

Pecos Valley News.

A Newspaper for the Homeseekers and the Homebuilders of the Middle Valley
 ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO, SEPTEMBER 26, 1907

NO. 3



NATHAN JAFFA, Secretary of New Mexico.

ARTESIA CLUB BANQUET

Members Enjoy Sumptuous Evening Dinner at Hotel Gibson--After Dinner Speeches Were Made.

President Harry W. Hamilton and Secretary A. C. Kienath, gave a banquet to the officers of the Artesia Commercial Club at the Hotel Gibson Thursday evening of last week, which from the point of entertainment as well as good for Artesia accomplished would be difficult to surpass.

The company surrounded a table spread with those things so highly prized by those vigorous gentlemen and sat under decorations composed of flowers and ribbons, green and white, and partook of a sumptuous and well prepared evening dinner which did credit to the hosts as well as to the hotel management.

At each plate was a slip of paper upon which was a subject for the after dinner speech, all of which were extemporaneous. President Hamilton was toastmaster.

The following were the toasts and speakers in the order as given: Needed improvements for Artesia, D. L. Newkirk.

How can we better advertise Artesia, James D. Whelan.

Suggestions for the good of the club, J. G. Osburn.

How to make lecture course a success, E. E. McNatt.

How can we improve the mail service, E. C. Higgins.

Does Artesia need a public park, E. B. Kemp.

How to encourage and increase cultivated acreage, J. B. Atkeson.

How can we help the band, J. F. Newkirk.

How can we encourage the planting of shade trees, S. W. Gilbert.

What will we do after we get the bridge, Olin Ragsdale.

Oil, E. R. Gesler.

The responses were interesting and instructive and many suggestions were made, that attracted attention and brought out thorough discussion. Some of the topics considered were, a railroad from El Paso by way of Hope, improved mail service, better streets in Artesia and more side walks a public park, increased immigration, assistance for the band, growing of shade trees, looking after the trade from the east part of the county and the oil situation.

Advocate Changes Hands.

There is a new management in charge of the Advocate this week, James D. Whelan being succeeded by the former editor, Gayle Talbot, together with the following associates: G. U. McCrary, John B. Enfield, Albert Blake, Ezra Higgins, Wm. Crandall, J. E. Sweeney, E. B. Kemp, S. W. Gilbert, E. A. Clayton, J. J. Sullivan, Wm. Dooley and H. L. Muncey. The new management took charge Monday morning.

District Court.

District court was occupied Tuesday and Wednesday and until 10 a. m. Thursday on the case of John W. Price vs. P. V. & N. E. Ry. a suit for \$25,000 for injuries received, while seated on the platform at Hagerman Thursday morning the case came to a sudden termination when the judge instructed the jury to return a verdict, based on the law in the case, for the railway company. The plaintiff it is held had no cause for damages, because of negligence, being too close to the cars when the train was in motion, being seated upon the depot platform his legs from the knees down being caught and crushed by an open door to a freight car. The sympathy of not only the judge and jury, but the general public as well was with Mr. Price in his misfortune, but the law is very plain that a person must look out for the cars while on the depot platform.--Carlsbad Sun.

Charles P. Ray, of Galesburg, Ill. was here the first of the week looking after real estate business. Mr. Ray might be induced to locate in the Valley on account of his delicate health.

C. S. Brown took the train Wednesday morning for Texico.

Miss Zola Kinsinger of Lake Arthur was visiting home folks Sunday.

Residents of the Valley are urged to set none but double yelcked eggs, thereby having one hen do the work of two. We may reasonably expect increased production under an irrigating system.

E. F. Phillips went to Lake Arthur Sunday.

The Bastille has been inhabited a part of this week. Constable George Bane is Acting Governor since the departure of Marshal Wilson.

LINE OPEN TO ARTESIA

But It is Impossible to Talk to Artesia Without Repeating--Atmospheric Conditions Interfere.

Artesia, N. N., Sept. 19, 1907. Editor El Paso Herald:

Telephone connections have been completed from El Paso to Artesia, N. M., where Artesia connects with the toll line to Roswell and as far north as Texico. Artesia also connects with the toll line to Carlsbad to the south.

