

Pecos Valley News.

A Newspaper for the Homeseekers and the Homebuilders of the Middle Valley

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NO. 27

WELCOME ALBUQUERQUE TO FAIREST ARTESIA

FIRST IN ARTESIAN WATER
FIRST TO PROHIBIT LICENSED GAMBLING
FIRST TO VOTE OUT SALOONS



HARRY W. HAMILTON, PRESIDENT ARTESIA COMMERCIAL CLUB.

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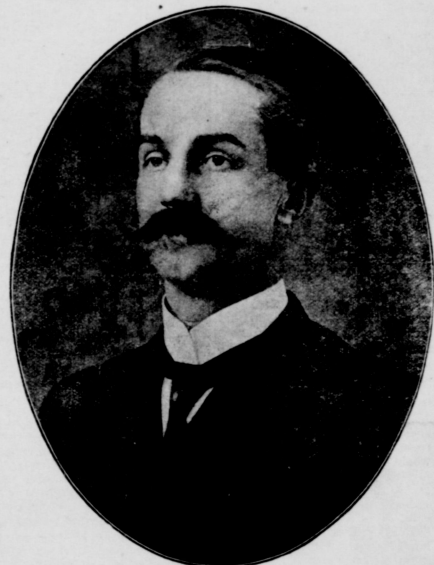
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News

Bids you

Welcome !!



A. C. KEINATH, SECRETARY ARTESIA COMMERCIAL CLUB.

PETITION PRESENTED.

Two Artesia Ministers and Ex-Marshal Wilson Were Present When the Petition Was Presented

The following will show that the News, notwithstanding the omission in last weeks issue which is explained elsewhere was substantially correct. In addition to this we have a letter from Rev. J. M. Bialock of Hagerman stating that this matter was brought up in the Council at their meeting and discussed there

Artesia, N. M., March 10, 1908.
Editor News:—
We, the undersigned, were present

in the office of the Town Clerk of Artesia the night a petition was presented asking the Board of Trustees to close the saloons, and this is to certify that the ministers personally petitioned the said Board, asking them to call an election for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of Artesia citizens on the matter in case they would not close the saloons by ordinance

Signed
Rev. E. E. Mathes,
Rev. T. C. James,
G. W. Wilson,
Ex-Marshal.

Walter A. Hyatt, of Stephenville, Texas, was in town Tuesday on business connected with the local banks

FARMERS ARE HOT.

Alfalfa Growers of the Cottonwood District Claim that the Meeting to Look After Switch was Stacked

A meeting was held in the Cottonwood school house Monday night, Feb. 2, and a location was selected for a switch to aid the farmers of that neighborhood to ship their crops. The switch was located on the Kissinger land north of town. Now the residents of the real Cottonwood valley claim that the meeting was stacked and that the switch should have been located one mile further north than the location selected by the committee, on the Clarke land.

With the idea of having the site changed, these gentlemen have circulated a petition to be sent to the railroad people asking for a reconsideration. It is claimed that the most prominent people and the largest alfalfa growers were never even informed of this meeting and naturally the Cottonwood people are very indignant. Below we print a copy of the petition.

Mr. D. L. Meyers,
Amarillo, Texas.

Sir:—

We, the undersigned land owners of the Cottonwood Valley wish to call your attention to the fact that the Committee representing an organization styling themselves the "Cottonwood Farmers Association" who are in correspondence with you in regard to the location of a spur or switch between Lake Arthur and Artesia, do not represent a real majority of the Cottonwood farmers. As the site recommended by that Committee is at

least one mile farther south than it should be, there being double the amount of watered land in the district represented by those advocating the site one mile north of the site recommended by this other committee.

Therefore we respectfully protest against being represented by the above mentioned organization and beg the privilege of conferring with your locating officer before the switch site is chosen.

There is 2151 acres of land adjacent to the north site and 803 acres adjacent to the south side.

Lake Arthur Incorporated

Last Saturday the Commissioners' court acting on a petition from the citizens of Lake Arthur made this town an incorporation. It is understood that an election will be called for the first day of April to elect town officers. It is of vital importance that good conservative men be elected to fill the different offices. Don't vote to suit some one else. Vote your own ideas, but first study the situation, know you are right, then vote.—Times.

