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ARTESIA ARTICLES

Artesia reports the first new alfalfa for the season.

E. N. Skaer and wife were in Roswell Wednesday.

F. A. Linell and wife took in the convention Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Ross were visitors in Roswell Wednesday.

The Carlsbad school closed last week with a picnic in the grove on Saturday.

E. A. Clayton and wife went to Roswell Tuesday to attend the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Hodges are attending the convention at Roswell this week.

Everybody works in Artesia, even father, and there is still work undone for lack of hands.

City Clerk J. E. Swopston and wife went to Roswell Wednesday to view the sights of the convention.

Mrs. John Price, Mrs. V. E. Fatherree and Mrs. D. W. Robertson were sightseeing in Roswell Wednesday.

The entertainment at the Christian church Tuesday night was fairly well attended and the exercises were good.

The city council held a meeting Tuesday night but as the city clerk went to Roswell early the next morning, we are unable to give the proceedings.

Miss Blanche Parker's general delivery girl at the post office now, and several of the young men appear to think that the train comes in five times a day, of late.

The fruit raisers of Hobe report that the fruit in that vicinity is not all killed. The peach crop is hurt some but there is a prospect for an abundant apple crop.

The country between here and Hope is being settled up by actual settlers who are preparing to improve the land. Canals are being run out from the Penasco and much of the land will soon be under cultivation. The question of better communication between this place and Hope is under consideration.

Race Ball.

We are not giving away any secrets this week, neither are we openly offering any consolation. The editor of this paper knows how to appreciate sympathy but he wants it dealt out on the quiet, like arnica and mustard plaster. But cheer up lads, you can not expect every egg to hatch a pullet, and there is a good time coming even if it is for the other fellow.

METHODIST CHURCH

Let us see how large we can make our Sunday School. Bro. Gage had the banner class last Sunday. The subject for the morning sermon, "The two reports of the Spies." There will be no preaching in the evening but the League will meet at 6 p. m. We will go from the League to the Christian church to take part in the Baccalaureate exercises of the school. J. H. Messer, P. C.

Big Land Deal.

One of the largest and most important land deals made near Lake Arthur recently, was closed Wednesday whereby Dr. John L. Howell, of Canyon City, Texas, an old friend of our fellow townsman, J. A. Edwards, purchased the Allison lands just south of town. The tract contains 1060 acres, the exact price is not known, but it is somewhere between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

Dr. Howell purchased the land with the intention to make it one of the most beautiful farms in the entire Valley. We are glad to welcome him to Lake Arthur.—Times.

EDWARD RENO COMING

The Talented Entertainer Will Be at Artesia On the Course Tonight at Presbyterian Church.

That great fun maker, Edward Reno, will entertain an Artesia audience at the Presbyterian church and every one who wishes to see the best kind of an entertainment possible, and by one of the greatest of the profession, should turn out tonight. A number of Artesia people have seen Mr. Reno and all pronounce it one of the best. This is a number of the lecture course of which we have already had two entertainments.

Seedless Apple a Fake.

Prof. L. R. Taft, horticulturist of the State Agricultural College, pronounces the so-called Spencer Seedless Apple a fake, pure and simple, and warns the farmers to severely let it alone. The claims made in its behalf are not sustained says Prof. Taft, as to size color, texture of freedom from the codling moth. Don't part with any of your good money for stock that will bear this seedless apple is the advice of Prof. Taft. He also calls attention to the state law requiring agents for nursery stock and nurseries to take out a state license to sell that kind of stock. He calls upon prosecuting attorneys to enforce this law against agents for the seedless apple fake.—Hastings Banner.

How to Live

Most of us feel keenly the final dissolution, for as Bryant paints a palpable mental picture. "When thoughts of the last bitter hour come like a blight over thy spirits and sad images of the stern agony and shroud and pall and breathless darkness and the narrow house made thee to shudder and grow sick at heart, etc.," we consider that the gift of life carries with it the debt of death, but the craven fear which animates the coward's soul should be a constant inspiration to us all to live more closely in touch with the teachings which the master martyr preached and taught through Calilee.

It is a short span from the cradle to the grave, yet the way in which nearly all the world struggles to accomplish purposes in conflict and in violation of some other man's interest, it would appear that time stretched out in

THAW JURY DISAGREES

Vote Stood Seven for First Degree Murder and Five for Acquittal—Out Over Forty-six Hours.