Yours very truly,
 Harry W. Hamilton.

While it is a fact that the Artesia-Cloudcroft telephone line has been completed, El Paso cannot talk to Artesia, nor can an El Pasoan talk any further than Cloudcroft. At Cloudcroft the Artesia line connects with the El Paso line, but the limit of the powers of conversation of an El Pasoan over the line is to Alamogordo.

The line from El Paso to Alamogordo is an iron wire and it is very difficult to make the voice reach Cloudcroft. Therefore the completion of the Artesia line does not put El Paso in connection with the Pecos Valley as the people of that section had hoped for. It might be possible to talk to Cloudcroft and have the message repeated over the new line to Artesia, but the local Southwestern office, with which the Alamogordo and Cloudcroft line make connection will not call Artesia for a conversation.

It will not be possible to talk from El Paso to Artesia by telephone until the Cloudcroft-El Paso line is strung with copper wire. The atmospheric conditions affect the present line to such an extent that it is sometimes impossible to talk intelligently even to Cloudcroft at times.--Herald.

Club Smoker.

A smoker will be held at the Artesia Commercial Club room Monday night September 30, to which all members of committees, directors and other members are requested to attend as matters of importance involving the welfare of Artesia and vicinity will be discussed. Harry W. Hamilton, Pres. A. C. Kienath, Sec.

Remember the band concerts every Saturday evening on the streets of Artesia by Artesia Concert Band. The boys now have their new uniforms and will proceed to spread themselves at the next recital.

R. M. Love came down on the last excursion and started on the return trip Wednesday morning.

Ever member of the Artesia Club should attend the smoker at the club room Monday evening. Let us make ours the liveliest club in the Valley.

No services were held at the other churches Sunday night in order that the members might attend the meeting at the Methodist church as Rev. Messer leaves this week to attend conference.

J. T. Patriek and E. S. Howell attended court at Carlsbad last week.

Lewis Feenster went to Roswell Friday and postponed the return trip until Saturday morning.

Lawrence Lockney, who is shuffling type in the Messenger office, was down over Sunday visiting the home folks.

J. S. Highsmith, the Artesia nurseryman, was here yesterday meeting our farmers and orchardists, and visiting with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bell. Mr. Highsmith has made a great success of his nursery enterprise, it being recognized as a model in arrangement as well as possessing a variety of trees especially adapted to the Pecos Valley.--Hagerman Messenger.

New Telephone Line.

Poles arrived Monday for the construction of a new telephone line which is to extend from Artesia north to the Cottonwood country, having the Kennicott ranch as an objective point.

Mr. Hamilton is extending the line as fast as there is demand for the service, and all times taking chances on the financial success.

For Sale.

Two good Jersey cows and a complete outfit of household furniture. A. S. Pickens, West Main

Oil News.

C. F. Matthews, of Lake Arthur, and A. H. Hoyt of Dayton, were here Monday on oil business. They had nearly a sufficient amount subscribed to begin the work of a test well, and we understand that the list was completed here, and that work of digging will begin as a contract can be made. We also learn that two drillers--perhaps more--have bid on the job, and the well will undoubtedly be dug.

All of the oil experts who have examined the Swingle well say that oil exists in paying quantities, and recent developments show strong oil in other wells in that neighborhood. Let the good work proceed.--Lakewood Progress.

Wanted--Lard buckets at Fletcher's Market.

Norman Owens, who had a finger cut off at a well some time ago, was taken to the hospital in Roswell Tuesday. It was feared that blood poisoning had set in.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Turknott left Thursday morning Clovis to visit their daughter, Mrs. J. F. Fontaine.

D. L. Newkirk spent Friday in Roswell and Saturday in Carlsbad arriving home safe and sound Sunday morning.

J. W. Turknott attended a meeting of the Board of Commissioners at Carlsbad Saturday and went on to Roswell Sunday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. Doegp of Carlsbad came up Sunday morning in their auto and spent the day with Dr. Mrs. R. M. Ross.

The Home Mission Society of the Methodist church will open a "Curiosity Shop" in the Logan & Dyer building during Thanksgiving week. Everybody invited.

