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AS A PAYING CROP.

Country—What a Texas Man Has Done.

Dec. 20.—Now that of onions is becoming one of the specialties in Southwest Laredo correspondent truck farm of Mr. T. C. Laredo while the onion being transplanted during of December.

by the close attention he for several years to the of this crop and the wons which have followed, the title of Onion King. appreciation in which held by the farmers all because of its outlying and advance their solicited from Mr. Nye in the midst of the of setting out onions, and facts which may prove the readers of The News. is planting about fourteen this season on Rio land, 65 feet above the which his truck farm is

beds are laid off in from 300 to 350 feet, and 30 feet in width. This matured every three are in brought mostly from the stockpens in low manure much pre-

before planting these the from the irrigation as soon as dry enough over with a two-horse and raked until pulverized, and the at to as near a level as

planting force is organ- generally twelve men to The bed being ready, with a quarter inch white as long as the beds, com- the side, stretch the rope light from one end of the other.

is rope every four inches is made with a paint men as this rope is in three are provided with oned at one end to make one-inch square and so with a crosspiece fastened oned end that the hole made deeper than three. This man traverse the rope, sticking a hole dexterity at each marked the rope, which at first onion sets four inches when the rope is well from use these distances five inches.

as the hole stickers have the rope is moved exactly which, which will be the width

these hole makers have got at the planting commences; men take the young plants some about the size of a from the beds where the planted in October, and a- off the stems to about in length and the roots in length they are turned men, who set them into the as already described. these settlers follow men provided with a small stick, press the dirt in the up against the bulb and

the planters follow men a two-wheel hand plow with a miniature buzzard which straddles the young loosens the earth (which

the planters have unavoidably packed with their feet). The blades of this sweep are of sufficient length to loosen the whole between the twelve-inch onion rows.

As a fixed rule with Mr. Nye these onions are irrigated and worked every fourteen days until they are ready, about the middle of April, to market. He says that all onions ask for is plenty of moisture around the roots and plenty of sunshine on their tops. Too much cloudy weather ruins the crop.

As an evidence in dry winters and springs Mr. Nye has gathered 48,000 pounds of Bermuda Whites off an acre of ground, whereas in those seasons where cloudy weather prevailed, notably last winter and spring, he did not realize an average of 18,000 pounds to the acre.

In concluding he emphasizes the absolute necessity of keeping the ground flat in cultivating, as the bulb of the onion to mature to perfection must grow upon the top of the ground, and if these bulbs are covered up with earth in cultivation you cannot expect to make good onions.

Mr. Nye in addition to his great success in growing Bermuda onions, is making money with his grapes, strawberries, tomatoes and sweet potatoes.

About 4 per cent of irrigated ground is taken up in embankments around the beds and water ditches.

Carlsbad Items.

From the Current.

R. M. Love who is always looking after the best interests of the fruit growers in this section, had on exhibition at McLenatan & Tracy's office Wednesday, several varieties of apples that he has been experimenting with. There were in the lot the Ingram, Champion, Black Ben Davis, Apple of Commerce and several others. The Champion he had was a sample grown at Weatherford and he says it is the record growing tree so far, as the apple he had was good size and color and came off of four year trees that averaged two bushels to the tree. Mr. Love is going deep into the fruit growing subject and is well posted on the varieties that thrive best in the Pecos Valley.

The dam at McMillan will be raised 7-12 feet, thereby almost doubling its capacity. The work will be done by the water right owners and all those desiring to assist will apply at once to the chief engineer.

The commercial committee of the Club met Monday night and decided to take some action toward a reformation in our train and mail service. It is a first-class move but we doubt if it will result in any good.

Sheriff Stewart killed two large wild geese near Rocky Arroyo Monday.

Will do Work.

J. S. Lenox of Roswell, who is interested in the Mesacreek Mining company on Eagle Creek, came in Wednesday. He stated that the company proposes to do considerable work on their property during the winter and spring, and hope to have a reduction process on the ground to handle the ore before the daisies grow. Mr. Lenox expects to see considerable activity in the mining regions of Lincoln county during the coming year.—Captain News.

