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Will the Lights be White?

Off when I feel my engine swerve,
As o'er strange rails we fare,
I strain my eyes around the curve
For what awaits us there.

When swift and free she carries me
Through yards unknown, at night,
I look along the line to see
If all the lamps are white.

A blue light! (rep. track) Crippled car;
The green light signals "slow,"
The red light is a larger light,
The white light "Let her go."

Again the open fields we roam,
And when the night is fair
I gaze up in the stary dome
And wonder what is there.

For who can speak for those who dwell
Behind the curving sky?
No man has ever lived to tell
Just what it means to die.

Swift toward life's terminals I trend;
The run seems short to-night.
God only knows what's at the end—
I hope the lamps are white.

—CY WARMAN.

FOUR WONDERFUL BOYS.

A large crowd was attracted yesterday afternoon and last night by four boys playing music on the street in front of the Roswell Drug and Jewelry Co's. store and the Shelby hotel.

Upon investigation, it proved that they were from Fort Worth, Texas, and were brothers traveling over the western states in company with their father, Ben Humphries. They give daily street performances and take up donations. They are known as the Humphries Juvenile Orchestra and they have played on streets for the past year in all the large cities of the west.

Their playing is remarkable, considering the age of the boys and their repertoire of songs easily separated the standards of many nickle and dime men. The youngest one passed his company style: "Dig up, boys; whack up, boys; come through wid yer own, we're going to give you another song." John is 15 years of age and plays the guitar and mandolin; Jesse, 13 years of age, is the violinist; Cecil, 11 years of age, plays the cello, and Olin, 9 years of age, performs on the guitar and looks after the collections.

Mr. Humphries says he has three more children at Fort Worth still younger, one boy and two girls, and they are musicians also. He is going to take all seven of them to the World's Fair at St. Louis and will be there during the entire fair. He will send them to school this winter.

Mr. Humphries is an uncle to Homer Humphries who is employed in Walker Brothers store.—Roswell Record.

Mr. R. E. Sherrill, of Haskell, Texas, was in town yesterday. He is a prominent merchant and is looking for greater business opportunities. He says that within the past few weeks parties have made proposals looking to the building of railroads through Haskell headed in this direction.

Mr. Turk, with her children, returned from Roswell Thursday night.

The Artesia Improvement Company has laid out 160 acres in town lots and is preparing to plow out the streets and get ready for the people, so they can see every lot on the 160 acres. E. A. Clayton, the manager, had every block and lot marked, stakes put to every corner of each lot so that every man, woman and child can tell what lot or block they are buying. The people are coming in very fast and we are selling some lots most every day. The way the people are talking now, we will have several thousand trees put out before spring. The Artesia Improvement Company will put out a few thousand trees to beautify the town. We have the finest townsite there in the valley and the finest land of the valley, several artesian wells flowing all over the country and the largest rotary well drill is being unloaded at this place. It means more wells close to Artesia. Mr. Sperry and the other owners are from Aurora, Ill., and of the American Well Co. shops. They are experienced men at the business. They superintended well drilling and helped to make them in the shops. They will certainly do good work when they get started. We want more good men to bring in some drills in our country. We have fine formations of soil for rotary drilling. The man who has a well in his yard can live at home and board at the same place and be happy if he will. But now is the time to come to Artesia while you can get on the ground floor. If you come now, you can make money fast if you use good judgment and invest in town or in country. We have the water, we have the land and we have the railroad. We have the school, we have the climate. What else do you want?

E. A. CLAYTON,
The Real Estate Man.

Rev. A. C. Burroughs, of Mineral Wells, Texas, spent last Sunday in Artesia as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gore.

Mr. M. L. White returned Wednesday from Barstow and other points in Texas.

CITY OF COLORED PEOPLE

To be Founded in Southern Chaves County.

The Santa Fe New Mexican says:—The Bureau of Immigrant has received a letter from F. M. Boyer whose post-office address is Dexter, Chaves County, N. M. which discloses the fact that a colony of colored people is being settled in Chaves County. The letter reads:

"A colored stock company has just been organized to colonize and found a city exclusively colored in the southern part of Chaves County, N. M. Any advice or information from your bureau is most earnestly solicited.

"Respectfully yours,
"F. M. Boyer.

"President,
"Blackdon City Townsite Company"

WOULD FLOAT THE HARVEY.