Mr. Chisholm spent Tuesday in Roswell.

The Grand Leader is receiving some of their new goods this week and it will pay you to look at them. See their ad on page 3.

pass on this.

The railroad ordinance was read for the first time. The city attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance requiring some more sidewalks to be put in, one of these running along west main street and to be the same width as sidewalks in the residence part of town.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Saloon Ordinance Read First Time--
More Sidewalks Coming--Saloon Men Present Petition to Run to July 1.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Artesia was held Tuesday evening in the city clerks office. All members were present. The saloon ordinance was read for the first time, and provides for heavy penalties for selling or giving away of any intoxicating liquors within the city limits, excepting that the druggists may sell on prescription any amount up to one-half pint. A separate prescription is required for each sale.

The saloon men presented a petition asking the Board to allow them to run until July first and stated that even then they would be at considerable loss on account of the Territorial license, which is paid up to January 1, 1909.

The Artesia Feed & Fuel Co. was granted a permit to construct a ware house on east main street, this building being the one commenced sometime ago by Mr. Askew.

D. M. Bell asked the Board to allow him to lay a water pipe to his residence, and to allow him to put it in and pay all expenses. The Board was also asked to purchase the pipe line when finished and pay for it in water rent, with ten per cent interest. The Board accepted the proposition but would pay no interest.

Bujac & Brice, who hold the Gesler judgment against the city were willing to settle for \$700 and the cost, which would amount to about \$75. The Board did not

Artesia College

Spring term will commence about the first week in February. It will continue four scholastic months.

Pupils received at any time. We hope to have the co-operative boarding plan for boys and young men for spring term. For information, call on or address

M. McILHANY

PECOS VALLEY NEWS

Entered at the Post-office Artesia, N. M. as Second Class matter, Oct. 7, 1906

D. L. NEWKIRK, Proprietor.
J. F. NEWKIRK, Editor.

\$1.50 A YEAR

We are authorized to announce John W. Price for the office of Tax Assessor of Eddy County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

We are authorized to announce L. W. Martin as a candidate for the office of County Superintendent subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

In an article in the NEWS under date March 5, relating to the action of the council in the prohibition matter, the NEWS contained the following:

"About six months before the election was called a petition was circulated and sent to the council, requesting them to call just such an election to ascertain the sentiment of Artesia citizens. They delayed six months in answering that request, will they delay six months in closing the saloons?"

The article should have read as follows:

"About six months before the election was called a petition was circulated and sent to the council requesting them to pass AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS, OR IN CASE THEY WOULD NOT DO SO, THE MINISTERS OF THE CITY PERSONALLY PETITIONED THE COUNCIL, requesting them to call just such an election to ascertain the sentiment of Artesia citizens."

The publisher of the News was busy taking a final proof on a desert land entry when this proof was presented to him and failed to note the omission and thought no more of it until he received a copy of the Advocate of last week. We had received our information from a prominent minister in the city and was satisfied that it was correct. Had we been given time we would certainly have corrected the mistake as no one can truthfully accuse the News of unfairness.

As to the article in the Advocate, we cared nothing whatever, did not even feel that we were offended, but we did object to the unfair and unwarranted conduct of the Advocate in publishing such stuff, following so closely upon another attempt to reflect discredit upon the News.

In our issue of February 6, we published an account of the meeting of the board of directors of Artesia club. The account contained one item of more than ordinary interest. The next issue of the Advocate promptly denied the matter and stated that "investigation discloses the fact that the gentleman did nothing of the sort." The board of directors met and sustained the account given in the News. No retraction was ever made neither did we wish it but we do not wish to be to the necessity of continually dragging in disinterested people to prove the correctness of our assertions.

We fully believe that the calling of the election was a shrewd political move made not in the interest of the members of the council but for the political party to which they belong. There was nothing

dishonorable in the proceeding as either party would be pleased to appropriate the honor of such a move although neither by any means has an exclusive right to it. Although unskilled in political warfare, we endeavored to checkmate the move as we had a perfect right to do and feel that with the possible exception of the above mentioned incident, the result of an omission which is liable to occur in any office, we have been fair and honorable in our conduct toward those of opposite political faith. And just here we desire to state to the rank and file of the democratic party in Artesia, that we in no wise hold you responsible for anything that has occurred. We have respected your views on political matters and not one word of disrespect toward you can be found in the NEWS.

