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THE OLD, OLD STORY

Col. George W. Pritchard Answers a Few Questions Put to Him by a New Mexican Reporter.

The Hagerman incident has become an old, old story and we dislike devoting more space to it but we ask the indulgence of our readers to the inserting of the following contained in the New Mexican of June 4. The two questions were asked Col. Pritchard by a correspondent of the above named paper and his replies are appended.

"What have you to say to the charges of ex-Governor Hagerman that the officials under Governor Otero's administration were a lot of grafters?"

"I will not say what might be said and perhaps what ought to be said, but let us look at the matter from a standpoint of common sense. What opportunity have the officials of this Territory to become grafters?"

There are no great enterprises carried on by the Territory calling for the expenditure of large sums of public money. No fat contracts have been let to any of the Territorial officials that I know of. One man and one man alone handles our Territorial funds, and that man is the Territorial Treasurer. No one has ever charged him with misappropriating a dollar of public monies that I have ever heard of. Take the office I hold. I have been charged with being a grafter. How could I grafter? The Territory allows a certain amount for the office of Attorney General. I do not handle a dollar of the public funds. Between this office and the Territory is the law and the Territorial Auditor. The same things may be said of the Secretary of the Territory, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Territorial Engineer, the Commissioner of Public Lands, the Superintendent of Insurance and others. Grafting is reduced to a minimum in this Territory because of conditions. If Mr. Hagerman or any of his friends know of grafting why does not he or they point it out, who the grafters are and show what the grafting is? Why not name them? Why try to cast obliquity and shame and disgrace on reputable men by the wholesale charge that they are grafters and dishonest? Why try to get the people of the States and the people who are coming into this Territory to make their homes, poisoned with the idea that we are a set of thieves? Ex-Governor Hagerman was in the office of Governor about fourteen months. He had with him his own Attorney General. If there were any grafters such as he claims, why did not he and his Attorney General devote a little of that fourteen months to exposing the grafters and bringing them justice? A well earned reputation for integrity and honesty counts for nothing with a fake reformer and a trader in public offices, but good names must be destroyed if possible in an effort to carry out the schemes of an ambitious misguided novice."

"What effect will the removal of Mr. Hagerman have on the Republican party in this Territory in your judgment?"

"The incident will strengthen the party. It does away with the incentive for treachery to party principles for the sake of official honors. The removal of a disturbing factor is always helpful to an organization. I may say here, no man in this Territory ever received a warmer reception than was given to Mr. Hagerman by the Republican party on his appointment as Governor. It is true his appointment was not asked for by the people of the Territory, but they wanted to see him have a successful administration. The

Artesian Wells Show Increased Flow.

For some time there have been rumors in the air that the wells have greatly decreased in flow and that the water supply was gradually playing out. Every few years this rumor is revived. Then a few people whose wells have shown decreased flow get busy, have a rigging placed over their wells and the wells cleaned out, and the water then spurts up with its old time vigor and pressure.

Artesia has recently been encountering this kind of knocking and all sorts of rumors have been circulated as to the decreased flow of the wells of that section of the valley. A number of well owners, however, had their wells cleaned out and the result was as strong a flow as they had ever shown.

THE ALFALFA FESTIVAL

One and One-third from all Points on the P. V. & N. E. Railroad to Artesia During the Festival.

Amarillo, Texas, June 8, 1907. Mr. D. L. Newkirk, Artesia, N. M.

Dear Sir: Replying to yours of the 4th We will be glad to apply a rate of a fare and a third for the round trip from points on our line to Artesia for the Alfalfa Festival of June 21st and 22nd and hope that this will be of some help to your people in attracting a satisfactory attendance on this occasion. If it is at all possible for me to do so, I will be glad to come down for the event. I do not know whether or not I will be here on the dates you mention but if I am in town will make the trip and advise you in advance.

Yours truly,
D. L. Meyers,
Traffic Manager.

Ripe Peaches.

Artesia lead in the harvesting and the shipping of alfalfa, and we are among the first to report ripe fruit of the season.

