

Pecos Valley News.

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ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO FEBRUARY 7, 1907

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About the City

J. S. Major went to Roswell Saturday.

Blank deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, etc., at the News office, if H. T. Peck left Monday for Portales.

D. H. Winger left Tuesday for Booz, N. M.

C. R. Flook was on the sick list last week.

S. P. Henry was in Roswell Monday on business.

Wm. Idler went to Roswell on business Monday.

Dr. Norfleet transacted business in Roswell Wednesday.

Miss Turknott returned to Roswell Monday morning.

W. R. Estep was in Lake Arthur Monday of this week.

Chas Thomas made a business trip to Roswell last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy visited in Roswell Saturday.

J. S. Highsmith made a business trip to Roswell this week.

A. H. Hubbs and family left Saturday for Woodard, O. T.

E. N. Skarr went up the line as far as Hereford Sunday.

Joyce-Fruit have a fine display of rugs in their show window.

For a side—A fresh, young milk cow. For particulars see C. L. Heath. 22 tf

Judge Temple is in Roswell this week looking after some important legal matters.

Lee Turknott does hauling every day in the week except Sunday.

Attorney J. B. Atkeson went to Roswell Wednesday morning on professional business.

Our merchants are beginning to display assortments of garden seeds.

Mr. L. R. Sperry and wife have left for New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gra.

A party from Artesia took in the sights around Roswell Sunday reporting a grand time.

E. A. Clayton returned Saturday from Ft. Worth, Texas, where he has been for several days.

The ground hog saw his shadow and that very evening it turned cold.

Miss Noel, a Carlsbad teacher, visited Saturday and Sunday with Dr. R. M. Ross and family.

Jo Jacobson has gone to St. Louis to purchase goods for the Grand Leader.

The Christian church people contemplate making some important changes in the church property.

R. E. Davis went to Roswell Sunday to visit with friends a few days.

REMEMBER! It's the Artesia Machine Shop that does you the most satisfactory work in town. If A. T. Remer of the Aulme, Kan., Nursery, was in town Monday.

Bertha Cawley and Virgin Cannon entertained their young friends at the home of Mrs. Cannon's last Friday evening.

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

The fine weather of last week permitted the farmers to attend to their work and there were few idle people on our streets.

Mrs. Olin Ragsdale and her sister Miss Nash left last week for an extended visit to their old home in Nottingham, Eng.

Do you know the secret of business being good at the Artesia Machine Shop? Ask anyone that has his work done there. tf

W. T. Stevig from Pulaski, Iowa, is visiting W. H. Kinsinger and family east of town. Mr. Stevig is pleased with the Valley.

Horse shoeing is picking up at the Machine Shop, do you know why? They have a man there that understands his business. tf

A box supper was given at the Red School House last Friday night. An interesting program was rendered.

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

Artesia Club gave a "smoker" Friday night, W. P. Friemond was the guest of honor. The smoke lovers report and enjoyable time.

J. P. Dyer handles the famous Blue Ribbon School Shoe, "best on earth." You will never regret purchasing a pair of them. tf

Among the Roswell visitors Tuesday were: D. D. Temple, John R. Hodges and wife, W. E. Ragsdale and J. D. H. Reed.

If your horses hoofs have been ruined by being improperly shod take them to the Machine Shop—they will put them in shape and tell you how to keep them so. tf

Our lumber dealers report good business and when we look over the town and country it is surprising the amount of building that is going on.

Edward Gessert returned home Saturday night. Mr. Gessert went to Amarillo from Santa Fe and spent several days in the Panhandle.

D. M. Cogdell came in last week from Big Springs, where he has been working for some time. He will go to work on a well rig near Dayton.

The ladies of the Baptist church will serve dinner on Washingtons birthday, Feb. 22. Further announcement will be made next week.

E. S. Wigdale of Dayton was in town Monday morning. Mr. Wigdale is connected with the Dayton Echo. He says affairs are brightening up in that locality.

The Machine Shop men have been remodeling their Auto. They have a Catalac car and when completed will be as good a car as can be found in the Valley.

The Farmer's Land League have moved their offices across the street from where they were. They are now in the offices formerly occupied by J. R. Blair.

Record Sisters have sold their millinery store to Mrs. Jennie Prentiss and Miss Clara M. Crawford from Cedarvale, Kas. We wish the new firm success.

The Pecos Valley Immigration Co. has had 3000 twenty page catalogues, descriptive of Artesia and vicinity, published. This firm is doing their share of advertising the Valley.

94 EMPLOYEES IN LEGISLATURE

TO RECEIVE AVERAGE OF THREE DOLLARS A DAY

The selection of employes in the Thirty seventh Legislative Assembly has been made.

There will be ninety-four in the Assembly receiving an average of about three dollars a day.

This makes a total pay roll for the session of about \$17,000 or \$2,000 in excess of the appropriation of \$15,000.

Despite the statements to the contrary, there has been no wrangle over the selection of employes, but on the contrary much care has been exercised in their selection so that only the most competent have been given positions. These are facts and no attempt has been made by the party leaders to conceal them.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S BILL

The most important measure, the district attorney's bill introduced in the house by Mr. Beach and which passed that body by a vote of 17 to 7, will undoubtedly come up for a vote in the Council next week. The measure which has caused a storm of criticism in certain quarters, is a simple act having but one object—that of giving to the people additional home rule by the election of their public prosecutors instead of these officials by the Governor.