San Angelo had some sporting events Christmas that were out of the ordinary. A wild steer was ridden by a woman, Mrs. Hooker. Fred Baker won over George Gardner in a roping contest, best time being 1:57-1/2

NEW MEXICO FLOURISHING.

Big Increase in Tax Values—Irrigation the Keynote.

Secretary Hitchcock of the department of the interior has sent his annual report to congress. The following excerpts are taken from it concerning the territory of New Mexico:

The annual report of the governor, Miguel A. Otero, shows that the territory has progressed steadily along industrial, agricultural and other lines and has enjoyed a year of quiet prosperity.

The assessed valuation of the territory is almost \$42,000,000 for 1903, a net gain of over \$7,000,000 since last year, but an actual gain of almost \$3,000,000 owing to the elimination of many double assessments which were carried by assessors in former years.

Owing to the building and completion of several important railroad lines many new settlers have come into the territory during the past year and especially in the eastern and southeastern portions has the gain in population been very rapid. On June 30, 1903 the estimated population of the territory was 284,000, a gain of almost 90,000 since the census was taken, and more than three times the population of the territory in 1850. Of the present population 144,000 came from the states or are children of parents from the states, 127,000 are native or mixed decent, and 13,000 are Indians.

The work thus far inaugurated by the department toward the reclamation of the arid regions under the new irrigation law has aroused much interest and has given great encouragement to the people of New Mexico, who are the pioneers in irrigation methods and enterprises. At present half a million acres are under irrigation in New Mexico, and the results obtained are very significant. The farm values, in the territory exceed those of any other branch of industry.

The mineral production of New Mexico during the past fiscal year has been somewhat below expectations, it is claimed, that the mineral productions of the territory will increase in a great measure within the present decade.

On June 30 1903, there were 2,520 miles of railroads in the territory, an increase during the past three years of 841 miles and during the past year of 257 miles. Railroad building is still actively progressing, and the completion within the year of the lines under construction now will give the territory 3,000 miles of road.

There are 1,233,000 head of cattle, 5,684,000 head of sheep, 113,000 head of goats and 97,500 head of horses in the territory. Its wool crop in 1902 was 22,000,000 pounds. The stock industry stands second only to agriculture as a wealth producer and as a mainstay of the people of the territory.

The vast public range, the many acres in alfalfa, and the bettering of the grade of stock have placed the stock industry on a prosperous basis, admitting of future growth and improvement.

The territorial finances are in good condition. While on June 30, 1903, the indebtedness has been reduced to \$1,078,300, and \$134,500.03 has been accumulated in the sinking fund, while the other funds showed a surplus after all bills had been paid in full. The revenue of the territory the past three years has been \$1,545,241.87, of which \$576,410.86 was collected during the past fiscal year.

The John Schrock Lumber Company is having its extensive lumber sheds painted this week.

You are always hearing a girl say what she would do if she were a boy, but you don't often hear a boy say what he would do if he were a girl. I guess we are afraid of hurting their feelings. But the girls must pardon me for coming to the front just once and saying I know what I would do or rather I know some things I wouldn't do if I were a girl.

I would try to avoid the giggling age. I'm awfully glad that's left out of a boy's nature, it's disgusting. When girls get thirteen or fourteen and think they are nearly grown, then the disease takes 'em, everything that's said whether it be solemn or sad, they giggle. In short they giggle incessantly. And if two or three of them get together on a railway train or street car the malady assumes its worst form and it is awful.

I wouldn't talk loud if I were a girl, especially in a crowd. You see a lot of girls get together and begin chattering, and you hear every word they say for a quarter of a mile, more or less, and none of them are deaf either; neither is what they are saying especially edifying, though everybody stops to listen. They have to try for they can't hear their own ears, 'tis useless to try to do anything else unless we rush to the smokers and find relief in a cigar—then they condemn us for smoking.