Mr. J. H. Loving, of Rockwell county, Texas, near the head of Trinity navigation, arrived in Artesia Friday and soon went around to take a look at the big artesian gusher. For a moment he gazed, with amazement and perplexity written in his face, then, with sudden inspiration, exclaimed, "this well is just what Dallas needs; with it, she could float the Harvey!"

On the Real Estate Man.

A good story is going the rounds in Dalhart and it is too good to miss.

A certain real estate man of our town had a prospector in town and in order to save time took him out Sunday to look at the country. They were caught out in a hail storm and order to protect themselves got under the back. Lightning was flashing, thunder rolling and hail was beating a tattoo on the back. The real estate man commenced to pray, promised if saved from this wrath to never take another prospector out on Sunday. When questions about the occurrence and asked if the prospector didn't also pray, the real estate man replied: "No he was a Baptist and was flapping around in the mud and water enjoying himself."

Tom Wheat and Ben Pate, two of the most scientific ropers that ride on the range, encountered two large bob wolves last Thursday on the yungles and after an exciting chase, they succeeded in dropping noses about the neck of the monsters and bringing them into the camp. They were fine specimens of their kind. It is not of the ordinary to rope panthers, bears, deer or coyotes, but it is extremely rare that a grown loafer is lassoed.—Pecos Times.

A TRUE WORD.

We agree with an exchange which says, occasionally one will hear the remark: "I wish I was out of this town." And then one feels like saying: "I wish you were," for a man who stands on the street corners, chewing and spitting, telling obscene stories, cursing the town finding fault with his grand mother because she is a woman; claiming that the merchants are a lot of thieves; that the lawyer and newspaper men would skin a man to a bushy and white lot more, is a nuisance and abomination. Any town pestered with one or more such worthies would be justified in an exercising cowhide authority on their anatomy. No one is obliged to live where life is not suited. If he hasn't a word of encouragement for the business enterprises and institutions of his town he should shut up and "go way back and sit down." If things don't suit you, move away to where they will.

What the Reservoir Means.

The announcement made in the Advocate two weeks ago that the government had decided to put in an immense reservoir west of Artesia on the Pecos river, came as good news to the people of this portion of the Pecos valley, and especially those who have been fortunate enough to secure land within the territory proposed to be covered by the waters from such reservoir. Those persons directly in the artesian belt that follows the Pecos river were not so much concerned, but there are thousands of acres of smooth land lying west of this place toward Home which is as fine as a crow ever flew over, and it has not yet been proven that this is in the artesian field. Experiments would have been made in time and this land finally watered by wells, but that would mean a long delay and a very slow settlement of the country. With the government taking a hand, things will be quite different. It has been estimated by the efficient corps of engineers in charge that enough water can be stored at the point decided upon to flood a scope of country thirty miles long and twelve miles wide. This includes the Pecos valley and Eagle draw, a long, undulating that parallels the Pecos to its mouth, and both reach the Pecos only a few miles south of Artesia. As soon as the engineers made their report and the department at Washington deemed the project a safe and paying one, all lands embraced in the territory described was declared to be no longer subject to "desert land" filings—that is, it would no longer be sold in 320 acre tracts to anyone who would agree to put artesian water upon the

same whether he lived on it or not. On the contrary, it would be given to farmers in lots of 160 acres who would agree to live upon and improve it. Of course this latter condition of settlement could not be complied with unless water for irrigation could be secured, and this is what the government proposes to furnish.

By the act of last congress, fifteen millions of dollars has been set aside and is now available for the building of reservoirs for the purpose of reclaiming arid sections of the west. The opportunities offered here having been approved, there is no reason to believe that the actual work of construction will be long delayed. This means the making of a city, we believe, at Artesia. This is the only rail-road station within the section to be irrigated, and is at that point where the Pecos and Pecos rivers, coming together, form a vast area of table land, that is level for irrigation by the hand of nature. That the population will come to this new territory, is a foregone conclusion. An irrigated country, what the people want, and under this reservoir (as no where else) the poor man can thrive as well as the rich. If a farmer feels like to do so, he can get him an artesian well. If the Pecos only a few miles south of Artesia. As soon as the engineers made their report and the department at Washington deemed the project a safe and paying one, all lands embraced in the territory described was declared to be no longer subject to "desert land" filings—that is, it would no longer be sold in 320 acre tracts to anyone who would agree to put artesian water upon the

Artesias Eternal Fountains.

Even the "Sweet Singer of Israel" Would Get Excited.

