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WORD OF EXPLANATION

Rev. McQueen Gray Gives Explanations Concerning His Sayings at Santa Fe About Our Wells.

Rev. E. McQueen Gray was in town Wednesday and called at the News office and made some explanations concerning his sayings at Santa Fe regarding the stability of our artesian wells. He admits that he talked with Mr. Talbot on the subject but says that he was not then working in the interest of Carlsbad and did not attempt to create the impression that our artesian wells were falling.

He says that at the time he talked with Mr. Talbot he did not know that we were seeking the creation of Artesia county and that he did not advance the same argument to others and left Santa Fe to avoid taking any part in the matter.

Rev. Gray does not deny the conversation but does deny a purpose of trying to lessen our chance for county division. The News has been rather severe in its attitude toward the reverend gentleman but is now constrained to believe that he intended us no real harm.

I Have Taken Notes.

that that is more fun in getting the other man pa a det fer you than that is in payen van fer him that hits a good plan to give the devil whats due him jess as quick as you kan and then go into bankruptcy.

Have pashuns an dot borer trouble. that are lots of big things in the world which was onct little, an lots of little things which was onct big. Liv on yer nerve and fortune 'll camp on yer lot yit.

All men look alike to me cepten the preachers an the horse traders, an thea look alike too. i dont kno but but i otto apologize to the hoss swapher.

that sum men are borned great, that sum achieve greatness, that sum live with greatness thrust upon em, an that sum go to the legisla ture an bi hit.

that a lazy man has the least trouble i have tried hit an i kno that warts an babies, an not popler in ly sosigete.

that luv an mummy look well in double harness but we don't often see em that wa.

that a bur in a dogs tail haint no wuss than slang on a gals tongue.

that the man who has nerve enuf to get out of the rut is bound to go sum.

that sum men hav'nt wisdoan enuf to take their own measure that the bigger humbugs sum men ar the less likely tha ar to kno it.

that men ov renown often wear a dirty gown. A. splint —Belton (Mo.) Herald.

Presbyterian Church.

9:45 a. m. Sunday School, 11:00 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Subject "Love, the Queen of the Graces." No service at night, this congregation joining in the union Temperance Meeting at the Christian church.

Let us have a full attendance at Sunday school and morning services. A cordial invitation to all. Strangers and visitors always welcome. E. E. Mathes, Pastor.

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

Wanted—An elderly lady for company. Call on or write, Mrs. R. P. Kisbaugh, Artesia, N. M.

Protracted meeting will commence at the Christian church a week from tonight. Rev. S. W. Jackson and wife, evangelists, will assist.

Hagerman Sells Car to Santa Fe.

The "Hesperia," the private car of J. J. Hagerman was taken north this morning to be overhauled at Amarillo. Mr. Hagerman has sold his car after ten or twelve years use to the railroad company for \$6,500. Its original cost when purchased from the Pullman company was \$12,000. Railroad men state that it will take \$2000 to put the car in up-to-date equipment, but that except for this needed equipment, the car is in splendid condition. It will be given to Avery Turner, vice president and general manager of the Pecos Valley Lines, for its private use, his present car being inadequate in his needs.—Record.

GIVE THE CALF ROPE

George Versus George on the Roosevelt.

Hagerman Question—New Form of Brain Storm.

How contemptible a spectacle is even a great man when he stoops to petty anger and personal quarrels.—Roswell Record June 3.

Shall we say that Mr. Hagerman was "fired" for being too friendly to the Democratic party, when Mr. Roosevelt himself has not only stolen practically all of Mr. Bryan's platform but appointed a Democratic governor? It was purely personal—a little matter of creating an opening for "one of the best men in my regiment."—Roswell Record, June 3.

The Record predicts that certain members of the old gang of grafters will hear from Washington when President Roosevelt has time to thoroughly digest that Hagerman letter. The mistake of removing Mr. Hagerman cannot be corrected, but we still have enough confidence in the honesty of the President to believe that he will give the men who have deceived him and betrayed his confidence what is coming to them.—Roswell Record, June 4.

Children's Day at the Christian Church.

Sunday was "Children's Day" at the Christian church of this city and appropriate exercises were held in the evening taking the place of the regular services. There were some special features connected with the Sunday school in the morning but the principal exercises were held in the evening.

