

# Pecos Valley News.

VOL. 1.

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO, JANUARY 10, 1907

NO. 18

## About the City

Roswell is putting in a new electric light plant.

Robert Ramey is cleaning out his well southeast of town.

The weather still continues pleasant notwithstanding we are in the midst of winter.

E. F. Hardwick came down from Roswell Tuesday night.

Why patronize a Clank when you can have Americans do it. 17tf

Frank Newkirk and Miss Eva McNaught drove to Hope Sunday.

G. U. McCrary made a business trip to Roswell Wednesday.

When you need any groceries C. U. Artesia Feed & Fuel Co.

G. Pendergrass has moved into a residence across the street from the Cobblestone.

We can furnish you any kind of feed. Artesia Feed & Fuel Co. It

E. S. Allison made a business trip to Carlsbad Tuesday night, returning Thursday.

Faris Heath is a fixture in the News office now. Heretofore he has just worked at odd spells.

Justice J. E. Sweptson returned Tuesday morning from Carlsbad where had been on business.

Sheriff Jim Christopher moved to Carlsbad last week to assume the duties of the office of county sheriff.

D. L. Newkirk left Wednesday morning to spend a few weeks in Eastern Kansas and Southern Iowa.

Mr. Lamb, of the Walker & Davison Land Co., left for northern and eastern states Wednesday.

J. R. Blair has moved into his property north of the school building, lately purchased of Mr. Elliott.

C. R. Richey went north Monday morning after spending a few days looking after real estate business here.

If you want prompt work and the sanitary conditions perfect send your laundry to Roswell Steam Laundry. 17tf

The W. O. W. will have an installation of officers Thursday evening, Jan. 17. A general good time is anticipated.

A good flow was struck last week in the Clayton well southeast of town. Sperry & Lukens are doing the work.

On Paradise Row the neighbors exchange notes every morning as to whose hens laid the most eggs the day before.

Editor Whelan went to Carlsbad Monday night to assist in looking after some business of interest to this part of the country.

A tramp printer worked a day or two this week at the Advocate office. He worked the usual gag on the boys before getting out of town.

Ben Easley killed a snow goose on the bogs Sunday which measured six feet and ten inches from tip to tip of wing and four feet eight inches from beak to end of tail. Some go-se

## GREAT DOIN'S IN TOWN

### EVERYBODY ON THE MOVE

This town has experienced a great shaking up within the last few days which, while not at all destructive, is interesting in that it concerns a number of our business enterprises.

J. P. Dyer started the commotion by moving from his old quarters east of Artesia Hotel to the new stone building farther up the street.

W. Pendergrass closed his store and moved the remains to other quarters and that room was at once occupied by the Artesia Feed and Fuel Company.

Monday morning the Hyatt hotel closed doors and the family moved to their residence near the Presbyterian church where they will continue to run a boarding house.

Putnam Bros. will occupy the Hyatt hotel building just as soon as it can be remodeled to suit their needs.

The Pecos Valley Immigration Company has enlarged their quarters by fitting up all of the building of which before they occupied but one half.

As before announced the John Schrock Lumber Co. became the Big Jo Lumber Co. the first of the year.

All this goes to show that Artesia is a lively town and there is every indication of a successful year before us.

With a bridge across the Pecos river east of town, an ice plant, an electric light plant, better communication with Hope and some other minor improvements together with this being the county seat of a new county, Artesia will be the town in the valley in which to locate.

### TERRITORIAL BANK REPORT

Report of the condition of THE BANK OF ARTESIA, Territory of New Mexico on December, 31st, 1906.

#### RESOURCES.

Loans,	\$69,616.
Overdrafts,	138.
Due from other banks,	9,415.
Real estate, Furniture and Fixtures,	7,906.
Cash Items,	1,425.
Cash,	4,308.
	\$92,808.

#### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock,	\$30,000.
Undivided profits,	385
Deposits,	55,757.
Rediscounts,	6,666.
	\$92,808

Territory of New Mexico }  
County of Eddy } 88

I, Hugh M. Gage, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Hugh M. Gage, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8th day of January, 1907.

Jas. E. Sweptson,  
Notary Public.  
My commission expires Jan-

uary 19, 1910.  
Correct—Attest.  
A. V. Logan.  
J. C. Gage.

### A LONG FELT WANT SUPPLIED BY PRICE & CO.

Mr. E. M. Schott, of Philadelphia, has been engaged to take charge of a fashionable dress-making department established by the great dry goods and clothing store of Price & Co. The new establishment will cater only to the high class trade, obviating the necessity of sending to St. Louis, Chicago or New York for such goods as heretofore could not be made in Roswell. Thus a long felt want is supplied, and ladies who are not satisfied with cheap and doubtful styles can procure the services of a modiste right here at home. After seeing and selecting the choicest fabrics from the store of Price & Co. they can have their gowns made and perfectly fitted, without sending money away and taking chances of dissatisfaction. The new establishment, while not so large, will be in other respects what the dress-making establishment of Marshall Field & Co. is to Chicago, or Fourier's to Philadelphia.

Price and Co. will continue to handle ready-made apparel for women, and will not neglect to supply the needs of those who feel that they cannot afford New York or Paris creations even at the saving of time or rail road fare and express charges. However, the department presided over by Mr. Schott will be devoted to supplying a demand that has not heretofore been attempted in Roswell.

### CALENDER FOR 1908.

Our merchants have distributed some very handsome calenders this season and we are impressed with the fact that they appreciate a good thing in this line when they see it.

The News office will soon have on hand an elegant line of sample calenders for the year 1908 and we request the merchants and business men to hold their orders until they see what we have to offer.

We are quite confident we can supply your needs at prices as reasonable as you have been paying.

### A PRESENT TO THE SCHOOLS

Just before the holidays Fatheree & Robertson advertised that they would give five per cent of their cash holiday trade to the public schools of Artesia.

Tuesday of this week they handed Mr. C. L. Heath a check for \$20.00 in compliance with their promise.

