

# Pecos Valley News.

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## ARTESIA ARTICLES

Arthur Lewis visited in Roswell Thursday of last week.

Mr. Linell made a business trip to Roswell Thursday. He hopes to make some arrangement for a ball game while there.

Vetal Bogy, who is now working for Joyce-Fruit at Carlsbad, came in Thursday morning to visit a day or two with home folks.

D. L. Newkirk was appointed delegate for New Mexico to the National Congress of State Highway Commissioners to be held at Pittsburg, Pa., March 12-13, 1907.

E. F. Walker left Sunday morning for Roswell. The firm he is interested in, the Walker & Davison Land Co., have left Artesia and their offices are occupied by Higgins & McCrary.

The immigrant car of D. Enoch who purchased a part of the Norfleet farm, arrived Wednesday and he will move at once to his land. Mr. Enoch is a practical farmer and is well pleased with the land he has bought. We expect to hear from him in the way of record-breaking crops very soon.

Judge Britt, of Roswell, was in town Wednesday looking after his land north of town. Mr. Britt was the man who defended the people of Artesia at a meeting of the Roswell citizens, called for the purpose of denouncing Artesia for daring to assert her rights. He was the only man in Roswell at the time who stood up for us.

Mr. Weidman, who lives six miles south of Dayton, was a caller at the News office Wednesday. Mr. Weidman came here from San Francisco and expected to find a desert waste with a settler every ten miles along the line. To say that he was agreeably surprised would be stating it mildly and now you couldn't get him to leave for love or money.

### A Trip On Horseback.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Osburn of Artesia, were among the arrivals today in the Capital and registered at the Claire. They rode on horseback from their home to this city, a distance of about three hundred and fifty miles via the White Mountains. They traveled leisurely and enjoyed their trip immensely. They will remain here until Monday. Mr. Osburn is a lawyer by profession and is also president of the Artesia Commercial Club. Being a resident of Artesia he is naturally in favor of the creation of Artesia county.—New Mexican.

### Died.

Tuesday evening, Miss Bessie Burroughs. She came here a few days ago with her sister, Mrs. Morris, and were living in the house lately occupied by L. F. Shepard. Their home is in Wellington and they came here for Miss Burroughs' health. The body was shipped to Wellington Thursday morning.

A SCENE IN THE PECOS VALLEY



ARTESIAN WELL AND LAKE

## THE CLAYTON IDEA.

Is Now in Practical Operation at Amarillo. A Good Scheme.

The Clayton idea is now being given a trial at Amarillo and according to the latest report is bringing a large number of homeseekers to the Valley who otherwise would not have gotten through the land sharks of the Pandhandle. Mr. Clayton brought up the idea sometime ago of having a display of fruit and grain raised in the Valley on show at Amarillo and suggested that the valley as a whole take it up and see what they could do with it. Some time has passed since the suggestion was made and as nothing was being done at it, Mr. Clayton organized a company consisting of Mr. Keinath, Mr. Talbot and himself to put the idea through and to sell land to the persons interested in the valley through this means. Quite a number of homeseekers have already been brought to the valley and the display is growing all the time. It is undoubtedly one of the best schemes ever originated to advertise the Pecos Valley!

### Washington's Birthday.

The Patronesses of the Artesia Club gave a most artistic reception to the ladies of Artesia on Washington's birthday. The ladies receiving were: Mrs. McNatt, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Hodges. Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Osburn were unable to be present. The room was appropriately decorated and light refreshments were served. About seventy-five out of town guests were invited making one hundred and fifty invitations in all. In the evening a dance was held in the Club rooms, the music for which was furnished by the Nonpareil Mandolin Club. Light refreshments were served and later in the evening coffee.

### PIANO FOR SALE

An upright piano in good condition. Will sell at your own price. See A. C. Keinath, Artesia.

## GALEY IS WELL PLEASED.

Great Oil Promoter Visits Roswell And Is Pleas'd With Outlook.