The church was beautifully decorated and a miniature fountain was constructed in the rear of the stage to remind the guests that they were still in the artesian district. There was a profusion of flowers and some special decorations which produced a most pleasing effect.

The exercises consisted of instrumental music, songs, recitations and drills. Mrs. Robertson and Miss Ross sang a duet which was well received. Five young ladies executed a very pretty drill and a number of others together with several small girls recited and sang songs around a beautiful star composed of roses.

We have no hesitancy in saying that it was the best children's day exercises that we ever attended and Superintendent Schwartz is to be complimented not alone upon his success in this matter, but also upon his efficient work as a superintendent. His consistent Christian character and his zeal in the Sunday school work has made him a valuable acquisition to the city.

The birthday box was opened, the contents of which together with other collections amounted to \$52.25. This money is to be devoted to foreign missions.

Miss Vivian Newkirk presided at the organ and opened the program with a voluntary.

WILL PLAY SOME BALL

Artesia Team is Figuring on a Six Game Series During Festival Week—Three With Roswell, Three With Amarillo.

If everything turns out just right, the Festival week will be a record breaker in the base ball annals of Artesia, and the fans will have a chance to get their eyes full for once. Three games are scheduled with Roswell, for the latter part of the week and arrangements are now being made with Amarillo to play the first three days, a total of six games in one week. If public sentiment was not so strong against Sunday base ball we might be able to get the Lake Arthur team down for a practice game on the Sunday before the Festival.

Mr. Hamilton is now in communication with Mize of Oklahoma and Gallegos of Roswell, to do some twirling in case all six games are arranged for. Both men are good pitchers and as the team is practising all the time, we may expect to give the visitors a warm reception whether it be three games or six.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Alfalfa Festival, Artesia June 21 and 22

1st Day.
10 a m Address of welcome.

10:30 a m Speaking.
11 a m Music by the Artesia Cornet Band, followed by the singing of My Country 'Tis of Thee by children of the public school.

11:30 a m Barbecue.
1 p m Tournament race, prize \$15.00 pair of spurs.
2 p m Ladies riding contest, prize \$25.00 saddle and most graceful rider.

2:30 p m Bronco riding contest, prize \$85.00 saddle to best rider.

3:30 p m Baseball, between Roswell and Artesia.
8 p m Dance.

2nd Day
10 a m Sack race, purse \$5.00, no entrance fee, free for all.

10:30 a m Wheelbarrow race, purse \$5.00, no entrance fee, free for all.
11 a m Three-legged race, purse \$5.00, no entrance fee, free for all.

11:30 a m Foot race, 100 yd. dash, purse \$5.00, no entrance fee, free for all.
12 m. Dinner.

1 p m Gentlemens driving race, 1 mile, best 2 in 3 heats, prize \$50 set of driving harness. Entrance fee. Open to horses that never won money.

1:30 p m Saddle horse race, 1-4 mile, purse \$50. Entrance fee.

2 p m Gentlemens driving race, 2nd heat.

2:30 p m Running race, 1-4 mile. Open to all horses, purse \$20.00. Entrance fee, 2nd purse.

3 p m Driving race for colts under 3 years old. Purse \$25. Entrance fee.

3:30. Gentleman's Driving race, 3rd heat.
4:00 p m Ball game, Roswell-Artesia.
8:00 p m Dance.

Each business house on Main street is expected to be decorated for the Alfalfa Festival. By order of committee.

We Have Been There.

The Estancia Valley claims to be brimming over with prosperity. We hasten to assure them that the attack is in no wise fatal and will wear off in time without extra precaution.

We have experienced the same condition now for nearly four years and are still alive and reasonably happy. The attack does not always last so long as it has with us but owing to our abundant supply of artesian water it will continue to linger among us.

Have the Roswell Record or the Albuquerque Morning Journal locate among you and then invent some means of dispersing the atmospheric moisture and relief will immediately follow.

WRECK ON PEA VINE

Almost—Twenty Hour Limited Between Carlsbad and Amarillo Has Narrow Escape From Going Into Ditch.