The firm is to be commended for their generosity in this matter and those connected with the schools certainly appreciate the gift.

### NOTICE SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPILS.

All the regular church services next Sunday including Sunday School. All the pupils are requested to attend.

### PECOS VALLEY OIL FIELDS ARE TO BE DEVELOPED

In connection with the probable building of an airline railway from El Paso to the Pecos Valley of New Mexico, the reports to the Herald from Carlsbad regarding the oil situation are very interesting to our folks. It is stated that eastern capitalists affiliated with important oil interests will undertake, on a broad and systematic scale, the development of the petroleum prospects in transpecos Texas and the adjoining oil region of New Mexico.

The time is well past when El Paso could be stamped by such news, pleasing as it is. But we do not underestimate the tremendous importance of the creation of another Bakersfield right near home. That oil is there is well known to experts and common people alike, but how economically and abundantly it can be produced for the market is yet to be determined.

El Paso might be the largest fuel oil market in the west if the supply could be assured. Owing to the long haul on coal, the very high prices, precarious mining and transportation conditions, and tight monopoly, there is not a manufacturing, mining or smelting concern in the southwest which would not welcome cheap and abundant oil. The railroads too, would use it for like reasons, and it is not hard to imagine schools and office buildings heated by fuel oil, and cheap motors of every kind to decrease the cost of power in every industry.

The dream is pleasing, and El Paso, in common with all the southwest, will watch the Pecos Valley developments with ardent interest. To the Pecos Valley itself, the development of the oil fields on a commercial scale would mean the creation of one or more thriving cities, and a great influx of new blood and hew capital to be applied to the general development of the resources of the region.—El Paso Herald.

### RECITAL PROGRAM.

The following is the program to be rendered at the Presbyterian church Tuesday, Jan. 15, by Misses Tolloson and Older, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Porter.

Tickets can be procured at the Pecos Valley Drug Co. and at the Pecos Valley Immigration Co.

1. "Hildeberg" . . . 1st and 2nd Mandoline and Guitar—Mr. and Mrs. Porter and Miss Tolloson.
2. "The Village Seaman" . . . Reading with pantomime—Miss Older.
3. "Melody of Love" . . . Solo—Miss Tolloson.
4. "Katcha Kissa" . . . Reading—Mrs. Porter.
5. "The Troubadour" . . . Mandolin and Piano—Miss Tolloson and Mrs. Phillips.
6. "Wooing of Bernice" . . . Reading—Miss Older.
7. "Moving Day" . . . Solo—Miss Tolloson.
8. "Papa and Boy" . . . Reading—Mrs. Porter.
9. "Japanese Fan Pictures" . . . Miss Older and Miss Tolloson.

### WANTED—WORK

I am prepared to do plowing or ditching for assessment or crops. 18-tf-84

The Artesia Hotel and Mr. Geo. Kauffman are agents for Roswell Steam Laundry. Send your laundry to them 17tf

## A BRIDGE---PERHAPS

COMMISSIONERS SAY IF WE HAVE ONE CARLSBAD MUST HAVE ONE ALSO

### CARLSBAD WON'T VOTE BONDS

J. D. Whelan returned Wednesday from Carlsbad where he has been to see the County Commissioners about the bridge across the Pecos. The Commissioners are quite willing that we have a bridge and in fact it is believed that if Artesia would raise money and put in one they would not protest. As to the matter of them voting bonds to build it that is a different question. They say that Carlsbad would vote the bonds down unless they could also have a bridge and at the present time the county can't afford two.

When the bridge north of Carlsbad was built a representative of that town spent some time in Artesia promising that if the northern part of the county would vote for the bonds that they would help us to get the next one. This matter has no doubt slipped their minds and when their attention is called to it everything will be alright.

The Commissioners told Mr. Whelan to have Artesia to prepare data, pick out a site and then bring up the matter before the next quarterly meeting.

### A RIVER EXPERIENCE.

W. D. Crowder and Dr. Montgomery were out horse hunting Thursday and Friday. They had quiet an experience while crossing the river.

Having missed the crossing, they got into deep water, and had to get into the water to get the horses out. The bank was rather steep on the far side, so all their bedding, grub, and feed tumbled into the river.

They recovered all but Crowder's overshoes. They got into someone's claim shack and dried out, then returned home.—Lake Arthur Times.

### PTOMAINE POISONING KILLS TWO GIRLS

Carlsbad, N. M., Jan. 5.—Two little girls, children of A. M. Hove, secretary of the Pecos Water Users' association, died this morning from ptomaine poisoning. The whole family were poisoned several days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hove are low from poison and the shock. Hove is an expert newspaper man.

### THE ICE AND LIGHT ORDINANCE.

The ordinance for the Artesia Ice and Light Co. was not passed Tuesday night owing to some alterations having to be made in it. It will no doubt be passed Thursday.

Come and C us if you need any good post. Artesia Feed & Fuel Co. It

Final proof blanks at this office. tf

# Pecos Valley News

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

D. L. NEWKIRK, Publisher. J. F. NEWKIRK, Manager.

Entered in the Post Office at Artesia, N. M., as Second-class matter, Oct. 2, 1905.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Justice of the Peace—We are authorized to announce the name of L. W. Martin as candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace, subject to the will of the voters of Artesia Precinct.

For Constable—We are authorized to announce the name of G. W. Batton as candidate for the office of constable, subject to the will of the voters of Artesia Precinct.

### FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

We are authorized to announce the candidacy of J. E. Swepton for the office of Justice of the Peace, subject to the will of the voters of Artesia precinct.

### FOR CONSTABLE

We are authorized to announce the name of G. T. Bane as candidate for the office of constable subject to the will of the voters of Artesia precinct.

### FOR CONSTABLE.

We are authorized to announce the name of D. W. Lewis as candidate for constable subject to the will of the voters of Artesia precinct.

