

# The Artesia Advocate.

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### ON THE ANTELOPE CANAL

#### Sections of Fine Land Will Be Opened.

### WILL BE ENLARGED

The work of tapping the Pecos and irrigating the fine area of land west of the great Artesian belt has begun.

Within the next few years the vast area of 100,000 acres west of Artesia and extending to Hope will be under a system of irrigation from the tributaries of the Pecos river.

Taking advantage of the kindly offer of T. R. Chisholm of the Antelope Canal Co., the editor of THE ADVOCATE drove with that gentleman to the head of the Antelope canal, Tuesday.

We started about ten o'clock just as the mellow sunlight of a typical Artesia February morning was dissipating the slight chill of the atmosphere. It is a drive of nearly twenty miles to the place where the canal branches from the Pecos.

First we passed through the lands of the Artesian belt, with its green growing alfalfa and stretches of orchard. Then beyond the vast expanse of fertile soil. We drove past the beautiful lake on the Pecos and Penasco canal. This splendid reservoir has recently been filled. It is held in a natural depression by a dam 1100 feet long across the lower side. The quantity of water already in the lake would irrigate several thousand acres and with but little effort its capacity might be largely increased. This we understand will be done before long. The land irrigated by this canal is all tributary to Artesia.

Passing thence we finally came to the ditch of The Antelope Canal Company. This we followed to the head. The ditch is at present carrying but a moderate flow, as it was opened only last Friday and the banks are not yet acclimated, as it were. However, in a little time the volume of water can be greatly increased.

The Pecos river is a fine stream and always has a large volume of water from early fall until summer time. Ten more canals the size of the Antelope could easily be drawn from it without appreciable diminishing the supply.

The river has periodic floods, and at such times any quantity of water could be diverted and stored. Moreover, there are natural reservoirs all over the country so that the work would cost comparatively little.

To be sure, it would be better to interest the government in the proposition of irrigating the entire region with the surplus water. This will doubtless be done, but in the meantime the movement to tap the streams through private enterprise will go on.

Mr. Chisholm had an elaborate lunch along and we sat on the banks of the river and ate, and ate and ate.

Then we drove back by another route, passing several farms to which the water from the ditch is already being ap-

### BUYS SITE FOR PLANT

#### Artesia Light & Ice Company Purchase Lot.

### WILL BEGIN TO BUILD AT ONCE

The Artesia Light & Ice Co. has bought a vacant lot 100x140 just south of the Christopher & Davis warehouse from Harry W. Hamilton for \$500. The company expects the blueprints in a few days and as soon as they are received building will begin.

The most striking feature of this country now is the industrial activity everywhere displayed by the farmers in planting every acre broken, in breaking new land, and in making permanent improvements in the way of houses and barns.

The Antelope canal is thirteen miles long. The land irrigated by it extends within six miles of Artesia. The general outline was planned by T. R. Chisholm and the work of construction was superintended by him. The surveying was done by Will Benson. Members of the Antelope Canal Association are T. R. Chisholm, P. R. Markham, C. A. Ladd, C. H. Wilson, P. L. Fitzgerald, G. W. Chisholm and J. H. Herring.

### NOTICE TO TREE BUYERS

I will have for sale, at Dayton N.M. at the proper time for spring setting, about two cars of apple trees, at from 5 cts. per tree up, according to number taken. These are all first class stock of the standard varieties, and if perturbed can furnish all two-year old trees. Have also some peach and pear trees of finest samples may be seen now on public Square, at Dayton. Every tree guaranteed. Will sell any quantity, from one tree up. This may be the last time, (it is certainly the first) that trees can be had here in small quantities at so low prices.

You had better call, or write quickly, and reserve what you need as the supply cannot last long at these prices. Dayton, N. M. Hotel Dayton.

### The Military Foot Rule.

The U. S. army surgeons examine the feet of the recruit with more care than any other portion of his anatomy, as without good feet he cannot travel well or do his full duty. The foot of a horse is also his most important member. A horse can only have sound feet when properly shod. Lawson at the Artesia Machine Shop shoes horses properly. He has had many years experience in the special work of shoeing race horses in the leading shops of the United States.

Cliff Glass of Lake Arthur went to the bottomless lakes Sunday. Cliff is laid up with lame feet since. He claims new shoes are not the real candy for excursions.

Mr. Yountz of the Canon Well Drilling Co., was in town Monday and put an ad in the Advocate which our readers will do well to peruse.

FOR SALE—Neat brick residence. Apply to D. W. Robertson.

### WILL BUILD UP EMBANKMENT

#### Pecos and Penasco Company Will Enlarge Reservoir.

### TO PRESERVE FLOOD WATER

Work with a large force of men and fifteen teams will begin at once on building an addition to the embankment of the Pecos and Penasco Company's reservoir. The retaining embankment will be raised six feet and will be greatly strengthened and extended. The superficial area of the water which now covers one hundred and thirty acres will be doubled by the new dam.

By thus enlarging the reservoir the company can preserve a large quantity of water in flood time in addition to the normal flow. The above information was given to THE ADVOCATE by Emery J. Phipps who is a member of the Pecos and Penasco reservoir company.

### High School Entertainment.

The High School dramatic Club will render that famous play, "A Soldier of Fortune" a modern comedy-drama in five acts at the Dyer & Logan building on Friday evening, February 15, 1907, for the benefit of the School Library. General admission 25c. School Children 15c. Reserved Seats 35c. Doors open at 7 p. m. Play will begin promptly at 8 p. m. Everybody invited. Come out and help us build up our public school library. Tickets for sale at Fatheree & Robertson's Drug Store.