Mr. Beach in defending his bill both on the floor of the House and in private, said:

"I can offer no better explanation of the measure than it contains within itself."

He further added that the statements that it was a retaliatory measure by "Bursum's tools" to rob the Governor of appointive power, was not true. A preliminary caucus of the council today, indicates that the bill will pass that body by at least two-thirds vote. It was stated last night that if the bill was not brought up for two weeks longer, it would pass the Council by unanimous vote. Since the provisions of the bill have reached the taxpayers, members of both Houses have been snowed under with petitions, letters and telegrams from the constituents, instructing them to aid in the passage of the measure.—New Mexican.

"A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE."

On Friday night, February 15, the High School Dramatic Club will render the drama "A Soldier of Fortune," at the old Logan & Dyer building, proceeds to go to the High School Library.

Admission: 15 25 and 35 cents. Reserved seat tickets will be on sale next week at Fetherree & Robertson's drug Store.

PURCHASED A SITE

As we go to press we learn that the Artesia Ice and Light Co. have purchased a site for their building from Mr. Harry Hamilton. It is just south of the Joyce-Fruit store room and the consideration was \$500. As soon as the plans for the building come the work will begin.

ITS COLD IN KANSAS

Topeka, Feb. 2.—A sudden drop in the temperature last night which followed the sleet and thawing weather of the middle of the week has left Kansas roads in very bad condition. The thermometer has dropped to near zero and this has been the coldest day of the year.

Railroad traffic has been impeded by the ice on the tracks and country roads and city streets have been made nearly impassable.

PIANO FOR SALE

An upright piano in good condition. Will sell at your own price. See A. C. Keinath, Artesia. tf

W. A. WILSON REPORTS ON WELLS.

W. A. Wilson, district supervisor of artesian wells in the Pecos Valley, has completed his quarterly inspection and reports as follows: There are 509 wells in the district, 332 in Chaves county and 177 in Eddy county. There has been an encouraging increase in pressure of from 2 to 12 pounds per well in the past three months, differing according to locality. There has been a loss of pressure in only one or two cases, and these were because of leaks or other defects in the well.—Roswell Record.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE R. W. BLUE HELD AT PLEASANTON

Pleasanton, Kan., Feb. 1.—(Special.) The funeral of the late R. W. Blue was held in the Presbyterian church in this city at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The sermon was by Rev. W. S. Smalley of the third Presbyterian church of Kansas City, Mo. The church was crowded with friends of the deceased, many being present from neighboring towns and some from Columbus, Kan., and Bartlesville, I. T. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

At the request of the family the services were very simple, the members of the societies to which he belonged attending as individuals, except the members of Jewell post, G. A. R., who attended in a body.

The family, consisting of his wife, one son, John W., of Vinita, I. T., and daughter, Mrs. Wilmer Bennett of Concordia, Kan., and Mrs. Dale Graham of New Mexico, were present.

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Superintendent of Public Instruction Hiram Hadley together with the Territorial Board of Education are endeavoring to secure a passage of a bill that will remove the county superintendent from politics and make the office appointive. It is hoped that their efforts will meet with success.

BASE BALL BUSINESS

THE NEW GROUND. A LIST OF PLAYERS NEW AND OLD

SIXTY-FIVE "BUCKS" PER MONTH RAISED

That we are going to have a better team this year than last is now an assured fact. Last year Artesia had the best team in the Pecos Valley and at first thought it would seem unnecessary to improve on it but as far as we can learn all the other towns near here are putting forth their best efforts in base ball for this season. The team is still under the management of Mr. Burt who has decided to change the running of the team somewhat. In the first place we will have two regular pitchers and when in need of an extra man will not have to go running over the country to find some one that would do. This in itself is a great improvement over last year. Again \$65 per month has been raised to support the team in addition to what will be taken in at the gate. This was made necessary when an extra pitcher was hired.

The attendance will at least be double that of last year as the grand stand has been moved into town and can easily be reached by walking. The team of 1906 made arrangements with Mr. Jim Austin to put them up a grand stand for which they were to pay \$197. \$80 of this was paid last year leaving a remainder of \$117 due Mr. Austin. The team this year made a deal with Clayton and Highsmith whereby they sold the grandstand to them for \$197. It will be set up three blocks north of the First National Bank before the playing begins this season.

The team this year includes: Baker who held down first during last season; Graham, the best second baseman in the valley; Ben Easley, who played third last year; Albert Linell, out fielder; and Osburn the best pitcher in the valley excepting only Hesper of the Institute. The new men on the team are: Dunn of Memphis, Tenn., a noted eastern shortstop; Dr. Clark of Vicksburg; Greer, who played some last year; Beall, a good "all round" man, and Ora Mize. Mize will help Osburn in the box and any one who saw him last year knows what kind of a game he puts up.

Schwartz, who is attending school may not be able to play all the time but will serve as a utility man. He is the youngest man on the team and one of the best players. Tom Walling who put up a good game last year will go to Mexico shortly and therefore not be in the game this year.