Judge J. V. Logan, president of the Artesia Commercial Club, is a firm believer in Artesia and his future, and knows how to say just enough, and not too much, about the situation here. In a letter written to the Dallas News, he says:

To THE NEWS: Being a citizen of Artesia, New Mexico, but formerly a citizen of Texas for forty-five years' standing and having such an extended acquaintance with the ex-members of Texas legislatures, I am not surprised at the paragraph that appeared in the News of August 8 (on the last page) as a quotation from Hon. Dan W. Phillips. The Dallas News is a great paper and read by people all over the United States, many of whom are not acquainted with the Texas Legislature or its ex-members, therefore, with your permission, I can offer a few mild suggestions.

Artesia is a wonderful town in a wonderful country, and has one of the most wonderful artesian wells in the world. The town is about eight months old. True, its name, Artesia, is only about five weeks old—being formerly called Miller. It is true the town and country has had a phenomenal growth, but not quite to the extent stated. The United States government is making a survey preparatory to putting in a reservoir to store flood waters from the Pecos and Eagle draw west of here, instead of north. Our lands are of a rich, sandy loam and free from alkali. Artesian water is obtained at a depth from one hundred and fifty to nine hundred feet, some of them flowing as much as eighteen hundred gallons per minute. While we believe that Artesia is certainly located in the best part of the Pecos valley and is destined to be a city of several thousand in a few years, yet we do not want to see it overestimated. But I am willing to draw the veil of charity over what the ex-legislative member has said, realizing that when one has been walled away from the rocky peaks and hills of Lampasas and have crossed the sun-scorched plains of Texas and entered the Pecos valley, (the oasis of the west) like Moses of old, he can hardly refrain from singing the songs of sweet deliverance. When one is released from the prison walls of the Texas legislature and permitted to enter and view the fruitful Pecos valley, dotted with farms, orchards and vineyards, fast-flowing fountains of artesian water, it is a realize what Moses missed by his transgression thereby not being permitted to enter the Promised Land, and Adam's loss of the Garden of Eden. Then like David of old, the sweet singer of Israel, in his wild, delirious enthusiasm may pass to the extreme in his praise for want of language to describe the beauties of the valley.

Very Respectfully,
A. V. LOGAN.

The Advocate.

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GAYLE TALBOT, PROPRIETOR.

Application has been made to have this paper entered at the Artesia post office as second-class mail matter.

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Call for Volunteers.

Everything is in readiness for the construction of the Artesia public school building. We expect to have material on the ground and go to work Monday, September 14, and we respectfully ask that every man in the town and precinct contribute his help in the construction of the house. This building will be the property of the community and everybody should feel an interest in it. The less cash the board expends for carpenter work the more money we will have to run the school and educate the children. We need about six men Monday to prepare the foundation and Tuesday we will need all the men we can get to saw lumber and drive nails. Let us show our enterprise and economy by contributing our labor a day or two on the building, and it will be built.

R. M. Ross,
Chairman board of Trustees

A published report says Mexico is to have a new depot. Does anyone know when Artesia's will be built?

Drilling for artesian water has begun at Portales. That beautiful level prairie would be very valuable if good water be found. Here's hoping.

Insure your crops against drought by planting in the Pecos valley. This is the only gilt-edged policy. It's backing is the artesian reservoir of Providence.

Say, you man on forty-dollar land in the old states: Did you know that the amount lost on one year's crop failure would put you down an artesian well in the Pecos valley and the fear of droughts would never bother you again? What's the use paying a big price for land and throwing away your labor once every few years just for the want of water? Yes, what's the use?

The Advocate appreciates much the nice things said about it by the ladies of Artesia. We have never found the fair sex given to full gossamer flattery, the Lord knows, and when they voluntarily throw bouquets this way it leads us to believe that the paper is not without some meritorious features.

A number of financiers of Artesia and Roswell are making preliminary arrangements in the work of organizing a development company, the purposes of which will be the boring of artesian wells throughout the Artesia country. The plan of procedure contemplated is, in a measure, co-operative and will yield a fine profit to the company, as well as the public at large. Wells and lots of them are what we need and the method suggested in the organization of this company would mean an early development of this wonderful region.

Artesia must be advertised at the Roswell fair. Hundreds of prospectors from the old states will take advantage of the cheap excursion rates to look at the Pecos Valley irrigated farms and, as a natural result, buy homes. There is no question about the Artesia country offering more advantages to the homeseekers than any other section of the valley. We should see that this fact is put before the visitors in a convincing manner. We need the people and the people need homes. Some attractive literature should be prepared.