I've been in assemblies where something ought to have been done with girls for disturbing public peace. If they had been boys they would have been arrested and sent to the "lock up." Their furbelows saved 'em however—but they didn't save them from being talked about by the very best fellows they were trying so hard to attract.

I wouldn't rush to the depot every time a train came in and stand and stare, or say smart things to passengers—if I were a girl, they call them selves ladies; we boys have another name for them however, which suit the occasion better.

If I were a girl I wouldn't follow a fashion to such an extent as to make myself uncomfortable and ridiculous, I would not want to attract attention at the risk of health and common sense.

Last but not least, I would behave when I went to church, I would bow my head and hold my tongue while the preacher was praying if I had to stuff my fist in my mouth to do it.

If I were a girl I would be very careful about how I behaved myself, because being a boy, I know that on boys will be what they are, only a heap worse.

If they are fast, the boys are reckless; if they are butterflies the boys will be dudes; if they are ladylike the boys will try to be gentlemenly. Hence if I were a girl I'd have a very high standard of womanhood, and I'd live up to it.—By a boy.—Ex.

We welcome to our exchange is the Artesia Advocate published at Artesia, a new but thriving little town in the Pecos Valley, N. M. It is a neat and newsy 5-column quarto and its editor, Gayle Talbot, our long-time friend, is a thorough newspaper man, and will do good work for the whole Pecos country. We wish him success in his venture.—Hale County Herald.

Messrs. Day & Higgins, the enterprising promoters of Dayton, have had as their guests this week Messrs. Stevens A. Coldron, Dent Fred Sawyer and James M. Cash, three enterprising prospectors from Iowa. The party visited Artesia Monday and called on the Advocate. They were greatly impressed with this portion of the Pecos Valley.

ANOTHER HOTEL.

Construction Began on a Large Rooming House on Front Street.

Mr. J. E. D'Arcy, of Roswell unloaded a car of lumber here Tuesday and already has in course of erection a two-story rooming house on Front street, facing the depot site. The building as planned will be 30x50 feet, two stories high and built especially to accommodate roomers, although Mr. D'Arcy says he may put in table accommodations later. It is useless to say that the building is needed. The two hotels we now have are often crowded beyond their reasonable capacity—in fact, on Wednesday they were both filled before the evening's southbound train unloaded a number of prospectors.

Mr. D'Arcy is an enterprising gentleman, having built a number of houses during his residence in Roswell, and he regards Artesia as a most promising field for investments. He expects to invest in irrigable lands and become a citizen of the town.

How to Start an Apple Orchard.

In a bulletin recently issued by the Ohio agricultural experiment station, Prof. W. J. Green offers some valuable suggestions on apple culture, which will doubtless be read with interest by horticulturists of the south-west.

He recommends as the best site for the orchard elevated land above surrounding areas, such being usually well drained and more free from frost. A fairly fertile clay loam he considered best for the apple, and a rather infertile soil is better than one too rich, since the poor soil can be manured but it is hard to check too exuberant growth in the very rich soil, so as to induce fruitfulness. As to the age of trees for planting, he remarks that a tree taken from the nursery four years old is more apt to die than a younger one, and is far harder to get to a good shape. A man who once tries the setting of the large sized trees for an orchard is not apt to repeat the mistake. If one-year trees are planted, get the largest of that age. A thrifty one-year tree is better than a two-year-old tree of the same size. It is thought in Ohio that budded trees are larger at sale than grafted ones and that ro-gall often develops in grafted trees at the point of junction. In regard to the distance of trees apart in the orchard, he says that an orchard on the station farm planted 28 feet apart now touches branches of the spaces. The trees are in their prime, but have no more room to develop, and there will soon be a falling off in size and quality of the fruit. On such fertile soils 35 feet is near enough, and 40 feet would not be too far apart for the trees. On some soils 28 feet would not be too close, and there are lands in southern Ohio where trees would not touch in thirty years if planted but 25 feet apart. The grower that trees need food for a long time, crops allowed to mature should never be found in the orchard. To check the loss of humus, and to prevent washing in winter, cover crop should be given in winter. Eye and rods are used for this purpose but should be plowed under in the spring before maturing and taking moisture from the trees. The growing of crops to fill the soil with vegetable matter should be commenced early in the life of the trees, since the larger the trees get, the more difficult it is to grow these crops, and the moisture retaining nature of the humus is an important matter in the apple orchard.