Last Friday the jury in the Thaw case reported that there was no hope of them agreeing on a verdict. They had been out something over forty-six hours and the final vote stood seven for first degree murder and five for acquittal. Harry K. Thaw was taken back to the Tombs and made a statement through his lawyers that he did not want to be acquitted on the "unwritten law" but was satisfied to let the case rest on the written laws. The trial has lasted over two months and cost nearly \$300,000. It has been reported that Thaw and Delmas have had trouble and that a new lawyer will take charge of the case from now on. There has been no confirmation of this rumor. Sunday Mrs. Harry Thaw was refused admittance to the prison and the warden stated that the rules must be complied with from now on.

endless aeons and there would be no separation even of the body and soul. Death should be a reminder to us that beyond its portals there shall be an accounting of those unrighteous accumulations and the short lived privileges usurped here. We shall enter a bourse which shall call for unending restitution. We shall have bartered away for the transient and evanescent things here a permanent and eternal ecstasy beyond the stars.

This life properly lived can rob death of its terrors. Caesar spoke truly: "Cowards die many times before their deaths, the valient never taste of death but once. Of all the wonders I have yet heard, it seems to me most strange that men should fear seeing that death, a necessary end, will come when it will come."

That omnipotent force that rules the course of the stars and steers the mighty planetary system and the unerring seasons and the unchangeable forces of mysterious nature has arranged an eternal fitness for those who suffer here.

Searched and sorrowing human hearts who have drunk the chalice of life's bitterness may find surcease from sorrow and those unfriendly forces that have controlled their destinies in the narrow path of pain may yet feel the remorse of tempest-tossed souls upon the beetling crags of unending time.

It is better to live so that the closing of Bryant's immortal Thanitopsis shall cover your closing moments as a benediction and you shall see across the dividing line of time and eternity a star of hope which shall burn brightly and light the Stygian pool with a flame and your craft shall enter the eternal city with its friendly light pointing to peace and happiness throughout the countless aeons of immortal time.—Houston Chronicle.

Such Is Life.

The Mule to Editor Whelan: "Et tu, BRUTE. Blarsted be Newkirk." It will be remembered that Whelan wasted the lather but we received the kick.

James H. Eckels Is Dead.

Chicago, April 14.—James H. Eckels, president of the Commercial National Bank of this city, and formerly comptroller of the currency, died here today of heart disease. Mr. Eckels died while asleep in his bed.

The fact that he was dead was discovered by the butler who entered Mr. Eckels' room after hearing a telephone within ring continuously without receiving an answer. Other members of the family were summoned. Dr. F. S. Churchill gave it as his opinion that Mr. Eckels had been dead for some hours.

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO

Earth Rocked for Four and a Half Minutes—Frightened People Fled From Houses.

City of Mexico, April 14.—An earthquake lasting four and a half minutes startled this city tonight. The earth rocked in a long swinging motion, terrifying the inhabitants, but doing no damage so far as can be learned at this city.

Clocks stopped at 11:34. Mexican time, and the perceptible motion of the earth ceased at 11:38½. Telegraph wires were put out of commission and for a short time the city was in darkness owing to the failure of the electric lights.

The asphalt on one of the principal business streets of the city was cracked open for a distance of ten yards.

People fled from their houses into the street.

Another Reduction in Rates.

The Artesia agent for the P. V. & N. E., C. O. Brown, informed us this week that the rate on grains and grain products will be reduced to cents per 100 as soon as the reduction can be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission which will probably be in about thirty days. This does not seem much of a cut but every little bit helps and if we can not obtain large favors let us be thankful for small ones. The railroad is slowly but surely improving not only on rates but also in its train service.

No Sympathetic Strike at Bisbee

Bisbee, Ariz., April 13.—Indications are that the strike of the miners of this district will be short lived because of the action taken by the other mine workers in refusing to declare a sympathetic strike as ordered by the Western Federation of Miners. The mines in this vicinity were in operation again today with practically twenty per cent of the miners usually employed at work.

The engineers, firemen and pumpmen held a mass meeting in this city at which they decided not to walk out. Resolutions to this effect were unanimously adopted. Union sympathizers were barred from the hall in which the gathering was held, and the mechanics discussed the points at issue among themselves without interference.