While \$65 have been raised so far it will take about \$100 per month to run the team in addition to the gate receipts. Two pitchers and a catcher are to be on a salary.

Lake Arthur will soon have a bank. They also inform us that they have a square with trees upon it on which to erect a court house. Some sweet day Lake Arthur may have a court house yard for sale.

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A LOVELY ARGUMENT.

Count Commissioner A. C. Heard returned Saturday night from Denver. He reports a very interesting meeting of the National Live Stock Association, but the most intensely interesting portion of the trip was experienced on the way home. Mr. Heard was seated in the car and conversing with a Roswell man, on the absurdity of county division, while an Artesia man unknown to him was talking it all in.

Gayle Talbot entered the car and Mr. Heard spoke to him politely and offered him a seat. Talbot had no sooner settled himself than he commenced to roast him, Mr. Heard, personally for opposing county division, and then the unknown Artesia man broke in and related all Mr. Heard had said against division.

Then both the Artesia men commenced on him and finally rustled another and it seemed for a time that even Mr. Heard's size was not going to protect him and he says that had he not been extra on the bluff they would not have done a thing to him but what that was would have been plenty. He says that in the future he will quit talking county division on the train but has nothing to take back.—Carlsbad Current.

The editor of this paper was "the man unknown to him," and did not join in the discussion after Mr. Talbot commenced talking.

Mr. Talbot did not "roast" Heard personally neither did he say one disrespectful word to him. He condemned the actions of the Carlsbad people in general using argument that had Mr. Heard been as large as some of his most beefy cattle he would have still felt "small" when he remembered that he belonged to Carlsbad.

So far as Mr. Heard's being "extra on the bluff," he did not even attempt to refute the argument, but sat still and took it "like a little man."

If Mr. Heard was intimidated by Mr. Talbot, who will probably weigh 135 pounds, we would advise him to take his wife along when he goes from home.

The assessed valuation of Precinct No. 1, Carlsbad, for the year 1905 was \$1,028,230. For the year 1906, \$1,021,244. A loss of nearly \$7,000. The number of acres of land rendered for taxation in the above precinct for 1905 was 73,348, while for the year 1906 it was but 68,798 acres; a shortage of 4,550 acres with a decrease in valuation of \$362,64. Carlsbad paid taxes on \$43,250 less valuation in 1906 than in 1905, while during the same time the valuation in Artesia increased 389,555. And Artesia is but a "burst bubble."

The Argus comes to the rescue of Mr. Heard saying that the commissioner is all O. K. He may be, but if he is he will proceed to call down the editor of the Current for the far-fetched statements in last week's issue. Three

Artesia men were not present at the time of the interview. Mr. Talbot did not roast or abuse Mr. Heard, neither did he manifest any disposition to attack him. Mr. Heard did no "bluffing" whatever. If Mr. Heard is not responsible for those untrue statements, he should see that they are retracted.

While we endorse the message of Governor Hagerman as a whole, we earnestly protest against the abolition of the Bureau of Immigration. We believe it is accomplishing a good work and should be encouraged. 'Tis true the rates for printing seem high, but where the quality of the stock used and the character of the workmanship employed is considered the rate is not exorbitant. We are arranging to establish a "Bureau of Immigration" here in Artesia and feel confident that we will be benefited thereby.

Mullane says the rate of taxation for county purposes is \$1 87. We never were very strong in mathematics but we had a hunch that people here were paying \$2 32 county taxes. Suppose you get out your receipts and pencils and see whether the virtuous journalist who wields the two sticks is telling the truth about this matter. The Advocate complained last week on account of the indirectness of Mullane's preparation. We have no criticisms to make on that score now.—Advocate.

COL. (?) Chas. L. Ballard of Roswell had been to Santa Fe and while he did not dream dreams he is reported to have seen sights. The Record would have us believe that the usually conservative legislators thronged around the said Col. and in burdening themselves of their heretofore closely guarded secrets. As regards Artesia county, Col. Ballard got an insight that even the strongest members of the legislature does not appear to possess.

"And now the Artesia News proposes to cancel all the subscriptions of the Daily Record in Artesia and Hagerman. Having recently doubled our lists in that section of the Valley we are satisfied that the News is giving the Record some good advertising."—Roswell Record.

The Record sent one copy in exchange to the Advocate until the establishment of the News. They now send two copies to Artesia.

Councilman J. O. Cameron who so roundly abused the Republicans and the parties nominees last fall, now desires the aid of the Republican legislators against the interests of those who contributed to Republican success. The Carlsbad papers represent him as controlling the legislature. He is not the first man to think that he had the world by the tail.

The Carlsbad Current calls this Talbot county. Had we insisted, in the same issue he would have said that it is not Talbot county.

We favor the revision of New Mexico's laws, and advocate a liberal pruning process.

Query: What became of that 4550 acres of land at Carlsbad? Also the \$43,250 of assessable property?

When Capt. E. P. Bujac comes over with the \$100.00 to aid us in securing county rights, Artesia is ready to rise up and call him—sincere.