The Advocate editor interviewed a gentleman from Texas at the Hotel Artesia Saturday who had just clinched a piece of good land, along with two of his neighbors. He said: "We bought our tickets to Roswell, but before reaching that point, found out that Artesia was the place for a man who wants to get good land cheap and realize a quick profit on his money. Because of the vast area of irri- gable land around it, I believe Artesia will yet be the best town in the valley."

A few of the prospectors in the valley claim they cannot see money in the investment because an artesian well costs so much. This alarm is needless. Any man can get a piece of land and put a well on it for less than ten dollars per acre. This is a fact. How much cheaper do you want land and a guarantee against drought? Look at this in the right count the dollars and cents and see if this is not the cheapest proposition you ever heard of.

The Board of Commissioners of Eddy county did not meet as anticipated last Monday, and the needs of roads, etc. at Artesia could not be decided before them. The meeting will be held on October 5th, at which time Artesia will have a representative on the ground.

Do not overlook or forget the fact that the Advocate is prepared to do all kinds of printing and wants your patronage. We guarantee the quality of the work to be the best and prices right.

In advocating the cause of Artesia and the Pecos valley, this paper will not knowingly misrepresent or exaggerate the situation. This policy will be rigidly adhered to. This paper already has an extensive circulation among the people of other states, many of whom will be induced to come into the valley. We do not want to get people here by misrepresentation. We want a happy, contented citizenship, and if false statements would bring in a train load a week, we would not be a party to the crime. A plain story, without embellishments, we are here to tell and no tale will be told the general public that we would not repeat to our best friend privately. The editor has a great estimation of the Pecos valley. In fact, he believes it to be the most productive and reliable agricultural section in this portion of the United States. And it doesn't take a wide stretch of imagination to convince oneself of this fact. As we understand it, there are just three essentials in the making of a successful agricultural country—soil, water and climate. Surely no country yet discovered has a particle of advantage over the Pecos valley in these regards. The soil is a chocolate sand which has washed in to the valley from the mountains west of us for the past thousands of years and will grow anything. A perfect sea of purest artesian water underlies the valley and, with it, the farmer can plant crops and know for a certainty that he will reap the harvest. The summer sun has no terrors for him. He doesn't have to sit supinely down upon the doorstep and watch and long for the clouds to form and the showers to come, while his fields are blasted because of the delay. Lack of rain can't hurt him here. All he has to do here is to turn on the water and watch things grow. And, what is better, every man can own his water supply. No paying of water rents or waiting for some other fellow to get his allowance of water out of the ditch. Put down a well and be independent. The climate is superb, and there are hundreds of people residing in this section in order to breathe this health-giving atmosphere. The constant breeze is as a breath from the mountains, coming fresh and pure all the year round. Fruit grows splendidly and is a reliable crop, for the reason that killing frosts are almost unheard of—only one failure of peaches having been recorded within the past eighteen years.

Briefly, these are a few of the reasons we offer for the faith that is in us. If the man who wants to raise things can find anything that will be surer than our Pecos valley dirt mixed up with artesian water, then we have nothing more to say. But we hardly think anyone will have the temerity to try to compare anything with it.

Miss Floy Cunningham came up from Seven Rivers Wednesday to spend the day with her friend and former school mate, Mrs. Gayle Talbot. Miss Cunningham is from Comanche, Texas, and is temporarily sojourning at Seven Rivers with her brother, Travis, who has been in poor health for some time. We hope the climate will quickly restore the young gentleman to his wonted strength, as it has done for so many others.

Mr. J. A. Beckett has fallen under the influence of the big artesian flow and says as soon as he gets through sheep-shearing on the ranch he will make arrangements for a guher on his claim north of town.

Messrs. Logan & Dyer contemplate the erection of a large ware house at the rear of their store building. This firm enjoys a splendid trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Hamilton are the happy parents of a seven-pound girl, born Monday. Dr. Rhodes reports mother and child doing splendidly.

Wanted—Man and wife. Man to do farm work and his wife general work about the house. Apply to J. M. Day at his ranch on the Penasco

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Artesia, N. M.

The atmosphere hereabouts must have been unusually invigorating last Sunday morning to cause two staid and well behaved steeds to go on a tear in the northern part of town. Joe Clayton's buggy horse was left standing at the gate while the family got ready for morning service, apparently fast asleep, as usual, when suddenly an inspiration or a humblance or something else hit him and he "came alive" right now. He made a new record for speed, wrapped the buggy around the pump handle and might have done so no damage had he not got caught in a crack of the fence. About the

same time, at almost the same time, J. L. Popper's old bay was some fun with himself and his horse scattered harness over one side of the hemisphere, but did serious damage except making late for church.