We beg to assure our readers that this is the last time that we shall condescend to notice attacks either upon the NEWS or the management of the paper, but shall endeavor to give you a clean news sheet that will find a ready welcome in your homes.

THE OWNERS of water-rights from the old well should be protected, and not only these people but the folks who own property near the lots on which the white elephant is located. The ground near there is always damp from the leakage and the well should be repaired. A few weeks ago the owners of the water-rights attempted to discover who owned the well and for that purpose instituted suit in the Justice court against Jim Nelson, who has had charge of the old system. Finally John Enfield brought forth the noted contract between the city and the old company. After the case was dismissed the Council threw up the contract and since that time the water-right owners have been hanging gracefully in the air. If the owners still refuse to make them selves known, the Well Inspector should condemn the well. This would probably wake up the recent gentlemen and something might be done.

JUDGING from the number of prospective home-seekers upon our streets Saturday prohibition is not going to be a great detriment to Artesia. A man who sees nothing in our town but a beer keg will not make a very desirable citizen and one that we can well spare to Editor Mullane of the Current. In a few weeks Artesia will be the cleanest spot of its size on earth and to us will come the cream of the tide of immigration that is flowing into the great southwest.

It will be remembered that Commissioner J. W. Tarknet has faithfully represented the interests of the entire county as well as that of the people of the northern part. He is entitled to re-election and the people of this vicinity will certainly appreciate his services and support him loyally in the coming election. The democratic leaders at Carlsbad will do their utmost to defeat him but we firmly believe that the vote of the north end will elect him.

For the peace and quietude of the town, Postmaster Harry Hamilton is earnestly requested to remain at home.

Pop goes the Wesel, God save the King. New variation, God save the Wesel, pop goes the King.

THE fearful calamity of the Collinwood school house at Cleveland, Ohio, in which at least one hundred and fifty children and teachers were burned to death has awakened an interest in every section regarding the safety of school buildings and means of escape therefrom in case of fire. Fortunately this matter was well looked after in the construction of our own school building as there are three ample means of exit provided for. The greatest danger is from imperfectly installed heating plants and these should be subjected to rigid examination at short intervals that the greatest protection may be assured.

ARTESIA again shows the balance of the territory the way. On Tuesday of this week the "plenty of water" town voted for no saloons, and thereby added another laurel to her already richly jeweled crown. In years to come this action will prove the wisdom of the Artesia people, although there may now be a few who doubt the practicability of prohibition. The moral sentiment of a community is either one of its greatest attractions or its curse. Would there were more towns like Artesia morally.—Argus.

ARTESIA will extend a cordial welcome to the Albuquerque business men who will visit here today. In general we have a fair minded cultured citizenship that will do everything possible to make a good impression upon the visitors and impress them with the importance of cultivating our acquaintance. Commercially we are growing importance and as the country is rapidly settling up with substantial farmers from the great farming states of the middle west

INDICATIONS now point strongly to Secretary Taft as the next standard bearer of the republican party. He has had and still has many strong contestants for the place but the sentiment in his favor is gradually increasing and it seems almost certain that he will be the next candidate.

You might out wind a donkey or out rant a reviler but the first would profit you nothing and the second would only decrease your self respect.

Nothing Doing.

The non-partisan board which so successfully conducted the prohibition campaign met Monday night for the purpose of mapping out a non-partisan ticket for the city election which is to occur next week. A number of visitors appeared and wordy debates followed until the main object of the meeting was defeated.

There will unquestionably be two tickets in the field with a probability of a third.

The above named committee has done excellent work for the city during their short term of service and if unhindered would still accomplish much for the town. Honesty of purpose has characterized their every action.

Piano Moving.

I am prepared to move pianos having an automatic, self lifting truck with which the instruments can be moved with safety.

W. J. Williamson.

Cows for Sale.

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Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M. Notice is hereby given that Elmer F. McCormick of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his claim for the final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Township 10 North, Range 20 East and Section 10 for the North East Quarter of Section 29 Township 10 North, Range 20 East and Section 10, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on April 1, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: Horace M. McCormick, William E. Clark, John C. Major, John T. Patrick, all of Artesia, N. M. HOWARD LELAND, Register.