The brave engineer on No. 2 of the Pea Vine service, averted what might have been the most disastrous wreck in the history of dummy lines last Friday morning when he saved the 20 hour limited from going into the ditch between Dayton and Artesia. The Limited was rolling along at its regular rate, and no one had any thought of danger until about three miles up the track, the engineer spied a broken rail, the terror of all evil doing rail roaders. It would be only a scant half hour until the train reached the fatal spot and then the entire crew, along with the passengers, who were three white men and Mexican, would go into kingdom come at the rate of ten miles an hour. He could almost see the inside of the coaches behind him; the conductor, peacefully sleeping in the smoker, tumbling out stores which at times threatened to drown the roof of the train; the passengers languidly playing seven up and checkers; the brakemen and porters taking their morning's morning in the absence of the conductor to keep from dividing with him. All these things passed before like a flash and he felt a wave of repulsion sweep over him at the thought of the stringency of the brakemen.

But he must act. It was no time for sad thoughts. He at once got out a little text book labeled Elements of Physics, and turned to page 147 to study out the situation along scientific lines. The broken rail was on the inside of a small curve and he knew that he must hurry. It was coming closer and closer. Now it was only a mile from the train. With a loud cry he sprang from his seat and leaped into the coal car where with the assistance of the firemen he piled all of the coal on the side away from the broken rail. Next all of the shovels and other tools were placed on that side and lastly he and the fireman took their stand on the outside. It worked! The Limited swung to the outer edge of the curve, the inside wheels lifted entirely from the track and the engine passed over. As all of passengers happened to be sitting on the same side of the train, they were also carried over in safety all unconscious of their danger.

Money was made up at Artesia to buy the brave engineer a medal made of woven alfalfa set with Pecos Valley diamonds, and the railroad company donated enough soap to wash the headlight. The fireman was handed a lemon.

Miss Ross Sunday school class held a social meeting at the home of C. L. Heath Tuesday night.

Dayton started a nice little shower up this way Wednesday afternoon but it got too far east to do us any good.

ANTI-SALOON MEETING

Meeting Scheduled for Sunday Night at the Christian Church—A Good Program Prepared.

At a meeting of the Anti-Saloon League Tuesday night, arrangements were made for holding a mass meeting in the Christian church next Sunday night. Following is the program:
Song—Choir and congregation.
Prayer—Rev. J. H. Messer.
Duet—Mrs. Robertson and Miss Ross.
Scripture Lesson—Rev. T. C. James.
Violin Solo, organ accompaniment—Miss Helen and Katharine Norfleet.

Address—Rev. J. M. Blalock.
Duet—Mr. and Mrs. Erd.
Address—Rev. E. E. Mathes.
Song—Everybody.
Short talks by others.
Benediction.

From the Tenderfoot.

The Alfalfa Festival at Artesia has been set for June 22, the papers there went themselves with bragging over the shipping of twenty-nine cars of the baled greenness in nineteen days. The carnival will be made a dandy when it does come up, and it is really a wonder that no one ever thought of it before. Granville Richardson in one of his lucid moments, once suggested an apple day for Roswell every year, based on the idea of the Colorado people who use the watermelon, the cantaloupe and the apple to advertise their sections, but for some strange reason his voice sounded as though it had been delivered into a rain barrel. This year it would not be worth much as a drawing card, but then there are no apples on top of earth this year. Normally, the idea is all right, and it is quite likely that Roswell may get some worth-while ideas from Artesia in its Alfalfa Festival, to be stored against the time when we have an apple festival.

Artesia is crowing over the fact that it pays its superintendent of schools \$125 a month, while Roswell only digs up a grouchy little \$105. It has a right to crow, too. There is something out of line with the economic arithmetic of a town that expects to get a man to manage a thousand children and twenty-two women for the same wages that is paid a plumber—or less. That Artesia has the sense to see this point and raise the ante respectably is a proof of the spirit that has built a city out of equal parts of dirt, artesian water and blue sky.

A New Ordinance Needed.

Some day there will be one or more funerals taking place in Artesia caused by runaway horses that have been left untied, and the city will be called upon to answer to a suit for damages which no matter how great the amount awarded it will be of little benefit to the deceased and of scant comfort to the surviving friends.

We average about one runaway per day and we have been highly favored in that the destruction of life and property has been the minimum. So much for the past but we have no assurance that our good fortune is to continue indefinitely and we urge upon our city council the necessity of taking such action as will insure public safety in future from this menace.

A little caution by a few drivers guarantees the protection of our entire people.

Rev. Blalock is expecting his family from Marshall, Mo., this week.

