found my cellar full. They ate my potatoes. After trying RAT-SNAP I got 5 dead rats. The rest later. They pass up the potatoes to eat RAT-SNAP." If there are rats around your place follow Mr. White's example.

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PECOS BRIDGE COLLAPSES

While a herd of cattle were being driven across the Pecos bridge Wednesday the bridge collapsed, and a large number of cattle were precipitated into the river and a number of them were killed and several were badly crippled. Fortunately none of the men were on the bridge at the time it fell into the river, otherwise the incident might have been fraught with serious consequences.

The bridge is of the suspension type and was constructed in 1907. Evidently the bridge was loaded in excess of its maximum capacity. The north anchor on the east end of the cable gave way and almost the entire north side of the bridge went down and is now in the river, but the cable on the south side is still intact. Until the bridge is rebuilt it will cause great inconvenience, not only to the local community but for much traffic from the plains country to the valley. But it is expected that immediate steps will be taken to restore

the bridge and that the inconvenience will only be temporary.—Hagerman Messenger.

If he refuses to help in washing the dinner dishes, take down the old family Bible, turn to second Kings, twenty-first chapter, and read to him the glad news found in the thirteenth verse.—Alamagordo Cloud-crofter.

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