Judge A. V. Logan gathered ripe peaches from his trees the first of the week and kindly passed some of them around to his friends not forgetting the News office. Thanks. Come again, Judge, even if you have no peaches.

party had nothing to ask of him except to honestly maintain and build up the organization and properly discharge the duties of his office. He did neither. Republicans were indifferent as to who should take positions under him so long as they were faithful and honest members of the organization. He spurned the request and began at once an attempt to disorganize and disrupt the party of which he professed to be a member. Then came his troubles as troubles always come to everyone whose head swells with the fancy that he is bigger than his party. His sympathies from the first were shown to the leaders of the Democratic party with only a few insignificant exceptions. We have positive proof that he advised the election of as many Democrats as possible to the last legislature. It was the chief sorrow of his heart that that legislature was not Democratic throughout. He went to the Democrats for his political panacea, and of course they were ready to administer to his ill. In this case we have no fault to find with his physicians. It was the patient that made the mistake. It is an open secret that the most ultra and uncompromising Democratic lawyer in the Territory was his chief political advisor while he was in the office. Ask our Democratic friends who are the chief mourners at his political funeral."

SOME REFORMS NEEDED

The Editor of the Portales Times Gives His Views on the Reforms Needed in the Territory.

Acting Governor Reynolds has filled some minor offices in which original appointments were necessary, but has absolutely asked no resignations, and has not removed so far, although we think he ought to.

For instance, W. G. Sargent, the present territorial auditor, first appointed by ex-Governor Otero and then reappointed by ex-Governor Hagerman, although according to the Albuquerque Morning Journal and the other democratic papers in the territory, he was a member of the gang that is charged by these papers with the most awful corruption and most shameful dishonesty, should go and there should be no halting upon the order of his going. This man according to official legislative report, converted \$23,000, allowed his office for official contingent expenses, to his own use, and yet he was reappointed by Hagerman, because he had a vote in the assembly and gave it for Hagerman measures. If this was reform on the ex-Governor's part and if Sargent is a reformer, we want none of it and none of him.

Certainly the important superintendent of the penitentiary and his assistant ought to go. New Mexico would certainly be in a bad way if it had not citizens of its own for official position. These two men, Treflow and Sample, were appointed by ex-Governor Hagerman and should make room for citizens of the territory, and we think that plenty of such who are competent and deserving can be found. We hear that the present management is not at all a success and that a change would be welcome and should be made.

Coal Oil Inspector Duncan should not be retained. While we believe that there is a good deal of humbug in the coal oil inspection law, still, as long as it exists and as long as there is good pay connected with it, we think deserving republicans ought to be recognized and there is enough in the office to go around for coal oil inspectors and for several deputies. Mr. Duncan has had very soft snaps under republican administrations, and went in with Hagerman because he wanted another one. There should be a change.

Of course there should be a speedy change in the Bureau of Immigration, as at present constituted it is a farce and a detriment to the territory. At least four of the members should be kicked off the board at the shortest possible notice and Col. Max Frost, who has managed its affairs for about fifteen years and that remarkably successfully, should be reinstated as secretary. We have hundreds of settlers in Roosevelt county who were brought to this section by the literature prepared and distributed by Col. Frost, and railroad passenger agents are of the united opinion that Col. Frost's work as secretary was of the highest order and that it was a public calamity to lose his services from the bureau.

There are other matters connected with the administration and its officials, which the Times will discuss later on. If Acting Governor Reynolds does not act, certainly Secretary was of the highest order and that it was a public calamity to lose his services from the bureau. There are other matters connected with the administration and its officials, which the Times will discuss later on. If Acting Governor Reynolds does not act, certainly Secretary was of the highest order and that it was a public calamity to lose his services from the bureau.

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Early Cantaloupes.

Four cars of cantaloupes from the Fruit and Cantaloupe Growers Association at Brawley, Cal. came in over the Southern Pacific Friday and went out today after being iced here. These cantaloupes are considered the finest that reach the eastern market and are a month earlier in ripening than the Rocky Ford varieties.

The shipment of cantaloupes came from the Imperial valley that the Southern Pacific saved from a desert by the turning of the waters of the Colorado river out of the Salton sea. Brawley is the center of the cantaloupe industry and hundreds of cars are sent out from there each year for consumption in both the eastern and coast markets—El Paso Herald.

THE PENASGO DAM

The Reclamation Service Interested and Hopes Entertained for Action When Funds Will Permit.

