

# Pecos Valley News.

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## ROBINSON ELOCUTES

Popular Editor of the Register-Tribune Speaks at Artesia and Hope—Hope Man Who Deserves Hero Medal.

Will Robinson, editor of the Register-Tribune, lecturer, author, printer, and plain citizen, spoke at Artesia Friday night to a good house and pleased everyone who heard him. Mr. Robinson is a plain homely little man whose writings and lectures reflect the beauty of human nature with an exactness so often lacking in the flights of oratory of many distinguished speakers. His lectures here and at Hope, which place he visited Saturday, were everyday talks, abounding with both pathos and humor, and on the subject of "Common People."

In company with Prof. Botts and the editor of the News, Mr. Robinson left for Hope Saturday afternoon in Mr. Whitaker's auto, and here it was that the candidate for the Hero Medal was discovered, in the person of Dr. Haas who was driving the machine. In spite of the numerous bucks, breakdowns and sulky spells of the thing, he never uttered one word which would denote vexation of spirit. Mr. Robinson paid Dr. Haas a very touching tribute in his lecture Saturday night, though for just what amount he touched him, we were unable to learn. Reaped references to Prof. Botts' lost turkey dinner also brought down the house.

Both at Artesia and Hope the lecture was preceded by selections by home talent. Here at home we knew what to expect and were prepared to appreciate something good, but that a small community the size of Hope could get up an entertainment of such merit as the one given Saturday evening, was much beyond our expectation. Not only in this, but in everything did the Hope country seem great to us. The new houses going up both in town and in the surrounding country, the amount of excellent farming land under cultivation and the entire absence of any rowdiness supposed to go with a small town off the railroad in New Mexico, all these things show the great progress that Hope is making. In fact Hope has no deputy sheriff in that part of the country, neither has it any jail or place of detention and if that does not speak well for

## MILLENNIUM IS AT HAND

The Long Promised, Long Looked for Crossings are Being Built

It would be hard to make the people of Artesia believe that the millennium is not at hand, for after many months of weary waiting the long promised, long looked for sidewalks are in sight and even now the papilionaceous Jim Nelson is working his way through piles of mountain lumber and adding another vocation to his already numerous list. The first work on these crossings is being done one block south of the Bank of Artesia, and as we go to press, four boards have been laid and two more are contemplated at an early date. Mr. Nelson is overseeing the job, also he is doing the work.

The crossings are like those on Main street, consisting of two boards and a reservoir. As yet they are somewhat rough but when the first spring rain makes its appearance, they will be nice and slippery. As most Artesia people are well supplied with gum boots, this part will not make much difference.

## To All Physicians in the Pecos Valley.

You are hereby cordially invited to meet in the office of Dr. E. T. Dunaway, Artesia, N. M., Wednesday, February 12, 1908, at 11 a. m. for the purpose of organizing the Middle Valley Medical Association. All physicians and dentists to be active members and the druggists are to be associated members. Come everybody and help us. The profession of Artesia will provide free entertainment to visiting brethren.

E. T. Dunaway, M. D. Artesia, N. M.

The Ladies of the Christian church will meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Bertha Pumphreys.

what is generally known as a frontier town, you'll have to show us.

Mr. Robinson's lecture was one of a series far the benefit of the schools of the Pecos Valley, to provide money for buying equipments which are not obtainable in any other way. The speakers receive nothing for their services except their expenses. The next number will be "Recollections of a Pioneer," by J. C. Gage.

## LANDRUM NEXT WEEK

The Third of the Club Lyceum Lectures at Presbyterian Church Next Thursday Night.

The next attraction worthy of note in Artesia will be the third of the series of lectures under the auspices of the Artesia Club at the Presbyterian Church Thursday evening February 6. At this time the famous funny story teller George A. Landrum will appear before the Artesia public and it goes without saying that the house will be packed. Mr. Landrum appeared here last season and was such a universal favorite that every one has been a walking advertisement for him since.

The holders of season tickets will occupy the same seats as heretofore, while those wishing to hear him and not having season tickets can get one night tickets at the Pecos Valley Drug Company for fifty cents each reserved seats. Children's admission will be twenty-five cents each, but this does not entitle them to a reserved seat. The Powellson Concert Company, the fourth attraction will be here one week later, Wednesday night, February 12th.

## Artesia Wins Basket Ball Game.

The girls of the Hagerman basket ball team came to Artesia last Saturday, their hearts filled with hope and their wagons with rooters, but they went home with nothing to show for their hard day's work and the next time they make up a list of the teams they can beat they will scratch Artesia's name off the list.