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THE adopting of a uniform series of text books is a commendable act by the state board. A high standard of qualification of county superintendents is also desirable but above all the children of the Territory need protection against the inexperienced and incompetent teachers that are placed in charge of them during the precocious formative period when every faculty should be unfolding as the petals of the rose unto full grown perfection. No man has a right to the county superintendency who is not scholarly and an experienced teacher, and no teacher should be placed in charge of children who has not made special preparation for the work. It is said that there are counties in the Territory where there is not a person engaged in school work who has even an academic education, and we insist that a person with less qualification should not be employed to teach even in the rural districts. We want a skillful dentist to pull our teeth and a well qualified veterinary to doctor our cow but we are not so particular about the brain of our children.

It is now announced that Capt. Curry will not arrive until sometime in September. This must be cheering news for the "reformers" who are looking for deliverance at his hand. Capt. Curry is obligingly remaining away thus affording an opportunity for the righting of wrong and the bestowing of honors where honors belong. Territorial favors should go to residents and party favors should go to those who have fought the battles of the party, and not to those who have opposed and are opposing the principles of republicanism. In Eddy county, the democrats are at the bat. Strike away, boys, until you are counted out and then take your medicine like little men. Some of your associates are trying to reach over in the republican dish but their manners will improve shortly to such an extent that you will no longer be ashamed of them.

THOMAS W. HARVEY, former teller of the Enterprise National Bank of Allegheny, Pa., has been found guilty on 33 counts for making false entries. This is the bank that Delegate Andrews was accused of ruining. The charges were made by the Roswell Record, the Albuquerque Morning Journal and a few other papers to which truth is a stranger. It is up to the Record to again admit that it lied for "political reasons only." However it is a well known fact that it lies through force of habit only. As a defamer of character, the Record has won the spurs, as it has also won the contempt of all fair minded people. We question the manliness of the editor as regards a retraction of the reprehensible conduct concerning Mr. Andrews.

It is to be supposed that now there is talk of a narrow gauge railroad from Torrance to Roswell and thence down the valley to Artesia, the P. V. & N. E. will pick up a bit and get trains in on time and otherwise improve its service. It is a bad thing for everybody concerned for one railroad or anything else to have such a monopoly as the branch line of the Santa Fe now has in the Valley. It is bad for the people, leaving them as it does at the mercy of one set of men and it is bad for the men having the monopoly as it might corrupt their morals to the extent of high freight and passenger rates and bad train service. It is up to the people of the valley to raise that \$100,000 and save the railroad officials sleepless nights and other things pertaining to possession of a tender conscience.

Just what advantage Ex-Gov.

Hagerman expects to derive from the publication of his correspondence with the President, we are unable to conceive. It seems to us that in place of improving matters so far as Mr. Hagerman is concerned, that the letters prove without a reasonable doubt that his actions were subject to severe criticism. Again, had these letters never been made public, thousands of people would never have known that J. J. Hagerman had been accused of grave misdemeanor by the government. On the other it is a rank piece of folly in keeping that the letters with the judgement exercised by Mr. Hagerman's advisers all along, and in all probability will end his political career.

CHEERFUL knockers and cheerful liars when taken separately are most unlovable persons, and when the two are combined in one obnoxious individual, the result is astonishing even to a pessimist. As a general rule it takes about ten good men using their lungs to the fullest extent to drown the cries of the old blatherskites who make it their business to sit around and advertise the imaginary faults of the country. If you can't say anything good of a place, either say nothing or get up and leave. The country will manage somehow to get along without you and whole-souled men and women of the community will breath a sigh of relief to see your foot-prints pointing out of town.

A KANSAS man snores so hard he awakes the dog; the dog sits up, howls and awakens the man; the man swears at the dog and awakens the baby; and the baby yells and awakes the mother. The mother growls at the man who forthwith proceeds to go to sleep and start the fun all over again.—Lakewood Progress

We are just recently from Kansas and heard nothing of the above reported occurrence. Would not be surprised to learn that the Progress man invented the whole story and made the shows proof his veracity is likely to be questioned.

OUR little neighbor on the north is coming to the front with true Pecos Valley push, and is now in line to be incorporated. Of all the expressions published in last week's Times, only four men declared against the proposition. Two of these objected to the business license. The rest of the business men were strongly in favor of it and we will soon see another town in the valley which is capable of running its own affairs and wants to prove it.