We desire to impress upon the citizens of Hope and those locating on the highlands west of Artesia that the matter of the construction of a reservoir on the Penasco for irrigating purposes has been duly presented to the Reclamation Service and we may expect consideration as soon as circumstances will permit. The Department of the Interior seems to realize that excellent sites exist in the vicinity of Hope but owing to the three projects in process of construction in New Mexico, we must expect some delay even in thorough investigation.

A letter received at this office states, "Of these three, the Hondo is approaching completion, while the work on the Carlsbad dam is well advanced and steady progress is being made on the Leasburg diversion dam under the proposed Rio Grande project." As a reason for delay, the letter states, "Practically the entire amount available for construction purposes has now been allotted, and in accordance with the Secretary's instruction of recent date, preliminary investigation must give way to actual construction work, on which the energies of the service will now be concentrated. It is desired to complete the projects now under construction so as to furnish water for irrigation purposes as early as practicable, thus accomplishing the refund of the cost of the work through the sale of water rights."

It is unfortunate that we did not get our claims before the Department sooner, but by keeping everlastingly at it success will be attained.

the reverse, it has raised the territorial credit in the financial world so that now the territory's bonds are above par; the financial condition of all the counties and their administrations are better than ever before; the best laws upon the statutes of our territory have been passed by strong republican legislatures and signed by republican governor in the 33d, 34th, 35th and 36th assemblies; better men have been selected for territorial and county offices and the people of the territory are increasing in number. There is more prosperity than ever before and with the exception of those who howl "thieves corruption and knavery" in territorial administration and its affairs in republican counties for their own purposes to hoist themselves into official jobs, to get on top and the democratic papers will do this for party success, the people as a whole and of all political parties are pretty thoroughly satisfied.

Our thirteen feet of rain has not yet put in an appearance but here is hoping. Some forty feet of dust came in on schedule time.

SOLID WEEK OF FUN

Amarillo Comes Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—Roswell: Thursday, Friday and Saturday—Llano.

Arrangements have at last been made for six games to be played the Artesia diamond next week of which the first three are to be played with Amarillo and the last three with Roswell. As we go to press, there was some talk of not playing Thursday and so giving the boys a rest; this will make the series with Roswell only two games.

By some luck the News has caught the entire lineup of all six games and they are given below.

Amarillo, June 17. First game.
Lohman, p.
Mize, c.
Giaghos, p.
Freeman, 1b.
Mize, 1b.
Easley, ss.
Schwartz, 3b.
Clark, lf.
Linell, cf.
Osborne, rf.

SECOND GAME.
Lohman, c.
Osborne, p.
Freeman, 1b.
Freeman, 2b.
Easley, ss.
Schwartz, 3b.
Clark, lf.
Linell, cf.
Mize, rf.

THIRD GAME.
Lohman, c.
Mize, p.
Freeman, 1b.
Freeman, 1b.
Giaghos, 2b.
Easley, ss.
Schwartz, 3b.
Clark, lf.
Linell, cf.
Osborn, rf.
Roswell, June 20-21-22.

FIRST GAME.
Lohman, c.
Osborn, p.
Freeman, 1b.
Mize, 2b.
Easley, ss.
Schwartz, 3b.
Clark, lf.
Linell, cf.
Twiliger, rf.
Baker, extra.

SECOND GAME.
Lohman, c.
Mize, p.
Freeman, 2b.
Baker, 1b.
Easley, ss.
Schwartz, 3b.
Clark, lf.
Linell, cf.
Osborn, rf.
Twiliger, rf.

THIRD GAME.
Lohman, c.
Mize, p. 5-9.
Osborn, p. 1-5.
Baker, 1b.
Easley, ss.
Schwartz, 3b.
Clark, lf.
Linell, cf.
Twiliger, rf.
Osborn, extra.

An Apology.

Apologies are due from the News to Mrs. McCrary and also to the ladies who attended a pleasant afternoon reception at her home several days ago, for our failure to make mention of it in the News of last week's paper.

We fully intended to make proper mention of the affair but by some means it was neglected. The ladies who attended were profuse in their praises of the welcome accorded them and the entertainment furnished, many features of which were exceedingly unique.

At this late date we shall not try to do justice to the pleasant gathering but shall endeavor to discharge our duty better in the future.

DONT FORGET

that the First National Bank of Artesia has in its vault a number of the best steel Safty Deposit Boxes which affords perfect safety for Deeds, Notes, Wills, Insurance Policies and other valuables. These are rented at reasonable rates for any length of time to suit your convenience.