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Happy New Year to you. By the way have you secured your trees yet?

The County Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session next Monday.

The latest rumor is that Artesia is to have a two-story brick depot. That's good, but we are ready to compromise on a one-story plank.

If you are a citizen of Artesia, let your first New Year's resolution be to plant shade trees. Your second resolution should be to plant shade trees.

We are beginning a new year, so let's put our shoulders to the wheel and show the world how fast a real good town can grow within twelve months.

Artesia's Christmas went by without a single fuss or fight or public disturbance of any kind. Everybody was in good humor and enjoyed the holidays in a most law abiding manner.

A prominent business man of Roswell, whose name and face is familiar to almost every reader of the Advocate, was at the Hotel Artesia Tuesday and remarked to the editor, "Yes, sir, your brick bank building now rapidly being built is a compliment to the city of Artesia and would flatter a town of much larger size, but even it will be overshadowed by larger buildings in the not distant future. Artesia, in my opinion, is destined to be the best town in the Pecos Valley. I believe so because it is almost the center of the irrigated belt, is entirely surrounded by farming land and has the greatest water supply in the world." We think the gentleman is eminently correct, but it was somewhat astonishing to hear the prediction from a non resident.

The new W. O. W. officers are to be installed to-night, and every member of the camp is urged to be present.

A RECHERCHE AFFAIR

Was the Banquet Spread by the Ladies of the Library Association.

The most complete and attractive event that has thus far marked social life in Artesia was the entertainment and banquet tendered by the board of lady managers of the Artesia Library Association to their husbands and a few invited guests in the parlors of the Hotel Artesia New Year's eve night.

Preparations for the event began some weeks ago, but the height of success attained was not anticipated by the most sanguine "hubbies." The program as carried out was highly pleasing to all, and would have complimented the taste and ingenuity of the professional entertainers of the effete east, to say nothing of a social body far removed from many conveniences.

The hotel parlor and spacious new dining room were kindly tendered the ladies by Mr. and Mrs. Yeargin and the committee on arrangement took complete control and supervision. Each guest invited had been instructed to represent by attire the title of some book, and upon entering the parlor was presented with paper and pencil and prizes were offered for the person guessing the largest number of titles as indicated. At the same time each was presented with a small bag of beans and during the course of the evening when a person returned a direct "yes" or "no" to a question asked, the penalty was a bean. This proved to be a very amusing feature. Dr. A. D. Jones secured the first prize (two long striped sticks of candy) for possessing more beans than any one else at the close of the contest. His naturally tinted nature would not let him say "no" and he is now easily among the "has beans." Mrs. J. P. Dyer went into bankruptcy on the bean proposition and was presented with a quarter's worth of "frijoles" as the consolation prize.

Mrs. R. M. Ross was presented with a nicely bound volume for deciphering the greatest number of book titles, having guessed 13 out of a possible 17. Mr. J. V. Yeargin won the booby prize of an A. B. C. picture book.