### FOR CONSTABLE.

We are hereby authorized to announce the name of J. T. Patrick as candidate for the office of constable subject to the will of the voters of Artesia precinct.

## THE THIRD TERM.

The Third Term League is now making its beginning fight to force President Roosevelt to accept the nomination for President in 1908. They are sending out their printed matter all over the country and it is their avowed purpose to have 5,000,000 voters on their list before election. They intend to try to force Mr. Roosevelt to accept, and in so doing, they have perhaps unconsciously, trying to turn the republic into a half-way monarchy something on the order of the small states in South America.

Mr. Roosevelt has repeatedly refused to consider a third term and in so doing has proved himself a true American in refusing to go against the un-written laws of the country. If the League can force the President to accept a third term what is to hinder a League rising up next election and forcing him to accept a fourth term? It is a good deal like Anthony offering Caesar a crown, at least the shadow of a crown.

In the meantime the League says "Shall" and the President says "Shant." In the rag-chewing that must come we will stand by the President.

There is a movement on foot which will cause annoyance to both the post-office department and the Pecos Valley railroad. The people up and down the valley are displeased with the uncertainty of the mails and attribute its irregularity to carelessness on the part of the road. They have concluded to complain

to the postoffice department and are having hundreds of letters forwarded to Washington asking for redress. By this means they hope to interest the department that measures may be taken to compel the railroad company to get the mails through on time.

As most people take a daily newspaper now a days, we do not attempt to give much foreign news. We wish to make this paper intensely local and will be pleased to receive news from anyone in possession of such. Call us up over the telephone and give us the news; or better call at the office and have a neighborly chat with us and at the same time confer a favor on our readers by telling us what will be of interest to them.

The Progress cannot see any benefits to be derived from forming new counties. On the contrary, it will undoubtedly increase the burdens of the tax payers to support two county governments instead of one, and we think that this scheme of ambitious towns and designing office hunters should be set down on good and hard.—Lakewood Progress.

Fortunately the Progress does not control this session of the Legislature.

The Argus will shortly enlarge to a five-column eight-page form, to better handle its constantly increasing advertising patronage. Its office is now the largest and best equipped of any in the southwest, barring perhaps the Roswell Register-Tribune. The latest and best job faces have recently been added, and a folder, power cutter and large round cornering machine with perforator have been ordered, the improvements in all amounting to \$1,500.—Argus.

It is reported that Louis O. Fullen, postmaster at Carlsbad, is to be our next district attorney for the counties of Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt. The appointment is made by the Governor. Mr. Fullen is an able attorney and a worthy gentleman and his appointment will give general satisfaction.

A barnacle is an animal that fastens itself to the hull and is carried along by the movement of the vessel. We have no barnacles in society. Those who most nearly represent them, do nothing to bring about prosperity, but are very active in garnering the harvest.

We are authorized by the friend of James Connor to announce his name as a candidate for constable subject to the will of the voters of Artesia precinct. We understand that Mr. Connor does not seek the office but that his friends insist on placing his name before the voters.

We are an ardent supporter of President Roosevelt having great confidence in his ability and sincerity of purpose, but we are not a "third term." The presidency

is a good thing and we have many good men. We believe in passing a good thing around

The man who says he will be around and settle his bill in a day or two is to be accorded with telling the truth the first time. But when he puts you off this way four or five times, you are justified in doubting his veracity.

The Record now says that there was an effort made to oust the governor but that nobody knew anything about it. Their lingo-type is getting rickety and that accounts for those erratic statements.

The Carlsbad Sun quotes a half column from the New Mexican and then refers to the editor as "that old reprobate, Max Frost." This is eating salt from a man's table and then injuring him when opportunity presents.

Lake Arthur wants a beet factory and we should be pleased to see our thriving little neighbor succeed in obtaining one provided the beets are forthcoming to warrant the enterprise.

We have just received a letter from Delegate Andrews promising us a consignment of garden seeds for free distribution. Now will the Democrats be good.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has gone to Washington to clean up the law makers. It's two to one that the Record told her about Andrews when she was in Roswell.

The proprietors of the Lake Arthur Times have discontinued the headline relating to shallow artesian wells and eliminated the head rules.

You must either forge to the front or be relegated to the rear. You have only to look around you to see the daily exemplification of the above statement.

The new proprietor of the Lake Arthur Times has put in a patent half, cut out the line about the shallow artesian wells, and eliminated headrules.

The Advocate has installed a cylinder press of the country Campbell make. It prints four pages of a six column paper.

Oh!, what so rare as a day in June? That's easy. A mid-winter day in the Pecos Valley. Give us something hard.

Hon. O. H. Larazolo has plainly shown his "Spanish blood" inasmuch as he was unable to take his defeat like a man.

### WOODMEN BOX SUPPER.

The box supper held at the W. O. W. hall under the auspices of the W. O. W. on Friday night was a success. A large crowd was in attendance and an enjoyable time had by all. Music was furnished by Messrs. King, Bailey, Bracken, Walton and Howard. An interesting address was given by R. V. Crowder. The net results from the boxes amounted to \$46.65.

Mr. Fife is building a fine barn on his land northwest of Lake Arthur.—Lake Arthur Times. Blank deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, etc., at the News office. If

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### LEGAL BLANKS

This office now has an assortment of legal blanks, not all that are used but all that are in common use.

We request remembrance when in need of anything in this line.

### SEWING WANTED.

I am prepared to do sewing at residence one block east of depot. at Mrs. Ada Ricketts.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., Dec. 11, 1906.

A protest having been filed in this office by the Territory of New Mexico, against Forest Lieu Selection No. 812, made September 5, 1899, for the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 12, T. 16 S., R. 28 E., by C. B. Willingham, selector defendant, in which it is alleged that said land is saline in character; said parties are hereby notified to appear and respond and offer evidence touching said allegation, to determine whether at and prior to September 5, 1899, the tract of land described was known to be saline land and therefore excepted from appropriation under the Act of June 4, 1897, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico, at 10 o'clock a. m. February 14, 1907.