### A Return Engagement

On account of many requests for a repetition of the concert given at the Presbyterian Church by Misses Tolleson and Older, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Porter and Miss Hope Clark; they will give an entertainment in Artesia, Tuesday February 19 at the Dyer building. The program will be published in the next issue of THE ADVOCATE.

### Sunday Dinner at Artesia Hotel

The Artesia, the leading hotel of the city will hereafter give a special Sunday dinner, from 12 to 2 o'clock local time at regular price. Also board and room \$1.50 per day. Meals 35 cents. Board and room \$7.00 a week or \$25.00 a month.

O. A. Thomas a clothier from Guthrie Oklahoma is here for the purpose of making arrangements to settle down and make this his home. He has a fine claim about six miles southwest of here, that is exceptionally well situated. It is within the Artesia belt and lies between the Antelope Canal and Pecos and Penasco Canal. It is therefore only a question of what is the cheapest way to get water.

Virgil Martin and Miss Ida Walling were married in this city Thursday afternoon by Rev. J. H. Messer.

FOR SALE—160 acres of land 3 miles north of Artesia. For further information apply at Advocate office.

Lee Christopher went to Carlsbad Friday to visit his brother J. D.

### MANY ARE BUILDING DUST FROM THE DIAMOND

#### People In and Around Artesia Constructing Houses and Barns.

The work of building goes on steadily hereabouts. The following is a list of work commenced within the past week.

P. Thomas, residence in town opposite the W. W. Majors place on Grand Avenue.

H. Crouch, residence on farm four miles from town.

N. Maddox, barn four miles from town.

W. H. Warfle, residence on the Majors farm three and one half miles from town. Mr. Warfle recently purchased the farm.

Mrs. L. C. Brashaer, residence on Rounds lots on Quay and West 3rd streets.

J. M. White, one and a half miles north of town, barn and outbuildings.

William Meeks two and a half miles southeast of town, residence.

H. G. Howard, three and a half miles northeast of town, residence and outbuildings.

M. A. Olden on Clayton farm near town, residence.

The above residences are all substantial structures, and several of them are large modern buildings.

### Those Merry Young People

Three gatherings of young people have been reported to us this week two of which were in the nature of "surprise parties" On Monday night a number of High School pupils met at the Heath home and went in a body to the home of Craig Schwartz to help him remember he had a birthday in this month of memorable birthdays. They gave Craig the surprise of his life they say, and passed a pleasant evening with him.

On Tuesday evening the little folks to the number of about twenty had a jolly evening with games and frolics at the home of Miss Stella Tackett south of town. On the same evening the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church held one of their enjoyable so-called at the home of Miss Carrie Orr. There were about thirty-six in attendance several of the older people were kindly included in the favored list of the invited and helped to make the evening even more lively. The young hostess and the Misses Temple arranged a clever puzzling game of pictures representing popular books. Piano music by Missess Margaret Mathes, Carrie Orr and Bernice Temple, and a song by Mr. Muncey were well received. A number of laughable charades and refreshments of dainty cake and chocolates closed a very delightful evening.

A flauted man is not eligible to admission to the U. S. army. Neither can a poorly shod horse race, trot, travel or work well. Let Lawson, the specialist, do your shoeing. Artesia Machine Shop.

The Club Hostesses and Patronesses of the Artesia Club will receive at the Club room on the afternoon of February 22. The usual party will be held at night. Sheriff J. D. Christopher was here Tuesday.

### ONE LON GONE

#### It Is Said Lon Loved Lowing Livestock; Likewise Liberty.

### PERSONAL OF 1907 TEAM

#### With a lineup that is, we believe, the fastest in the Pecos Valley, with a management that has won the confidence of our business men and citizens generally, with grounds pronounced the best between Portalis and Pecos, the Artesia Base Ball team is today the pride of our people.

All "fans" are looking forward with hope, believing our boys will take the pennant and the coin from the surrounding towns. We do not reckon the other towns lightly; they have all made strenuous and successful efforts to strengthen their teams, and we expect to see some swift base ball this year.

At the time THE ADVOCATE noted the purchase of the grand stand two weeks ago, the grounds had not been selected. Since then the management with its usual care, looked over the situation thoroughly and selected as a site a block in Fairview addition at the North end of third. This gives universal satisfaction, as it is within a reasonable distance of the business part of the city. Bleachers will be put in and the whole park modernized.

A subscription of \$65 a month has been raised already, and it is expected that a total of at least \$100 will be contributed.

### The Lineup is:

Baker, 1b; Graham, 2b; Eastley; Linell, o. f.; Osborne and Mize, pitchers; Dunn, ss. Clark, Greer, Beall, Schwartz.

### Library Board Meets

The regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the library was well attended on Thursday afternoon. Every member of Board was present except Mrs. Ross who is helping with the work of the Bank and Mrs. Olin Ragsdale who is retiring from the Board, her place being declared vacant by the President. Mrs. Jo Jacobson was appointed in her stead. The report of various committees and officers were approved and plans of interest and improvement discussed. The new committee as named to serve for 1907 are as follows: Purchasing Committee Messdames Gilbert, Martin and Inman. Reading Room Committee Messdame Kemp, Hodges and Ross. Entertainment Com. Messdames Schwartz, Major and Talpot.

### Band Items.

The band has purchased a new head and brass rims for the base drum. Manager Johnson is trying to arrange to play at Roswell during the meeting of the Cattlemen's Association. A gentleman named Mallory of Nebraska will join. He is an excellent manipulator of the saxophone.