John H. Galey, the great oil promoter of Pittsburg, Pa., who has been here three days investigating Roswell's proposed oil field, left this morning for his home and before leaving gave a verbal report of what he saw while here and his opinion of oil conditions. He said:

"I am greatly pleased with my visit in Roswell. I came here to investigate the reports of splendid oil showings and was not disappointed. I find the indications better than those seen before the development of the Beaumont field. I have viewed the work of prospecting that has been done and am pleased with it. I am confident that if the Roswell Oil Company's well were torped today it would make a thirty barrel well. Torpedoing always greatly increases the flow of a well. Both of the wells now started should be put down to a depth of 2,000 feet before they are stopped. No oil field is developed under that depth. I have seen many wells left in the condition of Roswell and somebody else come along, drill from five to two hundred feet deeper and get a gusher.

"Of course I understand that prospecting is an expensive business, especially in oil fields, it is especially so in Roswell and vicinity, on account of the price of coal and its distance from supply houses. Then you have some very hard rock to drill through here. The work here is especially tedious and expensive, but it ought to be done.

"I am not prepared to say just what I will do, if anything, toward continuing this prospecting. I will study the matter over on my way home. It is possible that when I reach Pittsburg I will quit the oil business, as I have extensive interests elsewhere that take much of my time. I will write the oil promoters of Roswell as soon as I can and advise them as to what I will do." Record

## OIL IN PECOS VALLEY

A Specimen Brought Into Artesia Last Friday Looks Good.

Friday evening a specimen of crude oil was brought to Artesia from the Swingle well six miles west of Lakewood. It had been noticed for some time that an oily scum was formed over water left standing in the ditches so the well was turned off and a five gallon can filled with the water. From this a four ounce bottle full of the oil was skimmed. It smells like oil alright and if there is any quantity of it, it will mean another boom for the Pecos Valley.

### A NOTED LECTURER IS COMING.

W. C. Frost Will Lecture On "Napoleon Bonapart" Saturday Night.

W. C. Frost will be the first number of the lecture course and will deliver his lecture on "Napoleon Bonapart" Saturday night at the Presbyterian church. Below are some things said of him by well known papers:

"The lecture is a model in its classical eloquence and lofty style. The beautiful description of Josephine captured the ladies, while the grand and thrilling portrayal of the battle of Waterloo enlisted the attention of the men."—South Pittsburg Hustler.

"The lecture sparkled with thrilling periods of the most eventful epochs of his brilliant career. The gifted editor proved himself a most entertaining lecturer. Centerville News.

"Mr. Frost takes up Bonapart when a penniless boy and traces his brilliant and rapid rise to the most powerful throne of modern times. The life and character of Bonapart are portrayed in the most scholarly language and the lecture is intensely interesting and holds the attention of the audience throughout."—Chatanooga News.

We will mention for the new shoes for \$1.25, comes ready made. If you want a good pair, go to the shoe shop.

## COMMITTEE RETURNS

From Carlsbad With a Favorable Report For the New Bridge.

### CARLSBAD COMMERCIAL CLUB HELPS

The committee appointed to go Carlsbad and talk over the bridge proposition with the Commercial Club at that place, returned Tuesday morning and report that the business men of Carlsbad seem to favor it. Pictures were shown them of the site and they agreed that it was a good place for a bridge. A committee was appointed to confer with the committee from Artesia on the subject and it was decided that Artesia was to furnish measurements and Carlsbad was to furnish estimates of the cost of building.

The committees are as follows: E. B. Kemp, H. W. Hamilton and Dave Ruyana of Artesia; Mr. Brice, C. H. McLenathan and Mr. Quinn of Carlsbad.

### Anti-Saloon League Meeting.

An anti-saloon League meeting was held last Thursday night at the Baptist Church. Among the speakers of the evening were: J. A. Orr, W. F. Schwartz and Dr. Norfleet. Dr. Dunaway was on the program but was unable to be present. A letter was read from the attorney general in regard to some questions asked him about the liquor laws. A mass meeting will be held in the near future to which the council will be invited.

### ALL PANAMA BIDS ARE REJECTED.

None Were Acceptable. Expansion to Be Issued Later.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—It has been decided not to accept any bids for the building of the Panama Canal. This announcement was made today following a meeting of the cabinet and after the President had been in conference for an hour or more with Secretaries Taft and Root. An explanation of the reasons for the decision will, it is stated, be issued later.