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Talk of the Town

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W M Marts returned to Abilene, Kansas, Saturday.

Phone 8. Choice meats.

F. A. Bristol's immigrant car arrived Saturday from Campbell, Mo.

FOR SALE—Orchard Disc at a bargain. E O Witmer

Martiu J. Crum, of north of Artesia was in Saturday making proof on his homestead before the U. S. Commissioner.

Try our oysters. Artesia Market.

W. L. Whitaker, of Hope was in town Friday and Saturday, of last week. He came over in his auto.

For quick sale list your property with E. S. Haggard.

The immigrant car of Shuster Bros., arrived Saturday from Kirksville, Mo. Messrs. Shuster have made arrangements with Butler & Hardwicke to put down a well on their land east of Artesia.

E. S. Howell is on the sick list this week

G. U. McCrary was looking after legal business in Lakewood a part of last week.

Ground oats and kaffir corn mixed half and half \$1.75 per hundred. Artesia Milling Co.

Mrs. Acord left last Thursday for Huntington, W. Va., where she was called to the bedside of her daughter

A. H. Kent, the hustling Dayton real estate man was in town last Friday looking after business interests.

Special bargains in city and country property at THE LAND EXCHANGE.

J. W. Price, of Artesia was in the city this week looking after his political fences. His range coincides with that occupied by County Assessor J. O. McKean and it is probable that it will require considerable fence riding by both parties to keep their respective brands from getting mixed.—Argus.

J. E. Johnson was up from Dayton last Friday to make proof on his desert claim near that place.

E. C. King went to Ha Monday morning.

Among our citizens who are attending court at Carlsbad this week are Dick Eaton, J. D. H. Reed and W. T. Kinsinger.

Flour, Flour, Flour, we are over stocked on Flour and can make you right price. Good Flour. We stand behind every sack and make it right. Artesia Feed & Fuel Co.

News has been received from Carlsbad that Mrs. E. S. Porter, who has been confined at the Anderson Sanitarium lately, is much better.

J. R. Blair came up from Malaga Saturday to take up business ends here. J. R. has surely deserted us for the little burg down the valley.

Sperry & Lukins have a new machine for tapping the new water pipes.

J. F. White was in town Saturday making proof on his homestead which lays northeast Artesia.

Wyatt Johnson, the agent for the Artesia Nursery, returned to Roswell Friday morning after a business visit in the city.

FOR SALE—First class prairie hay delivered in Artesia at \$9.00 per ton. See J. R. Hodges or address, P. O. box 124. *27

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Mann, a daughter.

Mrs. Norris has purchased the Mansion hotel. The rooming house was formerly owned by W. H. Angell and the restaurant by Doc McCullough.

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

The immigrant car of Murray Schenk arrived last week and the family will at once move into their property across from Dr. Inman, which they purchased from Mr. Blair.

SOOTER—He may not suit you personally, but he has a line of native corn chops and corn that will SUIT YOU. Also cobs for kindling.

Sunday it was pretty cool in Artesia and as usual the Panhandle was to blame, as they are for most of the little bad weather we have here. It snowed all day in Amarillo.

Albert P. Cox, of west of Hope was in town Monday making proof on his homestead before the U. S. Commissioner. Mr. Cox says that everything is in excellent condition out at Hope.

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

Mr. C. Hardy, representing the Albuquerque Journal is in town this week digging up subs on that paper and arranging a writeup for Artesia. Mr. Hardy is a very pleasant gentleman who has had experience in every line of the newspaper business, including that of editing a country paper.

FOR RENT—4 room furnished house. Call E. N. Skaer or City Drug Store.

F. A. Menkle and H. H. Menkle, of St. Joseph, Mo., who have been through the Valley on a prospecting tour, left Tuesday morning.

Thos. Newell a prospector from Chicago, returned to his home Tuesday morning.

Make us the right selling price. We will do the rest Farmers Land League.

Sheriff Christopher went out to Knowles last week and had no sooner arrived there than he was taken ill, but after resting a day left for Artesia reaching there the second day out from Knowles and where he was laid up for four days. He returned to Carlsbad Sunday, but is not entirely well yet.—Current.

G. U. McCrary was looking after legal business in Roswell this week.

Fancy canned meats at the Artesia Market.