THE alfalfa season has had an acetic effect upon Editor Wimberly of the Hagerman Messenger. In the last issue of his paper he paid his disrespect to about every thing in sight and even included some prominent personages far away. President Roosevelt and Senator Bailey came in for a generous portion and even the poor colored gentleman did not escape unscathed. Take a good drink of artesian water Friend Wimberly and sweeten up a little before your next issue.

CAPT. CURRY must be a veritable Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. In one issue the Morning Journal and the Roswell Record praises Curry, democrat, and in the next they abuse Curry republican. Sometimes the Record gets the two characters sadly mixed in the same issue but then George is not supposed to pursue the same policy from one end of his editorial column to the other.

FRED D WARREN, managing editor of the Appeal to Reason, the great Socialist paper of Girard, Kansas, has been cited to appear

before the United States court to the charge of circulating "scurrilous, defamatory and threatening matter." The maximum penalty for such offense if convicted will be five years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$5000. The conviction comes first, however.

Two insurance agents of the triple-gear, self acting choke brand were in town last week affecting our well disposed citizens. We patiently submit to the encroachments of those who live among us but the alien must be given to understand that his days will be few and full of trouble if he persists in invading Artesia.

THE Natural History lessons for the young in the Albuquerque Journal are very interesting. If the brilliant writer in charge of that department will give us a writeup of a typical bruiser, running a fake reform organ, the favor will be greatly appreciated.

It was hinted last week by the Yellow Record, that the editor of this rag of freedom was a bad egg. The Skunk who handles the stylus on the Record merely got a whiff of his own perfume, and then, Fockett like, looked around for someone to blame it on.

Gov. George Curry will be in Santa Fe, on the 14th of July and there will then proceed to be a shaking up all along the line. As the date draws nearer, the reading public hears less and less of his being afflicted with decay in the cardinal regions.—Register-Tribune.

THE Hagerman Messenger refers to Hon. Prof. Mr. Booker T. Washington as a "nigger" and in the same connection uses other uncomplimentary language. The Messenger will please apologize and hereafter use the term "colored gentleman."

ARTICLES of incorporation of "The New Mexico Holiness College" were published in the Lakewood Progress last week. The college is to be located at Lakewood and its organization is benevolent, charitable and educational purposes.

WE believe that Capt. Curry is democrat alright, alright, but just the same we have a box reserved that overlooks the Bureau of Immigration room and we hope to be on hand when the fun begins.

A LOT of bad words were strewn promiscuously around the Advocate office Saturday morning. Just as they were ready to go to press the engine "bucked" and a cylinder press is hard to kick.

MONEY is rapidly accumulating in our banks. Will some philanthropic individual please come along with a gold brick scheme or a creamery proposition and relieve us of a part of the surplus.

VOLIVA, the ousted overseer of the city of Zion, should come to New Mexico where the association of fellow sufferers and the perpetual sunshine may enable him to forget his troubles.

J. J. HAGERMAN, father of the Ex-Governor, has sold his private car, "Hesperia" to the railroad company. Perhaps he is preparing to exodite with the Record.

Up at Kenna the local paper is edited by a hardware man, who is trying to utilize the brass of his occupation to serve the needs of the other.

EDITOR Whelan made several trips to the depot a week ago looking for the elephants that were to pull the big dither.

Alfalfa Festival June 21 and 22. Come.

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THE HOLY BONDS OF MATRIMONY

Mr. Thomas Thumb Married to Miss Midget Littlefinger.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season took place at the Presbyterian church Thursday night of last week when the wedding of Tom Thumb and Miss Midget was solemnized.

The church was decorated befitting the occasion and a large crowd of guests were in attendance. Everything occurred according to program and the bridal party conducted themselves in a creditable manner until after the marriage feast when the male guests especially exhibited a hilarity which we suppose was in keeping with the occasion. The bishop who officiated retained his robes but laid aside his dignity and did violence to his gray hair and profession, and the aged relatives seemed to shed their infirmities and join in the sports of the festive youth.

The solo by Miss Rice was especially entertaining and the songs sang by Master Harry Hamilton and little Miss Martin were appreciated by the audience.

Another Business Change.

Monday morning it was learned that Mrs. Prentiss had disposed of her interest in the millinery store to her partner, Miss Crawford, and would return in a short time to her former home at Cedarvale, Kansas.

Miss Crawford will continue the business and will be assisted by her sister who recently came here from Kansas.