It was decided that there should be no advertising inviting proposals for the construction of the canal under the plan as first laid down, but there will be a full consideration of the whole subject before determining upon a change of the present procedure.—Record.

### "A Box Of Monkeys."

Everybody be sure to see the play "A Box Of Monkeys."

Laugh and grow fat is an old adage. And if laughter is a good sign we will have to widen the doors and strengthen the floors at the old Logan & Dyer building on Tuesday night, March 5, when this dainty little comedy-drama is staged under the management of Mrs. E. S. Porter and Miss Older. Prices: 50 and 25.

# Pecos Valley News

Published every Thursday at the office of Pecos Valley News, Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico.

D. L. NEWKIRK, Publisher.

J. F. NEWKIRK, Manager.

Entered in the Post Office at Artesia, N. M., as Second-class matter, Oct. 7, 1906.

ARTESIA now has a good fire department in addition to many other good things in the town.

NEW YORK will have flying machines before the Pecos Valley has a regular passenger service.

THE PECOS VALLEY ECHO either thinks we deserve a county or else they are doing the great roasting stunt.

Two lawyers easily outwitted the devil, but it took the 37th Legislative Assembly of New Mexico to puzzle the Lord of Creation.

WHETHER we are successful in securing county division at this time or not, the boundaries of Artesia county are marked out and sooner or later success will be attained.

IF Bill Mullane ever gets into heaven it will be through the efforts of the "patent half" people and the boiler plate syndicate. He can't do anything here on earth without them.

HARRY THAW should be turned loose long enough to take a shot at Jerome. White, himself, could have never shown more abject heartlessness than that contemptible scoundrel, Jerome.

The Carlsbad Argus is delighted to think we have given it the privilege of thinking as it pleases. Now if a well known democrat of that town will do the same for him Reed will be the happiest man in the valley.

The fact that the southbound train has dropped back to its old habit of being four hours behind time leads us to believe that the scheme to run the new railroad from Carlsbad to Roswell has been abandoned.

The sooner it is decided that the county superintendents are to be taken out of politics, the better it will be for all concerned. A schoolman who dabbles in politics had better get out of the school altogether.

THE PARSON had about three columns of slush in the Monday Record. We don't know who the parson is but from his writings that he is an individual with a large liver complaint or else he had been sampling "Nine Year Old Rippy."

The Hagerman Messenger put out a fine special edition last week illustrated with views of the valley and Hagerman. It was neatly printed and will no doubt be of a good deal of benefit to that part of the country and to the valley in general.

The House committee in the Texas Legislature has reported favorably on the bill to reduce railroad fares in that state to 2 1/2 cents per mile. To make up for this loss the Pea Vine will probably raise the fares inside the Pecos Valley.

THE framers of our constitution intended to accord equal rights to all men, but it seems that Artesia is still to be at the mercy of the Carlsbad ring notwithstanding the earnest protests of her citizens and the efforts of her "paid renegades".

CAMERON is reported to be in control of the Council as regards the Artesia county bill. How this can be is not well understood as Cameron is the only democrat in the Council and we had supposed that the republicans there had votes as well as he.

NEW MEXICO isn't the only place that newspaper reporters are excluded from the legislature. The senate in Kansas has passed two bills excluding men from the floor but they have not amounted to much. It remains to be seen whether the Journal reporter will get back or not.

THE Record has not kicked at us for three whole days and we were beginning to think we had been forgotten when Champion Mullane came in with his little spurt. The trouble with Mullane is that he is sore over the way the new county affair is going and as he can't afford to hire printers to cuss he takes his spite out on us.

MANY amusing anecdotes are related concerning the veracity of Champion Mullane of Carlsbad. On one occasion two gentlemen visited his tumbled down office and asked how business was going. "Bum, bum," replied the Irishman. "I am not clearing over one hundred dollars a week on my advertising."

J. SMITH LEA, treasurer of Chavez county, made a business trip to Santa Fe last week and with the assistance of Councilman Cameron and Representative Mullen and Hudspeth was actually enabled to return home safe notwithstanding the fact that a dangerous Artesia delegate was present in that city. What an escape!