ALSO that we issue Drafts good anywhere and make collections everywhere and that our facilities in other departments of Banking are unsurpassed.

R. M. ROSS, Cashier

NEWS NOTES

Sheriff J. D. Cristopher was in town Friday but we missed none of our worthy citizens after he had left for his home in Carlsbad.

The ditcher is working in the south part of town but is not attracting as much attention as it did when it first began its work. It will be here several weeks yet.

There was a scarcity of coal in town last week. There were several cars in transit but coal on cars in the Panhandle will not cook dinner in the Valley.

Melon vines are in bloom and at this late date we hardly anticipate danger from frost.

Come and help yourself to old papers, 5 cents a bundle.

T. H. Blakeney, of near Hope, was in town Saturday and called at the News office. Mr. Blakeney sold the alfalfa off of 25 acres of land last year for \$600 and received only \$5 per ton. If the yield is as good this year and he brings it to Artesia, he will receive \$1,200 for his crop.

Very few fields of alfalfa in this section but what will yield an income of over \$50 per acre this year. Some will go far above this amount.

Anyone desiring to try a Smith-Premier typewriter with a view to purchasing it, can secure one at the News office. This is an excellent machine and thoroughly warranted.

H. E. Mull transacted business in Carlsbad last week and distributed some advertising matter for the festival.

The Alfalfa Festival. Talk about it. Write your friends about it. And don't forget to decorate.

J. A. Orr left Tuesday morning for Mt. Vernon, Mo., to join his family. He received a letter from them Sunday which stated that they were feeling as well as could be expected after their long trip.

H. W. Hamilton spent last Saturday in Roswell looking after business interests.

H. H. Bart left Saturday morning for Roswell in the interests of the Aetna Exploration Co.

G. U. McCrary transacted legal business in Roswell last week.

E. M. Tyson visited in Roswell last Thursday and Friday.

B. C. Mossman left last Thursday for Kansas City, Mo.

Among the Roswell visitors from Artesia the latter part of last week were Gayle Talbot, Mr. Olden, Ed Johnson and Mr. White.

Artesia will entertain royally next week. And three of every five persons will carry a kodak.

While you are debating in your mind the best way to advertise and develop the Lakewood country, don't forget that we are striving to make the Progress a strong factor in that direction, and all of the business you can throw into our hands will enable us to do more for the good of all. Buy a space in Progress, and keep yourself and your business constantly before the public, and then send the paper to your friends "back yonder," and thus increase your own business, and help us to keep ours in a thriving condition.—Progress.

J. C. Elliott passed through Artesia last Friday enroute for Roswell to look after business connected with his saw mill. Mr. Elliott reports that the lumber is finding a ready sale and that conditions so far have been very favorable for the industry.

Tom Cornell was a Hagerman visitor last week.

Rev. Messer spent last Thursday in Hagerman.

KODAKS P. V. Drug Co.

J. H. Sarver went to Memphis, Tenn., last Thursday.

Wm. Crandall is in Kansas City this week to transact business and visit friends.

Will Benson was a Lake Arthur visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Heirock are visiting with old friends in Kansas this week.

Mrs. Messer visited with friends in Hagerman last Friday.

It is understood that Judge A. A. Freeman and Hon. J. O. Cameron left Monday for Seattle, Wash., where they will make their future home. Both have long been identified with the political and business interests of the valley.

Don't put it off. Get a Kodak today.

E. F. Hardwick came down Monday evening from Roswell to look after business interests.

Hon. Howard Leland of the Roswell land office is enjoying a vacation this month and the regular routine is being carried on by his clerks.

The ditching machine which is putting in the mains for the new water system has been out of service so far this week.

Alfalfa Festival—Kodak—Pecos Valley Drug Co.

Mr. Meyers kindly granted our request to reduce the rates during the Alfalfa Festival and we have now applied to him to have a special train run down in the morning from Roswell and back at night for the accommodation of the people north of us.

J. D. Stewart, accompanied by his wife and daughter, arrived Thursday night from Alva, Okla., to visit J. W. Stewart and family. The two gentlemen are brothers.

B. Y. P. U. Social.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle, who live seven miles north of town, gave a social to the young people of the Baptist church last Friday evening.