Don't forget the opening of the "Curiosity Shop."

Save your pennies to buy something pretty and useful at the "Curiosity Shop."

H. H. Burt returned Monday night after an absence of several weeks.

H. E. Mull returned Monday night from a visit of several weeks duration at various points in the east.

The Hotel Gibson is enjoying a good patronage since the re-opening.

There have been many homeseekers here this week and several good trades have been made. The Valley is making good.

In the upper Cottonwood country is some fine government land subject to entry. The proposition is well worth considering.

BRIDGE CONTRACT LET

Steel Bridge Over Pecos River East of Artesia to Cost \$11,388--Carlsbad's to Cost \$10,000.

The county commissioners met at Carlsbad last Saturday and considered proposals for the erection of two bridges over the Pecos, the one at Carlsbad and the other east of Artesia.

Many plans were submitted and many bids were made. The Carlsbad contract was awarded to Bruce & Witt, a home firm who will put in a cement bridge at a cost of a little over \$10,000.

The contract for the bridge at Artesia was not settled until later when the plans of the Midland Bridge Co., of Kansas City, were accepted, their structure to cost \$11,388. It is for a steel bridge and when completed will be all that we could desire.

Commissioner J. W. Turknott gave much time to the consideration of the various plans submitted and called others into consideration with him among whom was Col. Mark Howell of Roswell. Mr. Turknott certainly deserves great credit for his faithfulness in this matter and all interested will see the result of his work when the bridge is completed.

A bid at a premium has been given for the bonds and they will be disposed of in a short time.

The thanks of Artesia people are due to Commissioner Heard for his fairness in the bridge matter. He offered to assist Mr. Turknott in making up a deficit in case Mr. Turknott wished to contract for a bridge calling for an expenditure greater than the amount of the bonds voted.

The construction of the bridge will proceed as rapidly as circumstances will permit and yet we must not hope to be driving across the bridge for some months to come.

C. B. Harris Sounded in Roswell.

The National Stock Co. is showing here this week and is receiving good patronage.

Major Howell of Roswell was down Tuesday counseling with Commissioner J. W. Turknott in the selection of the bridge for the Pecos river.

The railroad people have put in new lamp at the depot for the benefit of people arriving or departing on the late train. The post is of fine old cross grained wood, painted a rotten tomato red, and on the whole presents a very attractive appearance.

Wanted--Lard buckets at Fletcher's Market.

J. P. Dyer made a business trip to Roswell today.

J. B. Butler left this morning for his home in Salisbury, Mo.

A. T. Remer, the fruit tree man, arrived from the north Wednesday.

A number of Masons came down from Roswell Wednesday night and conferred the Royal Arch degree upon several of our townsmen. Of course they lunched, Masnos all ways do.

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PECOS VALLEY NEWS

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J. F. NEWKIRK, Editor.

\$1.50 A YEAR

SINGLE statehood, Artesia county and \$100 per acre farm products are live issues at Artesia. Step on board.

JUDGE POPE is performing his whole duty toward the purification of Carlsbad. Offenders are learning to have due respect for the Judge.

DEMOCRATIC chairman, A. A. Jones, is opposed to a constitutional convention. Sure, Mr. Chairman, objecting is an exclusive prerogative of your party.

OUR commercial club is getting down to business, but the officers must continue to recognize the importance of keeping up the physical standard of members.

A few indignant persons may leave Oklahoma because the new state has voted for prohibition, but they are of a sort who will not be missed.—Kansas City Times.

EVERY well rig is working full time and some of the finest flows in the history of the Valley are being obtained. Where the old wells have been properly cared for, the results are highly gratifying.

THE Las Vegas Optic is admonished to get in line on the statehood question. Usually this interesting daily is aboard with the rest but this time it missed the step of the band wagon. Get a-board.

THE Artesia News was one year old last week, and it is to be pardoned for its congratulations to itself. The little paper is bright and gingery and a distinct asset to the Plenty-of-water town.—Register-Tribune.

A Dalhart, Texas, correspondent to the El Paso Herald reports that "several thousand land seekers are here buying land." We have no objection to a man's lying, but there is no use in being a hog about it.