THE Roswell Record continues its time honored policy of misrepresentation. One of its latest is that the editor of this paper has promised the votes of Democrats of this section in support of county division. The democrats of Artesia are of a different brand from those connected with the Record. Our people highly appreciate truth, honor and justice.

ORDINANCE 72 which is published in this week's News will do a great deal to beautify Artesia. We have had good cement walks in the business section of the town for some time and it is time that they were being extended to the residence section. Speaking of sidewalks, the Hagerman city dads have passed an ordinance relating to sidewalks in that progressive little burg.

To Artesia—Whoop 'em up, sister! Go to them. It does seem that the county site question, like

Banquo's ghost, will not down at the bidding of any old gang. Stay with 'em, little sister. You may be young, but you are powerfully good looking and a sure enough Western gal, and can bust a bronk with the best of 'em. Don't get off sis; hobble your stirrups, stay behind your roll, and ride across the bridge to the new court house.

We love you and are betting on you, because of your intrepidity. —P. V. Echo.

THAT paragon of typographical excellence, the Sun, cast a few remarks our way last week and also made a few more on the appearance of our paper. So far we have not had to run boiler plate to fill up with having alphas had plenty of cash to get the paper set up at home. Neither do we have to take saloon ads to keep the wolf from the door. The article in last week's Sun was the howl of a dying dog. He knows they are beaten on the new county and he could not resist the temptation to have the last bark. Bark on Rover, your howling does not hurt anyone and it seems to be doing you a lot of good. We would sue you for some of your lies but we do not care to "Sue a beggar and catch a louse".

It was Butler's men and machine that made the quickest well for the depth in the valley. Got 'em all skinned. tf

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## PLEA FOR-NEW COUNTY

By D. L. Newkirk Before the House Committee February 14.

### SOME FACTS AND FIGURES CITED

Santa Fe New Mexican.

To him who is interested in the future development of the great Southwest and particularly of New Mexico, the question of county division, the location of county seats and county changes generally, are being watched closely. All these are but a sign of the progress of the present day and the working out of a future development and growth. The wonderful progress of the Pecos Valley which has far outstripped all other portions in New Mexico perhaps, in the way it has filled up with settlers and in the manner in which its lands have been brought to the highest possible state of productive value, causes the bill for the creation of Artesia county to be watched with an eagle eye by the public.

The arguments of D. L. Newkirk, editor of the Pecos Valley News and a resident of Artesia, before the Committee on County and County Lines of the House this morning, since they bear upon the general status of county creation, are of particular interest.

Mr. Newkirk spoke as follows: **Creation of Artesia County Will Impose No Hardships Upon Chaves and Eddy.**

"The creation of Artesia county will absolutely not impose a single hardship nor work a single wrong upon either Eddy or Chaves county," were the first words uttered. "Why," he asked, and answered his own question as follows:

"Because at the time the county which it is now proposed to embody in Artesia county, was but a desert waste the balance of Chaves and Eddy counties were forging ri ht ahead without the

least aid from the Artesia county section. Roswell in Chaves county and Carlsbad in Eddy county were both thriving cities. Neither of these two places contributed one cent towards the improvement or upbuilding of the district to be known as Artesia County. Despite this fact, the people in the Artesia district uncomplainingly bore their pro rata share of the taxation despite the fact that they never realized one iota of benefit in a material ay.

"If I thought for a minute that it was ill will or malice that prompted our people to ask for county division I would not favor it. On the contrary, exactly the opposite feeling exists. I can think of no better simile than the youth who has just entered manhood's estate, He leaves the home of childhood—not hating his parents, but asking for their blessing and good wishes. He has tried his wings and he knows that he is able and willing to shift for himself. He has outgrown the home of his younger days, and it is his duty to step to the fore and take up his share of the "White Man's Burden."

"That is exactly the condition of those desiring Artesia county. "We say to the Thirty-seventh Legislature:

"Gentlemen, we want to seart in business for ourselves. We are young, strong and able to bear our share of the burden, but we want to be our own guiding star."