Mrs. Prentiss has won many friends during her short stay here who will regret her leaving. One of her little boys is not in good health and it is understood that that had much to do with the change.

Club Social.

The members of the Artesia Commercial Club were entertained on the lawn of the residence John R. Hodges last Thursday evening. Refreshments and a good time generally were served.

Lake Arthur Elects Teachers.

The Lake Arthur Board of Education met Saturday and selected the following corp of teachers for the ensuing year:

E. S. Haggard, Principal, Dexter; Miss Mattie Boom, Roswell; Miss Zola Kinsinger, Artesia.

Mr. Haggard was principal of the school at Dexter last year.

A Plain Trail.

It is reported that it is so dry up on the Texas plains that the frogs throats have cracked open and each one emits a dozen different croaks at the same time, thus adding to the general desolation. These frogs are as lacking in judgement as the people who settled up there.

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Swepston & Orr has this first day of June been dissolved by mutual consent. J. E. Swepston of the firm continuing the business and John A. Orr retiring. J. E. Swepston collects all accounts outstanding and assumes all obligations due by the said firm.

J. E. Swepston, John A. Orr.

Glad of it.

As we go to press we see a head line stating that the automobile record has been smashed. As the said autos has smashed about everything else in sight we have been expecting the record to go at any time, and we do hope this will result in good to the suffering public.

We did not read the article and can not state who smashed the record but we do hope that it will put the taral things out of business for a time at least.

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PRENTISS & CRAWFORD

NEWS NOTES

The select school taught by Prof. Brown and Daly is getting along nicely and the attendance is good for this time of the year.

C. C. Mull left on the morning train last Thursday for Corsicana, Texas.

D. M. Williams went to Peabody, Kansas last week.

Mrs. E. J. Brooks started for Memphis, Tenn. last Thursday.

The district conference of the El Paso district of the M. E. Church South, will convene in Hagerman Wednesday night of this week.

Rev. J. C. Gage was at Hope last week assisting in a protracted meeting.

Remember the "Mark Down" Social at the Christian church tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Putnam left Saturday for their old home at Houston, Texas.

Attorney J. G. Osborne spent Friday in Roswell looking after business interests.

Mrs. Prentiss left on the Tuesday morning train with her two children for her former home at Cedarvale, Kansas. It is reported that she will return to Artesia shortly and become a permanent resident.

Mohler Temple returned from Roswell last Sunday and is at work again in the News office.

Miss Zola Kinsinger has been elected to a position in the Lake Arthur schools to begin work in September. Miss Zola is one of our most worthy young ladies and we are pleased to learn of her success.

H. E. Mull, supervisor of artesian wells, went to Roswell Sunday morning to look after some business interests there.

Loads of sheaf and mowed oats are coming into town and are being stowed away in hay mows.

County Commissioner J. W. Turknett went to Carlsbad Monday to attend a meeting of the board.

J. W. Thomas came down from Roswell Thursday evening to look after business for two or three days.

Putnam Bros. have gone out of business and Putnam & Lawson are the successors. They now occupy a new room adjoining the feed yard.

The Gesler well rig completed an eight inch well on the Tuttle farm six miles south of town which flows eighteen inches over the casing.

Sperry & Lukins cleaned out John Major's well last week and the flow was increased fifteen inches.

Miss Zola Kinsinger visited with friends in Lake Arthur last Saturday.

Miss White left last Saturday morning for Golden City, Mo.

R. E. Davis went to Roswell last Saturday morning.

S. P. Henry made a business trip to Roswell last Saturday.

D. F. Sneath departed for Kansas City last week.

Thomas Chapman spent Saturday and Sunday in Roswell.

J. S. Highsmith left Saturday for a visit to Plainville, Texas.

S. W. Gilbert left Monday morning to join Mrs. Gilbert at Montgomery, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Olden, who have been visiting friends here for the past few days, returned to their home in Muscotah, Kas. Monday.

John R. Hodges was looking after his business interests in Lake Arthur the fore part of the week. Mr. Hodges has a fine orchard and other property in that place.

E. F. Phillips visited his relations in Lake Arthur Sunday.

J. Mack Smith returned to his home in Mineral Wells, Tex. Sunday after renewing old acquaintances in Artesia.

Jim Armstrong visited with friends in Amarillo last Friday.