JUDGE ABBOTT over-ruled the deponents in the timber cases and the defendants will have to stand trial. The Judge ruled that the land in question was held in trust only and that the Territory could not dispossess of it, in the manner pursued.

It appears that the democratic boys have been proselyting a little as the list of the stockholders of the Advocate now contains the name of one man who heretofore professed to be a republican. All right this time but further inroads will be vigorously opposed.

DELEGATE ANERREWS leaves this week for Washington and will commence work at once toward the securing of the passage of an enabling act by the 60th Congress for the admission of New Mexico as a state. He should be given all the support possible by the press of the Territory.

THE people of Artesia have the reputation of unanimity of action on all questions of general interest affecting the community. We are regarded as being wide-awake to our best interests and energetic in securing the same. No matter what local dissensions may arise, we are a unit where Artesia as a community is concerned.

JUDGE PARKER has confirmed the report of Referee Safford in the Bursum matter and decided that the Territory is indebted to Mr. Bursum to the amount of \$4,333.66. The Government had a representative present and the court granted permission to anyone to express an opinion on the matter. This ends one of the "reform" movements.

J. W. TURNETT and George E. Cole came up from Artesia this morning to inspect a bridge that Mr. Cole's company, the Midland Bridge Co., is building for Chaves county north of Roswell. The same company is bidding for the job of building a bridge across the Pecos at Carlsbad, and Mr. Turk is a county commissioner of Eddy county, wanted to see some of their work.—Roswell Record.

JAMES D. WHELAN retires from the management of the Advocate this week and is succeeded by the former editor, Gayle Talbot. Mr. Whelan is an accomplished gentleman who has won many friends in the year that he has been in Artesia. Our business relations with him have been very pleasant and we regret exceedingly to see him leave town. The kindest regards and best wishes of the News will follow him where ever he may go.

THOUSANDS of acres of alfalfa are being put in this fall. Experience has proven this to be the most productive crop, yielding the greatest returns. When land can be made to produce crops in one year that sells for \$100 per acre, some land that the returns will exceed \$100 per acre this year, and much more than that will produce over \$75 worth. Conditions are improving; be wise, invest in time.

THE Artesia crop tilters are missing some valuable help in allowing A. G. Richardson of the Gray County (Tex.) Herald to remain in the Panhandle. In his last issue Mr. Richardson tells about one melon brought into McLean that weighed 94 pounds. On the same vine grew three other melons that had a total weight of 288 pounds, or a total of 382 pounds from one vine. Such talent and such melons should be transplanted to the Artesia country without delay.—Register-Tribune.

THE Pecos Valley News, published at Artesia, Eddy county, is one year old and is a very lively and interesting youngster. It is readable, courageous and sincerely devoted to the interests of its town and section, although published in what is considered a strong democratic county; it upholds the Republican party principles with courage and loyalty. It is newsy and contains many bright sayings. Success to the News.—New Mexican.

A Lordsburger was reading the Bible the other day, and came across something which he thought particularly fitted a prominent citizen. He brought it to the

Liberal, read it, and asked the Liberal to guess the identity of the person referred to. The Liberal never was a good guesser, and gave it up. However it prints the extract, and it may be some of its readers are good guessers. "Then said Jerimah unto him, the Lord hath not called thy name Pashur, but Magor-missabbib. For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself and to all thy friends."—Lordsburg Liberal.

A PARTY of El Paso business men will visit the Valley in a short time. They will come from Torrance to Roswell and we should arrange to have a strong delegation to meet them at that place and see that they come to Artesia and be taken over the surrounding country. Efforts should be made to impress them with the importance of the Hope country, also and the advantages to be derived from the construction of a road from the east through Artesia and on to El Paso by way of Hope. This is a matter that will not admit of delay. El Paso is looking about for a place from which to secure her supply of farm products as near home as possible and no other section is so able or as well situated to supply the need as the Middle Valley.