"If the old counties had one semblance of generosity, they would gladly assume all obligations of which they alone have received the benefit and would join us in our petition to the Legislature. Then, like the aged parents, they would bid us God-speed in our enterprise.

"I am informed that the people of Carlsbad say that we are not capable of independent existence, regardless of the cold fact that Carlsbad is sixteen years old; has received the benefit of every single dollar paid out of the county treasury and the assessed valuation of that precinct decreased nearly \$46,000 during the year

1905 alone, while that of the Artesia precinct has increased \$90,000 in the same period.

"I do not mean to reflect on the assessors. He is a Carlsbad man and it is but fair to suppose he remezbered his home precinct and acts accordingly.

"Carlsbad is a beautiful little city, well improved with miles of cement walks and containing a number of fine residences occupied by men of wealth. If county affairs were economically and carefully administered, the revenue derived from Artesia district would never be missed. Our people joined heartily with the Avalon dam project which has cost the government \$150,000, and we feel that our work on the project alone should inspire at least a little generosity.

### The Effect of County Division On Roswell.

"Roswell has been aptly termed "The Queen of the Pecos Valley."

"She has built up blocks upon blocks of substantial business, public buildings, residences and other structures. She has been honored by the Territory with the New Mexico Military Institute and by the United States with the Honolo Reservoir and its inexhaustible supply of water. She has been remembered by Providence with a rich and productive valley on all sides, studied with artesian wells and a net work of irrigation systems. Yet with all these blessings of necessity, and luxury, begrudges little struggling Artesia, so lately risen out of the dust of the desert plains, a few sections of undeveloped lands from her 3,720 square miles of territory. Why it is a fact,

Carlsbad and Roswell are asking for appropriations from the present Legislature equal in amount, if not exceeding the total taxes derived from the Artesia district.

"The generosity of these two cities reminds me of a funnel, big at one end, exceedingly small at the other.

### Another Reason F Division.

"No matter how the shoe fits, a fair person cannot help but admire the grit and manliness of Artesia people in resenting what they believe to have been flagrant wrong perpetrated upon them by the Eddy county ring, and the rest of the valley, for that matter. They are quite right in cutting loose from all combinations that might deny them justice in the future, and the Register-Tribune takes pleasure in being the only paper in the valley to quote their declaration of independence."

"The above I quote from the Roswell Register-Tribune, which is unquestionably the leading paper in the Pecos Valley. The very words imply an unsatisfactory condition of affairs which the people of the Artesia district have not thought best to give to the members of the Legislature out of public spirit for the great valley of the lower Pecos. Carlsbad has never dealt fairly with the people of Artesia, and Roswell has maintained a similar attitude towards the residents of the lower part of Chaves county.

"However, I am not going into details in this matter. It is not the principle of Artesia progress to do so. The people of that district have other good and sufficient reasons upon which to ask for Artesia county.

**Whose Rights Should Be Considered in Creation of Artesia County?**

"Here are some questions that are easily answered:

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## IRRIGATION BY PUMPING

The proper installation of pumping plants is a science in itself, and with this fact in mind we have prepared for the ensuing year. We have placed a man on the road to sell and install

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**PECOS VALLEY NEWS**

Saturday morning, about 8:30 o'clock, the home of County Clerk W. R. Owen, was destroyed by fire, but little being saved from the devouring element, besides Mrs. Owen's piano. Mr. Owen estimates his loss at \$2,500 with insurance of \$1,200. Mr. Owen's greatest loss, perhaps, is his fine orchard, the trees of which have been completely ruined, with the exception of three in the rear of the lot. His fine strawberry bed and grapes also are ruined. This latter loss seems to affect "Jake" more than the destruction of his home, as the orchard was among the finest small ones in the valley. Mr. Owen has not decided whether or not he will rebuild at once.—Argus.

**No Race Suicide Here.**

Dr. Whicheer reports the following additions to Carlsbad's population during the past week:

Friday, 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Joha Dunaway, a girl baby, weight nine pounds.

Saturday, 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bass, an eight pound girl.

Sunday, 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Byrd, a girl baby, weighing ten pounds.