The books represented were: R. M. Love, "Oliver Twist;" Rev. Jackson, "A Tramp Abroad;" Miss Polly Yeargin, "Polly the New Fashioned Girl;" Miss Mamie Dyson, "The Scarlet Letter;" Mrs. Gilbert, "From Sea to Sea;" Mrs. E. M. Rogers, "Little Dorritt;" Mrs. Gayle Talbot "Young April;" Mrs. A. D. Jones, "A Physician's Wife;" Mrs. R. M. Ross, "A study in Scarlet;" Mrs. J. P. Dyer "Under the Pastebord Crown;" Dr. A. D. Jones, "Idle

Thoughts of an Idle Fellow;" J. V. Yeargin, "Eben Holden;" J. T. Patrick, "Robinson Crusoe;" J. P. Dyer, "The Lamplighter;" S. W. Gilbert, "Battle of the Strong;" R. M. Ross, "The Lamplighter;" G. W. Witt, "Innocence Abroad;" Gayle Talbot, "At the Hour Appointed."

At 10:30 each guest was presented with a slip of paper upon which was written the name of a song. The ladies were ordered to whistle the tune prescribed on their slips and the gentleman holding a corresponding song title was supposed to locate his partner to supper by the air she whistled—provided of course he could tell what she was trying to do. The fair ones immediately went into training and the atmosphere became freighted with melody—and a few other things too numerous to mention. It has long been a recognized fact that a woman never looks quite so well as when her rosebud lips are properly "puckered," and no gentleman present could offer an objection to this entrancing portion of the program—unless it was some poor bachelor present. Those who couldn't whistle made signs, and at 10 o'clock the dining room doors were thrown open and the guests seated at the long, beautifully decorated table. There were covers for twenty and a jollier lot of folks never met than those who came to eat and drink to the health of that most worthy organization, the Artesia Library Association. A three-course menu was served as follows:

- Oysters, Fried,
- Pecos Valley Celery, Wafers,
- Katsep, Worcestershire Sauce,
- Water.
- Nut Salad,
- Crackers, Nut Sandwich,
- Pickles
- Ambrosia,
- Jelly Cake, Potato Cake,
- Coffee.

During the repast toasts were offered by Messrs. Gilbert, Ross, Jones, Jackson and Talbot, and withal the company made merry until the near approach of the New Year. The closing moments of nineteen hundred and three were spent in mutual congratulation over the success which has so abundantly blessed the labors of the Library Association and expressed determination that during nineteen hundred and four the labor for social and intellectual education of the community should not be allowed to diminish.

The Board of Lady Managers deserve the untinged praise of all for the generosity they have displayed thus far, and every possible assistance should be rendered them in the future.

On the side track at Artesia one day this week we noticed four cars of coal, two of lumber, one of household goods, two of machinery and one of local. Twelve wagons were loading at one time. We mention this to give the public some idea of how badly depot facilities are needed here. Other points on the line having not one-tenth the business of Artesia are provided with roomy stations, yet to please the caprice of some petty official (evidently) this place is left with no appearance of a depot. Of course, no one can say positively that we are neglected intentionally, but nowhere else in the world can a railroad town of this size be found without station and telegraph facilities. It is badly needed, and if the Santa Fe is not "busted" why is not some effort made toward a building? Yes, why?

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Mr. M. B. P. Rock, Ark., who has been in the city a number of times, says that he is well pleased with the country and says he will never again regret that he did not get his just bits to L. L. case, anyway.

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NEXT WEEK.

much pleasure in taking the opportunity from him as from any one else, who happens just now to call to mind.

It appears that some of the members of the British Parliament do not know that New York, New York and New York city are not the same thing. And New York is so English, too, don't you know!

A Portland man has been cured of swearing through watching the peaceful picnics of the city. Let him never attempt to cultivate a garden or the suburban chickens will undo all the work of their cooing couples.

You'll want to get rid of a corn in the quickest and cheapest town. The clinching big toe over the far edge; then take a sharp knife and by a dextrous, swinging movement, separate the corn from its base. If the toe still remains and the shoemaker's wax, wrap with binding twine soaked in lard oil, and get a pair of crutches.

Madge: Sapolio will not help your case. The surest cure for buckwheat itch is to buy a currycomb and eat nothing but codfish balls.

The Flemish for automobile is "snelpadeloederspersproulrijug." Horror! Think of getting run over by a snep—well, you know the rest

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man in the place.