C. P. Smith left last Friday morning for Kansas City.

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 a bargain, a small tract of land near town. See
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 See Lee Turknett's new ad and be sure to try a case of soda pop, only seventy-five cents per case. 14
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 \$1,000 to loan on real estate. See L. W. Martin. 35tf
 Try a case of soda pop, two dozen bottles for 75c. Lee Turknett.
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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
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Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., May 24, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that George R. Collins of Artesia, N. M., has filed notice of his intention to claim land under the Homestead Act, 2nd section May 1, 1906, for the 81/2 Sec. 28, R. 21 E., and 81/2 Sec. 29, R. 21 E., and that said notice will be made before the Register and 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. F. Collins of Artesia, N. M., George Whitford of Hope N. M., George J. Foster of Artesia, N. M., J. C. Gage, of Artesia, N. M.
 45 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 Charles M. Madison, wife, assignee to Frank C. Madison, has filed notice of intention to make proof on the desert-land claim No. 189, for the 81/2 Sec. 18, T. 10 S., R. 20 E., before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, 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:
 Eugene F. Harwick, of Roswell, N. M., Sidney A. Butler, of Roswell, N. M., G. A. Richardson, of Roswell, N. M., Gayle Fairbrother, of Artesia, N. M.
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 J. H. Naylor,
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Attention.
 Good Oklahoma property to trade for Artesia property. See L. W. Martin. 37tf

"Mark Down" Social.
 The ladies of the Christian church invite you to "The Mark Down Social" to be held at the church Thursday night, June 6.
 You are asked to come with your name "marked down" on a card affixed to your coat or dress. Kindly "mark down" on your calendar the date, and remember a cordial welcome awaits you
 Bring your pencil with you.

Box Supper.
 The Artesia Base Ball Club will give a box supper on Wednesday, June 12. They want to raise money to buy new suits. Everybody should turn out and help make this a success. The Artesia Brass Band will be in attendance and render some fine selections of music arranged especially for this occasion. A good time is promised to all.

Advertised Letters.
 Mrs. C. A. Allen, Mrs. W. W. Barber, J. L. Blackburn, Dr. M. B. Culppeper, Walter B. Harrod, James Howard, Gust Kan, Miss Hattie McKonn, T. E. Mendenhall, Irven Miller, John H. Natusbaum, W. H. West, Mrs. Mary Welch, Albert Williams, C. L. Wilson, Dr. D. E. Wilson.
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 Harry W. Hamilton, P. M.

Mrs. Ed. Hardy and daughter, Ethel, of Terre Haute, Ind., are here visiting Mrs. Hardy's uncle, W. M. Wise.

Huge Snake That Feasts On Babies.

Sensational Eastern papers tell a story that Catholic priests have complained to U. S. Attorney W. H. H. Llewellyn that certain Pueblo Indians of New Mexico pursue an ancient practice of feeding new born babies to serpents and that Major Llewellyn, not having jurisdiction has referred the matter to U. S. Indian Attorney A. J. Abbott or Acting Governor J. W. Reynolds so as to have the Territorial authorities act and bring indictments. Numerous ridiculous tales have been told about the Pueblo Indians by romancing newspaper correspondents and magazine writers but this is the worst that has been perpetrated upon them.

Judge Abbott declares the Pueblo snake story to be an ancient absurdity repeated twenty years ago by Mrs. Wallace in her book on the Pueblo Indians and re published again and again by the sensational seeking eastern press, the snake being located differently at Zia and Acocoma.

Several years ago the story was given such credence that Judge Abbott was as ed to investigate the matter at Acocoma and of course found it to be absolutely without foundation. Since then the snake story has been localized at Zia
 Clinton J. Crandall, superintendent of the northern Pueblos and also of the United States Indian Industrial School in this city, says that the stories of human sacrifice to serpents among the Pueblo Indians crop up at frequent intervals and that generally tenderfeet are the victims of such stories, but not always, and the grand jury at Albuquerque several years ago investigated the story of a priest that the Pueblos at Zia sacrificed children to a huge serpent kept in the estufa. The grand jury found no evidence, of course, on which to base an indictment

Semual Eldodd, the merchant at Chamita, near San Juan, tells the story of a twelve foot serpent which workmen killed in recent years while building a house for Mr. Eldodd, but whether it was a serpent that had escaped from an estufa or not, Mr. Eldodd was unable to determine. There is not a doubt that a trace of a serpent worship is to be found to this day among the Pueblo Indians, but there is no evidence that any human beings were sacrificed to the serpents within the territory. Mr. Crandall has been in practically all of the estufas of the northern Pueblos and never found serpents in any of them.—New Mexican.