Monday 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Briggs, a voter, weighing ten pounds

Monday, 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sinclair, a female suffragist, weighing seven pounds

**ARTESIA ARTICLES**

Dr. Heck of Dayton was a visitor in the city Monday.

R. E. Davidson went to Roswell Sunday to spend a few days visiting with friends.

John. R. Hodges was in Lake Arthur Friday and Saturday of last week, looking after business.

Mrs. Sam Munsel, of Goff, Kas is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wathen.

Geo. Bane made a business trip to Lake Arthur last Friday and returned with a couple of prisoners.

Higgins & McCrary have moved their office into the rooms recently occupied by the Walker & Davison Land Company.

Mrs. Hans Olson and daughter returned home Sunday evening after a weeks visit in Roswell with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Olson.

Mrs. Hugh Gage was seriously ill at Hope last week but is some better now. Mr. Gage was obliged to be absent from the bank a part of the time.

The Pecos Valley Immigration Company brought in a large number of homeseekers this week, many of whom purchased land in the Valley.

Miss Ida Nelson, of San Antonio and Miss Margaret Barrett of Roswell, returned to Roswell Monday after visiting a few days with Mrs. J. P. Dyer.

J. R. Hill, of Bancroft, Kans., is visiting with his brother-in-law, J. S. Wathen south of town. He

is looking over the country with a view of locating here.

The Epworth League gave a social to its members last Thursday at the home of D. M. Elder. Elegant refreshments were served and music was the order of the evening.

Mr. Hoffman left Tuesday for his home in Rockport, Ind. He bought a fine farm about four miles north town, from the Pecos Valley Immigration Co. and will move on it in the near future. He also expects to put down a well in the near future.

Will Kuykendall ran a small piece of steel in his hand last week while putting up some wagons for Porter & Beckham. It did not bother him much until Saturday when his hand began to swell. Drs. Graham & Inman dressed it and no more trouble is expected.

Last Saturday we raked up 35 cents and went over to the old Dyer building to eat a feast prepared by the Ladies Aid of the Baptist church. Everything was fine and there was lots of it. At the same table with us were four gentlemen from Missouri and as we left we heard one of the ladies remark "Well its a good thing that lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place." Now will someone kindly tell us what she meant?

160 acres of patented land in the heart of the artesian belt near Artesia. A snap, at \$15 per acre, must go. For further information apply at this office. J. W. Foster. 2412

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Is the Best Intown. The nicest rigs the fastest horses—gentle drivers suitable for ladies and children to drive. No brinks, or balky horses. Prompt service night or day. Nothing to good for the public. Give us a call. To treat you right is all we know.

**SPECIAL HOSIERY SALE**

We have purchased the stock of millinery goods and children and ladie's hosiery of Record Sisters. We desire to close out the hosiery, which we offer at cost during the special sale commencing

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.**

An attractive line of spring millinery will be on hand in due season.

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**At The Churches**

**CHURCH DIRECTORY.**

**BAPTIST CHURCH**—T. C. James, Pastor. Sunday School, 10 a. m.; Preaching, 11 a. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m.; Preaching, 7 p. m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7 p. m.

**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 every Wednesday at 7:30 p m.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**—James A Challenner, Pastor. Sunday morning Bible School 9:30; song and praise service 10:50 to 11:10; Lords supper and offering 11:10 to 11:30 Sermon 11:30 to 12; evening Junior endeavor 3. Y P S C E 6:30; night service 7:30; Ladies Aid Society Wednesday, 3:30 p. m.; Prayer and Teachers meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p m; Choir Practice Mrs. D. W. Robertson, Chorister. Friday 7:30 p m.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**—Rev. E. E. Mathes, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a m; preaching 11 a m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p m preaching 7:30.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**—Rev. Father Robert, Pastor. mass at 10 at m on the first Sunday of each month.

**EPISCOPAL.**

Rev. E. McQueen Gray, of Carlsbad, Rector in charge. Service at the Baptist church the second Sunday of each month at 11 a m and 7:30 p m

One Minute Please!