If Mr. Heard will send in his bill for shattered nerves we will see that a subscription paper is circulated in his behalf.

Our merchants are being solicited for printing to be done at Washington, D. C. This is along the order of the catalog business.

CARLSBAD has hopes of securing another railroad. Wonder how they would like for us to put in an oar and say they can not have it?

Considerable property has changed hands in Dayton our enterprising little neighbor on the south. The Daytonites have bright prospects.

Quite a number of bills have been introduced in the legislature but few have been passed. This shows careful deliberation on the part of our lawmakers.

The Dayton Echo has somewhat to say concerning a good road between that place and Artesia. Dayton will find Artesia ready to join hands with her on this project.

Although less than five months old, the News has incurred the displeasure of all the Valley papers except the Advocate and the Dayton Echo. However, "Lay on, McDuff," &c., &c.

Artesia has not secured county division but she has fastened a hook in the surplus of every Carlsbad chronic office seeker's pantaloons with which to hoist him high as Haman.

The 37th legislature is regarded as being far superior to any of the past. Some excellent measures are now under consideration and we have every reason to expect from them judicious legislation.

Supervisor Wilson assures us over the telephone that the wells in this vicinity shows substantially the same pressure that they did a year ago notwithstanding the fact that many new wells have been brought in within the last twelve months.

E. A. Clayton advises that we do considerable advertising the coming season. He says that the people north of us are interested and are eager to secure information concerning this country. A small expenditure along this line may bring us great results.

It would probably be well for our real estate dealers to hoodwink home-seekers when bringing them through Roswell. In case this is not thought advisable they might arrange with Mr. Hinkle to allow them to come through unhoodwinked by paying him so much per head.

Okahoma House.

Large rooms, Clean beds and Tables set with the best on the Market. RATES: \$1.25 to \$2.00. MRS. ANNA BULLIER, PROP.

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Mail and Passenger Line between Roswell, N. M., and Torrance, N. M., daily Sunday included, connecting with all trains on the Rock Island and Santa Fe Central.

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At The Churches

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

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

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

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—James A. Challenger, 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 Jun for 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.

OPPOSITE VIEWS ON THE WORK OF THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION.

There is evidently considerable difference of opinion upon the value of the Bureau of Immigration between the Governors of New Mexico since 1881 up to January 1906, and Governor Hagerman. Every one of the former Governors has expressed himself in approval of the work of the Bureau of Immigration done by various secretaries and by members of the Bureau during their administrations. Governor Hagerman thinks differently, and has said so in his message to the Assembly. Commenting upon the Governor's remarks, the Albuquerque Citizen comes to the rescue of the Bureau in an editorial discussing the question and gives its views, and these are held by a great many in and out of New Mexico, as follows:

"Governor Hagerman's recommendation for the abolishment of the Bureau of Immigration in his message to the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly is not well taken and will not be approved by the people of the Territory, especially those who know something of the good which the bureau has accomplished. It was organized something like twenty-five years ago and received the approval and commendation of every Governor of New Mexico from that time up to the present. The work of the bureau has also been highly commended by nine out of ten of the newspapers of the Territory Railroad managers general passenger agents, and other railroad officials, having much to do with immigration and having the advancement of the

Territory in view, because such advancement benefits their interests; and will also differ very materially from Governor Hagerman. The cost of the publications of the bureau, considering their literary merit, the proof-reading and other incidental expenses, and the cost of printing and publishing them, is small, compared with their value and the good this distribution has accomplished for the Sunshine Territory. Of course the Governor has a right to express his views upon the subject, but the Legislative Assembly also has the right as well as the duty to act as it deems best for the commonwealth regardless of the views of the executive."—New Mexican.

GOOD NEWS FOR HOMESTEAD SETTLERS.

Washington, Jan. 22.—President Roosevelt has approved the joint resolution authorizing the temporary leaves of absence of settlers from their homesteads.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Mrs. L. R. Arnold, (1); Larry S. Beets, 1; Miss Edna Callaway, 1; Jeff Davis, 2; J. R. Fox, 1; Carrol Hayworth, 1; Jessie Kisselburg, 1; Chas. Lieboe, 1; Chas. D. Lovelace, 1; Ben Millard, 1; Mrs. Tagamand, 1.

Anyone calling for the same will please say "advertised" and pay one cent for each letter.

Harry W. Hamilton, P. M.

It was Butler's men and machine that made the quickest well for the depth in the valley. Got em all skinned. tf

CONTEST NOTICE

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., Dec. 27, 1906. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John B. Easley, contestant, against homestead entry No. 8225, made June 25th, 1906, for the E 1-2 NW1-4 and E1-2 S V1-4 Section 21, Township 16 S. Range 26 E, by William W. Johnson, Contestee, in which it is alleged that the said William W. Johnson has never established his residence upon said tract and has never resided upon and cultivated same for more than six months prior to the date of said affidavit and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 25, 1907, before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, New Mexico, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 4, 1907 before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M., Mexico.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed January 21, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. Howard Leland, Register. David L. Geyer, Receiver, 24

HORSE SHOEING.

We will put on four new shoes for \$1.25. Shoes reset 75cts. tf Artesia Machine Shop.

