

# Pecos Valley News.

A Newspaper for the Homeseekers and the Homebuilders of the Middle Valley

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## R. R. COMPANY FINED

The "P" Vine Railway Paid About \$8,000 for Failure to Deliver Mail--Trains Were Annulled 21 Times.

The postoffice department has recently laid down a small section of the postal laws and regulations to the Eastern railway of New Mexico which has cost that company about \$8,000 to learn.

The difficulty arose over the failure of the railroad company to deliver the mail south of Roswell as per contract. The company being short of equipment, would under the mail car, or perhaps the entire train, set out at Roswell and returned, the next trip, to the north. This meant that passengers, baggage and mail for every station south of Roswell would be compelled to wait in the last named town until the next day, usually twenty-four hours later.

The matter was finally reported to the proper authorities and an investigation showed that this had occurred twenty one times during the past year the penalty for which is having their pay for the trip forfeited.

It is a matter which is of material importance to the citizens in every town south of Roswell and one which insures better service for this end of the line.

It may be suggested there are numerous other matters which could be greatly improved in the way of train service if taken in the proper manner and with the proper authorities.—Argus.

### For Sale.

Kaffir corn and the fodder at \$7.00 per ton. The kaffir corn heads alone will make over two and half tons per acre. See John S. Major.

### Transfer Line.

Am prepared to do all kinds of hauling. When in need of such work, phone No. 24. When not busy, I will be found in front of Brainard Hardware Company. T. T. Kuykendall.

## THE RAG PARTY.

Merrymaking at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Friday Evening--Miss Jones Awarded Prize.

A rag party was given Friday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas to a number of young ladies who according to their own report hailed from various parts of this mundane sphere.

From all reports the gathering was characterized by the shabbiness of those present and those attires became more ragged as the evening advanced. It was a jolly gathering and the young people present certainly enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

Light refreshments were served and music and various games were the order of the evening. Each one was required to make a quilt block and recite a selection.

The prize for the raggedest attire was awarded to Miss Jones, was presented with a handsome pillow cover.

Following are the names and addresses of those present together with the titles of their recitations:

Blanche Jones, from Forest of Arden. "Run Like a Turkey."  
Clara Williamson, from Pumpkin Ridge Holler. Solo. "Little Bo Peep."  
Allie Clayton, School Marm from Hope. "Grandpas Sugar Lump."  
Maud Olden, from Land of Deer. "Pancakes."  
Mrs. Annie Pitts, from Kalamazoo. "Papas Little Posey."  
Bernice Temple, from Pekin. "She Loves Her Teacher."  
Mary Heath, from Monument Corner. "Marys Little Lamb."  
Sarah Owen, Health Spot. "Her Bran New Dress."  
Lillian Major, Fossum Trot. "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck."  
Ora Heath, from Jack county. "Nothing from Nothing Leaves Me."  
Vera Heath, Pokeville. "Just a Smile Only."  
Jeanette Williamson, from Wise

## HOLD BRIDGE MEETING

Citizens of Dayton Meet and Talk Bridge Choice of Location Left to the County Commissioners.

A well attended meeting was held at Dayton last Saturday night at which the subject of a bridge across the Pecosco river was thoroughly discussed. Commissioner Turknett was present and expressed himself as being in favor of the bridge.

There was a difference of opinion as to where the bridge should be constructed, some favoring the crossing on the direct road from Artesia to Dayton just east of the Marable farm and others desiring that it be placed one mile further west. It was finally decided to leave the location to the judgment of the board of county commissioners.

Commissioner Turknett favors the eastern location and the people of Artesia favor this point so if there is not a strong demand for the other location by parties in and around Dayton, the bridge will be placed at this point.