THE short line railroad to the Pecos Valley is coming, and it won't be long either. The Pecos Valley is the nearest of all the rich communities with which El Paso's trade of the future will be carried on. With the new short line railroad the Pecos Valley will be brought almost as near as Silver City, for instance. These people have ways of developing a rich valley that we have never learned yet. There is no part of the Great Southwest that has a record of greater recent growth and prosperity, and there is no part having greater promise of future lucrative trade for El Paso. Moreover, from all these towns El Pasoans have much to learn. They are inhabited by as lively a set of city builders as the west ever knew, and it will do El Pasoans good to get acquainted.—El Paso Herald.

Remember the route by which to reach us; by rail, between the Sacramento and Guadalupe mountains entering the valley at Hope and connecting with the Santa Fe at Artesia.

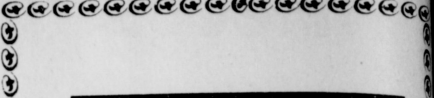
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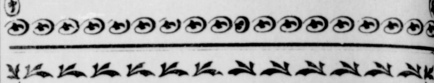
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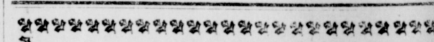
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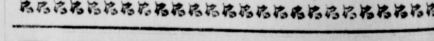


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S. P. Henry made a business trip to Roswell last Saturday.

S. N. White, of Hope, was a visitor in the city last week.

J. G. Osborn was in Carlsbad last week attending to legal duties.

D. L. Newkirk made a business trip to Roswell the latter part of last week.

D. D. Temple attended court in Carlsbad last week returning on the local Saturday.

Wm. Idler, of near Lake Arthur, visited in Artesia Saturday and Sunday with his son-in-law and family.

Remember the band concerts on the streets every Saturday night. Come out and hear some excellent music.

Non Walden went to Roswell Friday of last week on business connected with the Farmers Land League.

Wm. Crandall is digging for water on his place four miles south of the town. H. E. Mull & Co. are the contractors.

Mr. and Mrs. Mott and family returned home this week to Carmen Okla., after an extended visit with the George Fisk family.

James H. Powers, of Monmouth, Ill., was here last week and purchased a desert tract of Ralph D. Person north of town.

Nim Childress, of Lakewood was in town last Saturday visiting his sister, Miss Carrie Childress, who is a teacher in the Artesia schools.

H. E. White and wife returned to their home in Lexington, Miss., Friday morning after a visit with Mr. White's father, who lives at Hope.

Mrs. J. B. Cecil returned home last Friday with her infant son. She has been visiting at Cleveland, Ohio, and her sister, Mrs. Jordan, returned with her.

Mrs. S. P. Henry and Miss Nellie Turknett left Saturday morning for Texico, from which place they will go on to Clovis to visit Mrs. J. A. Fontaine.

E. N. Skaer returned last Thursday from an extended visit to Wichita, Kansas City and St. Louis. Mrs. Skaer is still visiting with friends and relatives in Kansas.

U. N. Oliver, better known as "Grey Eagle," left last week to take charge of the Big Jo Lumber Co's interests at Texline. Mr. Oliver has been employed in the Big Jo yard at Artesia.

J. W. Foster returned from Amarillo Friday of last week where he has been attending to the Artesia exhibit. The exhibit now has no one in charge of it and we learn that it has gone back to its original owners, Clayton, Talbot & Terrell.

Born, Thursday September 10, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Carnes, boy twins, the one weighing eight pounds and the other nine pounds. The mother and children are doing well and it is thought that with proper care that "Biondie" will recover. Dr. Graham was in attendance.

Seed for Sale.

We have for sale some choice alfalfa seed, and Sumac cane seed. 4015 A. Porter. J. B. Cecil.

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THEY are what you must have to be in the swim five years from now.

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Write all inquires to

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Clovis Outstrips Texico.

Texico, N. M., Sept. 13.—Texico is feeling severely the building of the new railroad town of Clovis, ten miles west, and the superior freight advantages of Farwell, Texas, just across the territorial line. Coker, Triplet & Co. have moved their immense stock of general merchandise to Farwell, the Gamble Hardware Co. is moving to Clovis and the Johnson Drug Co. will also go to Clovis soon.

The slowness of the federal government in passing on the land titles of Texico gives investors very poor security for their money, as an unfavorable decision of the land office may throw a cloud on the title to nearly every lot in the town of Texico.