DRUNK, SURE, THIS TIME

The Kicking, Fractious and Uncontrollable Mule of Carlsbad Has Broken Loose Again.

No alkali water, no loco this time, just a plain old fashioned drunk. However, we have learned a thing or two since our last issue and have not one word more to say against Carlsbad in general.

We have been informed that the people of Carlsbad, with a few exceptions, do not approve of the course pursued by their home papers and hold them in as great contempt as we possibly could, and as our articles heretofore have been directed against the whole community, we feel that to some extent we have been unjust.

However, we have no apology to make. As the "Mule" well knows "the half has not been told," but so long as the people of Carlsbad feel disposed to leave Artesia and her interests alone, they will have no cause to complain of the policy of the News.

But when has Carlsbad ever favored any interest of Artesia? And why has not the citizens of that town protested against the vilifying of this town and the citizens of this vicinity by the patent medicine, boiler-plate apologies of newspapers issued from there? So far as the editor of this paper is concerned, he cares not in the least for what is said about him, but when prominent Carlsbad citizens contemplate sending abroad damaging reports concerning this vicinity, they will find us willing and abundantly able to care for our own interests even though it does make their mule bray.

If Carlsbad people wish to be fair, they will call off their fool editors, who have not enough gray matter to protect either themselves or their town, and repudiate the last statement of the article quoted below. But if they wish to continue the unpleasantness, they will find that the fight has just begun. One determined citizen easily controlled the Argus, the town can as easily corral the fractious mule.

"Newkirk has done more harm than any other lunatic that ever broke out of an asylum. He has stirred up section against section and town against town, until the people of Carlsbad almost to a man are arrayed against anything Artesia wants, and the Carlsbad press simply voices the sentiment of this community when it states that we are against Artesia county; against Artesia and for any other town as a county seat if a new county is made in northern Eddy county."—Carlsbad Sun.

It Pays to Advertise.

Some time ago S. W. Gilbert lost a fine mule and failing to find him by other means he put a small local ad in the News. The ad was run three times and was discontinued last week. The fore part of this week a man brought the mule to Mr. Gilbert, stating that he had seen the ad in the paper and knew where to take it. This proves what we have been trying to show you for the past few months: that it pays to advertise.

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, Editor.

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

THE worm turned, but presto, he became a mule.

DON'T you worry, Bro Woods. The Artesia editors will look out for themselves—and Artesia

THE Carlsbad Current has materially increased its size, having recently added four more pages of boiler plate.

UNDER "Salvation Army Notes" the Roswell Record of last Friday published the following: "For sale—A fine Jersey cow. Inquire at the Smoke House.

THE last straw, the Lake Arthur Times published the account of the robbery in last week's issue. As it has gone the entire round we hope for a rest now.

THE New Mexican secured a part of the public printing being the lowest responsible bidder. Mr Mac of the Morning Journal will be kept busy holding his own with the editor at the capital city.

WE shall ever hold a special grudge against the "solid seven-teen" that they did not bounce we, our precious self, out of the House. It might have won us fame and fortune.

If Davie Crockett could have glanced over Editor George's shoulder as he read those verses, Davie would have been extremely sorry that he ever died in the cause of liberty.

WE must remark, with all justice to Mr. Johnson and his ability as an artist, that the photograph of Billy Mulelane on the front page of last week's advocate, rather flattered the sitter.

THE Register-Tribune issued a fine edition last week and their efforts in boosting their town was appreciated by the home merchant as evidenced by the liberal amount of advertising matter contained therein.

LOOK at the picture of Artesia as it was on January 1, 1904, and then note the progress and improvement of three years. Is it any wonder that we have faith in the future of Artesia? Note the signboard.

WILL the mounted police please investigate as to whether E. C. Abbott wears a suit of silk underwear. He is about the size of the victim of the Santa Fe 'hold up.' Representative Biernbaum is above suspicion.

THE NEWS is peaceable this week as our visitors are not interested in local differences. We desire to make the visit as pleasant in every way as we can and impress them with the advantages of this locality.

THE Register-Tribune did a good part by Artesia in the "booster" edition giving almost two columns of affidavits of citizens concerning farm productions and a cut of a large artesian well. Thanks for the courtesy.