Neither team did much fast playing, the Hagerman team probably because they could not and the Artesia team because they didn't have to, and the final score was only 8 to 6. Many errors were made on both sides. The Hagerman girls let it be known around town that they only wanted to play Artesia as a practice game to get them in shape for Roswell. It may be that they only wished to see what Artesia could do to them in order to figure up the score the Roswell team would make.

## New Bank Officers.

The stockholders of the Bank of Artesia met last week and elected officers for the coming year. Only a few changes were made in the list. The new officers are; J. C. Gage, vice-president; J. J. Sullivan, assistant cashier; W. A. Swingle, director, and W. S. Whitaker, director. The surplus was increased from \$5,042.33 to \$6,000.

## Transfer Line.

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## WHISTLER HAS STRUCK IT RICH.

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Many friends of Joe Kemp, formerly mail carrier between Artesia and Hope will be surprised to learn that he is again back in the harness. Mr. Kemp will run the mail route only until someone else can be secured, and would not have gone back at all but for the fact that J. W. Whistler late mail man, has run up against a fortune in old Mexico and will now take charge of it and endeavor to do his duty as a plutocrat.

Mr. Whistler made a trip to Mexico some time ago as an interpreter, and while there some obliging lawyer discovered him and informed him that a fortune in cash of some \$50,000 was awaiting him and that besides this filthy lucre he owned enough land to start a small republic. On his return Mr. Whistler sold his farm near Hope and will soon leave to take up the cares and troubles of the rich.

## Territorial Superintendent in Town

Territorial Superintendent of Public Instruction J. E. Clark is in town today and paid the News office a call. Prof. Clark is examining the schools of the Pecos Valley on this trip and states that they are all in excellent condition.

SALT, SALT, all kinds of salt at Joyce-Fruit Co.

I. R. Daniels will leave tomorrow for Phoenix, Arizona, on a prospecting trip. Mr. Daniels has just recovered from an attack of la grippe, and feels that he needs a vacation.

All kinds of chickens at The Artesia Market.

D. M. Williams went north this week after prospectors for the firm of Williams & Hess.

Kaffir corn chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Fruit Co.

The little baby of Geo. Kauffman is reported quite ill and is not expected to live.

R. M. Love left this morning for Des Moines, Iowa, in the interests of the Pecos Valley Immigration Co.

Bran, kaffir chops, shorts and all kinds of feed at Joyce-Fruit Co.

## Please Settle Up

All creditors will please come in and settle up before January 1, as I am needing the money. J. O. RICHARDS.

## PROTRACTED MEETING

Conducted by Rev. W. H. Scrivner at the Christian Church Well Attended—Special Service Sunday.

The interest is increasing at the meeting now in progress at the Christian church under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Scrivner of Beloit, Kansas. The attendance is good and the attention all that the minister could desire.

The music is furnished by a choir made up of the singers of the city which together with the special music furnished by Rev. Scrivner and others makes this part of the exercises unusually interesting. Special meeting for the women will be held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, the subject for the discourse will be "How to be Beautiful."

The subject for the discourse Sunday morning is "A Church Inspected" and for Sunday evening the "The Drama of Life."

Rev. Stout is expected to return from Iowa some time next week and he also will be in the meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend all services.

## Mothers' Club

Program for meeting Feb. 5th, 1908.

Music, Sarah Owen. Music, Fred Brainard. The addition of the twelfth grade to the high school.

1. From a parents point of view, Rev. Mathes.  
2. From a pupils standpoint, Ruth Brainard.  
3. As seen by a primary teacher, Miss Williamson.

4. From the standpoint of the school board, C. L. Heath, J. C. Gage.

General discussion of topic. Appointment of a working committee.

W. E. Wisely of Roswell was in town this week looking after business interests.

Legal blanks at the News office. Mrs. Sallie Robert returned home Wednesday after spending several days in Roswell visiting her brother, Will Chisum.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckham and little son returned from Roswell yesterday after spending a week visiting friends.

Chas. Keys returned to his home in Jonesboro, Tenn., this morning.

James D. Whelan spent the forepart of the week in Roswell.

## 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

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J. F. NEWKIRK, Editor.