The said contestant having in proper affidavit, filed December 31st, 1906, 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 D. Geyer, Receiver.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., December 14, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Noel L. Johnson, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz. Homestead Entry No. 1335 made March 1, 1900, for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 1; NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver, at Roswell, New Mexico, on January 26, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz:

Willard Wright, of Hope, N. M., H. M. Gage, of Hope, N. M., Lucius Johnson, of Hope, N. M., W. I. Skward, of Hope, N. M.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DESERT LAND—FINAL PROOF  
United States Land Office,  
Roswell, N. M.,  
Dec. 22, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Frank Wyckoff, of Hope, N. M., has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-claim No. 1132, for the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 5, T. 18 S., R. 23 E., before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, N. M., on Friday the 8th day of February, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

Richard M. Bell, of Hope, N. M., Chas. A. Cole, of Hope, N. M., Stonwall J. Wilburn, of Hope, N. M., Ezekiel N. Reeves, of Hope, N. M.

### SUPREME COURT DECIDES FOR HUBBELS.

The Supreme Court of the territory in Santa Fe last week handed down a decision in the Hubbel quo warranto cases, declaring that under the federal status Governor Miguel A. Otero had no legal power to remove from office Thomas S. Hubbel, sheriff of Bernalillo county, nor Frank A. Hubbel as treasurer and ex-officio of the county. The order of the court declares Perfecto and Justo Armijo to be unlawfully usurping these offices and orders them to at once cease to perform the functions thereof.

The Hubbels were removed from office for malfeasance by Governor Otero, August, 1905. Perfecto and Justo Armijo were appointed to fill the unexpired terms which would end on December 31, next Monday. Thus the decision will have no effect on the affairs of the county. It is not expected that the Hubbels will make any attempt to take possession of the offices to exercise the prerogatives thereof for two days.

The case will undoubtedly be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.—Morning Journal.

### CARRIE RICKS ON HUGGING.

Washington.—Carrie Nation was a guest at an entertainment and dance given by the Rechabites last night. Standing on the platform and waving her famous hatchet, she exclaimed, "I've found the cause of all this immorality in Washington. It is hugging. You people call it waltzing. You young girls and you old women have no more right to hug, squeeze and roll around this public hall with a man than you have to go out on the streets, grab a man by the coat collar and take him into your home and hug him."

### PETITION FOR RECEIVER.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 1.—A petition was forwarded to President Roosevelt tonight, asking that a receiver be appointed for the Rock Island Railroad. The signature of every grain dealer, coal dealer, cotton, flour and lumber man in Oklahoma City was affixed to the paper. The question of submitting such a request has been under consideration for nearly a month, due to the inadequate service rendered by the road. The petition set forth that conditions in Oklahoma dependent upon the Rock Island have become intolerable in both freight and passenger departments. It recites that for weeks conditions have gone from bad to worse so far as transportation facilities are concerned.

### USES OF SURPENTINE.

Turpentine and soap will remove ink stains from muslin.  
A few drops in the boiling water will whiten clothes.  
Placed among furs and winter goods, will keep moths away.  
An equal mixture of turpentine and linsed oil will remove white marks made by water on furniture.  
A few drops placed in a bucket of water is good for brightening carpets when soaping.  
When one has a severe cold in the lungs nothing relieves the pain more quickly than rubbing the throat and breast with turpentine.

FOR SALE.—Five well located lots for sale cheap. Nicely located. Apply to D. W. Robertson.

## A BRAND NEW PRESS

BY WHICH AN EDITOR'S VERACITY IS RESTORED TO PAR.

Several weeks ago the editor of the Advocate announced that he had purchased a cylinder press for his office and from time to time stated that he was expecting it. But the year wore away, and the holidays passed and no press appeared. He accused him of making the statement in order to gain influence and divert trade in his direction, and being the smaller man personally he finally admitted that we were correct and that no press had been ordered. Matters ran on this way until Saturday of last week when it was reported that the new press had arrived and Monday Lee Turknett actually commenced hauling it up from the depot.

The press is here all right but whether it was purchased several weeks ago or whether purchased lately in order to make good a bluff we will leave our readers to determine.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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We are hereby authorized to announce the name of J. T. Patrick as candidate for the office of constable subject to the will of the voters of Artesia precinct.

## THE THIRD TERM.

The Third Term League is now making its beginning fight to force President Roosevelt to accept the nomination for President in 1908. They are sending out their printed matter all over the country and it is their avowed purpose to have 5,000,000 voters on their list before election. They intend to try to force Mr. Roosevelt to accept, and in so doing, they have perhaps unconsciously, trying to turn the republic into a half-way monarchy something on the order of the small states in South America.

Mr. Roosevelt has repeatedly refused to consider a third term and in so doing has proved himself a true American in refusing to go against the un-written laws of the country. If the League can force the President to accept a third term what is to hinder a League rising up next election and forcing him to accept a fourth term? It is a good deal like Anthony offering Caesar a crown, at least the shadow of a crown.

In the meantime the League says "Shall" and the President says "Shant." In the rag-chewing that must come we will stand by the President.

There is a movement on foot which will cause annoyance to both the post-office department and the Pecos Valley railroad. The people up and down the valley are displeased with the uncertainty of the mails and attribute its irregularity to carelessness on the part of the road. They have concluded to complain

to the postoffice department and are having hundreds of letters forwarded to Washington asking for redress. By this means they hope to interest the department that measures may be taken to compel the railroad company to get the mails through on time.

As most people take a daily newspaper now-a-days, we do not attempt to give much foreign news. We wish to make this paper intensely local and will be pleased to receive news from anyone in possession of such. Call us up over the telephone and give us the news; or better call at the office and have a neighborly chat with us and at the same time confer a favor on our readers by telling us what will be of interest to them.