Work on the Askew store house on east Main street has been recommenced and a force of men are now laying the foundation.

The Lakewood Fruit and Truck Growers Association was organized March 2, and at the meeting 24 acres of tomatoes were pledged for the coming season. It was estimated that it would take about thirty acres to ship a carload of tomatoes each week and the other six acres will no doubt be forthcoming. The officers of the Association are: W. M. Harper, president; E. L. Fields, vice-president; J. W. Cunningham, secretary and treasurer; J. B. Roberts and H. J. Friend were selected as an executive committee.

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CRACK DOWN ON THE EDITOR

Two Residents of New Jerusalem Use the Sicken Thud Mode of Procedure.

Below are printed two letters received by special messenger from the Blank Beyond, and both of them are their own explanation. The epistles were laden with the rantauncous odor of punk tobacco and it was after much perfuming that the compos would set the copy. The only thing about the letters that worries the editor is this; in view of what the Messenger is, and what he has been, how did he ever get near enough the Pearly gates to receive a letter? It is this fact that leads us to believe that the letters are forgeries and must have come from the other place:

Celestial City, March 7, 1908
Mr. Frank Newkirk,
Artesia, N. M.

Dear Sir:—We were highly gratified in reading your issue of March 5, to note that Artesia had gone dry by such an overwhelming majority. Aut while looking over your article I notice that you accuse me of having stated that, "all men were prevaricators." Now I am very sorry that you should make a statement showing such a gross neglect of scriptural research and hope that you will be more careful in the future. For I certainly never made any such statement and you can clearly see that in the unsettled condition of affairs during my residence on earth such a far reaching accusation would probably have caused me a great deal of necessary trouble. Now if you can spare the time from your other duties you will find by reading Psalm 116, Paragraph 11; that my friend David, who (by the way was very much incensed when he read your article) made a statement similar to the one you ascribe to me in your issue of March 5, but as he was king at the time, no one dared to call him to account for so grossly mangling the veracity of the entire nation. Yours truly,

PAUL

† †
New Jerusalem, March 3, 1908.
Mr. Frank Newkirk,
Artesia, New Mexico.

Sir:—I wish to call your attention to the fact in your article published in Pecos Valley News March 5, you have ascribed to my friend Paul the authorship of a statement made by myself in Psalm 116. I can scarcely excuse a man of your opportunities for such an awful mistake and would advise that you devote more of your time to the study of the scripture. A man of your information should certainly know that a poor traveling preacher like Paul would never have dared to call every man a prevaricator or he would have been beaten up worse than he was. I admit that when I made the statement was considerably out of humor, and had I not known that on account of my position as king no one would dare to make it a

Good Argument for Statehood

New Mexico is growing faster than even its own people realize. It is estimated that during January and February of the present year its population has increased almost if not fully 5,000. This calculation is based on the home-stead entries at the four U. S. land offices in the territory. The Santa Fe land office is taxed to its capacity with its present force and an additional clerk is absolutely necessary. The Clayton land office has been so rushed that it has been found necessary to cut the district in half and create a new land office with headquarters at Tucumcari. Verily, New Mexico is growing, and right here is one of the best arguments why it should be admitted as a state.—New Mexican.

Two Laudable Projects

Artesia has set the pace in the prohibition of licensed gambling and the sale of intoxicating liquor. We must now be on the alert lest some other place steals a march on us in the establishing of aerial navigation between this and neighboring towns. The right of way could be easily secured and there is an abundance of hot-air for the asking. The rolling stock is the only problem confronting us in the perfection of the enterprise. Communication by water between this place and Hope may not be a future impossibility. A canal fed by the Penasco river and emptying into the Pecos would readily bring boats from Hope and one of our artesian wells piped up to a height of a few hundred feet would furnish an abundance of water for an aqueduct running westward terminating at the promised valley. Upon second thought will state that the water from the well would serve for the transit both ways as the lower end of the aqueduct could be made to empty into the upper end of the canal thus flowing eastward to the river. The further utilizing of the water after it reaches the lower or eastern end of the canal is worthy of consideration. It might be deemed advisable to run it into the pipe of the well thus preventing any loss except that occasioned by ordinary evaporation.