Butler's wells wont choke up because he uses the best grade of wrought iron line pipe can and he set it on the spot where it should be set.

CAPTURES MURDERER

"DOSS" BOYLE WHO SAWED OUT OF JAIL, TAKEN IN MOUNTAINS NEAR ALAMOGORDO.

Alamogordo, N. M., Feb. 1.—"Doss" Boykin, the murderer who sawed his way out of the Roosevelt county jail at Portales two weeks ago, was captured yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Charles Adams, about fifty miles northwest of here. Boykin, who is considered a desperate man, after his escape made the statement that he was heavily armed and would shoot the first man who attempted to arrest him. He had been closely pursued by the sheriffs posse for several days. Adams located Boykin's camp, and, concealing himself, kept watch over the outlaw for hours, until he caught him away from his gun. The deputy leaped out from his hiding place, and covering Boykin with his Winchester, ordered him to surrender, which command was at once obeyed.

Boykin was convicted two years ago of the murder of his brother-in-law, Henry Stoltz. He was given 12 years in the penitentiary, and was being held in the Portales jail pending the result of an appeal to the supreme court. Boykin escaped a day or two before the supreme court decided that he had not perfected his appeal, and that his sentence must stand.

Sheriff Long, of Roosevelt county, offered a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of Boykin. Two prisoners escaped from the jail at the same time.

NO CONSOLATION OFFERED.

The members of the county division delegation, who spent several days in Santa Fe recently, paying respects to the members of the legislature, were sadly reminded of the experience of the Boston old maid who whimperingly complained to her escort that no body loved her "Oh, yes" consolingly replied the escort, "God loves you Miss Prue". However, even the above consolation was not accorded the Artesia delegation.

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J. E. Swepston, Clerk.

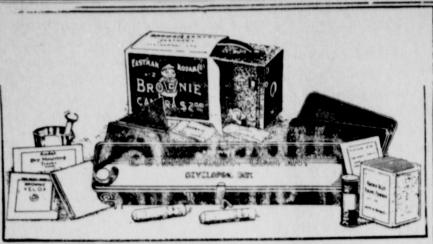
ARTESIA COLLEGE
Introductory term will commence Monday, Feb. 4th, 1907. Tuition rates, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00, according to class, payable in advance, or at any time during the term, or at close of term. Music \$4.00, payable monthly, Miss McIlhany, teacher.
For this term the school is simply a SELECT PRIVATE SCHOOL. Our regular college work will not commence till next fall.
Instruction thorough and practical. Discipline kind but firm.
Daily lessons in the Bible. All students will be required to take these lessons.
TO OUR FARMER FRIENDS. In payment of tuition we will receive, if you prefer it, alfalfa, hay Kafir corn, or other farm products that we can use.
Try us. See how you like the result of our teaching and training.
Elocution and Spanish free this term.
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Stock food for sale at the Artesia Milling Co.

THE STONE STABLE
Is the Best intown. The nicest rigs the fastest horses—gentle drivers suitable for ladies and children to drive. No bronks, or balky horses. Prompt service night or day. Nothing to good for the public. Give us a call. To treat you right is all we know.

SPECIAL HOSIERY SALE
We have purchased the stock of millinery goods and children and ladie's hosiery of Record Sisters. We desire to close out the hosiers, which we offer at cost during the special sale commencing
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.
An attractive line of spring millinery will be on hand in due season.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior,
United States Land Office,
Roswell, N. M., Dec. 11, 1906.
A protest having been filed in this office by the Territory of New Mexico, against Forest Lieu Selection No. 812, made September 5, 1899, for the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 12, T. 16 S., R. 28 E., by C. B. Willingham, selector defendant, in which it is alleged that said land is saline in character; said parties are hereby notified to appear and offer evidence touching said allegation, to determine whether at and prior to September 5, 1899, the tract of land described was known to be saline land and therefore excepted from appropriation under the Act of June 4, 1897, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico, at 10 o'clock a. m. February 14, 1907.

The said contestant having in proper affidavit, filed December 31st, 1906, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

Howard Leland, Register.
David D. Geyer, Receiver.

CONTEST NOTICE
Department of the Interior,
United States Land Office,
Roswell, N. M., Dec. 21, 1906.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Ezekiel N. Reeves of Hope, N. M., contestant, against Homeestead entry No. 7389, made March 26, 1906, for SW 1/4 Section 27, Township 17 S., Range 23 E. by Lorin Randall, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said Lorin Randall has never established his residence upon said tract, but has wholly abandoned same, and has never resided upon and cultivated same, and that said alleged absence was not due to entrainment employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 23, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed January 14, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

Signed, Howard Leland, Register.
David L. Geyer, Receiver

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
DESERT LAND—FINAL PROOF
United States Land Office,
Roswell, N. M.,
Dec. 22, 1906.
Notice is hereby given that Frank Wickett, of Hope, N. M., has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert claim No. 1132, for the S 1/4 of the NE 1/4, of Sec. 5, T. 18 S., R. 23 E., before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, N. M., on Friday the 8th day of February, 1907.

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

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

2-5-07 Howard Leland, Register.