The Progress cannot see any benefits to be derived from forming new counties. On the contrary, it will undoubtedly increase the burdens of the tax payers to support two county governments instead of one, and we think that this scheme of ambitious towns and designing office hunters should be set down on good and hard.—Lakewood Progress

Fortunately the Progress does not control this session of the Legislature.

The Argus will shortly enlarge to a five-column eight-page form, to better handle its constantly increasing advertising patronage. Its office is now the largest and best equipped of any in the southwest, barring perhaps the Roswell Register-Tribune. The latest and best job faces have recently been added, and a folder, power cutter and large round cornering machine with perforator have been ordered, the improvements in all amounting to \$1,500.—Argus.

It is reported that Louis O. Fullen, postmaster at Carlsbad, is to be our next district attorney for the counties of Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt. The appointment is made by the Governor. Mr. Fullen is an able attorney and a worthy gentleman and his appointment will give general satisfaction.

A barnacle is an animal that fastens itself to the hull and is carried along by the movement of the vessel. We have no barnacles in society. Those who most nearly represent them, do nothing to bring about prosperity, but are very active in garnering the harvest.

We are authorized by the friend of James Connor to announce his name as a candidate for constable subject to the will of the voters of Artesia precinct.

We understand that Mr. Connor does not seek the office but that his friends insist on placing his name before the voters.

We are an ardent supporter of President Roosevelt having great confidence in his ability and sincerity of purpose, but we are not a "third term." The presidency

is a good thing and we have many good men. We believe in passing a good thing around

The man who says he will be around and settle his bill in a day or two is to be accorded with telling the truth the first time. But when he puts you off this way four or five times, you are justified in doubting his veracity.

The Record now says that there was an effort made to oust the governor but that nobody knew anything about it. Their line-type is getting rickety and that accounts for those erratic statements.

The Carlsbad Sun quotes a half column from the New Mexican and then refers to the editor as "that old reprobate, Max Frost." This is eating salt from a man's table and then injuring him when opportunity presents.

Lake Arthur wants a beet factory and we should be pleased to see our thriving little neighbor succeed in obtaining one provided the beets are forthcoming to warrant the enterprise.

We have just received a letter from Delegate Andrews promising us a consignment of garden seeds for free distribution. Now will the Democrats be good.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has gone to Washington to clean up the law makers. It's two to one that the Record told her about Andrews when she was in Roswell.

The proprietors of the Lake Arthur Times have discontinued the headline relating to shallow artesian wells and eliminated the head rules.

You must either forge to the front or be relegated to the rear. You have only to look around you to see the daily exemplification of the above statement

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The Advocate has installed a cylinder press of the country Campbell make. It prints four pages of a six column paper.

Oh, what so rare as a day in June?" That's easy. A mid-winter day in the Pecos Valley. Give us something hard.

HON. O. H. Larazolo has plainly shown his "Spanish blood" inasmuch as he was unable to take his defeat like a man.

### WOODMEN BOX SUPPER.

The box supper held at the W. O. W. hall under the auspices of the W. O. W. on Friday night was a success. A large crowd was in attendance and an enjoyable time had by all. Music was furnished by Messrs. King, Bailey, Bracken, Walton and Howard. An interesting address was given by R. V. Crowder. The net results from the boxes amounted to \$46.65.

Mr. Fife is building a fine barn on his land northwest of Lake Arthur.—Lake Arthur Times.

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Mrs. Ada Ricketts.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., Dec. 11, 1906.

A protest having been filed in this office by the Territory of New Mexico, against Forest Lieu Selection No. 812, made September 5, 1899, for the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 12, T. 16 S., R. 28 E., by C. B. Willingham, selector defendant, in which it is alleged that said land is saline in character; said parties are hereby notified to appear and respond and offer evidence touching said allegation, to determine whether at and prior to September 5, 1899, the tract of land described was known to be saline land and therefore excepted from appropriation under the Act of June 4, 1897, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico, at 10 o'clock a. m. February 14, 1907.

The said contestant having in proper affidavit, filed December 31st, 1906, 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 D. Geyer, Receiver.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., December 14, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Noel L. Johnson, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz. Homestead Entry No. 1335 made March 1, 1900, for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 1; NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver, at Roswell, New Mexico, on January 26, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz:

Willard Wright, of Hope, N. M.; H. M. Gage, of Hope, N. M.; Lucius Johnson, of Hope, N. M.; W. I. Skrier, of Hope, N. M.

Howard Leland, Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

DESERT LAND—FINAL PROOF

United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., Dec. 22, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Frank Wyckoff, of Hope, N. M., has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-claim No. 1132, for the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 5, T. 18 S., R. 23 E., before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, N. M., on Friday the 8th day of February, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:

Richard M. Bell, of Hope, N. M.; Chas. A. Cole, of Hope, N. M.; Stonwall J. Wilburn, of Hope, N. M.; Ezekial N. Reeves, of Hope, N. M.

25-507 Howard Leland, Register

**SUPREME COURT DECIDES FOR HUBBELS.**

The Supreme Court of the territory in Santa Fe last week handed down a decision in the Hubbel quo warranto cases, declaring that under the federal status Governor Miguel A. Otero had no legal power to remove from office Thomas S. Hubbel, sheriff of Bernalillo county, nor Frank A. Hubbel as treasurer and ex-officio of the county. The order of the court declares Perfecto and Justo Armijo to be unlawfully usurping these offices and orders them to at once cease to perform the functions thereof.

The Hubbels were removed from office for malfeasance by Governor Otero, August, 1905. Perfecto and Justo Armijo were appointed to fill the unexpired terms which would end on December 31, next Monday. The decision will have no effect on the affairs of the county. It is not expected that the Hubbels will make any attempt to take possession of the offices to exercise the prerogatives thereof for two days.

The case will undoubtedly be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.—Morning Journal.

**CARRIE RICKS ON HUGGING.**

Washington.—Carrie Nation was a guest at an entertainment and dance given by the Rechabites last night. Standing on the platform and waving her famous hatchet, she exclaimed, "I've found the cause of all this immorality in Washington. It is hugging. You people call it waltzing. You young girls and you old women have no more right to hug, squeeze and roll around this public hall with a man than you have to go out on the streets, grab a man by the coat collar and take him into your home and hug him."