A large number of fine new blocks have gone up in the town in the last few months and should there be a general removal of the business interests of the town to Farwell or Clovis it will mean a big loss to many investors here.

Notice.

To the purchasers of Homeseekers Excursion Tickets. Notice is hereby given that it is unlawful to use or attempt to use Homeseekers Excursion Tickets by any other person than the original purchaser thereof and that buying, telling and dealing in such tickets has been held by the District Courts of Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt counties, New Mexico, to be unlawful and that all violations of this law in respect to buying, selling and dealing in said tickets will be vigorously prosecuted.

Notice is further given that it is a violation of the law for any person to attempt to use a free pass issued to any other person, punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$2,000 and that any violation of such law will be vigorously prosecuted.

D. L. Meyers, General Passenger Agent, The Eastern Railway Co. of New Mex.

M. S. Johnson, formerly of Artesia, was in the city, the early part of the week, enroute to his former home in Texas, in or near Dallas. He expects to be gone about a month after which time, he stated, he thought he would return to the valley but would make his home in Carlsbad.—Argus.

One way second class colonist rate to California, Prescott and Phoenix, Ariz. and intermediate points, On sale September 10th to 30th inclusive. Limit to continuous passage from starting point to destination. Rate, \$34.00. For information regarding stop overs, etc., call at depot C. O. Brown, Local Agent. 214

It is reported that the merchants of Artesia are contemplating the construction of a telephone line from that place to Monument, seventy-five miles on the plains. With the construction of this line and the erection of the bridge across the Pecos river at that point it will mean much to our sister city in the way of trade from the plains.—Argus.

Wanted.

Have Texas school land to trade for land in the Pecos Valley; Equity in Arkansas land to trade for land here. All kinds of business opportunities for sale. I am in the business to supply your wants, so if you have anything to sell or exchange see me.

J. W. Foster, Artesia, N. M. 21f

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"TAKE WHAT YE WILL, AND THROW THE REST AWAY"

BY THE TIME THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWS REACHES ITS thousands of readers, the new company will have taken charge of the Advocate and James D. Whelan will have retired from business life in Artesia. Whatever the new proprietors may do, or whatever kind of a paper they may run, it is safe to say that no man they can put in charge will be as universally admired, have the good will of the people in general, or do more for the town, than Mr. Whelan. He has been here a year now, been in the thick of the fight for everything that pertained good for Artesia, and in the thick of the same fight against everything that would hurt our town, has spoken his opinion without fear or favor on everything that affected Artesia in any way, and if he has one personal enemy in the Pecos Valley, I have yet to learn of it. He is the only man so far as is known who has got ahead of Mullane and his gentlemanly bearing, his spontaneous good humor and above all his great beauty, has won him friends everywhere among the republicans as well as members of his own party. His greatest virtue, according to Puckett, Mullane, Reed and other such big stiffs, has been his ability to get along peaceably with the editor of the News, but whatever their opinion may be our work here together has glided along like a placid stream, toward our goal, Artesia County. Not for one moment has harsh words marred the serenity of our relations, excepting only the prize. Aside from that the attitude of the two papers has been the exception that proved the rule, about country editors fighting like cats and dogs. Mr. Whelan came to the Valley primarily for his health, and has been much benefited by the high altitude and pure air, but down deep in his heart he could not get rid of the hankering to work again on a big daily and as there was not much chance for that hankering to be gratified in Artesia, he sold out when the opportunity presented itself, and will seek new fields in which to swing his stylus. Mr. Whelan is a high type of an Irish gentleman, and the kind of a man to have for a friend. The country at large will lose much, and Artesia more, when he leaves us.