When the guests arrived they retired to the large and spacious barn, which has just been completed, where arrangements for entertainment had been made. After enjoying themselves for some time with games and various amusements refreshments were served. A contest was then given in which the successful contestant received a large cake. The guests departed at 11 o'clock, all having enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Union Temperance Meeting.

A union temperance meeting was held at the Christian church last Sunday night which was well at-

tended and at which much interest was manifested. A previously arranged program was carried out and several speeches were made.

There is a strong feeling in the town that the sale of intoxicating liquor should be discontinued here and the petition recently circulated received many signers. The city council will be asked to revoke the licenses now in force and close up the saloons and then the fun will commence.

If the saloon keepers were the only ones in town in favor of the business being continued the proposition would be very simple one, but unfortunately there are consumers as well as suppliers and the two combined always put up a strong fight.

Andrews and Leahy See President.

Washington, June 8.—Delegate Andrews, of New Mexico, called at the White House this afternoon and had a lengthy interview with the President at 11 o'clock. David J. Leahy, of Las Vegas, in company with F. H. Newell, the Director of the U. S. Reclamation Service, also had an interview with the President this forenoon during which the question of the construction of a reservoir on the Las Vegas Land Grant near Las Vegas was discussed. This was entirely satisfactory.

Delegate Andrews also visited the war department this forenoon in connection with affairs of interest to the Territory and also saw the Secretary of the Navy on similar business—New Mexican.

The above may prove a pointer to the people of Hope. Get busy and send some of your citizens to Washington.

United States Commissioner For Artesia.

D. L. Newkirk received word Saturday that he had been appointed United States Commissioner with office at Artesia.

The appointment was made by William H. Pope, Associate Justice and Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, Roswell, N. M.

The duties are the same as those of any land commissioner together with that of a committing magistrate. For the present his office will be at the News office where he will transact business connected with the filing of entries and making of proofs on public lands and other business as may come under his jurisdiction.

Fix Up! Clean Up! !

Next week we hope to entertain many guests and it behooves us to get ready to receive them.

It is requested that a special effort be made to render the city as attractive as possible by cleaning up all rubbish and decorating the residences and business houses.

As this is an alfalfa festival, as much of that product should be used in decorating as possible. Make your plans and secure your material before hand as you may not be able to get what you want at the last moment.

Ordinance No. 72.

Be it ordained by the Town Board of Trustees of the town of Artesia.

Sec. 1. That Ordinance No. 70 of the ordinances of the town of Artesia be and the same is hereby repealed.

Declared passed and approved May 28, 1907.

First reading, April 23, 1907.

(SEAL) J. E. Swepton, Wm. Crandall.

County Commissioners Meet.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session last week the principal business being that transacted as a board of equalization. It was decided to hear complaints on the rendition of taxes on to more such complaints for the remainder of the year.

They ordered an election to be held for the purpose of issuing \$22,000 for the construction of the two proposed bridges, the one at Carlsbad and the other at Artesia. Of this amount \$12,000 is to be expended on the bridge at Artesia.

The Best Rigs in Artesia

and at the most reasonable Prices



All of our horses are safe for Ladies and Children to drive

One Block South of Gibson Hotel

THE STAR STABLE

PHONE NO. 88

MOUNTAIN LUMBER

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY

All kinds of mountain lumber for sale at G. W. Batten's, Mills located in the Sacramento Mountains, seven miles west of Weed. Any size timbers cut to order. Special prices on large orders.

J. C. ELLIOTT

HOTEL GIBSON

MRS. ANNA SCOGGINS, PROPRIETRESS

Leading Hotel of Artesia, New Mexico. Rates \$2.00 per day. Special rates by week or month.

Special attention given traveling public

Don't Buy Anything

Until you have seen the splendid bargains I have to offer you. No matter what you need I have it. Also handle Mountain Lumber.

A fine line of Jewelry will be on display in a few days

GEORGE W. BATTON

The Millinery Store.

We have purchased the Millinery and noion stock of the Record Sisters and have moved to one door east of the McBride Barber Shop. Our line of Summer Hats will soon be in. Come and see them.