Dayton needs this bridge and we should be pleased to see them have it. It is true that it will cost some money but the Dayton people are helping to pay for bridges in other localities from which they receive but little benefit. They are certainly entitled to favorable consideration in this matter.

county. "Naught."  
Cora Rice, the baby sister, Pecos City. "Solo. "I'll Never marry an old man cause I'm engaged to a young one."  
Blanche Olden. Turkey Holler. "I'm just an old maid."  
Jocie and Ada Clark, Way down in Alabama, audience.  
Esther Mendenhall, Buckeye State, audience.  
Jewell Logsdon, Hankins Crossroads. "Thot Ide die, but I didn't."  
Vivian Newkirk, Portville, audience.  
Blanche Parker, Hoosierdom. "I'm too busy girls."  
Cleta Parker, Hoosierdom. At a late hour all left for home on "The Old Family Coach."

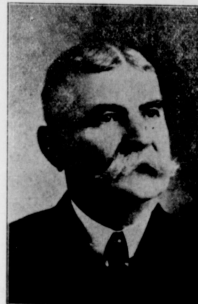
## MERESSA THOMPSON

The Second of the Lyceum Course to be Here Next Thursday Evening.

Meressa Thompson, a charming young lady and whose reputation as a monologist is well known, will appear at the Presbyterian church next Thursday evening, December 5, in her original monologue adapted from "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," as the second number on the Lyceum course under the auspices of the Artesia Club.

Press reports are unanimous in their praise of Miss Thompson, and a rare treat is in store for those who will be so fortunate as to hear her.

Those holding season tickets will retain the reserved seats they held for the Reno exhibition, while those who have not season tickets may secure reserved seats at the Pecos Valley Drug Co., for fifty cents each.



Delegate W. H. Andrews

Who is leading the fight for statehood for New Mexico

## ROYAL ARCH FOR ARTESIA

Chapter No. 12, Royal Arch Masons Was Organized Here Last Saturday Night With Fifteen Charter Members.

Robert Kelahin, E. A. Cahoon, and J. A. Hinkle of Roswell, and J. I. Hinkle, of Hagerman came down in an automobile and instituted the chapter. E. A. Cahoon acting as Deputy Grand High Priest.

High Priest, Harry W. Hamilton.

King, John P. Dyer.

Scribe, Jack Porter.

Capt. of the Host, Wm. Idler.

Principal Sojourner, Henry Nimitz.

Treasurer, J. S. Highsmith.

Secretary, E. E. McNatt.

Sentinel, John Hodges.

The visitors expressed pleasure at the entertainment accorded them and the chapter starts off under encouraging circumstances.

## Methodist Church

Sunday services.

At 10:30 a. m. Evangelist Rev. Abe Mulkey will preach to men only. Boys under twelve years of age are not wanted.

At 3 p. m. he will preach to ladies only.

The last service of the revival now in progress will be conducted at 7 p. m. Subject "The Last Call of Mercy."

W. V. Teer, Pastor.

## Why Not "The Tenderfoot?"

Artesia has a good lecture course here this winter but an old star is again arising in the Pecos Valley and an effort should be made to use this home talent in Artesia this season. Will Robinson is to lecture in various places and would no doubt be willing to give Artesia an oratorical treat some time in the future. The directors of the Commercial club or the committee which has jurisdiction over the lecture course should take this matter up with the Tenderfoot and try and add his name to our list.

Do you like fine candy? Well just try the fine lot just opened up at the Pecos Valley Drug Co.

## ARTESIA CLUB SMOKER

Smoker Will be Held in Charge of the Real Estate Men--Sanitarium Will Also be Discussed.

Secretary Keinath of the Artesia Commercial Club has called a meeting for tonight which will also be the occasion for a smoker. At the last meeting held by the Club Mr. Dooley, Secretary of the Farmers Land League, was to speak on the real estate men, but being unprepared suggested that an extra meeting be used for this subject. The suggestion was thought to be a good one and this meeting tonight will deal mainly with this topic.

Among other business the Sanitarium will be taken up. Dr. Jones, of Chicago, and a patient of his, Cole by name, was in the city last week looking for a location for a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis and seemed well pleased with the advantages Artesia had to offer. They ask for 40 acres of land northwest of town, and if investigation proves that they are thoroughly reliable there will probably be no trouble in getting it for them.