Fifteen dollars worth of new music has arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sperry have gone to New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras.

D. H. Wenger has gone on a visit to Booz N. M. Later, He's back.

There doesn't seem to be much muddle in the makeup of Lon Reynolds who is now enjoying the charms of solitude somewhere on the banks of the turbulent Pecos, to the chagrin of sundry peace officers who would entice the recluse back to the distractions and discomforts of civilization.

Lonis said to be troubled with a strange malady the most striking symptoms of which is an unaccountable affinity for other peoples cattle; so Lon was taken into custody, and the Roswell jail, to await a hearing before twelve scientists who were to determine whether there is any causal connection between certain alleged actions of Lon and the simultaneous bovine disappearances.

Lon grew restive in captivity, so he escaped and went to Alamosordo where he was caught by the sheriff of Otero county. Deputies Guy Herbert and Jack Fass brought him back. They arrived in Artesia about 2 o'clock on last Tuesday morning, and went to the Club stables. They were about to retire when Lon heard "The call of the wild", the memories of his tree-folk days came back; crying out whatever stood for "skidder, 23" among the Pre-adamites, he disappeared into the night.

### CAUGHT!

As we go to press we learn that Lon has been recaptured near Lakewood.

### Captain Hunt Dies in Dallas

John D. Hunt, who recently came to Dallas with his wife from Artesia N.M. died yesterday and his body will be shipped today by undertakers Ed C. Smith & Bro. to Hico for burial. His wife died last week and her body preceded his to Hico for burial. Mr. Hunt was 68 years old.—Dallas News, February 5.

Captain John D. Hunt came to Artesia three years ago from Floydada, Texas. He settled on and improved a farm about 6 1-2 miles west of Artesia. He was interested in pushing the ditching proposition on the Penasco. He lived for many years in Hamilton county Tex. where he was at one time a member of commissioners court.

During the civil war he was a captain in the Confederate army.

He was very popular among the people every where he ever lived.

John Major, S. P. Henry, William Idler, Dr. A. L. Norfleet, Dr. Chas. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy, D. D. Temple, Miss Nellie Turknett, J. B. Atkinson, R. E. Davis, W. E. Ragdale, and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hodges were some of the Artesians who went to Roswell on business or pleasure during the past week.

Drummers say of the turnouts from the Star Stable have the smoothest traveling horses in Artesia. Reason: The horses are shod by Lawson, expert horseshoer at the Artesia Machine.

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The Advocate is published in the Great Pecos Valley of New Mexico, in the center of the flowing well districts. These wells flow from 500 to 5,000 gallons of pure water per minute. There are hundreds of them and the smallest flow is sufficient to irrigate 200 acres in fruit trees. Production in this country has only begun. We have better inducements to immigrants than any other country offers. Land is cheap here. Come and investigate.

## NOTICE

Hereafter no program for an entertainment will be run on the first page, except in single column form. All such advertising will be charged for at regular rates as will also be all notices of coming entertainments unless when the same is written by the editor as a matter of news.

## Carlsbad Facts and Figures.

It is perhaps useless to waste time on a discussion that has already passed into history, but a closing word with reference to the so-called statement of facts and figures put forth by the Carlsbad Commercial Club would perhaps not be amiss.

This statement was put forth in reply to an interview given by Gayle Talbot in the Albuquerque Journal of Jan. 16. The interview was a brief but able presentation of Artesias claims, but being only an interview it was necessarily condensed.

Because Mr. Talbot failed to give more elaborate details than it is possible to give in an interview, the Carlsbad Club proceeded to pervert his statement—unconsciously we trust.

We do not propose to go into all the details and show the proof of sophistry running through them, but shall call attention to a sample or two.

The statement takes up a lot of more or less valuable space to prove that Artesias precinct does not pay 10 per cent of the taxes of Eddy county. Nobody said it did and the statement finally conceded such amount of taxes were paid by the proposed new county. This was what every body outside of the Carlsbad Commercial Club knew Mr. Talbot was talking about all the time. In fact to our limited comprehension he seemed to be unusually clear in that respect.

The Club says, "Mr. Talbot will claim to you that Artesias is a better town than Carlsbad." This is purely an assumption. Whether Artesias is a better town than Carlsbad or Vice Versa is not a question at issue and Mr. Talbot is too good a reasoner to waste time in discussing that matter. That the Carlsbad Club tries to raise that issue in an evidence that it wants to evade the real question: the right of the people to a new county. Even on this point it is unfair.

They give the assessed value of Artesias precinct and of Carlsbad precinct, showing that Carlsbad has more property assessed than Artesias and add "and this in spite of the fact that the irrigation plant at Carlsbad has been without water for two years while the wells at Artesias, as we all know have been spouting high to heaven."

What do they want the casual reader to infer?

Carlsbad is one of oldest towns in the Pecos Valley.

Five years ago Artesias was not. Yet because in four years

we have not accumulated as much property as Carlsbad has in sixteen we are asked to draw the conclusion that Carlsbad is the better town.

This matter is all beside the question but if we are to discuss it let us be fair and get at the facts. On March 1, 1906, Carlsbad precinct had \$7,000 less assessed valuation than on March 1, 1905. While Carlsbad showed a positive loss, Artesias showed a gain of 30 per cent.

If the Eddy county assessor who is a Carlsbad man did his full duty then there is no doubt of Gayle Talbot's ability to prove Artesias the better town had he cared to go out of his way to do so.