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**The Political Pot.**

So far the Political Pot in Eddy county has not been boiling by any means, probably for lack of fire wood, although the Carlsbad Current seems to think that the reason the candidates have not announced themselves is because the Artesia papers have been stirring up such a mess. As the Current is the official organ of the county, not to say the official paper of the Democrats, it has derived them of quite a little revenue, in the matter of announcements at ten simoleus per head.

So far only one man has had the courage to go up against it, and as he started early in the game it is likely that it was without fore thought and entirely unintentional. This one lone standard bearer of the Democrats is A. R. O. Quinn, and he has not even the satisfaction of a republican opponent.

It is almost certain that J. O. McKeen will run for Tax Assessor, because as he has only enough sense to be Assessor, the chances are that he has not enough sense to crawl down when the time comes. Arrayed against him will be John Price, of Artesia, who not only will have the northern Democrats with him, but a part of the Republicans. Some of those who remember the good work done by J. F. Farmin, of Hope, some years ago, wish him to run again, but he has not expressed himself on this matter yet. If he handles things as he did in the Great Scare, he would make the best Assessor that could be had. Beside these it reported that Dick Eaton is preparing to "also ran."

J. D. Christopher will surely run for Sheriff and the rumor has leaked up from the southern end of the county that he will be opposed by Cicero Stewart. Before things began to take a definite shape it was reported that the peerless Ettenie would be a candidate for enforcer of the law, but at present that gentleman is preserving a discreet silence.

Aside from these no one seems to be running after offices except a few who are trying to be asked but who so far have failed. Strenuous efforts are being made to supply material to keep the Pot boiling,

but it is slow work at best. In the meanwhile the papers of Eddy county are enviously watching their luckier neighbors in Roosevelt and Chaves counties and wondering when their time will come.

A feeling akin to awe came stealing over us last Saturday when we opened the Carlsbad Current and found therein a copy of our editorial giving plain views of Heard and others, among them Mullane, and not one comment thereon. There are three explanations for this phenomenon, any of which might fit the case. The first is that the varsitate editor of the Current merely published the article in an endeavor to show the Carlsbad people the mental limitations of yours humbly. Then again it maybe that Mr. Mullane was feeling somewhat erratic on that fateful day and was unconscious of his acts. Third, and the most probable he might have done this in an effort to get hold of Heard's leg and give it a good sharp yank. Whatever it was an explanation would be adly appreciated by us'uns and should be forthcoming.

SHAFTER LAKE is a new town somewhere to the East of Artesia. From the kind of matter they hand out at that place we judge that a very desirable combination, a good country and enterprising boosters. This week the NEWS received a copy of a neatly printed booklet which bears the typographical earmarks of the Shafter Lake Herald and it is one of the best advertising pamphlets we have seen for a long time. With such boosters as the Herald and a real estate company which puts out advertising matter like that book, the Shafter Lake country cannot help but grow.

THE citizens of Dayton and Lakewood are to be congratulated on the excellency of the papers published in those two towns. Only newspaper men can appreciate the value given to those communities in exchange for what must necessarily be a limited patronage. Both papers are well printed and ably edited and set forth the advantages of their respective communities in a way that must be convincing to the readers. They are certainly worthy the support of the communities in which they are published.

THE Eddy county political fence is pretty well crowded but upon which side to jump appears to be the all absorbing question. So far the soft spots are invisible and the rough places seem uninviting.

We do not understand that any one has accused the members of the council of misappropriation of funds or of hoodling in the least. There is a feeling however that the water system cost more money than it is worth and that the council was greatly imposed upon. The telephone owners had nothing to do with the proposed investigation of the city books and Mr. Hamilton was out of town at the time the committee called and had been away for some time. There are a few humble citizens here who would like to know something of the conduct of city affairs and who as they have not accused the members of the council of appropriating money that does not belong to them, feel that they are in no wise thieves after thieves. Those interested in this investigation are among our most honorable and progressive business men who willingly bear their share of the burden in the support of the community pay their just debts and are ever ready to discharge their duty as citizens. Among their fellow townsmen they are regarded as honorable citizens and we have yet to hear one of them accuse the members of the city council of crookedness in city affairs. Granting that there is absolutely nothing wrong with the council, it seems to us that they would court investigation, to put to rest the rumors which have been circulated in the past few months. Even if there is \$20,000 over aid for the water-works, the company got it and no one would think of blaming the council for simple business ignorance. The trouble would come with the company which installed the plant, and hey you be the ones to suffer.