**PETITION FOR RECEIVER.**

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 1.—A petition was forwarded to President Roosevelt tonight, asking that a receiver be appointed for the Rock Island Railroad. The signature of every grain dealer, coal dealer, cotton, flour and lumber man in Oklahoma City was affixed to the paper. The question of submitting such a request has been under consideration for nearly a month, due to the inadequate service rendered by the road. The petition set forth that conditions in Oklahoma dependent upon the Rock Island have become intolerable in both freight and passenger departments. It recites that for weeks conditions have gone from bad to worse so far as transportation facilities are concerned.

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**At The Churches**

**CHURCH DIRECTORY.**

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

There will be preaching at the Baptist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. All are invited.

T. C. James.

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

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

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

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

**EPISCOPAL.**

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

**LIBRARY BOARD ELECTED**

The annual election of Artesia Library board of directors was held Monday afternoon from one to five o'clock.

Following are the names of the directors for the ensuing year: Mesdames Gayle Talbot, J. S. Major, S. W. Gilbert, J. B. Atkeson, L. W. Martin, M. M. Inman, Olin Ragsdale R. M. Ross, E. A. Johnson, J. R. Hodges, J. R. Blair, W. F. Swartz.

**ARTFUL AUTOGRAPH FOND**

"One of the most interesting collections of autographs is owned by a man who cultivated the art of kicking in order to secure them," said an autograph expert. "Every signature in the collection was appended to a letter written by some prominent person in reply to a complaint made by the indefatigable kicker. He complained about everything under the sun, to railroad presidents about delays on the road, to public officials about abuses in their system of managing public interests, to literary men and artists about shortcomings in their work, to actors and singers about some defect in a favorite role, and always his complaints were couched in such virile language as to win consideration and a reply, not from some secretary, but from the celebrity whose autograph he coveted."

Lee Turknett is prepared to do all kinds of well rig moving as he is now moving Bob Ramey's well rig.

**PECOS VALLEY NEWS**

**FROM EXCHANGES UP AND DOWN THE VALLEY**

**SANITARIUM SOLD.**

The Ward Sanitarium, which has been a great agent for good in the past, has passed into the hands of Prof Elihu B. Hinshaw, late of Indiana, who will much improve and continue its service. Prof. Hinshaw is having the building thoroughly renovated and fitted with all modern accessories in the treatment of throat and lung troubles, to which it will particularly extend its practice. The improvement will include a general beautifying of the grounds, and the adoption of the most improved methods of sanitation, which will be easy of application, as the location of the place is in every way ideal, being close in and yet perfectly drained and situated healthfully.

A strong feature of the establishment will be the connection therewith and permanent residence therein, of a physician especially trained in pulmonary troubles, and who is a post graduate of the most finished standing. And the minor attendances will be of but little less grade, a trained masseuse being a member of the staff, so that patients will receive treatment exactly similar to the greatest institutions of the kind in America good, wholesome food, and every attention that is so necessary in the successful treatment of this and many other classes of diseases.—Register-Tribune.

**A WHOLESALE STORE**

A. G. Shelby of Ponca City, Ok., has rented the west room of the Bank building and will immediately open a large wholesale and retail flour, grain, feed and coal business. Mr. Shelby has gone north to rush several carloads down here.—Lake Arthur Times.

**REV. J. W. GORDON CALLED**

Rev. J. W. Gordon has been called to preach at the Baptist church here the second and third Sundays of each month. Lake Arthur is to be congratulated on securing so talented a preacher, and the Baptist church couldn't have made a better selection. Mr. Gordon will divide his time between here and Hagerman.—Lake Arthur Times.

**THE BOTTOMLESS LAKE**

Wild reports about a bottomless lake having appeared near this place, appeared in papers far and wide, we also had it set up stating that no bottom could be found and that said lake, if reports are true, would irrigate 50,000 acres of land, but when we found some matter had to be left out, we decided to let the bottomless lake dry out a week and see if the evaporation wouldn't have the effect to make the bottom appear at some limited depth. We can now report that the bottomless lake is exactly twelve feet deep according to measurement of reliable parties. It is quite a big hole however, for it is about 77 steps around.—Lake Arthur Times.

**PROMINENT MAN BUYS LAND.** Mr. E. O. Dean, who lives at

the line of Louisiana and Texas, in the rice district, has just spent a week here, and before leaving for his home, closed a deal for the Jim Willburn place near town. This is a very fine tract of land and adjoins the Walters place on the north, where is said to be the strongest artesian well in the Pecos Valley, having a pressure of 76 pounds to the square inch, sufficient to develop a twenty horse-power.

Mr. Dean has been growing rice in his locality for a number of years, and is familiar with irrigation, and will prove a valuable citizen for our locality.—Lakewood Progress.

**THE EAGLES BALL**

New Year's night the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Carlsbad gave a grand ball and supper at which the whole Aerie of Carlsbad and the friends of the order participated to the number of about 75 or 100 couples.

At the supper a very appropriate speech was made by Dr. Bearup and the health of all was drunk from the elaborate cut glass punch bowls and such punch—it was flavored with real old Mums extra dry. The visitors from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davenport and Mr. Harry Kindall of Roswell, besides several from other towns whose names were not learned. Much of the credit of the blow-out is due Messrs. E. F. Eppenheimer, W. G. Woerner, Chas. Rascoe, Pearle Wilson and other faithful workers among the Eagles such as John Stewart, Walter Haynes and George O'Connor. Everything passed off with the best of cheer and all repaired to their homes at about two a. m. wishing many returns of the Eagles ball.—New Mexico Sun.

W. B. Naylor has commenced the manufacture of brooms from stock grown in the Valley. He should meet with a liberal patronage.