They pretend to wish to know why the debt is divided as it is. Do they think we ought to pay for all their public buildings and then let them keep them? Do they not really know better than to seriously put forward the argument they imply?

The statement works in the \$600,000 pledged to the government as if it constituted a public debt, and as if Artesias is all benefitted by it. The enhancement in value of land reclaimed by the dam is many times greater than the cost of the structure.

They pretend to find fault with Mr. Talbot's arithmetic, because the total amount he gives as assessed valuation for last year from the territory included in the new county differs from the amount of assessable property he says the new county would contain.

This matter and in fact all these matters are explained in the formal statement of the people of Artesias through the publicity committee and is as follows:

"The above figures of assessed valuation do not include value of lands upon which final proofs have been made since March 1, 1906 and which in the proposed new county alone amount to \$150,000, making the total value of property in Artesias county if established, \$1,239,685."

Now this formal presentation of Artesias claims, elaborated the arguments which appeared in a condensed form, in Mr. Talbot's interview and it appeared in the Pecos Valley News a whole week before the Carlsbad Club's screed appeared. Why was this ignored when it threw light upon the details that our neighbors pretend to want information about?

The reason why the debt should be divided as we propose was shown; the actual assessed valuation of Artesias precinct was shown; all other necessary facts were set forth. Why was this ignored? Is the reflection on the intelligence or the integrity of the Commercial Club of Carlsbad?

In the matter of taxes and expenses Mr. Talbot and the Artesias Publicity Committee set out to prove one thing: the Carlsbad Club to establish another. We showed how much a new county could get along with; they showed how much a new county could spend if it wanted to.

The claim that a county cannot be successfully conducted with a valuation of less than \$2,000,000, does not deserve serious consideration. In 1905 eighteen of the twenty-five counties in New Mexico had less than the amount named. Eleven have less than the proposed county would have had it been created. Eddy herself had much less assessed value than we would have had.

Our readers may wonder why a dignified body of gentleman like the Carlsbad Club should put forth such a mess of kindergarten quibbles. We trust not for the purpose of deceiving the unwary.

We wish we had more time and space to while away on this discussion but readers can catch the drift and to continue would be only to show up more Carlsbad absurdity.

## Mr. Brice and The New County.

C. R. Brice of the firm of Bujac & Brice, of Carlsbad, was a pleasant caller at THE ADVOCATE office Wednesday.

Speaking of the new county proposition, Mr. Brice said that he may have said two years ago that he would favor a new county here at this time, though he does not recollect having done so. He showed us a copy of a letter written to the Artesias committee in which he said he was opposed to a new county at that time. In this letter he said he would eventually favor the creation of a new county but did not fix a time. He expresses himself as still of the same opinion.

He said that he and his partner, Capt. Bujac, had been laboring under several misapprehensions. They had been incorrectly informed as to public sentiment in Artesias, and until his present visit he (Mr. Brice) had not realized the amount of land under cultivation around Artesias this year, still he personally is not quite ready to favor a new county now, nor would he positively pledge himself to favor the creation of one two years hence. He would say, however, that if Artesias continues to progress during the next two years as she did in the past two Carlsbad will find it difficult to oppose a new county successfully.

THE ADVOCATE believes the people of Carlsbad will continue to oppose division just the same. Though many of them now doubtless think they will let us go without a fight—sometime. This end of of the county is a "good thing" for Carlsbad in the way of providing taxes without receiving any return. Those who feel that we ought to have a county (sooner or later) will always find procrastination a soothing salve for an uneasy conscience.

THE ADVOCATE believes that if Artesias is to get anything she must go after it and keep after it until she gets it. The people at Carlsbad will hold on as long as they can and will let go when they are jarred loose.

## Rising From The Grave

A prominent manufacturer, Wm. A. Fertwell, of Lacama, N. C. relates a most remarkable experience. He says: "After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Bright's disease, in the Diabetes stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure me permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and bladder complications which have troubled me for years." Guaranteed at Pecos Valley Drug Co. Price only 50c.

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The Epworth League of the M.E. Church gave a union social Friday evening.

Over one hundred were in attendance and the young people had a great time.

The Artesias Milling Co. wants to exchange chops and feed for hogs.

Horse and buggy for sale J.W. Rounds. It

H. T. Peck was in Portales this week.

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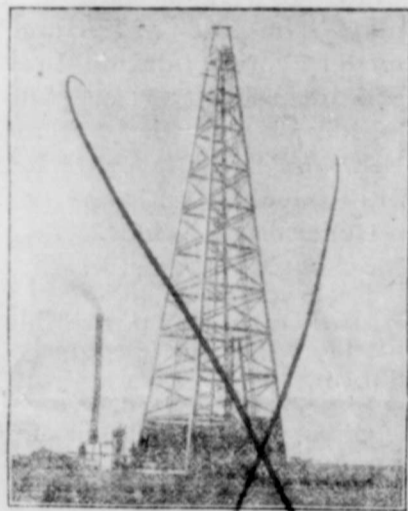
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## Death Equalizes All

In The Next Life Only Merit Will be Rewarded.

At the M. E. Church, South, last Sunday Rev. J. H. Messer, preached on the parable of Lazarus and Dives. In part he said:

This present life is a theme on which men will always hang with breathless interest, but eternity, the life beyond the grave is a question the importance of which can never be measured by finite human minds. Let us notice a few of the most important truths taught in this parable and first the text calls attention to the inequalities of life. Why God has so arranged the conditions of this life as they are, is a mystery. We do not know why some men have every luxury while others, equally as worthy are destitute of some of the common necessities of life.