MISS CLARA CRAWFORD

Dont buy Barbed Wire, Elwood Fence or Fence Materials, untill you see us **The Big Jo Lumber Company**

You Are Invited To Attend The

Annual A L F A F A Festival

Artesia, New Mexico

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

JUNE 21 AND 22

YOU WILL SEE

GRAND TOURNAMENT, RACING,
TROTting, PACING, BRONCHO,
BUSTING, BASEBALL, BARBECUE, AL-
SO FOOT, WHEELBARROW AND
THREE LEGGED RACES. YOU WILL
HEAR ELOQUENT ORATORS AND
SOUL STIRRING MUSIC

See Program Elsewhere in This Paper

Reduced Rates On All Railroads

Executive Committee Artesia Festival

Wm. Crandall Chairman,

Hugh M. Gage, Sec.



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BUSINESS LOCALS

Millot seed for sale at the Artesia Milling Co.

Six room house and three lots, good porches, good out building, set in trees and partly down in alfalfa, \$1500; \$700 cash. L. W. Martin. 39tf

When in need of anything in the grain line try the Artesia Milling Co. They will treat you right. 26tf

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

M. O. Tuttle.

11 acres near town, with water, 4 acres alfalfa, 3-room house for \$900. L. W. Martin 39tf
J. P. Dyer handles the famous Blue Ribbon School Shoe, "best on earth." You will never regret purchasing a pair of them. tf

Millot seed for sale at the Artesia Milling Co.

Six-room house and 3 lots for \$2000; \$500 cash, balance in one, two and three years. L. W. Martin. 39tf

Two cars of Oklahoma corn for sale at the Artesia Milling Co.

Transfer Line.

I am prepared to do all kinds of packing. When in need of such work, phone No. 24. When not busy, I will found in front of Porter & Beckhams. T.T. Kuykendall. tf

Houses to Rent.

We have several good houses to rent. Swebston & Orr.

A Bargain.

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

For Sale

at a bargain, a small tract of land near town. See L. W. Martin. 35tf

\$2500, buys 3 lots and two houses close in, renting for \$30 per month 39tf L. W. Martin.

Wanted: To trade a fine quarter section of desert land for a small stock of goods. Inquire at the News office. 35tf

See Lee Turknett's new ad and be sure to try a case of soda pop, only seventy-five cents per case. 14

Try an ad in the News if you would attract attention and secure results.

\$300 cash, balance on easy payments, buys a good 3-room house, two lots, fenced and cross fenced, water and sheds for horses and cows L. W. Martin 39tf

Try a case of soda pop, two dozen bottles for 75c. Lee Turknett.

A good second hand Wheelock piano for sale. \$100 down or \$125 on easy payments. To be seen at Mrs. Jacobson's. Inquire or phone Mrs. McCrary. 35tf

A new piano of the best brand for sale or will trade for horse and buggy or light wagon. Bernard Pos. Roswell, N. M. 35tf

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Porter & Beckham has this 17th day of May 1907 been dissolved by mutual consent, J. H. Beckham, Jr., of the firm continuing the business and J. F. Porter retiring. J. H. Beckham, Jr., collects all accounts due the said firm, and assumes all outstanding obligations due by the said firm J. F. Porter. 3774 J. H. Beckham, Jr.

For bargains in city property, see L. W. Martin. 39tf

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., May 24, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that George R. Chubbins of Artesia, N. M., has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation of his desert land claim, in the Homestead entry No. 7844 made May 7, 1906, for the 84 of S.W. 1/4, Sec. 16, and 84 of S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 26, T. 17 S., R. 24 E., and that said Receiver, at Roswell, New Mexico, on July 8, 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land:
Wm. P. Collins, of Artesia, N. M.; George Willett, of Hope, N. M.; George J. Foster, of Artesia, N. M.; J. C. Gage, of Artesia, N. M.
Howard Leland, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Desert Land—Final Proof United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., April 20, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that Nita O. Marks, of Artesia, Wyo., assigned to Fred S. Strawn, has filed notice of intention to make proof of his desert land claim No. 190, for the 81/2 Sec. 18, T. 16 N., R. 22 E., on Friday, the 14th day of June 1907, N. M., on Friday, the 14th day of June 1907.
He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:
Rogues P. Havelock, of Roswell, N. M.; Samuel A. Butler, of Artesia, N. M.; G. A. Woodard, of Roswell, N. M.; Garlie Talbot, of Artesia, N. M.
Howard Leland, Register.

For Sale.

A quarter section of land, six miles from town good prospect for water and easy to irrigate. Inquire at the News office. tf

Wanted—Plastering and brick laying. All work guaranteed. John Wake & Co. Hope, New Mexico. 364*

160 acres of patented land, 9 miles west of Artesia for \$1500. 39tf L. W. Martin.