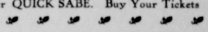
**THE NEW COUNTY**

Roswell will fight it. Carlsbad will fight it. Hagerman will fight it. In regard to Roswell there is no need for them to fight the new county. We can get along very well without any part of Chaves county. It is very easy to see why Carlsbad will fight the proposition. They have been taking the taxes from Artesia and the northern part of the county to apply on the expenses they have incurred and very naturally they will object to this revenue being cut off.

The reason Hagerman will fight is that they have a county seat bee in their bonnet also Hagerman is not nearly so well situated as Artesia for the reason that Artesia is about half way between Roswell and Carlsbad. Taken altogether we need a new county and Artesia is the only place that has all the requirements for a good county seat.

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# The Bath Comedy

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"Mercy, sir," cried the maid, with a little scream, "you needn't hit my head so hard with those bristles! What's taken you? And what do people think of that?"

"Why, ma'am," said the abigail, wielding her brush more tenderly and permitting her irritation to betray itself only in the sharp snap of her voice, "my Lord Verney's man says he pities any one that will go to bed in the night with her old liship at Verney Hall."

"Ha!" said Kitty, and gave herself a congratulatory smile in the hand glass. "And Mr. Burrell, ma'am—that Lord Martin Pridoux's butler, and a very old gentleman he is—he says the same thing 'll never take place, ma'am, neither his own liship nor the lady's. Verney Hall would allow of it, ma'am, well, indeed!" cried Mistress Bellairs, stifling herself. "That's all they know about it! Lydia, you natural, impertinent girl, how dare you tell me such a story?"

"I'm sure I beg your pardon, ma'am," said Lydia, "I'm sure I'm sure I up and told Mr. Burrell that if you'd set your heart on wedding such a poor wretch as Lord Verney—I beg pardon, ma'am; I'm sure he'll be a very nice young gentleman when he gets the glass to grow—I was not likely a deaf old cat like his mistress could prevent him. And I told Lord Verney's man, ma'am—and an impudent fellow he is—that you'd soon reach the dowager here place once you were mistress in Verney Hall."

"Well, well," said the lady, mollified, "and what says the rest of your Bath acquaintance?"

"Squire Juniper's head coachman says his master 'll drink himself to death, as sure as eggs, on the day that sees you another, ma'am. He's been taking on terrible with madders ever since he's heard of the news. And the nursery running footman, he says—that Lady Flyte 'll have it all her own way with his lordship now, and more's the pity, for, says he, 'her liship's not fit to hold a candle to the widow.' Excuse the language, he knows no better; his strength is mostly in his legs, ma'am. And Mr. Stafford's jockey says, ma'am, that in his opinion you, a lady, as sure as never be drove again in 'double harness.'"

"But he says so, indeed," said Mistress Bellairs reflectively. "Well, my dear creature, and what say you?"

"Lad," said the maid, and the brush trembled over her mistress's curls. "I say, ma'am, that if you was to make such a sacrifice, you so young and lovely and so much admired, I humbly hopes you might pick out some one fitter than my Lord Verney."

"Now, whom," said Mistress Bellairs, in a tone of good humored banter, "would you choose, I wonder? What would you say to the marquise, Lydia?" "Oh, ma'am! His lordship is a real nobleman—as the prize fighters all say—and a better judge in the cockpit, Mr. Bantam, the trainer, says, 'never breathe, drink or sober; and no doubt when he's sober, ma'am, he'd make as good a husband as most.'"

"Well, well, girl, enough of him. What of Mr. Stafford, now?"

"Oh, Mr. Stafford, ma'am, that's a comely gentleman, not one bit of padding under his stockings and an eye 'twould wheedle the very heart out of one's bosom. He is a very constant gentleman," said Miss Lydia, with a suspicion of spite.

"Fool," cried the lady, and pushed her chair away from the fire, "what nonsense you do talk! And pray what think's your opinion of Mr. O'Hara?" "Ha, ma'am," cried the galleous maids, "that's the gentleman as was found behind Lady Standish's curtains."

"If you were not a perfect idiot," cried the widow, "you would not repeat that about tale, much less expect me to believe it. Mr. O'Hara has never even spoken to Lady Standish."

"The unusual warmth in her mistress' tones struck the girl's sharp wit. She glanced quickly at the lady's reflection in the glass and made no reply. "Come," said Mistress Bellairs, "what else have you against him? Is he not handsome, child?"

"Why, ma'am, handsome enough for such as like red hair."

"And merry and good company?"

"Oh, ma'am; none better, as half the rogues in Bath know."

"But! You mean he is good natured, I suppose?"

"He never said 'no' in his life, ma'am, I do believe, to man or woman."

"Well, then?" cried her mistress test-

"And generous," gabbled Lydia, charmed by the cloud she beheld gathering on the brow reflected in the glass; "open handed, ma'am. Mr. Mahoney, that queer, peculiar servant of his, many a time he's told me, ma'am, that his only way to keep his wages for himself—and seldom he sees the sight of them—is to spend them for her, for his good master is that free handed, ma'am, he'd give the coat off his servant's back."

"I'm quite aware," said the lady, looking, "that Mr. O'Hara's estates in Ireland are slightly embarrassed."

"I don't know what they call it, ma'am," cried Lydia shrilly. "It's not a halfporth of rent the old lord's seen these twelve months. Last year they lived on the pictures, and now it's the plate, I'm told, but, indeed, ma'am, as Mr. Mahoney says, what does it matter to a gay gentleman like Mr. O'Hara? Sure, he's the sort, as he says to me only yesterday, that would come to a fortune on Monday and be sending to the pawnshop on Saturday."

"You may go to bed, Lydia," cried Mistress Bellairs, rising hastily. "You have half deafened me with your chatter."

"I'll alone the little lady sat down by the fire in a melancholy mood. "The sort that would come to a fortune on Monday and be sending to the pawnshop on Saturday. I'm afraid it's true. Yet I believe he loves me, poor Denis," she said to herself.