Messrs. Hubert Logan, J. Smith, E. A. Clayton and E. L. erson went up to Roswell to help the laboring people

For sale—A few choice Jersey cows. G. C. Clever.

Mr. D. W. Runyan was a visitor Tuesday.

H. S. LOGAN,

REAL ESTATE AND LIVE STOCK Commissioner.

Has a large and varied list of both town and country property which I will be pleased to show prospectors. I also am a

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ABOUT TOWN.

of Vernon, Texas, new selling school superintendent New Mexico, was out today.

Wichita, Kansas, at the Hotel Artesia.

Hope, spent in the city, enroute.

Walling, a well known Hill county, Texas, is in already written back at home to come to Artesia and cheap. He says the no luly drouths to molest you afraid is a mighty one.

from over on Cotton in town with some splen- elous this morning.

ocate would like to employ services of an able-bodied, active young man living in Artesia desires to learn the printing bus-

He must be of good size and who will not get needlessly ed at the approach of work- young man who will make him- self about the place at a salary liberally less than that of the best of the New York Life can an audience with the editor.

you haven't already subscribed the Advocate, you are invited to around and do so, or else rendered and lawful excuse. If you too busy to write "back vander" he home folk and tell them the "happy valley," we will t for you.

Dexter Cleveland is at Cole, Texas, looking after the rests of his sister, Mrs. W. H s, whose husband died recently.

A NEVER-CEASING GROWTH

THE WEEKLY EPITOME SHOWING WHAT ARTESIA IS DOING.

Dr. N. J. Aylet, cashier of the First National Bank, informs us that the contract was this week let for the building of the foundation of the new building.

Vice President Avery Turner of the Pecos Valley Railway, in conversation with Mr. S. P. Denning of Roswell a few days ago, said that work would begin in the Artesia depot just as soon as the road's construction crew have finished up some coal mines now being put in at Amarillo. Here is hoping that nothing will happen to retard the work on said chutes.

The Sperry well drilling machinery was being unloaded from the cars at Artesia yesterday and work on the well all progress immediately. The derrick has already been erected.

Mr. J. R. Blair let the contract and work began Monday on a nice residence to be built on his place in the southern suburbs of town. It will be two stories high, contain seven rooms and be of modern architecture. It is being rapidly pushed to completion.

Dr. Ross, president of the board, informs us that work will begin on the school building next week. The structure will be 24x40 feet in size and amply sufficient to accommodate the students in a town only a few months old, but it will be so constructed that an addition can be made before the beginning of another term. A nice lot of patent seats have been ordered and will arrive in a few days. Everything will, no doubt be in ship shape for the beginning of school the first of October.

The store house of M. A. Beckett & Sons is receiving a new coat of paint.

Mr. John L. Pepper this week purchased a lot in the J. Mack Smith addition east of the railroad 100 by 200 feet in size, and has the construction of a neat frame dwelling already under way.

The Artesia Townsite Company has this week outlined its addition east of the railroad and arranged the set of ditches necessary to conduct water to that portion of town.

Mrs. Wilbur left yesterday morning for her home in Kansas, to remain until about Christmas. The work on her adobe residence is progressing well, under the direction of Mr. Collins.

Mr. H. M. Robertson has bought a lot adjoining Judge Logan's residence and is flaring on building a cottage to rent. He is at present finishing up a residence five miles south of town. A few neat houses in Artesia will say any man big interest on his money.

Mr. George W. Witt, one of the progressive young men of our city, contemplates the building of an addition to his business home on Main street. We understand that he has already secured a tenant for it.

Capt. J. M. Chase has about completed his store building on the Pecos at Dayton switch.

Mr. D. E. McConneill is building a residence west of town.

Mr. M. F. Muney has this week erected a house or his homestead town the river southeast of town.

Mr. L. S. Kennitt is fortifying against any odd weather that may spring around this way later on by building an adobe house on his ranch on Cottonwood.

The John Schrock Lumber Company received two more cars of lumber this week to help supply the constant demand for building material in Artesia and vicinity.

Mr. W. F. Stephenson has this week constructed a claim house on his land northwest of town.

Mr. P. E. Ferguson has improved the appearance of his residence by putting on a coat of paint.