The Right View.

The fake reform movement and formation of alleged good government leagues is not finding favor to any great extent with the respectable and patriotic citizens of the Territory. Of course there will be a certain element to favor it. This element, like the celebrated coyote referred to by Delegate Andrews in a recent Washington interview will make a great deal of noise and will endeavor to make people all over the country believe that it "is it" when in reality it amounts to a very small proportion of the people of the Sunshine Territory. The Socorro Chieftain in a recent editorial treats this question fairly and pertinently, saying:

"There is much talk of political reform in New Mexico these days. There may be some instances in which reform movements are being organized in the Territory with a genuine purpose of improving political conditions. In other instances, however, the political record of the so-called reformers is enough of itself to convert any reform movement into a roaring farce. In still other instances the reformers to accomplish their purposes at once brand their pretensions as rank, brazen, selfish, hypocrisy. A movement for political reform is, unfortunately, almost always in place, but before such a movement can prove itself worthy of support it must show some semblance to the genuine article."—New Mexican.

Edward Gessert returned to Roswell Friday morning after a pleasant visit with his friends here.

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NEWS NOTES

E. C King went to Hagerman to look after his land near that place last Sunday.

Wilbur Kemp spent Sunday in Roswell visiting with Miss Bess May McClane.

J. B. Harper and family left Sunlay for Paris, Texas.

Joyce's delivery horses are not victims of the spring fever by any means. Every once in a while they stray from the path of duty and wander up and down the street all alone in their wild freedom.

11 acres near town, with water, 4 acres alfalfa, 3-room house for \$990. L. W. Martin 39tf

Mrs. A. L. Norfleet and children have returned from Sherman, Texas.

John McIlhany spent Sunday in Roswell visiting with friends.

Elmer Feenster left Tuesday morning for Kansas City, Mo., where he will remain for two weeks transacting business.

Six room house and three lots, good porches, good out building, set in trees and partly down in alfalfa, \$1400; \$500 cash. L. W. Martin 39tf

Cecil Clayton left Tuesday for Kenna, N. M. He will go on up the road in a few days and tin pans and bells will be in order when he returns.

Rev. Blalock has received his car of goods and is now engaged in unloading them.

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

Two carloads of beer and one of ice arrived Monday night. There doesn't seem to be any danger of Artesia people dying of thirst this summer.

160 acres of patented land, 9 miles west of Artesia for \$1600. 39tf L. W. Martin.



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What is the matter with putting on one or two more street sprinklers and running them all over town? The cost of such improvement would be small compared to the benefit derived from dustless streets.

Miss Ella Hyatt of the Advocate force was on the sick list last week. 160 acre relinquishment for \$160. 39tf L. W. Martin.

J. R. Blair made a business trip to Roswell the fore part of the week.

Mr. Wallingford is in Amarillo, Texas on business.

Miss Olive Noel is visiting with friends in Roswell.

Wm. Benson is looking after business interests in Lake Arthur this week.

\$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

Mrs. J. A. Orr, Miss Carrie, Dr. Charles Orr and Mr. Campbell left Tuesday morning for Mount Vernon, Mo., to remain indefinite.

Mr. Orr will follow in a few days. The Ors have made many friends during their short stay in Artesia who will regret to see them leave.

\$250c buys 3 lots and two houses close in, renting for \$30 per month. 39tf L. W. Martin.

Messrs. H. H. Burt and Harry Mull, of Artesia, are in the city in the interest of the Aetna Exploration Co., a mining company, and are understood to have interested quite a number of our citizens in the enterprise.—Record

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

We hope to see several of our citizens getting into training shortly for the fat man's race. That three legged race is a poser but we suppose that the committee knows its own business and will fetch it off according to program.

A meeting of the "anti saloon league" was held at the Christian church Tuesday night and it was decided to hold a mass meeting at the same place next Sunday night. See program elsewhere.

We are inviting nearly everyone from President Roosevelt down to Kaiser William to speak at the Alfalfa Festival. We do not expect all of them but we have an excellent bunch from which to select.

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