Yes, some dust on Thursday, but nothing like the Panhandle. We

could do business while there you had to house up, anchor every vehicle, old hen and chickens and wait for the clouds to roll by Mary.—Dayton Echo.

ARTESIA is having an inning this week. A large number of visitors will be here, many of whom will stop on the way down at Roswell, but of course the objective point is Artesia, fairest city of the valley.

THE county commissioners made our Day-top delegation some mighty fine bridge promises and then ignored them. Well guess like the Indian, they can easily make us a lot more just about as good as the first batch. Dayton Echo.

BOOST for Artesia this week as you never boosted before. The new sidewalks and the new water system are giving employment to all who desire work and the country never presented a better appearance than it does at present.

ARTESIA will bid welcome to many visitors this week who are attracted here by our wonderful artesian wells, our rich soil and delightful climate. They are indeed welcome and we will point with pride to our many advantages.

THE assessed valuation of property in Chaves county is \$3,586,535. This was the valuation in 1906, it is much greater now. When we again apply for county rights, we will slice off some of that great wealth, and they can well spare it.

THE Pecos Valley railroad has announced a reduction of freight rates on several commodities, that on coal being \$1.00 per ton. It matters not what caused the reduction we are to accept it with thanks and hope the good work will continue.

"ARTESIA is destined to become the agricultural center of the Pecos Valley," said Rev. E. McQueen Grey to one of our citizens a few days ago. In that the revered gentleman is certainly correct and we hereby express appreciation of his judgement.

By all means let us have a rousing Fourth of July, rubber balloons, red lemonade, greased pig, greased pole, and fat man's race and everything that goes to make life happy. A splendid committee has been appointed and we have a good start, let us see that it is a success.

AND the worst part of it is that that looked very much like the NEWS office mule which we think the Advocate borrowed some time ago. If the editor of the Advocate has knowingly and with malice aforethought proceeded to injure the reputation of our mule, which heretofore has borne a good character, we will have the law on him without delay.

THERE is a feeling that as Artesia "is destined to be the center of the agricultural district of the Pecos Valley" and is certainly the center of the best and greatest body of farming land, that the county seat of the county should

be at this place. An election will give the people a chance to express their will in the matter and it should be attended at an early date.

EDITOR D. L. Newkirk, of the Pecos Valley News, must be careful. If he is not he will be arrested for "lessee majeste." He insinuates that Attorney General Reed has a poor memory. If he continues, Siberia will not be good enough for him—New Mexican.

Some mistake, and we must plead ignorance of the insinuation. Editor Reed, of Carlsbad, has been the recipient of our endearments.

's Carlsbad does not seem willing to redeem past pledges and assist us in getting a bridge, a movement is now on foot to call an election for the purpose of changing the county seat from Carlsbad to Artesia. This proposition was considered at Santa Fe and would meet with favor from all of the north part of the county with probably enough of the other sections to carry the measure through. At any rate it is well worth the trial.

THE papers of the Territory contain many expressions of dissatisfaction regarding the Bureau of Immigration as now composed.

There is a feeling that in trading Mex Frost for H. B. Hening the Territory has not profited to any great extent. The Republicans disown the Albuquerque Morning Journal and the Record is in bad repute even with its own party. The favors shown these two officers is not giving the best of satisfaction.

WHAT has become of those six inch heads on the Yellow Record? Is it possible that Mr. Puckett is meditating a journey into the Great beyond and is reforming not only himself but the paper as well? Or is it because now that the legislature has adjourned the hard worked editor cannot find material for them? Which ever it is the Record looks nearly as bad without them as it did with them and the greatest democratic daily in the territory should be careful of its appearance.

IT is time that the republicans of the Territory be informed on which side the Morning Journal intends to train. It is true that it supports Governor Hagerman but the Roswell Record does also. The fight between the New Mexican and the Journal, is of no special interest to the party and its criticisms of certain individuals is its own concern. But the general tone of the paper is not such as to produce harmony in the ranks of the party and prepare for concerted action in future contests. The Journal is a strong paper and its expressions should be such as to leave no doubt as to its policy.

DESPITE the fact that its editor was not successful in procuring the creation of the county of Artesia by the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly, the Pecos Valley News published in the ambitious town of Artesia comes blithely to the front and shows its good humor and faith in the future of its town, county and territory in the following pleasantly optimistic remarks:

"The condition of the banks of Artesia shown by the recent statements designates an improved condition of affairs that is highly gratifying to all who are interested in the financial welfare of this vicinity.