Mrs. Kennicott, of Chicago, Ill., spent the holidays with her son, Lynn S. Kennicott, who has comfortable bachelor quarters on his claim five miles northwest. Mr. Kennicott's primary object in coming to New Mexico was health, which we are glad to state, he has found. He is a talented young gentleman, very often contributing literature to leading magazines. We had the pleasure of reading a very interesting story from his pen in a recent copy of "Outing."

S. P. Denning was down from Roswell Sunday, looking after progress of work on the First National Bank building.

Mr. Adkerson, an attorney from Washburn, Texas, has been in the city several days this week, prospect-

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A Reliable Seed House.

While in Roswell Wednesday the Advocate editor visited the store of the Roswell Produce and Seed company in search of grass seed and was surprised at the extensive preparations being made by the proprietors for the planting season of 1904. This company did a much larger business than anticipated last year and will be prepared to supply the entire valley with seeds this year. All old, leftover seeds have been burned and their building is crowded with boxes and barrels and sacks of seeds.

In nearly every instance, the stock has been bought from first hands and the man who plants them need have but little fear of not getting good returns. Mr. John B. Gill, the manager, says he will make a careful effort to supply the planters of the Artesia country with anything they want on short notice and our people will doubtless appreciate the fact that a reliable seed house is so convenient. Orders can be delivered here the layest for. Everything is carried from field crops, vegetables, grass and yard flowers, and the company will cheerfully furnish a complete price list to anyone requesting.

Mr. A. A. Kaiser, of Lincolnville, Kansas, spent a portion of the holidays upon his homestead near Dayton. He is very enthusiastic about the Pecos Valley—that is, that portion of it where the larger artesian wells can be found. Mr. Kaiser reads the Advocate every week and enjoys it, because he says he knows the paper will tell him the simple truth without exaggeration. He says he has never yet seen the paper claiming for the valley that is not to be found here, therefore he has hesitancy in sending it away to his friends. We appreciate the frank statement of Mr. Kaiser. We have never felt that it is the mission of a newspaper to build a boom for its community by reckless claims founded upon air. The truth, simply told, about the great irrigated belt of which Artesia is the center is sufficient. The world has never perhaps known a section of such boundless possibilities.

United States Commissioner J. Mack Smith held a very interesting court for two days this week. The case was a contest for land instituted by Miss C. Ra Hess against James M. Cowles for his homestead lying between this place and Hagerman. Mr. C. L. Higday was attorney for the defendant and Judge Gatewood for the plaintiff. Two days was consumed in taking testimony, which has been sent to the land office at Roswell for final consideration. Mrs. Elizabeth Cole of Roswell acted as typewriter for the court.

The Artesian Well Drilling Company received its big engine and drill Wednesday evening and it is one of the finest ever brought to the Pecos Valley. The first member of the company to get a well will be J. C. Hale, on his land one and a half miles east of town. Mr. Hale is ready to go right to work as soon as the drill can be placed, as he has his derrick erected and his casing and coal on the ground. This is a co-operative company and the members thereof will be able to get wells at the actual cost of making same.

A beautiful Christmas gift of \$1,899,858.47 has just been given to 658 people who took policies in the New York Life in December, 10, 15 and 20 years ago. They had perfect insurance during those years, and now receive a fine interest on their investments. If you want the New York Life kind of insurance, ask R. M. Love about it, whether you are quite ready to insure, or not.

R. M. Love, the fruit tree enthusiast, was talking orchards here several days this week. No man knows better what fruits are adapted to growth in the Pecos valley, and he is doing a work today that will do honor to his memory in the years to come.

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Contest Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roswell, New Mexico, December 8, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by James K. Walling, Contestant, against homestead entry No. 3794, made February 28, 1903, for S 1/2 of NE 1/4, and N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 1, Township 18 S, Range 25 E, by George A. Winbury, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said George A. Winbury has wholly abandoned said tract and has not resided upon and cultivated same for more than six months last past, as required by law, and further, he has never established his residence thereon, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 9, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed December 14, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.