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EDDY COUNTY TAXES

LOSSES IN THE SOUTH PART OF THE COUNTY, GAIN IN THE NORTH

Following is a comparison of the assessed values of the precincts composing Eddy county as taken from the auditors book at Santa Fe.

Pre.	1905	1906
No. 1, Carlsbad,	\$1,078,230.	\$1,041,244
No. 2, Malaga,	68,415.	75,390
No. 3, Hope,	66,000.	85,260
No. 4, Lakewood,	174,080.	230,340
No. 5, Monument,	234,030.	224,855
No. 6, Artesia,	300,540.	390,095
No. 7, Dayton,	46,265.	137,420

The above needs little explanation. In one year the assessed valuation of Precinct No. 1, Carlsbad, decreased nearly \$7,000, notwithstanding the fact that the report shows an increase in the value of improvements, horses and mules, cattle and sheep.

During the same time Precinct No. 6 shows an increase of nearly \$90,000, and Dayton an increase of over \$91,000.

In 1905 Carlsbad returned 73,348 acres of land subject to taxation, while in 1906 only 68,798 could be accounted for, a shrinkage of 4,550 acres. The valuation of the land in that precinct for 1905 was \$244,447 while in 1906 it was but \$208,183, a decrease of \$36,264. Of course the loss of the land accounts for the decrease in valuation. Somewhere near Carlsbad must be a large hole in the ground several sections in extent.

Every precinct shows an increase in valuation except Carlsbad and Monument and the valuation in cattle accounts for the decrease at Monument.

The remains of the "burstled bubble" (Artesia) have increased nearly \$90,000 within a year, but the amount of that 4,550 acres of land which "silently passed away" has caused Carlsbad to shrink in valuation about \$43,000.

The above stats set together with others, were taken from the record at Santa Fe by Ed ard Gessert.

EDITORIAL

REPRESENTATIVE JAMES MULLENS "SQUARE DEALER"

"A representative of the New Mexican talked to Representative James W. Mullens, of the district composed of the counties of Chaves, Eddy, Roosevelt and Lincoln today concerning the proposition to create the county of Artesia. Mr. Mullens said in reply that he was nominated for the district, but being a resident of Chaves county feels it incumbent to stand with and by his home people. He has carefully viewed the situation and has found that the great majority of the people of Chaves county do not favor the making of Artesia county at this time. Numerous letters and petitions have also been received by him from residents of Eddy and he finds that the same public sentiment exists there.

He has declined at the request of the Artesia delegation to introduce the bill prepared by that delegation for the creation of Artesia county, because he believes that the vast majority of his constituents and the residents of the Pecos Valley do not favor the project. Being a member of but a small minority, and his section also being very prosperous, he has not much to ask of the present assembly."—Santa Fe New Mexican.

The above is no surprise to the

editor of the News, notwithstanding the fact that we had been assured that Mullens was faithfully ours. We have been informed that Mullens said he would favor county division and that he was nominated and elected with that in view. Attorney Johnson of Roswell assured us that Mullens was for us, and as that statement together with a little more taffy cost the citizens of Artesia a good round sum, we supposed it to be true. Before leaving Santa Fe the writer told Mr. Johnson that Mullens had gone over to the enemy, which Johnson vigorously denied with sundry cuss words and entreated that we still repose faith in Mullens the "square-dealer."

Mullens says he declined to present the bill for county division because the people of Chaves and Eddy counties did not want county division. Johnson informed us (and the information should be correct as we paid well for it) that Mullens thought best to wait a few days before introducing the bill as the time was not opportune. He said that the Democrats, in caucus assembled, after mature deliberation so decided. The writer did not talk with Mullens on the subject but thinks one of the committee did.

Mr. Mullens claims that he is opposed to county division because Roswell and Carlsbad does not wish to part with us. The same argument was used by Pharo of old, and by England when the United States wished freedom. The gamblers of the Territory are using substantially the same argument today.

The people residing within the proposed county limits want county division and many without this territory are willing that we should have it. The people of Artesia are determined to secure county rights and will keep eternally at it until the desired results are obtained. In future we will show the quality of "square dealers" who bob up for office, except our votes and our favors and then work against our interests.

Col. Max Frost and H. O. Burson are earnestly entreated not to recall to memory the course of Carlsbad and Roswell during the campaign of last October. They should remember nothing except how liberally the press of both towns supported the Andrews element.

While Carlsbad was showering bouquets upon Roswell because of the county division "bond of sympathy," Roswell had a representative at El Paso trying to steal away Carlsbad's cherished railroad prospect. They love each other dearly—but along county division lines only.

The poll tax collector came around last week. Our years piled up quite suddenly but we were informed that there was no age limit and had to dig up the dollar. Editor Whelan wanted to trade eight months subscription to the collector but having done nothing else for the benefit of the schools, he too, had to disgorge.

"The Daily Record prints more actual news than any other paper in New Mexico, with the exception of the Albuquerque paper."—Roswell Record.

Ben Franklin didn't say it, but we will wager if he were here and understood the situation, he would think it better to print less than to print so much that isn't true.

The BATH COMEDY

By Agnes and Egerton Castle,
Authors of "THE PRIDE OF JENNICO."