M. A. Beckett & Sons, Pioneer Merchants

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and can please you in price, style and quality. We will not be undersold on any line of goods. Your patronage solicited.

M. A. BECKETT & SONS

Mr. John S. Major, a member of the Artesia Townsite Company, was down from Roswell Sunday. He and his father are putting a lot of cash into land around Artesia and expect to have them an ideal home and farm one of these days.

Presiding Elder Lallance arrived Saturday to conduct the quarterly conference of the Methodist church. He preached to large congregations Sunday and Monday, and the scholarly discourses were a treat to the church-going people of our city. Mr. Lallance left for Roswell Tuesday. He is winding up the year's work as presiding elder and getting ready for annual conference, which meets in Roswell next week. The conference year just closing has been a prosperous one in this the El Paso district. A number of new churches have been organized.

Messrs. John H. Loving, Cor. W. Lowry and J. M. Loving, three progressive young farmers of Fate, Texas, arrived in the city Saturday and were not slow to appreciate the Pecos valley soil when properly irrigated. They secured homesteads adjoining and will go in together to get water. The young man who has pluck and foresight it the one we need to develop this wonderful valley, and secure an irrigated farm while doing so. Whoever will may come.

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Postoffice Building, Artesia, New Mexico.

J. Mack Smith has been taking the scholastic enumeration this month.

From indications, the first of Artesia school will open with attendance of about fifty.

Albert Krull, living ten miles from town, has found a profitable bet in Artesia for a large amount of alfalfa, which has been grown entirely without irrigation.

J. W. Pate has been suffering liberally this week from an attack of neuritis.

Dr. E. S. Wilson, of Elk Creek, returned last Saturday to attend quarterly conference and has conducted his services at Dr. Rhodes' hall week.

Tom Logan was mixing with friends in Roswell this week.

F. D. Crago, the tinner, left today morning for the mountains main a week or so.

Dr. Jeffers has his residence newly tiled.

Edge and Mrs. A. V. Logan spent day in the beautiful city of Carlsbad.

Will you shuck your coat next and help build the school house?

Sidney Hale and wife have returned from their pleasure trip into mountains.

Mr. Johnathan Moore, that jovial and eloquent Texan, returned Monday afternoon from a trip up the Pecos river and to the edge of the pine forests. His is a youthful, happy soul and an enthusiast over the beauties of nature. Time has frosted his locks, but nothing tires his optimistic spirit. He makes everyone about him feel good. In the language of our old friend John Roach, of Texas: "May he live a thousand years and then never die, but blow away with the daisies."

Dr. M. E. Clark, of West Point, Fayette county, Texas, spent two days in the city this week, and like the balance of those Texans who are out after good things, he secured some Pecos valley land. He bought relinquishments on both a homestead and a desert claim three miles from town and will improve the same right away.

Mr. W. H. Hearne left Sunday to look after his lumber interests in Louisiana. Mrs. Hearne remains in Artesia for the benefit of her health. We are glad to state that this pure atmosphere is already having a most beneficial effect upon her.

Messrs. G. C. Cleveland and J. C. Hale were Roswell visitors Tuesday, as was also Contractor J. H. Patrick.

J. T. PATRICK, Contractor and Builder.

Estimates furnished on all classes of building. Any one at a distance wishing claim houses built may rely entust the matter to him. Guarantees his work to be first class and rates reasonable.

**TERRITORY OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
CERTIFICATE.**

I, J. W. Reynolds, Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico, do hereby certify that was filed for record in this office at 9 o'clock a. m. on the twenty-ninth day of August, A. D. 1903, articles of incorporation of Artesia Water, Power and Light Company (No. 3515) and also that I have compared the following copy of the same with the original thereof now on file, and declare it to be a correct transcript thereof and of the whole thereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this twenty-ninth day of August, A. D., 1903.

J. W. REYNOLDS,
Secretary of New Mexico.
By GEO. A. FLEMING,
Assistant Secretary

Articles of Incorporation of the Artesia Water, Power and Light Company

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Abram L. Norfleet, J. Mack Smith and John Richey, Abram L. Norfleet being a resident of Roswell, Chaves county, New Mexico, and J. Mack Smith and John Richey being residents of Artesia, Eddy county, New Mexico, have this day associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter I of Title V of the compiled laws of 1897 of the Territory of New Mexico, and we do hereby certify:

Article I. That the Capital Stock of said Corporation shall be one hundred thousand dollars, (\$100,000) which shall be divided into one hundred thousand (100,000) shares of the par value of one dollar (\$1.00) each.