Road Commissioner J. T. Patrick is around collecting road tax from the unfortunates in this end of the county. The tax is \$3.00 per year or three days work on the roads. For a man and team it is one days work. Before the last session of the legislature, this road tax law did not apply to residents of incorporated towns, but this part of the law was amended so as to include every male citizen between the ages of 21 and 60

personal matter I should never have spoken so rashly.

Hoping that you will be more careful in the future, I remain,
Yours truly,
DAVID, (Ex King)

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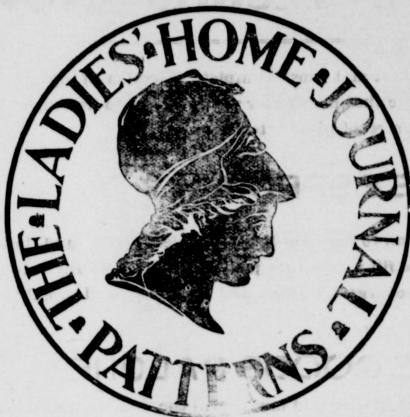
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Yew and vever family is axed tew a soshul that weins the Ladies of the Christian church is gointer hev at Schwartz house, Thursday nite, March 12, 1908.

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Robert Kellahin, the insurance adjuster, was here this week adjusting the claim of E. A. Cox. He paid the amount of insurance on the building and took up the matter of stock for further investigation as to amount, cost, etc.—Progress.

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DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Cases Set for Hearing and a Few Disposed of--Petit Jury Reports Monday.

The regular March term of the Fifth Judicial court convened in this city last Monday morning, but on account of the inability of Judge Pope to be present, adjourned until nine o'clock Tuesday morning.

Promptly at the appointed hour court reconvened Tuesday morning and the routine business of setting the docket was taken up. The following cases were disposed of:

The Interstate Savings and Loan Company vs. J. S. Crozier, and the two cases entitled A. B. Ronehan vs. J. S. Crozier et al. were dismissed. The case of J. S. Crozier vs. Fred W. Rhodes was also dismissed.

The following five cases in which the Territory of New Mexico is plaintiff and Nobe Griner, Fred Fisher, Howard C. Pitts, J. H. Lindley and John Mills, respectively, are defendants were ordered stricken from the docket with leave to reinstate.

The case of the Territory of New Mexico vs. Samuel Morrow was dismissed.

The three cases against S. Schoonover, charging him with assault with deadly weapon and one charging him with assault and robbery, was set for hearing Monday March 16th.

Territory of New Mexico vs. B. M. Mitchell, charged with the larceny of sheep, was set for hearing March 13th.

The case of Acree Bros vs. Jim Demoss was, by the consent of both parties, continued for the term.

In the matter of the sale of the property of Perry William Sullivan, a minor, H. A. Houser was appointed special guardian for the sale of the undivided three eighths interest of the minor in real property.

J. T. Cooper was appointed bailiff for the present term.

In the case of Henry H. Jones

vs. Gertrude T. Jones, plaintiff was awarded judgment by default. The cases in which Clay McGonigall is defendant all were ordered set for hearing on the first jury day of the next term of court.

In Territory vs. George Sable, and also one against Lizzie Sable, charged with assault, the former was given a jail sentence of sixty days and costs. The jail sentence was suspended and the defendant given until the 14th day of March to leave town. The jail sentence against Lizzie Sable was suspended until further orders from the court.

The case entitled Bank of Artesia vs. J. K. Walling was, on motion, dismissed.

Two suits were filed this week against delinquent tax payers of the county. Judgment was rendered against them and the property was ordered sold by the court.

In the matter of Howell Travis Gage and Thelma May Gage an order was issued by the court for the sale of the property and W. L. Whitaker was appointed guardian of the above named minors.

The case of Fannie Sherr vs. W. V. Johnson, was called Wednesday morning and is still occupying the attention of the court at the hour of going to press today. The testimony of numerous witnesses is yet to be presented. It will be remembered the suit is one which has been continued from the last term of court and is for the purchase price of a large tract of land near Lakewood which plaintiff claims was sold under a misrepresentation of water supply for irrigation purposes.

An order was issued yesterday for the drawing of the venire for a grand jury, returnable March 16th. - Argus.

Mr. Wilson and W. F. Daugherty, of Dayton were visitors in Artesia Saturday.