A BILL passed the house of representatives January 13, providing "That any person who, prior to the passage of this act, has made entry under the homestead laws, but from any cause has lost or forfeited the same, shall be entitled to the benefit of the homestead laws as though such former entry had not been made." Description of the former entry must be furnished.

EVER since the appointment of Gov. Curry has been confirmed the Albu-Morning Daily Squirt has been suffering from nervous prostration and has been unable to indulge in the customary amount of vituperation. There is no occasion for meanness however as it is only the good that dies young.

THE republicans of Artesia and vicinity are ready to co-operate or assist in any movement looking toward the creation of Artesia county. We will work shoulder to shoulder with others in the securing of county rights or will follow any well directed lead with this end in view.

THE Congressional Record comes to us full of good and wise sayings but lack of space forbids our republishing the same. We trust that our readers will appreciate the circumstances and pardon the omission.

THE people in the vicinity of Lakewood are very hopeful concerning the oil prospects there, and the indications are certainly encouraging. It will take some time to ascertain the extent of the deposit.

GOVERNOR CURRY is in Washington in the interest of statehood and the report comes back that he is meeting with much encouragement.

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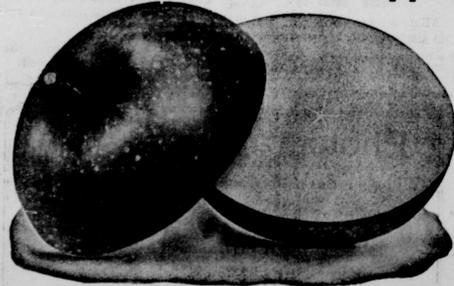
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Mrs. J. R. Blair returned Friday night from California where the daughters are attending school to spend a few weeks with Mr. Blair here. Mr. Blair met her at Amarillo.

Mrs. J. M. Blalock was down Saturday from Hagerman attending the basket ball game.

Kaffir corn chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Fruit Co.

The editor accompanied Will Robinson to Hope Saturday where the Tenderfoot delivered a lecture in the evening.

120 acres patented land with water, to exchange for town property. L. W. Martin.

John J. Swenson of Roswell, inventor of a tile machine, is in town this week arranging to install one of the machines in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker S. Baker, T. J. McCree and John Wake were over from Hope Tuesday transacting business in the U. S. Commissioners office.

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.

W. F. Schwartz has been painfully, if not dangerously ill for the past few days, with the rheumatism and a part of the time has not been able to attend to his duties in Joyce-Fruits store. At present writing he is some better.

A moving picture show of the ordinary run was in town Tuesday, but as far as can be learned at present, did no damage.

Have Sperry & Lukins make your connection to the new water system Lukins is a member of the Master Plumbers Association and the only one in town. They will do your work cheaper and better than any one else. Will have a complete stock of plumbing goods. Make inquiries as to why you should patronize Sperry & Lukins.

We regret to state that Mrs. Butts has been sick and was so ill Saturday as to be confined to her room. She is some better now and is able to look after her school work.

Joyce-Fruit is preparing for the seed trade this year in great style and the firm is having two large cabinets built to hold their stock. Mr. Bay is doing the carpenter work and Mr. Linell the finishing.

Try our oysters. Artesia Market.

Brainard Bros. are having a large sign painted on their building, the better to advertise their growing hardware business.

Ed Johnson had charge of the photograph studio a part of this week while the proprietor, Mr. Beatty was sojourning in the neighborhood of Dayton. There is no foundation for the story, but it is said that Beatty was tying up to some oil land.

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

Kissinger Bros are building a new residence and barn on their farm north of Artesia.

S. W. Gilbert has nearly finished his residence on his land south of town and when it is completed he will move to his farm.

Kaffir corn, chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Fruit Co.

J. A. Kunse is building a new barn and other buildings on his farm three miles north of Artesia. Mr. Kunse only arrived here a few weeks ago but has already demonstrated that he is here to improve this part of the middle valley.

Albert Linell, E. A. Clayton, F. E. Turner, J. B. Atkeson, and Mr. and Mrs. Linell were among the Roswell visitors this week.

Now is the time to plant Onion Sets and Seeds. We have them. Send for catalogue for 1908. Roswell Seed Co. Roswell, N. M. 20-2t

Capt. J. H. Crawford, who lately moved here from Lakewood, is building an addition to his residence in the southwest part of town.

The immigrant car of W. C. Moore arrived here from Peabody, Kansas this week.