"The deposits have increased to an extent not anticipated by even the bank officials, there being nearly a quarter of a million dollars on deposit now in the two banks.

"Conditions are rapidly improving and there is every indication of a rapid development of this section of the country."—New Mexican.

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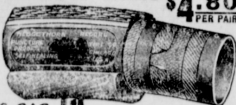
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Governor Leaves For New Mexico.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Interior Garfield today gave some consideration to the charges which have been filed against Gov. Herbert J. Hagerman, of New Mexico, by political enemies, regarding the transfer of certain territorial lands to the Pennsylvania Development company. Governor Hagerman, accompanied by Levi A. Hughes, treasurer of the territory, this morning had a long audience with Secretary Garfield and the afternoon was received at the White House. Following the governor's call upon the president, Secretary Loeb said that there was nothing to be said in connection with the charges against the governor.

Governor Hagerman also declined to make any statement and left tonight for New Mexico.

Freeze Kills Fruit Crop.

Kansas City, April 13.—Freezing weather throughout this section did considerable damage to the fruit crop last night. Throughout northwest Missouri the mercury was eight degrees below the freezing point and fruit of all varieties has been injured.

In eastern Kansas a heavy frost occurred and it is believed the loss to orchards will be very heavy. In northern and western Oklahoma fruit and gardens were injured. At St. Louis a light snow fell and at Unionville, on the northern border of the state, the temperature registered 22 degrees. In the southern portion of Nebraska it is reported that the peach, pear and plum crops are practically destroyed.

In parts of this district ice formed half an inch thick and the temperature went below 20 degrees in most parts of Nebraska last night. It is the coldest April weather on record in this section.

Declamatory Contest.

The gold medals offered by E. N. Skaer, Redford & Mann and the Bank of Artesia, are on exhibition in the show window at the City Drug Store. Go and see them and then you will decide that they are worth working for.

As announced sometime ago, E. N. Skaer will give a gold medal to the best reciter or declaimer from the 1, 2, 3 and 4 grades Redford & Mann will give a gold medal to the best reciter or declaimer from the 5, 6, 7 and 8 grades and the Bank of Artesia will give a gold medal to the best declaimer from the High School.

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1. To awaken and arouse more interest in the subject of reading which has been neglected so much the past few years.
2. To build up the public school library, thereby promoting the general good of all the pupils.

The donors are public spirited men and are always willing to encourage a worthy enterprise. The town and community generally feel very grateful to them for their generosity.

Remember the contest will take place at the Christian church, on Friday evening, April 26. Everybody come out and hear these contestants.

Doors open at 7 o'clock p. m. Admission 25 cents.

A Bargain.
For sale—1 five room house, 1 four room house and three lots, close in, all for \$2,500.
L. W. Martin

Some Fish Stories.

Albert Linell, Lawrence Lockney, Jim Armstrong and Catcher Freeman went to the mouth of Seven Rivers Sunday morning, returning Monday night with bad colds and the biggest bunch of fish stories we have heard for a good while. According to the tale they put up they caught five fish altogether, two of them weighing 21 pounds each and the other three from 12 1/2 to 16 pounds. We wish to state here that we do not believe this. Lawrence Lockney told it and then added "If you don't believe it ask Albert."

Guyer Goes Into Business.

D. L. Geyer, who for several years has been receiver at the public land office in Roswell, has since the expiration of his term decided to remain in Roswell and go into business. He has opened an office opposite the land office in the rooms formerly occupied by Karl Snyder, and will be prepared to make out all kinds of land papers and transact other business for land office patrons, homesteaders, etc. His long experience in the land office certainly should be a guaranty of accuracy in this line.—Record.

Attorney General Reid to Retire.

Santa Fe, N. M., April 11.—It has been known for some time that Attorney General W. C. Reid has been very desirous of returning to his private practice in the Pecos Valley and that he has only consented to remain in the attorney general's office for the present under the urgent request of the governor. It is now announced that General Reid will retire from the office on the first of May or as soon thereafter as his successor shall be appointed. It is not known who will succeed General Reid.

ARTESIA ARTICLES

Otto Harris spent Sunday in Roswell.