Article II. That the name of this said corporation shall be ARTESIA WATER, POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY.

Article III. That the principal place of business of said corporation shall be Artesia, Eddy county, New Mexico.

Article IV. That the period of existence of said corporation shall be fifty years from and after the date of filing these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico.

Article V. That the objects for which this corporation is formed are:

- (a) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, possess, maintain and improve any and all lands or property so acquired.
- (b) To develop, erect, maintain and operate a water works system, a power system, a telephone system, a sewerage system and electric light system in the town of Artesia, New Mexico, and to buy, sell, lease or otherwise deal in or dispose of any or all of the aforesaid property, or any merchandise or wares pertaining thereto, on such terms and conditions as the directors of said corporation may deem best.
- (c) To improve the property of said corporation by erecting buildings, developing water supply for whatever purpose for said property, and making any other improvements that the directors of said corporation may deem best.

Article VI. That the business of said corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors to consist of not less than three nor more than seven, and the names of those who shall constitute said Board of Directors for the first six months, or until their successors are elected and qualified, are: Abram L. Norfleet, J. Mack Smith and John Richey, Abram L. Norfleet being of Roswell, Chaves county,

New Mexico, and J. Mack Smith and John Richey being of Artesia, Eddy county, New Mexico, and all citizens of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 29th day of August, 1903.

(Signed) ABRAHAM L. NORFLEET,
J. MACK SMITH,
JOHN RICHEY.

Territory of New Mexico }
County of Chaves. } ss

On this 29th day of August, 1903, before me personally appeared Abram L. Norfleet, J. Mack Smith and John Richey, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same at their free act and deed.

Witness my hand and official seal on the day and year last above written.

(Signed) SAM'L ATKINSON,
(SEAL) Notary Public.

ENDORSED.
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Articles of Incorporation Artesia Water, Power and Light Company.
Filed in Office of Secretary of New Mexico Aug. 29, 1903, 9 a. m.
J. W. REYNOLDS, Secretary.

Contest Notice.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Roswell, New Mexico,
August 22, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Geo. P. Cleveland, contestant, against homestead entry No. 1131, made June 26 1899, for the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 17 S. Range 26 E., by Frank B. Jackson, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Frank B. Jackson does not reside upon said land, but has removed from said land and abandoned his said entry more than six months prior to the date of said affidavit, 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 November 24, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

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

HOWARD LELAND, Register,
DAVID L. GUYER, Receiver.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Roswell, New Mexico,
August 22, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Geo. P. Cleveland, contestant, against homestead entry No. 1131, made June 27, 1899, for the southeast quarter of section 10, Township 17 S. Range 26 E., by Samuel M. Gwin, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Samuel M. Gwin does not reside upon said land, but removed from said land and abandoned his said entry more than six months prior to the date of said affidavit, 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 2 o'clock p. m. on November

E. A. CLAYTON
IS THE LEADING
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He came here before the town and owns and controls more land than any other man in the valley. If you want

An Irrigated Farm or a Town Lot

see or write him. He can get you any quality of land you want and at most any price, with terms to suit. Don't buy until you see

CLAYTON, THE REAL ESTATE MAN

24, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

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HOWARD LELAND, Register,
DAVID L. GUYER, Receiver.

Mr. Hart Crouch, Artesia's liveryman, has this week put a number of nice vehicles and good teams on the ground and is getting ready to attend the wants of the traveling public. In addition to the five business lots purchased two weeks ago, Mr. Crouch now has three choice residence lots near the big well and expects to build a nice home.

Mr. J. N. Fenton returned Friday from a week's visit to the mountains. Mrs. J. A. Clayton, Mrs. Gore, Mrs. Burk Dr. Ross and Mr. Cavness, as a quintet, furnished some excellent music at church service last Sunday Monday morning.

Two "New Mexico showers," composed mostly of sand and pebbles, caused folks to get the rain barrels a couple of nights this week.

Captain Jas. W. Steele, the commissioner of the Colonization Agency of the Southwestern Lines, met with the Roswell and Carlsbad last week, and addressed them on the necessity of proper advertising for the Pecos valley. This agency is working under the direction of and supported by these great railroad lines:

- The Frisco System.
- Fort Worth and Denver Railway.
- International and Great Northern.
- Missouri, Kansas & Texas.
- Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain System.
- Rock Island System.
- St. Louis, Southwestern Railway.
- Texas and Pacific Railway.