J. S. Crozier, of Carlsbad, was in Artesia last Saturday. It is not known what office he has his eye on.

Compliments of the Season.

Avery Turner, superintendent of the Eastern Railway of New Mexico passed through Hagerman in his private car Monday on an inspection of the Pecos Valley line. Uncle Avery got off his car and took a look at our beautiful depot. There are a lot of people that say harsh things about the superintendent because we have no better railroad facilities than we have. In this they make a grave mistake, he is more to be pitied than censured, for if he put up the improvements we deserve and need here without first working the people for some kind of a donation he would lose his job. - Hagerman Messenger.

Eiler's Big Show.

W. A. Eiler presents "Ralph R. Richardson in a new sensational five act western play, written expressly for him by the well known author, Hal Reid, entitled "King of the Cattle Ring." It is a charming story of love and adventure. The scenes are laid in the mining regions of the golden west, the play is rich in pathos and fairly bubbling over with fun, mirth and amusement. The members of the supporting company have been selected from the very best material which the dramatic market affords, and during the action of the play a number of pleasing specialties will be introduced. The scenery and all accessories are appropriate and abundant, and nothing has been neglected which may have a tendency to insure the success of the play. "The King of the Cattle Ring" will be presented at Artesia on March 19, under a big tent.

As To Lakewood

Editor J. M. Wood, of Lakewood, came up Monday morning to attend to some business here. He still persists in his belief that Lakewood has a great future before it. - Pecos Valley News.

We don't remember to have said anything about it on that particular visit nor do we remember to have put on any particularly dignified airs, but the News man is a good guesser. We do believe there is a great future for Lakewood. And all unbiased people who have ever visited the White City fully agree with us in this belief. Lakewood is destined to be the leading city of the Pecos Valley, and the time is coming when the News man (if he continues to publish a paper in his present location) will be publishing local items like these:

"John Smith and family were taking in the sights at Lakewood last Tuesday."

"Peter Jones and wife went down to the White City this week to take a sail on Lake McMillan."

"Sam Snoodlephant is in Lakewood this week as a juror in Judge Waller's court."

"The \$50,000 court house at Lakewood is nearing completion."

"Sheriff Hogg, of Lakewood, was on official business in this village last week," etc. - Lakewood Progress.

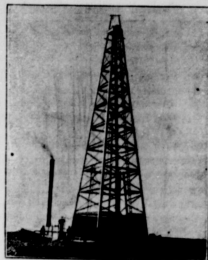
A Good Gusher.

Just as we went to press last week we were informed that our friend Feorge Hunt, who recently came here from Nebraska, had secured a 26 inch flow in his well five miles west of town. The flow had been reported much smaller than that, hence the limited mention made last week. But a 26 inch flow over a 6 1/2 inch casing is a well that any man in the Valley might well be proud of, and we congratulate Mr. Hunt on this splendid good fortune.

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Hope Items.

Mr. J. C. Davis and wife of Terrell, Texas, came here March 6 and will make this their home.

Mr. E. C. Reed of Los Angeles Cal., left for his home the 10th inst. Mr. Reed spent several weeks with his parents.

Mr. H. H. Reed, of Los Angeles, Cal., will spend another month with his parents.

Mrs. Young who has been visiting relatives and friends in Oklahoma returned home last week.

Mrs. John Beckett who has been sick is reported no better.

Mr. Dan Davis little son Andrew died Saturday night and was buried Sunday evening. The sympathies and relatives have our sympathies in their sad bereavement.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Owen Sunday night, a girl, mother and baby are doing well.

Mrs. White & Haas are expected home the later part of next week.

Mr. D. M. Low sold his farm which is a dry claim to Louis Ayers and George Melton for the sum of \$10 per acre.

The young men of our community will organize a base ball team next Saturday and think they will soon be on the market for some good match games in the Pecos Valley.

Mr. James Muncy will likely be manager of the team. PRIMUS.

Our City Election

We regret exceedingly the division of opinion existing regarding our city election which is to be held in the near future. All parties and all church organizations labored faithfully, shoulder to shoulder, March 3, for the securing of one of the greatest blessings that can come to any community and now that we are in danger of losing the advantages of that well won contest is regrettable indeed.