The parable speaks of a rich man and a beggar; A man who is in good health, and a man who is a chronic sufferer, a man with plenty of friends and a man altogether destitute of human sympathy. These are inequalities we see all around us every day. These conditions have been in existence in our world in all ages and they will doubtless remain on this earth until the end of time. It is no use for the poor to grumble and bewail their unhappy lot, neither will any thing much be gained by organized labor, and the agitation and legislation in the world let it be ever so favorable toward the poor will not change to any perceivable degree the fact that we have rich men and poor men in the world. I do not think it is necessarily sinful for a man to be rich neither do I think it is disgraceful for a man to be poor; I think it is wicked for a man to be miserly, and abominable for a man to be stingy and I think it is still worse for a man to be thriftless and indolent. Poverty with some men may be a source of many purifying influences and to others it may be a source of vice and crime. Riches may be a source of great sinfulness or they may be a source of godliness. Abraham, Jacob, Job, and Joseph of Armathea were all rich men and were not condemned because they had wealth but were noted for their fidelity integrity and piety. Nearly all of the early christians were poor but by their self-sacrifice and devotion they gained for themselves immortality in the memory of mankind and immortality for their souls in the courts of heaven. Neither condition then is a bar to right living. It seems to the will of all wise Creator that there should be both rich and poor people in the world. Would not it be better then for Capital and labor the employer and the employee to be friends. One can not exist without the other and the sooner the Golden rule is followed by both the better for mankind while the hoarding of vast useless fortunes is a crime and a danger that is threatening the welfare of our republic, the beggar is a problem if not solved that threatens the welfare of civilization. The time has come that calls for money are constantly being made. Soliciting funds is becoming a mania. The church, the school, the lodge the club the unfortunate and the poverty stricken each in their turn are making their appeals for money. I believe that all true object of charity should receive assistance but the great army of men who tramps up and down our railroads and public highways and beg from door to door ought to be arrested, made to work for their living and every available means ought to be used to compel them to quit begging. We are encouraging one of the most degrading lives when we keep on feeding tramps.

We learn patience fortitude and meekness by suffering if there were no afflicted ones and no human suffering there could be no sympathy and no benevolence. In the text we have a man with plenty of friends and another who is destitute of human sympathy. There are men and women in the world tonight, worthy men and women that have not a friend in the world. Scores of men will commit suicide tonight because they are in the world without a friend or home or hope. There are thousands of moneyless homeless and friendless girls that will dry the hot tears from their eyes a hundred times tonight and before morning they will take their own lives or they will die worse—enter a life of sin and shame. Yet in this world there are millions of those who profess to be followers of the Friend of suffering, sinful men. O, my friends, a kind word, some cheering advice, a loving smile, and a faithful and true friendship are worth more to human hearts than gold.

The text calls attention to the certainty of death. The rich man and the beggar both die and what befell these in this matter befalls all our race. But mark the difference in which these two men died. The rich man within his splendid mansion. On all sides were evidences of luxury and affluence. The walls of the room within which he is dying are decorated and sculptured. The marble floor is covered with the most costly coverings. The room is filled with anxious friends and loved ones. Enquiries come every moment from neighbors far and near as to his welfare. But let us imagine some of the thoughts that were passing through the mind of the dying man. Perhaps he thinks "must I die so soon.

Must I leave all of this money, luxury and splendor. Must I in a few moments be in the presence of my Creator. What have I to my credit in the books of God? Where shall I spend eternity? Has not my life been a failure? I could have helped the widow and the orphan but did not do so? I could have given bread to the hungry and alleviated the sufferings of the sick and the distressed but I did not do so. I have oppressed the poor and for the sake of gold I have lied, cheated and deceived. I have arrayed myself in fine linen and fared sumptuously every day but I have neglected my souls welfare. I am struggling trying to breathe and I can see frightful forms gathering in ever increasing numbers. They come! They come! And, O! most awful horrors! I can hear shrieking, howling, lamenting and gnashing, and while the mist is falling and darkness is stealing around me I can feel scorching fires burning my deathless spirit."

Out at the rich man's gate the Lazarus is also dying: unknown and unnoticed. No tears for him will be shed. No funeral oration for him will be delivered. No monument or marble slab will mark his sleeping place. He, too, is struggling trying to breathe. No one there to administer the rites of religion. No one to give him a sip of water to cool his fevered lips. Dogs are his only attendants. But all at once he hears the flutter of wings. The shining ones are gathering about him. The gates of heaven are standing ajar. He crosses over the river and rests under the shades of the trees amid the flowers and leaves of the garden of God. There no lives are suffering. There no hearts are breaking. There the wicked cease from troubling and there the weary are at rest. The text calls attention to the wonderful change of conditions in the future state. The rich man had possessed good things in this life and Lazarus evil things, but in the other life Lazarus had good things and Dives evil things. Dives was tormented in a flame and could not get a drop of water to cool his parching tongue while Lazarus was supremely blest in the paradise of God. This will probably be true in thousands of cases. When Jesus was here on earth the common people heard Him gladly but not many of the mighty or noble or rich were converted to His doctrine.