Wanted—An elderly lady for company. Call on or write, Mrs. R. P. Kishbaugh, Artesia, N. M.
See Lee Turknett before buying your yard fence. He handles a good line of iron fence.

ANTISEPTICINE. One coat applied to the inside of stables, stall, pens or chicken coops, exterminate all vermin. KEITH LUMBER CO., Agents.

For Sale—A number of good hogs Mrs. R. P. Kishbaugh, Artesia, N. M. 39tf

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Assessment Work.

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Notice of Dissolution.

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Notice.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet the first Monday in July, next, and this will be the last meeting of the Board at which any complaints or objections concerning the rendition of the taxes for the year 1907, can be considered. Therefore, if there be any objections to same, or any complaints to make thereto, they must be made at this July meeting. J. W. Turknett, 4073 Commissioner Dist. No. 2.

Aged Iowa Diplomat Victim of Accident.

Washington June 3.—John A. Casson, of Iowa, famous as a diplomat and lawyer, fell here tonight and fractured his arm, and after being carried home was reported in a serious condition. He is eighty years old. Mr. Casson is the former reciprocity commissioner of this government, former member of congress, former member of the American-Canadian joint high commission, and has held in many other high offices and is a member of numerous clubs.

Old papers for sale at this office 5 cents a bundle.

SOME REHASHED TALES

FOREWORD

One day last week, a little crowd consisting of preachers, school teachers and editors, assembled themselves together in the News office and in some way funny stories were started around. The Kid took no part in the fun but stored away a few of the tales for future reference and you have them here. They may seem funny to you or they may not; you may or you may not have heard them before; but when you read them remember that they furnished entertainment one morning for preachers, editors and school teachers, not to mention the printers in the background.

TALE THE FIRST.

An Irish priest was sitting in a car one day reading his paper and attending to his own business when a tall, lank Scot came in and seated himself opposite the father. He leaned over toward him and remarked in a loud voice, "Say, mon, I na believe in ye purgatory." The priest said nothing but settled down behind his paper. In a short time the Scot again remarked "I say, mon, I na believe in ye purgatory." By this time every passenger in the car was interested, but the priest made no answer. The Scot got up out of his seat and and going over he him fairly yelled, "I say, mon, I na believe in ye purgatory." "Alright sir, alright sir," replied the priest gently, "You can go straight to hell, sir."

TALE THE SECOND.

In a certain church, just after a protracted meeting, the new converts were giving testimony. Quite a number had testified to the good that had done them to join the church, when an old lady named Mrs. Brown was called on. "Well I really don't know," she said "I feel that I am unworthy and that my place is behind the door over there." She sat down and a gruff old farmer, White, was called upon. "I too feel very unworthy," he said, "And I think my place should be behind the door—with Mrs. Brown."

TALE THE THIRD.

A well known Episcopal evangelist was touring Wyoming and struck a town that was reckoned as the toughest in that part of the country. He went to the only hotel in the town, frankly stated his business and a cowboy leafer in the office undertook to show him around. The minister's friend rounded up the sports that night and brought them all into the meeting. He joined in the services, took up the collection and in fact done everything he could to help the preacher out. When the services were over they were talking together and the Rev. Blank asked the cowboy if he belonged to the church. "Sure," said the son of the plains, "I'm in the same church as you are." "And where were you confirmed?" "Er, well parson, I don't just understand you." "By man," said the minister rather surprised. "If you were never confirmed how can you be a member of the Episcopal church?" "Well, said the cowboy "when you were reading out of that book, that you had done the things you ought not, and left undone the things you ought to have done, why I says to myself, that's me. We're in the same boat and must be members of the same church."

The Meeting at Hope.

On Saturday night, the 18th, Rev. J. C. Gage of Artesia, and the editor began a meeting at Hope. From the first service to the close of the meeting, ten days, the audiences were large and the meeting most interesting, the entire community taking part. The last Sunday we had an all day meeting, with a basket dinner on the ground, prepared only by the good ladies of Hope can do it, and although the crowd filled the big new school house, up stairs and down, so that Bro Gage held one audience below and the editor the other one above, yet there was an abundance of good things for double as many people. The meeting resulted in twelve additions—Dayton Echo.

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