But a few words are necessary on this subject. The republicans of Artesia would be pleased to have a voice in the selection of a ticket representing the wishes of the people as expressed March 3, and feel that they are justly entitled to representation on that ticket, but that harmony may prevail and that there may be no division of the strong prohibition vote, which is absolutely necessary to success, every loyal republican will remain away from a convention called for the purpose of nominating a strictly prohibition ticket to be known as a citizens ticket and furthermore, the republicans will support that ticket even though every member of it be a democrat. The republicans will not go into a democratic primary, neither will they vote a democratic ticket.

Salt to be Mined Near Lake Arthur

It is reported that a company has been formed to mine the salt ore at the salt lakes, twelve miles east of Lake Arthur. Examination shows that this salt will make a good quality of table salt. The road to Lake Arthur will be put in first class shape and shipments will be made from this station.—Times.

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Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of January, 1908, in accordance with Section 26, Irrigation Law of 1907, Fred J. Lukins of Artesia, County of Eddy, Territory of New Mexico, made application to the Territorial Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate from the Public Waters of the Territory of New Mexico.

Such appropriation is to be made from Seepage water from Eagle Draw drain ditch at points in S. W. 1-4 of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 26 Twp. 17 S., R. 26 E.

By means of Diversion and 2 cu. ft. per sec. is to be conveyed to points Sec's. 25 and 26 Twp. 17 S., R. 26 E. By means of 2 ditches and there used for irrigation.

The Territorial Engineer will take this application up for consideration on the 14th day of April, 1908, and all persons who may oppose the granting of the above application must file their objections with the Territorial Engineer on that date. VERNON L. SULLIVAN, Territorial Engineer.

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that on the Tenth day of January, 1908, in accordance with Section 26, Irrigation Law of 1907, William E. Rogers, of Lake Arthur, County of Chaves, Territory of New Mexico, made application to the Territorial Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate from the Public Waters of the Territory of New Mexico.

Such appropriation is to be made from Cottonwood Draw at points in Lots 11 Sec. 4, Twp. 16 S., R. 26 E.

By means of Pumping, and 2.57 cu. ft. per sec. is to be conveyed to points Sec. 4, Twp. 16 S., R. 26 E. By means of Ditches and there used for irrigation.

The Territorial Engineer will take this application up for consideration on the 14th day of April, 1908, and all persons who may oppose the granting of the above application must file their objections with the Territorial Engineer on or before that date.

VERNON L. SULLIVAN, Territorial Engineer.

High School Notes

The Lew Wallace Literary Society met Friday afternoon. On account of the Arbor day exercises next Friday, the regular time for election of new officers, the election was held at this meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Edgar Williamson; Vice-President, Bernice Temple; Secretary-Treasurer, Noble Brainard.

Program Sec., E-telle Mauldin. Editor to the Advocate, Rose Wetzig.

Editor to Pecos Valley News, Fred Brainard.

After the election of officers, the following program was rendered:

Biography of Mr. Kerr, Warden White.

Essay, "Some pleasures of school life," Eloise Wagner.

Essay on Evangeline, Willie Lynn.

Piano Solo, "Robins Return," Bertiea peck.

Biography of Michael Angelo, Theodore Martin.

Essay "Artists of Today," Marsh Tuttle.

Recitation "A Court Lady," Faye Elder.

Vocal Solo, "Love me and the world is mine," Rosa Wetzig.

Recitation, "Our hired girl," Ruth Brainard.

Piano solo, "Dixie Blossoms," Fred Brainard.

The question for debate was, Resolved that art has done more for civilization than poetry.

Those on the affirmative were Bernice Temple and Meda Horner. Those on the negative, Vivian Newkirk and Eben Call.

The judges were Marsh Tuttle, Lotta Ferson and Edgar Williamson. Their decision was in favor of the affirmative.

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J. D. Mell and W. S. Davison were down from Hagerman Wednesday to look after the Albuquerque excursion in behalf of the Hagerman Commercial Club. The excursion stopped at Hagerman one hour.

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E. B. Kemp returned home from Carlsbad Wednesday where he has been on jury service.

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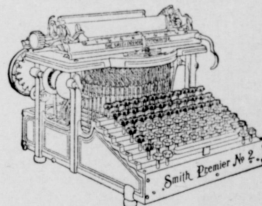
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