Baronet straightway fell into an opportunistly adjacent chair and there remained—his legs extended with compass stiffness, his eyes starting with truly loving bewilderment—staring at the tiny visage, the plump little figure that now emerged from the ingle nook.

"Mercy on us!" rippled the lady. "I protest, 'tis the drollest scene. Oh, Mr. Jasper, Mr. Jasper, see what jealousy may bring a man to!"

"Hush, it's neither head nor tail I can make of the game," said O'Hara, "but sure it's like an angel choir to hear you sing again, me darling."

The gullest gentleman approached his mistress as he spoke and prepared to embrace her waist, but with a sudden sharpness she whisked herself from his touch.

"Fray, sir," she said, "remember how we stand to each other. If I laugh it's with relief to know myself safe."

"Safe?" he echoed, with sudden wrath misgiving.

"Ay," said she, and spoke more tartly for the remorseful smiting of her own heart as she marked the change in his face. "You would seem to forget, sir, that you have carried me off by violence—staffordianly seized me with your blood ruffians." Her voice grew ever shriller as certain rumors which her expectant ears had already caught approaching now grew quite unmistakable without, and hasty steps rounded in the passage.

"Oh, Mr. O'Hara, you have cruelly used me!" cried the lady. "Oh, Sir Jasper, oh, Mr. Stafford, from what a fate has your most unexpected presence here tonight thus opportunely saved me!"

At this point she looked up and gave a scream of most intense astonishment, for there, in the doorway, stood my Lord Verney, and over his shoulder, peering the white face of Captain Spicer all puckered up with curiosity.

CHAPTER XXII.

O'HARA drew himself up. He had grown all at once exceedingly still.

Mr. Stafford gradually recovering from his paroxysms, had begun to bestow some intelligent interest upon the scene. There was a mist of doubt in his eyes as he gazed from the victimized but very lively lady to her crestfallen "violent abductor," and then to the gloomy countenance of the newcomer on the threshold. There seemed to be, it struck him, a prodigious deliberation in Mistress Kitty's cry and start of surprise.

"What is my pretty Dennis up to now? Well, poor Irish Dennis with all his wits is no match for her anyhow, and, faith, she knows it," thought he. Aloud he said, with great placidity, "Fie, fie; this is shocking to hear!" and sat, the good humored chorus to the comedy, on the edge of the table, waiting for the development of the next scene.

Sir Jasper, wiping a beaded brow and still staring, as if by the sheer fixing of his bloodshot eye he could turn these disappointing puppets into the proper objects of his vengeance, was quite unable to follow any current but the muddy whirl of his own thoughts.

Lord Verney alone it was, therefore, who rose at all to Mistress Kitty's situation.

"Are you the seconded, then," said he, marching upon O'Hara, "who dared to lay hands upon an unprotected lady in the very streets of Bath?"

"Moustrous!" remarked Captain Spicer behind him. Then joggng his patron's elbow, "Twas well spoke, Verney, man. At him again; there's blood in this."

Mr. O'Hara looked steadily at Lord Verney, glancing contemptuously at Captain Spicer, and then with long, full searching at the beguiling widow.

"She thought to scent danger to herself in the air; and I have given her a smack unobtrusively upon the sharpest weapon in her armory."

"Perhaps," she said, with an angry, scornful laugh, "Mr. O'Hara will now think that he has done so very bravely, my chairman in the dark, threw me, screaming with terror, into his carriage, and that his intention was avowedly to wed me by force in London tomorrow."

All eyes were fixed on the Irishman, and silence waited upon his reply. He had grown so pale that his red head seemed to flame by contrast. He made no bow.

"No, Kitty," said he in a very gentle voice, "I deny nothing. Then sweep the company with a haughty glance, 'This lady,' said he, 'has spoken truth:

as for me, I am ready to meet the consequences of my conduct."

His eyes finally rested once more on Lord Verney. The latter grew white and then scarlet, while Spicer whispered and again joined.

"Of course," blustered the younger, and wished that he had the curious digestion of his contemporaries, that his stomach did not so unmercifully rebel at the prospect of a dose of steel!

"Of course, sir, you must be aware—" "It shall be swords," interrupted the irrepressible Spicer, "and, sir, what my noble friends will have left of your body I will myself make mine of to-night! Ay, sir," said the captain, a tumbled at his own valor, slapping his bony chest and beginning to squint as he was wont under excitement, "I will fight you myself, sir!"

"Fight you?" exclaimed O'Hara, suddenly stung into magnificent contempt. "Fight you, sir"—he ran a withering eye over the grasshopper anatomy of the tacitly as he spoke—"you, sir, you, the writer of that dirty note this morning, bidding me apologize—apologize!"

cried Dennis, with his most luscious brogue—"to the man, Sir Jasper, there, for being insulted by you on the subject of your miserable manly head—fight you, sir? Sure, rather than fight you," said Mr. O'Hara, searching for the most emphatic asseveration conceivable.

"I'd never fight again for the rest of my life! But I'll tell you what I do for you. Next time you thrust that ugly face of yours within the reach of my arm I'll pull your nose till it's as long as your tongue and as slender as your ear!"