Contest Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roswell, New Mexico, November 25, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by James K. Walling, Contestant, against homestead entry No. 3815, made March 5, 1903, for Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 18 S, Range 25 E, by John P. Corcoran, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said John P. Corcoran has not established his residence on said land or made any improvements thereon, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 19, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed December 14, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.

DAVID L. WALKER, Receiver.

Contest Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roswell, New Mexico, November 25, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by James K. Walling, Contestant, against homestead entry No. 3815, made March 5, 1903, for Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 18 S, Range 25 E, by William E. Norwood, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said William E. Norwood has never established his home thereon, has wholly abandoned said tract and changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date of said affidavit, and said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 27, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed December 8, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.

DAVID L. WALKER, Receiver.

Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE AT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, November 27, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the United States Commissioner at Artesia, New Mexico, on January 11, 1904, viz: Richard A. Eaton, upon Homestead application No. 912, for the N 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 S 1/4 Sec. 27, T. 18 S., R. 25 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: David W. Ryan, of Artesia, N. M.; John C. Gray, of Artesia, N. M.; Thomas E. Beckitt, of Artesia, N. M.; William F. Dugan, of Artesia, N. M.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, November 25, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the United States Commissioner at Artesia, New Mexico, on January 4, 1904, viz: James W. Hamilton, upon Homestead application No. 92, for the N 1/2 E 1/4 of T. 18 S., R. 25 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James W. Turkin, of Artesia, N. M.; Garrett P. Uptake, of Artesia, N. M.; John C. Gray, of Artesia, N. M.; John Bieley, of Roswell, N. M.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, December 22, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the U. S. Survey Commissioner at Roswell, New Mexico, on February 9, 1904, viz: Daniel J. Hunter, upon Homestead application No. 3334, for the Southeast quarter of section 9, T. 18 S., R. 25 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John B. Gilliland, of Artesia, N. M.; David W. Ryan, of Artesia, N. M.; John C. Gray, of Artesia, N. M.; John M. Day, of Artesia, N. M.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.

Do you know of a better thing to do, right now, than to take an accumulation policy, which is absolutely non-fortifiable and uncontrollable, a policy that FREE from those worrying conditions which, in so many contracts, make you so tired? Do you want a policy that provides for your borrowing money at 5 per cent. interest on its security? In other words, do you prefer a policy that represents the BEST in life and investment insurance? If so, ask R. M. Lind to show you the New York Life kind.

In Days Gone By.

When we used to sit cramped up on an old home made desk in the capitol of Turkistan on an old geograph map, or learning how to parse a sentence in grammar, it seemed very foolish to us. We wanted to get out of school and leave such idiotic things to others. But now we feel the need of an education—we are sorry that we did not study hard and stay in school longer. The old desk wasn't near so uncomfortable to our boyish bones then as our ignorance is to us now, when we rub up against the world. Oh, if we could see things in the future as we see them in the past, how different we would act! Boys, the very best thing you can do is to take somebody's advice, who has been along the line, and stay in school. While the mind is young and active have it grasp all the good things possible—Ozma Kicker.

Pay Your Fare or Walk.

Not on or after, but beginning with January 1, 1904, the railroads of these United States will give shippers of live stock the option of remaining at home, paying return fare 'round market, or walking back, there will be no free return transportation—not for a while at least. With one or two exceptions the railroad live stock agents in railroad alleys have received notices from headquarters to this effect. The one or two exceptions will get them soon, for the railroads are acting in perfect harmony in the matter.

The following is a sample of the notices being sent out from railroad headquarters to the agents, shippers and connecting lines: "Please be advised that on and after January 1, 1904, no free or reduced return transportation will be granted by above named lines to attendants in charge of shipments of live stock, and that no refund will be made of fares paid by persons going after live stock, and that no refund will be made of fares paid by persons going after live stock. Above will govern on and after January 4, 1904, regardless of date of contracts or shipments.—Ex.