OUR TRUMPET SOUNDS AGAIN

—IT CONCERNS—

Spring Dry Goods

OUR BUYERS HAVE FOR WEEKS BEEN IN NEW YORK, BOSTON AND OTHER EASTERN MILL CENTERS, MAKING SPRING PURCHASES. THE GOODS ARE ARRIVING EACH DAY NOW AND WE HAVE TO OFFER YOU FRESH FROM THE MILLS THE MOST COMPLETE AND CAREFULLY SELECTED REPUTABLE LINE OF

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IT IS MONEY SAVED, ALWAYS, TO SHOP AT THE BIG STORE. NOTHING BUT RELIABLE, DEPENDABLE GOODS SOLD THERE. LET US "SHOW YOU."

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Buster Brown Blue Ribbon Shoes for boys and girls. Beyond doubt the best shoes for Boys and Girls.

I carry the best line of Men's and Ladies Shoes in town, the Famous White House Line, for Men and Women.

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My Dry Good Notions and Ready to Wear Stuff will be in a short time and I will make good prices on same

Don't forget my Grocery Department. I carry a complete line at all times in everything good to eat.

I buy Country Produce and pay highest market price at all times.

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Don't Forget my new location  
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**J. P. DYER**

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**ARTESIA ARTICLES**

Dr. Thomas spent Sunday in Amarillo.

Virgil Martin made a visit to Dexter Sunday.

Will Allen and Joe Coehn spent Sunday in Hagerman.

J. R. Creath spent Monday and Tuesday in Roswell.

Chas. Hoffman was in Carlsbad on business Monday.

C. C. Mull was in Carlsbad Tuesday on business.

F. G. Kapphan made a business trip to Hagerman Monday.

W. R. E-step was a Hagerman visitor Monday of this week.

Joe Goodale left Sunday morning for Guthrie Center, Iowa.

Mrs. La Bruce is visiting in Roswell with friends this week.

R. E. Davis and Wm. Crandall were Roswell visitors Sunday.

F. J. Lukins was a business visitor in Roswell Friday of last week.

Mr. Danner and family left last Friday for an extended visit to Old Mexico.

Lewis Feemster made a business trip to Dexter last Thursday in the interests of H. E. Mull & Co.

J. A. and Mrs. Merriel left Wednesday morning for Roswell where Mrs. Merriel will enter the hospital.

E. B. Kemp, H. W. Hamilton and D. W. Ryan went to Carlsbad Monday evening returning Tuesday morning.

Tickets for the lecture on "Napoleon Bonapart" by W. C. Frost, are on sale at the Pecos Valley Drug Co.

Ladies—We are now prepared to do dressmaking and plain sewing. Work guaranteed to please Prentiss & Crawford.

The Legal Tender Cafe has closed its doors and gone out of business. Pat, the Irishman, still holds forth and seems to be doing a good business.

Mr. Maxwell, who bought part of the Norfleet farm, came down on the car with Mr. Enoch's goods. He will remain a couple of weeks before returning to his home in Kansas.

Postmaster Hamilton has had a sign put up on the windows of the post office. We still have visitors at the News office who don't know that Uncle Sam moved about six months ago.

The city dads have turned on the street sprinkler with Frank Morrison doing the guiding. Wonder if some of the towns in the northern states wouldn't like to have the chance to do likewise.

School was dismissed in all the grades last Friday, it being Washington's birthday. Thursday afternoon programs were rendered in the different grades and quite a number of visitors were present.

Work has been commenced on the building of the Artesia Light & Power Co. Things are being rushed and before many months Artesia will have as good electric light system as any town twice her size in the Great Southwest.

Four immigrant cars loaded with the Lares and Penates of homeseeks, were s'itched off at Artesia during the past week. All belonged to tillers of the soil which goes to prove that a good farmer knows a good thing when he sees it.