Sperry & Lukins have pulled out of the Love well in the south part of town and before finishing up will have to wait until some special machinery reaches here. The well is small as yet but there is no doubt that a fine gusher will be secured when the rock is penetrated.

A man from Dayton stopped his paper last week and we have the best of reasons for knowing that it was all because we referred to the oil field as being southwest of Artesia. The slight on both Dayton and Lakewood was purely unintentional but we suppose we can worry along with what subscribers we have left.

Beef, Pork, Veal and Mutton. Artesia Market.

Delegate Andrews has introduced a bill in Congress providing for the sale of nominal land to people desiring to purchase. The bill is now in the hands of the Committee of Public Lands.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Watkins spent Sunday in Hagerman visiting Mrs. Watkins parents.

Joyce-Fruit Co. just received car salt.

Mrs. Dr. Haas of Hope left Artesia Saturday morning for Evansville, Ind., where she was called by a relatives sickness. Mrs. White, also of Hope accompanied her.

Bran, kaffir chops, shorts and all kinds of feed at Joyce-Fruit Co.

Judge A. V. Logan has been appointed committeeman for this locality of the National Irrigation Congress which is to be held at Albuquerque. The selection is a wise one and one that will be satisfactory to the people of this vicinity.

When you buy your groceries of E. S. Howell you are sure of getting only the best. The prices are reasonable. Phone 66.

Quite a number of new citizens are expected to locate here in the next few weeks.

E. F. Hardwick was down from Roswell this week.

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Close on Sunday.

Until further notice both the meat markets will be closed on Sunday. Remember to buy your meat on Saturday.

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**Valley Notes**

Portales, county seat of Roosevelt county is agitating incorporation. Portales is some years old but is not possessed of the advantages which other towns of its size and self importance have and they want to be incorporated in order to encourage capital.

Sheriff Jim Christopher, of Eddy county is just getting over an attack of lagrippe and if the weather continues good he will be up and drawing his salary as of old in the next few days.

Two new families arrived in Lake Arthur last week to work on the Washington land, west of that town. Two hundred acres are to be seeded to alfalfa in a short time.

Hagerman is boosting for a cheese factory and have figured it down to the fine point where it takes two hundred cows to run one of the size they want. In case such an institution was started at Hagerman it would not have to depend on the local trade by any means, and cheese could be made cheaper and better in the valley than elsewhere.

Forty more veterans of the civil war have received pensions through the work of Delegate Andrews. Two of these are from the Pecos Valley, being William McCormick, of Hagerman, who will receive \$12 per month from June 1907, and David H. Dill, of Roswell, who receives \$12 per month from March 1907. The editor believes that this last named gentleman is well known to him, but is not certain. If it is the one we have in mind he is an exnewspaper man of the Queen City, and as such certainly deserves a pension.

According to the Santa Fe New Mexican, Miss Phronia Lafferty of Feliz, Chaves county has been appointed postmistress at that place.

The Register-Tribune is making the very liberal of from now until the first of January 1909 for \$1.00 which is something great when it is remembered that the regular price of that paper is one plunk per annum.

The absence of Elmer Feemster from his customary haunts lately has been satisfactorily explained by an item in the Lakewood Progress, which states that Elmer and some friends are down there on the Lake and making life miserable for the ducks. They killed about six hundred in the past three weeks, and while we have never heard of Elmer drawing such a long bow before we suppose that he used it in place of a long gun.

The Robinson lecture at Hope was the thirteenth one given by Mr. Robinson this season, but notwithstanding this hoodoo, a small show, la grippe and a balky auto, the lecture went off in good order and the attendance was excellent.

Prof. Board accompanied the cerebeum and his friends to Artesia Sunday morning.

The Lake Arthur schools had an average daily attendance last month of 104 out of 133 enrolled, which is not so bad when lagrippe is considered.

A new paper is making its appearance in Roswell under the head of "Chaves County Democrat." It is understood that the Democrat has back of it some of the strongest democrats in Roswell, who are dissatisfied with their local organ and hope for better things in the new one. Mayor Stockark has been mentioned as one of the "men behind."

J. W. Turknett, of Artesia, was in the city yesterday on business. Mr. Turknett is loyal to his constituents in the fight over the proposed bridge east of Artesia over the Pecos, in which the first bond issue being declared unconstitutional the majority of the board claimed the operation of the two years clause in which another election cannot be held, though since the first was illegal and therefore on election it is a little hard to see upon what the contention is made. Artesia is very warm under the collar at its treatment in the matter, and will probably take the sensible course in the matter, which would be to mandamus the board, and let the courts decide the subject.—Register-Tribune.