Lazarus with all his poverty had something the rich man did not possess, namely a pure heart and an upright character. Doubtless some wonderful changes are going to take place at the judgment bar. The man who has toiled for his daily bread and failed sometimes to obtain it will sit down at the marriage feast of the Lamb while his hard-hearted employer will be denied admittance. The slave will be given a crown of life while his master will be commanded to depart from the presence of God. The pauper will be arrayed in white and housed in a shining mansion while his rich neighbor will be cast into outer darkness. In this way many of the wrongs that go on year after year in this world apparently unrighted and unnoticed by the divine mind will be righted. When we see some of the wrongs of this life that are openly practiced and are inclined to doubt the justice of God let us remember that God has remembered all the oppression, cruelty, ill treatment and persecution of his children, that they will be rewarded and their opponents and oppressors will be punished in the other life. The text calls attention to the fact that probation ends at death.

Their destiny had been worked out here on earth. The record that they had made here had settled their everlasting condition for weal or woe. The rich man had gambled for happiness here on earth and he had lost all, and all the years of the past. When the king of all terrors shall end our career then it will be too late to make any changes. As death finds us so we must remain forever. O! sinner friend, let me ask you to make your peace with God. Do not resist the pleadings of the Holy Spirit. Do not harden your hearts against offered mercy. Do not wait for a more convenient time. Do not expect something miraculous to bring you into the Kingdom of God. If you are not touched by the story of the cross, if you are not stirred by unfathomable love of God then you would not accept Christ though one came to you from the dead pleading with you to do so. O tonight go down on your knees and sue for peace and pardon while peace and pardon may be found.

I take this method of expressing my thanks and appreciation of the manner in which Mr. S. A. Butler completed our well also the manner in which we were treated by him, after he had completed with all the requirements of our contract and we were still not deep enough to get a flow. His fairness and liberality are doubly appreciated when it is remembered we were doing business by telegraph 1100 miles apart. I can most cheerfully recommend him to any one wishing a No. 1 well driller.

F. J. Short

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## ACCORDING TO HOLY WRIT

### Father Kalt Says Holy Scripture Enjoins Fasting: The Church Defines

At the St. Anthony's Catholic Church Sunday Father Robert Kalt delivered a sermon upon the approaching season of Lent. He also read the Lenten regulations for the diocese of Tucson. The text of the sermon was Matthew 4:2 "And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights He was afterwards hungry."

In substance and in part Father Kalt said:

"We are now close to the holy season of Lent when the church bids us to more particularly eschew earthly pleasures and to especially contemplate the suffering of our Lord."

It is necessary for us to deny ourselves in this world and to do penance for our sins.

"Unless you do penance you shall all likewise perish," says Our Lord. He who was sinless and who was therefore not bound to do penance yet fasted as an example to us. How much more reason for us to fast who have so often offended God.

We have an example of the efficacy of fasting when accompanied by repentance and prayer, in the case of Ninive. The Lord ordered the prophet to proclaim "Yet forty days and Ninive shall be destroyed." When the people heard these words, they believed in God, and fasting, clothed themselves in sackcloth and ashes. The king made the rule by royal proclamation. When God saw the sincerity of their repentance, He heard the prayer of the people, and did not destroy the city.

What God imposes the church defines. She outlines the fast and abstinence which we are to perform. This right was conferred upon her by Christ when He commanded the faithful to hear the church.

When the Pharisees murmured because the disciples did not observe the fast, Christ did not say that fasting was to be abolished but reminded the Pharisees that the Bridegroom was yet present but that when He was gone the disciples would fast.

All the great men in the Old Testament fasted.

John the Baptist did so in the desert. We read that "Anna a prophetess was a widow until four score and four years; who departed not from the temple, by fasting and prayers serving night and day."

We also find that from the earliest days of Christianity fasting is mentioned by the Fathers of the church as beneficial to us and it has always been practiced in the church even unto this day.

But while we should fast corporally we should still more fast spiritually not alone during Lent but at all times. We should repent for our sins and do penance. We should at all times live good pure and honest lives.

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Mrs. T. R. Hayden arrived yesterday morning from Rockport Ill. The smile T. R. carried around yesterday morning was too broad to bring up Main street for fear of impeding traffic.

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## At The Churches

#### Church Directory.

**BAPTIST CHURCH.**—Sunday School at 10 o'clock a. m. Preaching every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at night at usual hour. B. Y. P. U. at 6 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at usual hour.

**M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.**—J. H. Messer, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Epworth League 3 p. m. Senior Epworth League 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.** J. M. Blalock Pastor. Lord's Day Meetings. Bible School 9:30 a. m. W. F. Swartz, Superintendent. Communion and Preaching 11 a. m. Junior Endeavor 3 p. m. Mrs. W. F. Swartz, Superintendent. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m. Miss Nannie Ross, President. Officers' Meetings. First Lord's Day in each month. C. L. Heath, Chairman of Board. Week Day Meetings. Ladies Aid. First and Third Tuesday 2:30 p. m. Mrs. J. B. Atkinson, President. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Bible Class (out-line work) and Song Rehearsal Friday 7:30 p. m.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**—E. E. Mathes, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. preaching 11 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:00 p. m.; preaching, 7:00.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH.**—Rev. Father Robert Gray, Pastor. Mass at 10 a. m. on the first Sunday of each month. Prayer every Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**—Rev. E. McQueen Gray, Rector in charge. Services at the Baptist church the second Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

**Ash Wednesday Next Week.**  
Lent begins next Wednesday. We publish an epitome of lenten regulations next week.

Only those between the ages of twentyone and sixty who are in good health, and are not performing hard physical labor, are required to fast. Others are requested to abstain, especially from even the moderate use of intoxicating liquors.