"Oh, what a low scoundrel!" murmured Captain Spicer, withdrawing quickly several paces and with an i-tified cast in his eye. "His position unfit for a gentleman to speak to him."

"Now, my lord," said O'Hara, resuming his easy dignity.

But that her comedy should drift into tragedy was none of Mistress Kitty's intentions. Thinking stepping between the laboriously pugacious Verney and the poor Irishman, whose eye for all his present composure shone with the lust of the fray, she thus addressed them collectively and in turn:

"Shame, shame, gentlemen! I protest! Is it not enough that a poor woman's heart should be set a-duttering by overmuch love? Must it now go pliant again for overmuch hate? My Lord Verney, think of your mother—think of her of whose declining years you are the sole prop and joy. Recall to mind those principles of high morality, of noble Christian duty, which that paragon of women so sedulously inculcated in you!" Her voice quivered on the faintest note of mockery.

"Oh, what would that worthy lady's feelings be were you to be brought home to her—by force? What, what indeed, would your feelings be if by some accident"—here she shot involuntarily what was almost the suspicion of a wink in the direction of O'Hara—"you had to answer for the life of a fellow creature before to-morrow's dawn? Why, you could never open your Bible again without feeling in your bosom the throbbing heart of a Cain!" She stopped to draw breath.

Mr. Stafford, one delighted grin, said the whole length of the table on which he sat with dangling legs to get a fuller view of the saucy pair, "Incomparable Bellairs," he murmured to himself with keen appreciation, and "So, ho, my noble friend," thought he as he shot a glance at the solemn Verney, "now do I know what has closed to you forever the gates of paradise."

"And you, Mr. O'Hara," resumed the lady, turning her eye, full of indefinable and entrancing subtleties, upon the honest gentleman, "would you have me forgive you this night's work? Do not, then—do not force this impetuous young man to an unnecessary quarrel. Allow him to withdraw his challenge. Do that in moment, sir."

Verney said she, with much severity of accent, but her eye said sweetly enough, "Do that for me," and gave further promise of unutterable reward.

"Madam," said O'Hara, glancing away as if the sight of her beauty were now more pain than pleasure to him, "I am entirely at your orders. I understand," and here, for all his chivalrousness, he could not refrain him from a point of satire—"I understand, madam, that you have given him the right to expose your quarrels."

"Most certainly," said the crimson Verney, who had been monstrously uneasy during his lady's sermon, not only because every word of it hit some tender point of his abnormally developed

conscience, but also because of an incredible sensation that he was being held up to ridicule, "most certainly, sir, it is as Mistress Bellairs' future husband that I had it incumbent, that I find myself forced, reluctantly; no, I mean"—here he floundered and looked round for Spicer, who, however, was ostentatiously turning his back upon the proceedings and gazing at the moon. "In fact," resumed the poor youth, falling back on his own unaided wits, "I have no alternative but to demand satisfaction for an outrage against the future Lady Verney."

"Mercy on us!" cried Mistress Kitty, with a shrill, indignant little scream. "Oh, fie, my lord, who would have deemed you so bloodthirsty? Before heaven," she cried gloomily, glancing at the raftered ceiling, "before heaven, it would be the death of me were there to be quarrelling, strife, contention for me—for me! Who am I? she said, with the most angelic humility, "that two such gallant gentlemen should stake their lives for me? Rather," said she, "will I give you back your word, my lord. Indeed," this with a noble air of sacrifice, "I feel Providence has but too clearly shown me my duty. Hush, hush, Verney, bethink yourself. How could I ever face your mother (were you indeed to survive the encounter) with the knowledge that I had exposed you to danger; that for me you had loaded your soul with blood guiltiness?"

She shuddered and looked delicious. "Child," said she meltingly, as Lord Verney faintly protested, "it must be so. I have felt it more than once; you are too young." There was a conviction in her voice that gave no hope of reprieve, and Lord Verney, who had already found out that Mistress Bellairs was too dangerous a delight to pursue with contempt, accepted his sentence with a Christian resignation that did justice to his mother's training.

"All all must now be over between us," said Kitty placidly, "have a gentle friendship! Your hand, my lord."

She reached for his clumsy paw with her determined little fingers.

"Mr. O'Hara," said she, turning round, "I forgive you. Your hand also, sir."

If the clasp she extended to Verney was purely official, that with which she now seized O'Hara's cold right hand was eloquent enough with quick and secret pressure. But for the first time in his life, perhaps, O'Hara was slow in returning a woman's token.

"Shake hands," ordered Mistress Bellairs decisively, and joined the Belairs's palms.

Here Stafford sprang joyfully to the assistance of the pretty peacemaker.

"Right, right," cried he, "shake hands on it like good fellows. 'Fie! Who could keep up a feud under those beaming eyes? Never be downcast, Verney, lad! What did I tell thee, only yesterday, in the pump room, about thy halo? Dennis, my boy, I've always loved thee, but now I'll love thee more than ever if only thou wilt mix us a bowl of punch in right good Irish fashion so that in it we may drown all enmity and drink good friendship—and above all toast the divine Kitty Bellairs's palms."

"Hurrah!" cried O'Hara, and with a valiant gasp determined to swallow

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