Once upon a time, when a certain man said, "Give the devil his due," he said a mighty good thing, and if people would stop to consider the disadvantages some men work under, they would probably be a little more lenient with them. One of the most cursed men in the Southwest today is D. L. Myers, traffic manager of the Pea Vine, and Mr. Myers is no more to blame for the state of affairs on that road than is one of the newsboys on the trains. It is all right to cuss the road itself, that is allowable and is necessary, to keep it aware of the fact that it is run for the benefit of the Valley and not the stockholders but when the fact is considered that the Traffic Manager had nothing to start with to make a railroad and has considerable less today, it seems to me that he is doing very well. In the first place the engines that are sent out on this road by the Santa Fe are the originals used by Pharaoh to haul brick for the Pyramids and lemons for the Israelites. It may have been the idea of the company that this was a healthy country and that these old consumptive diabolars, could be benefited by a change of climate but it is very hard on the people who are trying to make homes here, to have to wait on their freight and other things—such as the young men are waiting for—while some quick trier osteopathy on the engine. The rules and regulations of the road require each and every engineer (?) to carry four pounds of baling wire for repair purposes, and if this is not enough for the run, the fireman is supposed to rustle more from neighboring farmers. It is easy to see that Myers is not to blame for all this for it is surely not his fault that the company does not furnish enough baling wire. Then another thing that is making the trains late now is the new line that is being put in above Texico. The trains are forced to run very slow across this portion of the road but it is hoped that it will make up for it when it is all completed. These two things are the main ones which makes this road the laughing stock of the Southwest and until the Traffic Manager is given something to work with conditions will not be improved. It is true that Mr. Meyers does not impress one as being much of a working man, but a stick of chewing gum placed where it would do the most good would keep him busy for the time being and might be of great value to the Pea Vine.

There is a gentleman residing two miles west of Hope who has an exalted opinion of that country, as indeed he should, but he carries this point so far as to run down all of the rest of the country west of the mountains. He is a very conscientious man, and takes great pleasure in putting home-seekers next to the merits of the Valley, and as a good means of showing us up declares that he would not trade his little quarter section for an entire section of any land between Roswell and Carlsbad, either improved or unimproved. He tried this game at the Hotel Artesia last week but when Mr. Wm. Dooley assured him that he would not get a chance to make such a trade, he must have recognized the earmarks of a land man for he discreetly closed his lips and said no more. His idea of not trading 160 acres of land worth probably \$150 per acre for land selling today at \$50 per acre and up, is ludicrous to the extreme and while he may be doing much to harm the Valley proper, there is no law in this territory to prevent a man making an ass of himself. He must have discovered gold or hard cider underlying his land to make it so valuable.

If there is anything on earth I dislike it is a buttinsky, but in the present case the opportunity is far too good to let pass, and while it may bring down the wrath of the Tenderfoot for stealing his ideas, he must just consider the source and let it pass. The idea is "Letters that were never mailed," though in this instance there is only one letter and Will has evidently forgotten it, so here goes.

Dear Sir:—At the suggestion of many prominent men of your town I have decided to appoint you a member of the B— of I—n. I think that there is no one in Roswell whom I would rather see in this place than you, and while I know that it will take time from your other duties, I trust that you will accept it for the good of the territory. Any time I can be of any service to you, advise me.

H. J. H—n

Twins ber gosh, and both of em boys, but laws amassy, the pore little fellers have got names to burden em down in their struggle for existence. Just think on it, James Upshur Carnes and Chesterfield Dublin Carnes, aint that enough to weight down a grown man, let alone two little innocent babes? Why couldn't they have named em Blond and Butch and give em half a chance? However they are thriving exceedingly and one of em has hair like the driven snow and tomer like the raven's back, or some other poetical expression. Here's to em.

The democrats are booming Evans of Roswell for Delegate. Well some one has to be offered up and it might as well be the Judge, but someone ought to advise him to hold on to his county job until the election is over. It is by far the safest plan. Hope he wont make any exposures like Larrazolo did.

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We bought a small bundle of time sticks. The sticks, each of which is 32 inches long, are used, as their name more or less implies, for the purpose of measuring time. For use by day some are especially made, while others, for service by night, are particularly constructed. Each burns during a period of 12 hours. Of these "King Alfred's candles," as some of our party termed them, we bought two, and from a printed circular, or advertisement, which was at the same time handed to us by the man who sold them, we learned the following particulars:

The materials of which these time-measuring sticks are made are prepared according to the directions of the official or imperial astronomers or astrologers. The duration of each time stick is adjusted according to the clepsidra, or water clock, so that the time which it indicates when burning may be regarded as correct.

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