There will be a recital given at the Presbyterian church next Wednesday night by Miss Annie Thompson Smith, vocalist, and Misses Kelton and Gray, pianists. Admission 25 and 15 cents. It is for the benefit of the church and begins late enough to allow people to attend prayer meeting.

**Presbyterian Church.**  
3:45 a. m., Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m., Sermon by the pastor.  
3 p. m., Junior Endeavor.  
6:00 p. m., Senior Y. P. S. C. E.  
7:00 p. m., Song Service and Short Sermon. A cordial invitation to the public generally to attend these Services.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of the Lord."  
E. E. Mathes, Pastor

The Sunday Schools of Artesia will hold a union meeting at the Christian Church next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. A program will begin the first hour, followed by a social. A paper "The Sunday School worker before and after coming to Artesia," a round table discussion on Sunday School management, followed by teaching of lesson for Feb. 17. You are invited to attend this Convention at home.

The Antislavery League Committee held their second meeting in the Presbyterian Church last Wednesday night. The entire committee consisting of fifteen men were present.

J. S. Highsmith returned yesterday from a trip to Topeka, Kansas.

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throes of a blizzard the deni-  
zens of the Pecos Valley in the  
sunshine Territory are inhaling  
the perfume of fragrant flowers.  
J. A. Bruce east of Artesia has a  
grove of plum trees that bloomed  
in the last week of January and  
the flowers are still on the trees.

**J. M. Shaft,** of Neola, Iowa, and  
**C. F. Collins** of Underwood, Iowa, are  
looking over the Artesian country.  
They are pleased with the country  
and surprised at our wild flowers.  
They called on the **ADVOCATE** along  
with **J. M. Conn.**

**Abstracts of title to all lands in Bddy  
county. Artesia office over Bank of  
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**THE ASSYRIAN QUEEN**

**Methodist Ladies Will Give Read-  
dition of Queen Esther.**

Preparations have been begun  
to give the people of Artesia an  
unusual treat in a musical way  
in the early spring. We be-  
lieve that Artesia has unknown  
resources, and that she will be  
surprised when she discovers  
them; when, like Kipling's  
slip, "she finds herself."

The Methodist ladies are now  
at work on the sacred cantata  
"Queen Esther" a musical  
production of great excellence  
and beauty, which they hope  
to present by Easter, if not  
sooner. They sincerely desire  
and earnestly solicit the help  
of the choirs of the other  
churches and also the other  
singers in our city.

Announcements will be made  
at the different churches on  
Sunday as to the time and  
place decided upon for the first  
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tion Committee to arrange pro-  
gram for next Convention.

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**Not A Misleading Echo**  
E. S. Wigdale of the Dayton  
Echo was in town this week.

The people of Artesia should  
never forget the good fight that  
the Echo put up for justice dur-  
ing the contest for a new county.

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cents a bail call at the Dneeda  
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**J. C. Elliott** who runs the  
saw mill in the mountains was  
in town this week.

**Mr. Elliott's mill** is a success  
and he now has two teams  
hauling lumber steadily to  
Artesia.

**J. D. H. Reed** went to Ros-  
well Tuesday on business.

**J. M. Conn** returned from an  
extended trip Thursday. Mr.  
Conn attended the meeting of  
the Grand Lodge B. P. O. E.  
of the state of Iowa, at Creston.  
Mr. Conn visited Mr. and Mrs.  
F. J. Short in Greenfield, Iowa.  
He says he had a fine time, but  
the frost nipped off his must-  
ache.

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**M. O. Tuttle Artesia N. M.**

**Prof. B. Stevenson** has moved  
into the Hubbs place and  
Mr. Cox into the house vacated  
by the professor.

**W. R. Estep** spent Monday in  
Lake Arthur.  
**E. N. Skear** was in Hereford  
this week.

**The Bacon-Shakespeare Controversy.**

We are fortunate enough to  
be able to publish the following  
scholarly resume of the Shake-  
spearian Baconian controversy.  
The paper was read at the  
woman's club at its last meet-  
ing and will be of interest to  
all of our readers of literary  
taste. The paper was prepared  
by Mrs. S. A. Orr

The contention that Shakespeare is  
guilty of plagiarism when he issued the  
famous plays with his own name attached,  
is a matter of comparatively recent  
date, having been started some 300  
years after Shakespeare's time. It may  
be that others had made the same accu-  
sation, but I have failed to find any ac-  
count of it. Ignatius Donnelly, an  
American writer, in a book entitled  
Cryptograms, created quite a sensation  
in the literary world, sometime about  
the 80's of the 19th century, by declar-  
ing and proving—to his own satisfaction  
at least—that Lord Francis Bacon was  
the author of certain so-called Shake-  
spear's plays, and that Shakespeare  
was guilty of both theft and deceit, in  
issuing such in his own name. At once  
the friends of the "Bard of Avon" were  
aroused to deny and disprove the hideous  
charge, and the dispute waxed warm.  
Meanwhile, strange to relate, the world  
moved right along, and finally other  
matters of greater importance caused  
this apparently to be dropped, or forget-  
ten. And now, but recently, the cudgel  
of Bacon has been taken up by a lady,  
a school teacher in Boston, (another American)  
who, emulating the spirit of Pres.  
Roosevelt, believes in giving every one a  
"square deal." She claims to have dis-  
covered "a Cipher, which was used by  
Lord Bacon in his writings, to disclose  
wonderful secrets to the world, the prin-  
cipal secret being that he, himself, was  
the legitimate son of Queen Elizabeth  
and the Earl of Leicester, who had been  
married, and the union kept secret per-  
haps for reasons of State. This Cipher,  
she claims, when applied to a large num-  
ber of Shakespeare's works, is found  
both apply, and disclose the same things,  
the claim of being the rightful heir to  
the English throne, being repeated again  
and again.