J. R. Blair made a business trip to Roswell Tuesday.

Attorney J. B. Atkeson is attending court at Roswell this week.

Ambros Frank left last Thursday for a trip to Missouri and other places.

A number of our citizens are taking in the sights at Roswell this week.

H. E. Mull and Albert Blake have moved their offices up stairs over the post office.

Editor J. D. Whelan went to Roswell Tuesday morning to look after some business interests there.

Our public schools close next week. Arrange to attend the closing exercises as you will find them interesting.

Paint up your buildings. Even the dealer in paints and oils will appreciate your efforts in the way of improvement.

Miss Blanche Record started last Thursday for her former home at Bloomington, Ill., where she will take charge of a store.

A large number of extra copies of this week's issue of the News will be distributed so that advertisers will get full benefit for their patronage.

This is the light of the moon. Now is the time to plant all things that bud, blossom and mature above the ground. See that your beans are planted right side up.

A load of new alfalfa was brought to town Monday showing that the harvest is at hand. Where else does harvest commence so early and continue so late as in the Pecos Valley?

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At The Churches

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

BAPTIST CHURCH. T. C. pastor, Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; Junior Union, 3 p. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

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

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

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH.—Rev. Father Robert, Pastor. mass at 10 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.

Where to Find Heaven.

A minister one day preached on heaven. Next morning he was going down town, and he met one of his old wealthy members. The brother stopped the preacher and said:

"Pastor, you preached a good sermon about heaven. You told me all about heaven, but you never told me where heaven is."

"Ah," said the pastor, "I am glad of an opportunity this morning. I have just come from the hill-top yonder. In that cottage there is a member of your church. She is sick in bed with fever; her two little children are sick in the other bed; and she has not got a bit of coal nor a stick of wood, nor flour, nor sugar, nor any bread. If you will go down town and buy five dollars worth of things—nice provisions—and send them up to her, and then go up there and say 'My sister, I have brought you these nice provisions in the name of our Lord and Saviour,' then ask for a Bible and read the twenty-third Psalm, and then get down on your knees and pray—if you don't see heaven before you get all through, I'll pay the bill." The next morning he said, "Pastor, I saw heaven, and I spent fifteen minutes in heaven as certainly as you are listening."—Selected

County Institute.

The county institute of Eddy county will be held at Dayton this year, convening August 12; 1907. Dr. C. M. Light, of Silver City, has been employed as conductor. Dayton is in line to receive compliments because of the above and here is our hearty handshake

Council Proceedings.

City Council met in regular session April 9, A. D. 1907. Minutes of March 26 were read and approved. A committee from the Christian church was present and made a claim to the Board desiring that sidewalks be laid connecting up with the church from those already ordered in. The Chairman was directed to appoint a committee of two to take up the sidewalk with the said Christian church and report at next meeting. The chairman appointed for above committee J. B. Enfield and Earl McBride.

Gayle Talbot presented a grievance to the board asking that he be allowed to construct a sidewalk on the west side of lot 10 block 24, original Town of Artesia, so as to extend out in the street in order to save the trees growing on the west side of said lot. Request granted.

On motion and prevailing it is ordered that all sidewalks hereafter to be constructed excepting Main street and Rose Lawn be laid two feet from the lot line.

Permission was granted to Homer Bethel to dig a ditch from the middle of block 12 Chisum add across ninth street and Chisum avenue to block six of said addition, provided the said ditch is dug 12 feet from the lot and culverts at least fourteen feet wide and laid across said mentioned streets, provided further, that said ditch right is not granted as a permanent ditch but shall be filled on the order of said Town Board of Trustees.

Special committee appointed to look up dumping grounds reported nothing accomplished so far.

Resignation of Albert Blake, as park commissioner, was read and accepted.

Application of H. Crouch to extend his livery barn as per application filed with the clerk was granted.

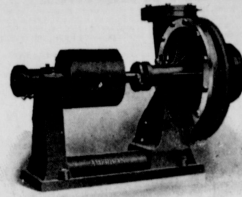
A motion was made and carried directing that advertising for bids for the repairing of the town well be had and that said advertisement direct that all bids to be received on Tuesday, the 15th inst., that such bidding shall be for the repairing of said well, the town furnishing all casing and the job to be guaranteed and contractors to be responsible for all casing lost or damaged. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

On motion it is ordered that the Board direct that as a purchase price for the water rights now in existence be purchased from the said owners and that as a compensation for the same the board give the two years water rent free of charge to be applied wherever they direct within the limits of said town.