"'Tis the only one of them all that I could endure. Yes, I could endure Denis, vastly well—for a while at least. And now," said she, "what's to be done? Oh, I'd be loath to balk him of the pleasure of running away with me! 'Tis the only decent way indeed of breaking up with my Lord Verney. And it certainly struck me that Master Stafford was mighty cool upon the matter. I've been too out of late, and that odious Bab Flyte thinks she can have everything her own way; but I'll be rescued," she said, "at Devils! I shall have to be rescued at Devils. My poor dear; he may be happy at least for an hour or two—as far as Devils!"

Her brow cleared; the smiles began to play.

"I shall see," she dimpled more broadly, "if we cannot prod his calfship into a night trot. 'Twill do his education a vastness of service; but the poor creature," she reflected further, "is so weak to be deceived on. Who knows whether his mother would approve of his breathing the night air? I must," Mistress Kitty's pretty forehead became once more concentrated under the stress of profound thought. "I must," she murmured, "have another string to my bow, or my sweet O'Hara will marry me after all. Dear fellow, how happy we should be from Monday till Saturday! Who? Who shall it be? My Lord Martin might take the role in earnest and spoil my pretty fellow's beauty. Squire Juniper? He would sure be drunk. And Master Stafford? No!"

Suddenly the lady's perplexed countenance became illumined. "Sir Jasper!" she said. "Sir Jasper—the very man! The good Julia—I owe it to her to bring matters to an éclaircissement. And, Sir Jasper—oh, he richly deserves a midnight bolt, for 'tis owing to his monstrous jealousy that I am put to all this trouble. 'Twill be a fine thing indeed," thought Mistress Bellairs.

### CHAPTER XVII.

"If you please, my lady," said Mistress Megrim, "I should like to quit your ladyship's service."

"How?" cried Lady Standish, waking with a start out of a slaty sleep of trouble and propping herself upon her elbow to gaze in blinking astonishment at the irate pink countenance of her woman. Lady Standish looked very fair and young, poor little wife, for her half powdered curls of hair escaping in disorder from the lace of her nightcap, and her soft blue eyes as full of uncomprehending grief as a frightened baby's.

Mistress Megrim gazed upon her cooling and her old maid's heart hardened within her.

"No, your ladyship," said she, with a virtuous sniff, "I shouldn't feel as I was doing my duty to her ladyship, your mother, nor to my humble self, were I to remain an hour longer than I could help, the handmaid of sin."

"Oh, dear," said Lady Standish, letting herself fall back on her pillow with a weary moan. "I do wish you'd hold your tongue, woman, and allow me to rest! Pull the curtain again. Oh, how my head aches!"

"Well, my lady," ejaculated Megrim, all at once in a towering passion. "Since you're that handed, my lady, that a sign from heaven couldn't melt your heart—I allude to that man of God, his lordship the bishop (oh, what a holy gentleman that he is; and, my lady, me and Mistress Tremlet saw him out of the pantry window as he shook the dust of his house of iniquity from his shoes—if that vessel of righteousness could not prevail with your ladyship, what hopes have I that you'll hear the voice of the Lord through me?"

"Megrim, hold your tongue," said her mistress in unwontedly angry tones. "Pull the curtains and go away!"

"With a hand that trembled with fury, Mistress Megrim fell upon the curtains and rattled them along their pole. Then she groped her way to Lady Standish's bedside and stood for some seconds peering mischievously at her through the darkness.

"I wouldn't believe it, my lady," she hissed in a ghastly whisper, "although indeed I might have known that such a gentleman as Sir Jasper would never have taken on like that if he hadn't had grounds. But you've mistaken your woman when you think you can make an improper go-between of me! Oh, cried she, with a rigid shudder, "I feel myself defiled as with pitch, that these fingers should actually have touched such a letter!"

"For goodness sake," moaned the lady from her pillows, "what are you talking about now?"

"My lady," said Megrim sepulchral, "when that mix with her face muffled up in a hood came and had the brazen boldness to ask for me this morning, saying she had some lace of your ladyship's from the meander's, and that it was most particular and must be given into my hands alone, my mind misgave me. 'Twas like an angel's warning, the more so as there isn't a scrap of your ladyship's lace as has been to the meander's since we came here."

"Mercy, Megrim, how you do ramble on! I can't make head or tail of your stupid story."

"Even a dove will peck."

"Ho, do I, my lady! Can't you, indeed? Perhaps your ladyship will understand better when I tell her that the same bold thing had no lace at all, but a letter. 'Give it to your mistress,' says she, 'in secret, and for your life don't let Sir Jasper see it.'"

"Well, give it to me," said Lady Standish, "and hold your tongue, and pack your trunks as soon as you like."

"Ho, my lady," cried the incorruptible Megrim, with an acid laugh, "I hope I know my Christian duty better. I brought the letter to my master, according to the voice of conscience. And now," she concluded, with a shrill titter, "'ll go and pack my trunks."

Yet she paused, expecting to enjoy Lady Standish's outburst of terror and distress. There was no sign from the



"Till then, patience!"

bed, however, not even a little gasp. And so Mistress Megrim was fain to depart to her virtuous trunks without even that parting solace.

Meanwhile, with the pillow of her spotless conscience to rest upon, and deadened to fresh disturbances by the despairing reflection that, nothing for the present could make matters much worse between her and her husband, Lady Standish, without attempting to solve the fresh problem, determinedly closed her weary eyes upon the troubles of the world and drifted into slumber again.

"I shall catch them red handed," said Sir Jasper.

This time all doubt was over. In his hand by the proof, crisp and fluttering. He read it again and again, with a kind of ghastly joy. Undressed, unsealed, save by a foolish green wafer with a cupid on it, the document which Mistress Megrim's rigid sense of duty had delivered to him in-

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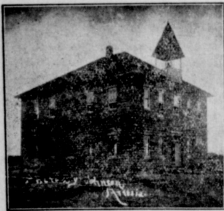
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