Mr. Sidney Lee, who is accepted au-  
thority in England concerning Shake-  
spear's 1st Folio, claims to have ap-  
plied the Baconian Cipher to these edi-  
tions also to other works named by Mrs.  
Gallup, and that he has found—nothing  
which to my mind shows a decided differ-  
ence of opinion. Very few students  
of literature or professional writers take  
the subject seriously, but seem content  
to leave its discussion to lesser writers.  
However, recent writers on the Bacon-  
Shakespeare controversy, though differ-  
ing radically on the main question, seem  
to agree at least on one point, that the  
plays, or many of them, were the result  
of collaboration. Shakespeare having  
aid from some cotemporary dramatists.

Judge Charles Allen, of the Supreme  
Court of Mass., in a book on the subject  
deals at length with the legal aspects of  
the plays, and avers that Lord Bacon  
could never have made such palpable  
errors as appear, leaving nothing behind  
him to reveal his personal habits or rela-  
tions, while Bacon was careful to pre-  
serve in his writings that which had led  
to intimate knowledge of the man. From  
a literary point of view, Bacon's poetry  
he considers far below that of Shake-  
spear. He, however, says the opinion  
generally prevails that Shakespeare  
wrote with some one or more of his friends,  
that being common among playwrights  
at that time, and it is usually conceded  
that King Henry 6th, Titus Andronicus,  
Timon of Athens, Pericles, and King  
Henry 8th were composed in part by  
others. Also the "Taming of the Shrew,"  
Romeo and Juliet, and Hamlet are some-  
times credited partially to others, Daniel  
Marlowe, Green and Fletcher being men-  
tioned in this connection. If this is es-  
tablished it tends to weaken the Bacon-  
ion theory, as from what is known of  
Lord Francis Bacon it is not likely he  
would have united in such work with  
any of "the common herd." Again, al-  
terations which have occurred in many  
of the plays showing a knowledge of  
stage-craft is against Bacon, for his life  
was apart from the theater.

Also, if Shakespeare was not the au-  
thor of his plays would not rival drama-  
tists of that time had discovered the  
fact and call attention thereto?  
Altogether, it seems to me there is very  
little to be gained in seeking to discredit  
Shakespeare as an author. Him whom  
we have quoted, who has been quoted  
to us, and to our fathers before us,  
whose words, sometimes in homely yet  
striking phrase, teach truths of which  
the human mind is cognizant, after it is  
awakened, to notice or discern indeed  
are we loth to submit there is any truth  
in the contention. In fact we are some-  
times reminded of the situation as given  
by James Kendrick Bangs on that im-  
mortal book, "The Houseboat on the  
Styx," who represents the sharks of  
Bacon and Shakespeare as arguing the  
question, finally leaving it to the deci-  
sion of Walter Raleigh, who instantly de-  
clares "neither of them wrote Shake-  
spear's plays, he wrote it himself." And  
so we leave the subject with no de-  
terminate conclusion unless it be that we  
realize more fully that "Many May claim  
what few can prove."

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Following is a brief description.....  
Lowest cash price.....  
Name..... Address.....

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I desire to buy property corresponding approximately with the following specifications: Town or city.....  
County..... State.....  
Price between \$..... and \$..... I will pay \$..... down and balance.....  
Remarks.....  
Name..... Address.....

**Contest Notice**  
Department of the Interior,  
United States Land Office,  
Roswell, N. M., Dec 13, 1906  
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Mary B. Stewart, contestant, against Desert Land entry No. 2326, made Nov. 24, 1905, for SE1-4 Section 6, Township 16 S., Range 25 E., by James W. Wear, Conteste, in which it is alleged that said James W. Wear has not expended upon said tract in the necessary irrigation, cultivation, reclamation or in permanent improvements the sum of \$1.00 per acre for the year from Nov. 24 1905 to Nov. 24 1906. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 21, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M.  
The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed January 15, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.  
Signed, Howard Leland, Register,  
David L. Geyer, Receiver.

**Notice For Publication**  
Desert Land, Final Proof,  
United States Land Office,  
Roswell, New Mexico,  
January 22 1907  
Notice is hereby given that Jesse M. White, of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, assignee of Chester L. Heath, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1137, for the East Half of Section 35, T. 16 S., R. 26 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, N. M., on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1907.  
He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:  
Chester L. Heath, Grant Sooter, J. W. Stewart, D. H. Wenger, all of Artesia, N. M.  
Howard Leland, Register

**Framers Call At Broom Factory**  
I have moved my broom factory into the old Tom Logan Tin Shop next door to the bakery on Main Street and will furnish brooms direct to consumer at reasonable price.  
Call and see me about a farmers organization.  
W. B. Naylor  
J. B. Cecil returned last night from a two weeks visit to Cleveland, Ohio. He was accompanied on his return trip by G. E. Brown who will spend some time here as his guest. Mr. Cecil says it is much colder in Ohio than it is around Artesia.  
Mrs. Olin Ragsdale and her sister Miss May Nash left Monday night for Nottingham England where they will spend several months visiting relatives and friends.  
A stranger seeing a good well here asks, "Who made it?" the answer, Sperry & Lukins, of course.  
J. C. Noel of the firm of Baker & Noel of Hope was in Artesia, Wednesday.  
W. L. Whitaker of Hope was in town Monday proving up on his claim.

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