The Chapman & Sperry drill is progressing slowly on the Gilbert well, south of town because of the great amount of rock encountered. In all probability, they will get into the sand this week and the water will be forthcoming shortly.

Mr. Harry W. Hamilton, manager of the Slaughter Hereford Ranch, Roswell, arrived in Artesia yesterday afternoon to supervise the improvement of his residence lots in Artesia Improvement Company Addition. An assortment of shade and fruit trees were brought down and are being set out today according to a carefully prepared plan of the ground. Mr. Hamilton has arranged his plans so as to make a beautiful place of residence. His dwelling will face east, fronting an open school section, thereby securing an unobstructed view of the valley and away from the dust of the streets.

Contest Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roswell, New Mexico, December 15, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by James K. Walling, Contestant, against homestead entry No. 1072, made April 8, 1900, for S 1/2 of SW 1/4 and E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 18 S, Range 26 E, by Wilbert G. West, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said Wilbert G. West died prior to his death he never established his residence on said land and never resided thereon or cultivated the same, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 9, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed December 15, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

HOWARD LELAND, Register.

DAVID L. WALKER, Receiver.

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Seed Table.

Below is a table prepared for the Advocate showing the amount of seeds required to plant an acre of ground in the Pecos Valley of the different things grown here. It is carefully gotten up and you should cut it out and paste up for reference in the spring:

Table with 2 columns: No. Lbs. Per Bu., No. Lbs. Per Acre. Items include Dwarf Beans, Pole Beans, Peas, Beets, Cabbage, Carrots, Celery, Sweet Corn, Cucumbers, Lettuce, Canteloupe, Watermelon, Okra, Union, seed, Parsnip, Peas garden, Pumpkin, Radish, Tomato, Turnip.

FIELD SEEDS.

Table with 2 columns: No. Lbs. Per Bu., No. Lbs. Per Acre. Items include Barley, Beans, navy, Broom Corn, Buckwheat, Cane for syrup, Cane for fodder, Castor Beans, Corn, field, Popcorn, Kafr corn, drilled, 50, Kafr corn, broadcast, 50, Oats, Onion sets, 32, 260, Peanuts, 22, 45, Potatoes, Irish, 60, 600, Potatoes, sweet, 50, Rape, 60, 7, Rye, 56, 75, Sundflower, 22, 3, Wheat, 60, 85, Alfalfa, 60, 20, Johnson grass, 25, 30, Blue grass for pasture, 14, 25, Blue grass for lawn, 14, 50, Orchard grass, 12, 10, Red Top, 15, 12, Timothy, 15, 12, Millet, 50, 35.

[No. 704.]

Articles of Incorporation.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARTESIA, located in the town of Artesia in the County of Eddy and Territory of New Mexico, has been organized under the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking.

Now therefore, I, William B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that The First National Bank of Artesia located in the Town of Artesia in the County of Eddy and Territory of New Mexico is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in section fifty one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States. In testimony whereof witness my hand and the seal of this twenty-fourth day of November, 1903.

W. B. RIDGELY, Comptroller of the Currency.

“What an Eastern Man Thinks of the Pecos Valley”

The famous newspaper correspondent, who made a trip through the Pecos Valley and the "Pecos Valley Lines" Passenger Vehicle, reprinted what he had to say in a most suitable for mailing. Send us a list of names you will take pleasure in giving your friends an opportunity to read what Mr. Hall says.

DON A. SWEET, Traffic Manager.

Four more additional applications for membership were favorably considered by the Woodmen of the World Thursday night, Walnut Camp is in flourishing condition. Start the year right by having R. M. Love get you a matchless New York Life Policy. It will not be on the "have-to-die-to-win" plan.

DR. ROBERT M. ROSS, GENERAL PRACTITIONER, SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SURGICAL AND PULMONARY DISEASES. POSTOFFICE BUILDING, ARTESIA, N. M.

JOE A. CLAYTON, Contractor and Builder.

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