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Receiver U. S. Land Office to Zella T. Mounts E2SW 7-18-27 \$100

**WARRANTY DEEDS**

Abram L. Norfleet to Mathew M. Maxwell N2sE, S2NE 32-17-26 \$6000

H. M. Gage to Sebastian Rodrigues Lots 1-3 Block 5, Hope, N. M. \$40

H. P. Logan to E. L. C. Watson Lots 11-12 Block 5 Lakewood N. M. \$1250

Luther H. Martin to Emma A. Hallett N2NW 23-19-25 \$1000

Abram L. Norfleet to Dayton Town Co Lot 8 Block 23 Orig. Dayton \$75

Richard A. Eaton to J. B. Heck, A. W. Henry, G. Pennell, W2SW, SESW, SWSE 22-18-26 \$2500

Eugene F. Walker to B. L. Taylor W2NE 20-17-26 \$4800

Frank Robb to Dayton Town Co. L 21-23 B 18 L 1 B 13 Orig. Dayton \$100

Marie Herlocker to W. M. Walker L 12 B 5 Original Artesia \$250

Jean L. Fouriner to Arthur C. Hawke and M. E. Yanker SESE 14-18-26 \$800

T. R. Wiggins to Landy W. Howell 1-3 of N2SW, SESW, SWSE 22-18-26 \$600

G. Pinnell to J. B. Heck 1-3 of N2SW, SESW SWSE 22-18-26 \$1500

John B. King to Viola Fitzgerald SW17-18-25 \$650

**QUIT CLAIM DEEDS**

Christopher C. Pegram to Geo. Graves W2SW, 5, W2SE 6-20-26 \$1750

**BASE BALL BUSINESS**

Boys Working Out, Bleachers Being Erected, Fence Going Up.

PRICES THIS YEAR ARE 25 AND 35

The Artesia base ball Club is going to work early this year and expect to turn out a better team than last year. As the grounds have been moved nearer to town the boys are able to put in a great deal more practice than they did last year. A high fence is being constructed around the diamond and the small boy will have to do some climbing this year if he expects to see the game free. Bleachers have been put up and the price of admission is 25 cents to the grounds and 10 cents to the grand stand.

The Artesia Band, which gave so much help to the boys in tight games last year, will be on deck again. They will receive ten per cent of the net earnings of the team for their trouble.

We understand that several other towns in the valley are organizing teams and this season will no doubt show some fast playing.

**400 Sample Skirts**

At less than the cost of materials

While in New York City, our buyer, Mr. Price, bought over 400 sample skirts from the leading manufacturers. They are all spring styles, in all the leading new shades and makes of materials in Panamas, Serge, Henriettas, Vaile and Drap-de-Alura and Silks. They range in prices from \$6.00 to \$25.00, but we have put the entire stock in 5 lots, and are now on sale at

\$4.00 \$6.00 \$8.00 \$10.00 \$12.00

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Total Assets	\$17,050,601.00
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Surplus to Policy-Holders	\$ 6,253,903.47
Losses Paid in San Francisco in 1906, less reinsurance,	\$5,064,178.03

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**Plea For New County**

(Continued from page 3)

"What interest have the people of Roswell or Carlsbad in Artesia county as compared to the residents of the district to be affected?"

"To whom does the Artesia district belong?"

"Who rescued that land from a desert waste and made it the garden it is today?"

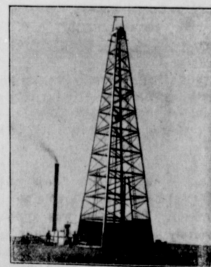
"Whose rights are paramount and whose wishes should receive first consideration?"

"Should it be those who hold it in a greedy clutch for the mere pittance of county revenue or should it be those who risked life and existence itself upon barren plains in order by sweat and toil, hardship and sacrifice, to make it a place of comfort and plenty?"

"To those latter it is life and home. To the opposers of this measure a mere source of revenue—taxable property."

"The people of the district which I hope will be known as Artesia county join me—at least ninety per cent of them—in an earnest appeal to the members of the Thirty-seventh Legislative

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Assembly of New Mexico to grant us this boom of our own county government. We ask it upon this one plea—that it can bring hardship to absolutely no one and it will bring to us most vitally concerned, the greatest material benefit of any act within the gift of our law makers."

W. H. Watkins spent Saturday in Roswell on business.

J. C. Maxwell returned to Wichita, Kans. last week.

E. F. McCormick was a Roswell visitor last Thursday. Rev. French left for Lake Arthur Thursday morning.