The object of the agency is to labor in the interests of all lines parties thereto, impartially in the field of immigration. That is, these great railway lines believe that in inducing farmers to settle along their lines they aid themselves, and also the country through which the roads pass. The agency was organized last November and Captain Steele, an old worker in the immigration field, placed in charge of the work—and a better selection could not have been made. The great northwest was settled for the simple reason that the railroads were built through the country and a great effort made to induce immigration to that section. The time has come for the settlement of the great southwest and the railroads have taken up the work. They do not ask for money, as they pay all expenses themselves. They have no

land to sell or personal interests of any kind to serve, beyond the settling of the great southwest. To do this the colonization agency was organized. Capt. Steele says that all they ask of the people was facts told by the people of the great southwest, and the names of people to send them to. He wanted letters and articles by farmers and their wives, by teachers, professional and business men. Let telling what they had done personally and what they had seen. Facts about land prices, crops, irrigation facilities, climate and schools. Such letters, he said, were of untold value, and would do much to induce people to immigrate to this section. These articles and letters should tell what the writer wishes to say and in his own way.

Two hundred to seven hundred words, as a rule, are enough.

These letters should be statements of the writer's experience since living in the region. He may also tell of what he has seen, and may include in his letter what he knows of the actual experience of others. Write a personal story whenever possible and in your own way. It is letters from people who are not writers that are wanted. Tell where you came from and when, what kind of a struggle you had to get started, what you have now, and, honestly, what you think of it all. The money to print and distribute this literature will be furnished by the railway lines named. Their object is not to sell land, but to advertise the country. Every citizen is as much interested, at least

as they are. The railroad companies are willing to assist in advertising the country, and will permit of perfect distribution of such literature. It is almost immediately after the close of the season that the water above zero. Only a few years has the water been at the zero mark. The freedom from serious drought in the warmest weather, rapid evaporation of the soil, continuing the climatic, and feeling so common to all. Few localities can afford the necessary agricultural are so happily combined. Active climatic conditions and surroundings.



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— AND —
FREE RECLINING KATY CHAIR
— TO —
ST. LOUIS CHICAGO KANSAS CITY
CLOSE CONNECTION TO ALL PORTS
EAST, NORTH AND WEST
FIRST CLASS MEN AT OUR OWN DINING STATION 50 CENTS

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Well Drillers.

Experienced Men and Latest Improved Machinery

Both rotary and drag combination drill, and we are prepared to make any kind of a well in a short time. Will be glad to make figures on one desiring a well.

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO.

Hotel Artesia

Main Street,
Two Blocks from Depot.

Comfortable, clean rooms and constant attention given to the comfort of guests. Tables are supplied at all times with the best market affords. This is a nice, home-like place for tourists and the traveling public. When you visit the Pecos Valley, stop at Artesia and put up at this hotel.

RATES ARE VERY REASONABLE.

PONS & WHITE, PROPRIETORS.

JOE A. CLAYTON,
CONTRACTOR
and BUILDER

Is no novice at the business, but will guarantee to build your house in a thoroughly workmanlike manner and cut figure your lumber down as fine as anyone. If you want a house built figure with him.

CLIMATE: Climatic conditions are but even more propitious. A short and large open and middleable on door where is clear, war facing, there being a days in each year clear which moisture is precipitated. Immigrants are not opposed to the benefits of outdoor life in the year. The advertising the country, permits of perfect distribution. It is almost immediately after the close of the season that the water above zero. Only a few years has the water been at the zero mark. The freedom from serious drought in the warmest weather, rapid evaporation of the soil, continuing the climatic, and feeling so common to all. Few localities can afford the necessary agricultural are so happily combined. Active climatic conditions and surroundings.

THE SOIL: The Pecos Valley is of a rich alluvial, fertile and tillable. The surface is very smooth and easy to irrigate. The soil is locally called sticky soil, but not sticky. The prevailing color is brown, changing in places to red or black. The soil is limestone. It consists not of silica, but of particles of lime, which disintegrate under irrigation. Sandy soil has, therefore, to become heavier with the weight of the water. A few of the depressions that are very little. Nearly all soil can be moistened at a pleasure and be ready within twenty-four hours. This naturally prolific soil, irrigated at frequent intervals, distributes a fresh layer of its own fertilizer. The base, the natural home of a proper rotation of crops, increasing productivity for costly commercial crops. The inevitable fate of the soils of the region is to become water-soaked and still full of humus and humus unavailably. This is a species of Incarnate.