A farm of 150 acres located four miles northeast of Lakewood was sold at public auction in front of the postoffice in Artesia last Saturday for \$125.

A new oil company has been formed in Dayton with about fifty members, who will pool their oil filings and get busy in the proverbial Dayton way. Dr. G. Finnell is president and J. C. Finnigm secretary of the new company.

The Artesia Boys Basketball team, under the leadership of Prof. C. M. Botts, arrived in the city Saturday and in the afternoon defeated a similar team from the Roswell High school by a score of 14 to 13. At night a basket supper was given at the High School in honor of the visitors and to help on the expense account and for the social features. The Artesia lads were delighted with their treatment in Roswell and earned it by their gentlemanly bearing and clean playing.—Register-Tribune.

The Dexter correspondent for the Hagerman Messenger is "onto" a gentleman who is running a blind pig in that neighborhood, and warns the unwary one to desist at once on the pain of excommunication.

A Mexican by the name of Juan Galindo was found dead in a tent in Carlsbad last week with a bullet hole through his head. It was thought at first that it was a case of suicide but later evidence pointed to murder. Wednesday afternoon some deputies arrested Andres Gomez and Estacio Gonzales near Malaga charged with being implicated in the case. The Carlsbad sleuths are of the opinion that they have the right men, also that they have Skurlock Gluck skinned to a finish.

A number of the business firms in Roswell have expressed themselves as in favor of the proposed bond issue to build additional waterworks and sewer system. As these firms are among the heaviest taxpayers in Roswell, if not in the county, their opinion will no doubt be of some weight.

**Cottonwood Items.**

Mr. Stanchiff moved his well rig west of Dexter this week.

The hum of the threshing machine could be heard in our neighborhood this week.

Cap Newton is having his well rig put up on the Dooley place preparatory to putting down a well.

Mr. Huesher has moved into his new home he recently purchased of Mr. Smith. Mr. Husher is an experienced farmer and we extend him a cordial welcome.

Lon May and wife were in Artesia Saturday.

The farmers are breaking, harrowing and watering the soil in all quarters of our vicinity getting ready for the spring seeding.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph were in Lake Arthur Wednesday.

It is with sorrow we chronicle the death of Mr and Mrs. Deering's little boy. He was an exceedingly bright child, taking great interest in both his day school and Sunday school work. He was of a very kind and amiable disposition. To know him was to love him. The parents have the sympathy of the community.

Dr. Hendrickson made a business trip to Artesia Monday.

T. J. Wood was in Lake Arthur Saturday.

Mr. Beven has just finished a reservoir on his farm.

Mr. Sweetland of Lake Arthur was out on Cottonwood Sunday. M.A.E.

**Hope Items.**

There is a good deal of sickness in our community at present.

Mrs. Reed is very low (Tuesday.)

Mr. Wake and family moved to our burg Monday.

The lecture Saturday night The Impression of a Tenderfoot given by Mr. Robinson was instructive and interesting.

Mrs. White and Mrs. Haas have gone to Indiana to see their sister who is sick.

W. L. Whitaker was at Artesia last week on business.

Rev. O. T. Rogers filled his regular appointment Sunday he preached two good sermons Sunday. PRIMUS.

Faris Heath was down from Hagerman Sunday to visit home-folks. Faris is now foreman of the Messenger job department.

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### THE DESERT CLAIM FILING LAW.

#### Information for Settlers Who Wish to File on Desert Lands.

The legal phraseology which the desert land laws are expressed in, bother many people who would learn of the requirements of the law proving up on such lands. The Almagordo News, in its edition of last week contained the best thing we have seen on this subject and we take the liberty of publishing the article.

Residence upon a desert claim is not required. The sum of \$1 per acre must be expended each year in work done upon the land itself, and even though a sum much greater than \$1 an acre has been expended during the first year, other work must be done for the two following years equal to \$1 for each acre. As proof is required at the end of each year for three years, of work done and money expended, it is ruled that expenditures in excess of \$1 an acre made in any one year can not be applied to the following year or years.

Buildings of no character whatever can be included, in the statements of work done, but the purchase or actual acquirement of a water right will be accepted as an expenditure on the land.

The government regulations covering these points are as follows:

The law requires an expenditure of not less than \$3 per acre, for the entire area entered, in the necessary irrigation, reclamation and cultivation of the land, by means of main canals and branch ditches, and in the permanent improvements upon the land.