Non A. Walden sends encouraging reports from Amarillo and says he hopes to send many people down this way.

The ladies of the Christian church took in about \$22 at the ice cream service last Saturday.

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ARTESIA ARTICLES

Frank Warner left Friday for Kenna, N. M.

Mr. Chisholm was a Roswell visitor Monday.

Mrs. Birney visited over Sunday with friends in Carlsbad.

J. O. Richards was in Carlsbad last Friday on business.

H. E. Mull left Monday for Marlin, I. T., on business.

Hugh M. Gage went to Hope Monday to look after some business interests there.

L. C. Hall looked after business interests in Lake Arthur the fore part of this week.

Mr. Terrill, of the firm of Clayton, Talbot & Terrill, was in Roswell Monday on business.

Wm Meeks spent last Saturday in Roswell looking after business interests at that place.

E. F. Hardwick returned to his home in Roswell Monday after spending several days in Artesia on business.

J. H. Craven returned to his home in Wichita, Kas., last Saturday after an extended visit with his daughter, Mrs. J. G. Osborn.

Rev. Vermillion returned to Roswell Friday morning after helping Rev. James with the meet now in progress at the Baptist church.

Other towns are complaining of knockers, we have none. Everybody here is too busy to knock. We do a little kicking tis true, but then there are kicking occasions.

Edward Gessert went to Roswell Monday morning where he will stay over the convention to look after some property he owns there. From Roswell he will go to the Jamestown Exposition.

Dr. Inman may not be a public benefactor in that he has made two blades of grass to grow where there was but one before, but he deserves credit for having placed two at the business rooms where before there was a desert waste.

John R. Richey, of San Antonio, Tex., came in Sunday night. It has been some time since he has been to this, his former home, and he is agreeably surprised at the improvement made. Mr. Richey is well pleased with Texas but enjoys a visit to Artesia.

There is but one member of the graduating class this year. Miss Georgia Kinsinger, who will be happy in that she will not have to divide oratorical honors with others. However, she will miss the pleasure of talking over graduating costumes with class mates.

This increasing frequency of trains through the town is very annoying to citizens of quiet habits. Just as one commences dozing, he is liable to be disturbed by a train coming in and he has to do the slumber act all over again. Our city council will attend to this matter in due time and see that our rights are protected.

"Perpetual Youth" Club.

Des Moines, Ia., April 14. — "The First Society of Eternal Youth" is the name of an organization incorporated here. Its object is the prolongation of life, and it propose fining every member who becomes sic.

The preamble of the incorporation papers reads:

"The special object and business of this society shall be to renew and perpetuate mental, moral and physical youth and strength among its members, to build and continue in the highest degree the mental vigor of each individual member and imperatively requiring from each and every member that he live the life of health, thereby contributing his share in banishing the spector of disease and death from the face of the earth.

"Any member who is reported sick from any disease and so remains sick and confined to his bed for a continuous period of three days or more shall be fined not less than \$1 nor more than \$10 for the first offense. For the second offense, under this article, any member shall be suspended from membership, and for the third offense expulsion from the society shall be the penalty."

Articles of incorporation were drawn up in the office of Blake & Blake, attorneys, and filed with the county recorder. The society proposes to build or rent a commodious house.

Each member upon joining must sign a pledge that he or she will continually assert that it is nothing but custom and habit of thought that causes people to be sick, grow old or die, and prescribe to these words: "I shall do all in my power to change this custom and usher in the era of perpetual youth, strength and health."

Each member must subscribe to the promise to do all in his or her power to make everybody happy.

School Notes.

Our public schools close the 26 of this month.

The gold medals to be given by the City Drug Store, E. N. Skaer and the Bank of Artesia are on exhibition at the City Drug Store.

Prof. Brown has added some excellent books to the public school library recently. Among them are a new Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and a set of Allen's History of Civilization, consisting of four large volumes.

A Change needed.

In many places the roads are almost impassible caused by the extravagant use and careless handling of the water from the wells along the roadside. Again, there are many irrigating ditches that need bridging as harness and light rigs are often broken in crossing them.

These are matters that the authorities should look after as travel in some places is unsafe because of this carelessness.

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