During the first year after entry the claimant must file with the register proof consisting of his own affidavit and the separate affidavits of two witnesses, that the full sum of one dollar per acre for the entire area has been expended, and like proof must be made for each year thereafter until the full sum of three dollars per acre has been expended; and at the end of the third year the claimant must file a map or plan

showing the character and extent of the improvements.

No proof of expenditure will be accepted unless the expenditure was essential to the actual or ultimate reclamation of the land.

A dwelling house is not essential to reclamation and no allowance will be made therefor.

Plowing after the first breaking of the land, seeding land to crops, irrigating, cultivating and harvesting crops are not items for which proof of expenditure will be accepted.

The cost of windmill or pump will not be allowed unless it is specially shown that the same was essential to the contemplated mode of irrigation and was not installed for domestic uses.

The cost of material for necessary construction will not be allowed unless it actually has been applied to that use, and it must be so stated in the affidavit.

The cost of tools, implements, wagons and repairs to same, used in construction work can not be computed in the cost of construction.

No expenditure for surveying will be allowed unless it is specifically stated that it was for the purpose of establishing lines and levels of canals and ditches.

Items which will be allowed in proving up are as follows:

Cost of constructing storage reservoir, well, canals, ditches, and maintaining same. The cost of each item must be stated separately, and the length, capacity, and location of the ditches and canals must be given.

Cost of water right, if accompanied with certificate of purchase of ownership.

Cost of clearing land, if it is shown to be the first clearing. The extent, character, and location of all clearing must be fully set forth.

Cost of first plowing or breaking. All claim for plowing or breaking of the soil, and the area and location of the land broken must be stated.

Cost of fencing necessary to protect the land for the purpose of reclamation, the length, kind, and

location to be stated.

Cost of any permanent improvement essential to the reclamation of the land, provided its purpose or use is shown.

### Another Big Well.

Last week E. R. Gesler completed a well on the Lawyer and Patterson quarter section, two miles north of town, which flows 33 inches over an eight inch casing. Wilson and Rogers of this place are just completing a contract of breaking the whole 150 acres and seeding 80 acres of it to oats. This tract lies just south of a 160 acre tract which belongs to the X-L Orchard and Nursery Co., that has recently been broken and put in fine shape by Wilson and Rogers. This tract also has a very fine artesian well—Pecos Valley Echo.

The Register-Tribune of last week stated that J. W. Turknett had been in the city last Wednesday when in fact Mr. Turknett was in the mountains on his sheep ranch. Mr. Turknett returned home Saturday and so far has been unable to explain how the Register-Tribune received its information.

Those of the older settlers who have been in the Valley for some time are realizing the advantages of having their money in productive dirt. The latest to join the ranks of these investors is Joe Kemp, who has sold his property in Texas and will buy Pecos Valley land with the proceeds.

### Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., January 23, 1908  
Notice is hereby given that Martin J. Gray, of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 786 made May 1906, for the southeast quarter of section 31, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, and that said proof will be made before D. L. Newkirk, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on March 7, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Harry H. Hess, Grant Sooter, William Kinsey, Harold C. Smith, all of Artesia, N. M., Howard Leland, Register.

### Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., January 23, 1908  
Notice is hereby given that James A. Barnes, of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 282 made July 2, 1902, for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 37, T. 16 S., R. 35 E., and that said proof will be made before D. L. Newkirk, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on March 6, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Sallie L. Roberts, William Allen, Henry C. Owens, E. A. Clayton, all of Artesia, N. M., Howard Leland, Register.

### Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., January 23, 1908  
Notice is hereby given that Albert F. Cox, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 610 made May 1902, made Dec. 5, 1905, for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 37, T. 16 S., R. 35 E., and that said proof will be made before D. L. Newkirk, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on March 9, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Ben O. Donaghe, of Hope, N. M., William F. Donaghe, of Hope, N. M., Joseph Bosch, of Avis, N. M., George W. Cox, of Hope, N. M., Howard Leland, Register.

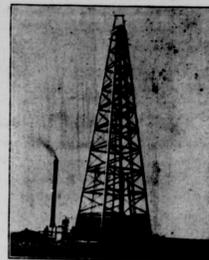
### Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., January 23, 1908  
Notice is hereby given that Charles May, of Lake Arthur, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 1091 made Dec. 5, 1905, for the Lots 12, 13, and 14, section 42, T. 16 S., R. 35 E., and that said proof will be made before D. L. Newkirk, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on March 9, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Ira H. Hendrickson, Clyde B. Lewis, Lon N. May, J. W. Thomas, J. Wood, all of Lake Arthur, N. M., Howard Leland, Register.

### Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., January 23, 1908  
Notice is hereby given that Joshua P. White, of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 532 made May 19, 1904, for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, and NW 1/4 SW 1/4, of section 33, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, and that said proof will be made before D. L. Newkirk, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on March 7, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: J. H. Blair, of Artesia, N. M., D. D. Tompkins, of Artesia, N. M., H. Hoffman, of Artesia, N. M., John Wolcott, of Lake Arthur, N. M., Howard Leland, Register.

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Friday Luke Gage took charge of the two Artesia livery stables, which are owned by his brother in law, J. D. Christopher.

Call on Woolam for cheap fresh fruit and groceries. Next to Fletcher's Market.

The firm of Whitaker & Gage, which has been doing business in Hope for many years, was dissolved last week, Mr. Whitaker taking the business and Mr. Gage retiring to devote all of his time to the cattle business. Both gentlemen are well known in Artesia.

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

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Aulne, Kansas.

It has been discovered that Jim Nelson, city cop, city machinist, suspected owner of the old water system and many other things too numerous to mention, is also an expert saw sharpener. This is not a free ad, neither is it paid for, but the fact that Jim has added another accomplishment to his already long list is news enough for anybody.

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The latest reports of the condition of Ezra Higgins, who is sick at his old home in Georgia, state that while he is not dangerously ill, his disease is somewhat painful. Ezra has the rheumatism.

Joyce-Fruit Co. just received car salt.

If you want the best of everything to eat, do your trading with E. S. Howell. Phone 66.

C. V. Stafford, the popular Territorial auditor was in town last week looking into the affairs of the Bank of Artesia.

We are pleased to note that Mrs. Lee Christopher is able to be up again.

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

The Artesia Feed & Fuel Company have moved into their new place of business and are no longer "doing business at the old stand." This store has grown faster than any other business in Artesia, and even as new comers as the editor can remember when it was in the little room where the Lunch Room is now located.

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M. O. Tuttle.

Ed Johnson was in Hope yesterday making pictures of the big reservoir.

J. W. Turknott brought a hog to Fletcher's Market last week which weighed 521 pounds dressed. Pecos Valley hogs are not so bad.

The best things to eat are found at the grocery store of E. S. Howell. Phone 66.

J. Laurence Lockney, globe-trotter, arrived in Artesia yesterday after hair raising escapes from bad men and indians in the mountains west of town. His original destination was Arizona, but when he reached the Rio Grande, he decided that home looked good to him and therefore retraced his steps.

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

Cicero Stewart, of Carlsbad, who was formerly Sheriff of Eddy county and is said to be running again, was in town yesterday. Mr. Stewart was probably looking after his political fences.

E. S. Howell carries a complete line of groceries and his prices are always reasonable. Phone 66.

Mrs. Swepston gave a little party for her sister, Miss Bernice Temple Tuesday evening. Those present were; Messrs. Looney, Twilliger, Mims, and Molar Temple, and Misses Mendenhall, Ferson and Blakesley.

New shipment of hams and bacon. Fletcher's Market.

Levi Joy of Lakewood was in town yesterday, reports says, to look after political fences. Like others Mr. Joy seems to be a little bit backward this year.

Country butter. Artesia Market.

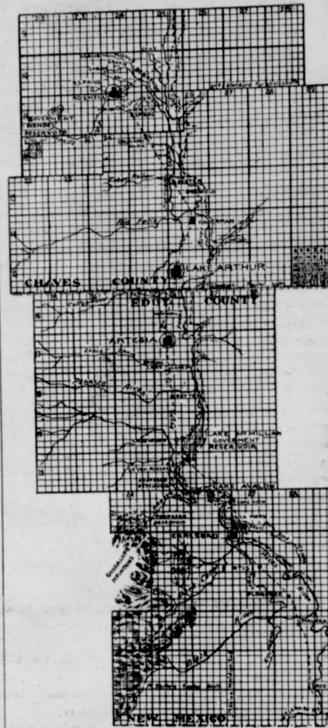
The Artesia girls have taken to wearing Derbies and while the effect on the girls is something swell, it must be hard on their dads to get out their summer lids this early in the year.

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Jess White went north this morning to look after immigration

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