The speakers tonight will be Wm. Dooley, Jas. D. Whelan and Gayle Talbot.

## The Mothers' Club

The Mother's Club will meet at the school house next Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p. m.

It is urged that every one who is interested in our public school be present and take part in the discussions.

The following program will be rendered:

Music, Eloise Wagner and Ruth Brainard.

Physical Culture in the Grades from a Mother's View.—Mrs. Lesley.

Needs of the Artesia Public School.—Prof. C. M. Botts.

The Backward Child.—Mrs. C. L. Heath.

Question Box.

Miss Beulah Muncy of Roswell visited relatives here last week.

## The Best Advertising

Ever put out for The Middle Valley will be in the 1907 Christmas Number of the Pecos Valley News. Place your order now

## Our Job Department

Has always been the best equipped in this section. Last week we received a large shipment of new material, which included the Type used in this ad in six sizes. Let us use it on your Christmas Printing.

## Our Circulation

Is growing fast. We now send more papers in and around Artesia, than any other newspaper in the Middle Valley.

## Pecos Valley News

Telephone No. 137

# PECOS VALLEY NEWS

Entered at the Post-office Artesia, N. M. as Second Class matter, Oct. 7, 1906

D. L. NEWKIRK, Proprietor.  
J. F. NEWKIRK, Editor.

\$1.50 A YEAR

FARMERS and people living in the smaller towns, should think well before sending an order to any of the great catalogue houses in the cities who are flooding the country with their advertising matter. The mail order business has not the hold in the Pecos Valley that it has in some other communities, mainly because of the high freight rates, which in the end make the cheap article bought from a distance as high as a good one purchased at home with the privilege of examining before buying. Still, where there is any at all it is a bad thing for the country and where the people must stick together as they do in a new country, there should be no buying away from home at all. Supposing that the goods purchased from one of these houses are well made and contain the same material as those sold you by the home merchant—which by the way they do not—did you ever stop to consider what would become of your farm or city property should the mail order people succeed in driving your home merchants out of business and ruin the town? Isn't land near a town of any size worth more than if it were farther away? If there was no towns between Roswell and Carlsbad, what would land in the Middle Valley be worth? Every time you send a nickel out of your community you hit the town near which or in which you live and depreciate the value of your property. As a town grows, so does the value of the land in or near it and a town can never grow if the people of that neighborhood send away for their goods or buy of a "traveling agent." Leaving out the building up of the country, you do not get as much for the money from a catalogue house as you do at home. If you pay cheap for an article, you get a cheap article. As an evidence of this, the big catalogue people took groceries off their list when the pure food laws went into effect, but your home merchant is still selling groceries and you haven't heard of any of them being prosecuted for violating the law have you? Aside from the grocery line, if you want cheap goods, your home man will send and get them for you, and you will probably get more service out them than the ones you buy of a mail order house. And last but not least the home man deserves your patronage. How would you

like to get up some fine morning and start to Kansas City to sell a dozen of eggs, or a pound of butter? And do you think Sears-Robuck would give you a higher price the merchants in your home town, when you got there? Think these things over, and when you are doing your Christmas shopping, buy at home.

THAT jovial old gentleman, Col. Mullane, and his publication, the Current, celebrated their sixteenth birthday last week, the Current being sixteen years old and the Col. being that old in the Current office. We would like to say that Mr. Mullane was running the best paper in Carlsbad but we said that a week or two ago about the Argus and can not repeat to close together. One thing is sure however, and that is that the Current is the best democratic weekly in eastern New Mexico, and while the editor of the Current and the editor of the News do not "gee" together, we have a wholesome respect for the former's stylus and are willing to let it go at that.

"If people want to see taxes high just let them divide the county and double the expense of running, and then they will have cause to kick." —Carlsbad Current.

Right you are, brother. And if Carlsbad does not retrench, Eddy county will go broke within two years after the creation of Artesia county. Your expenses will be more than double what they are at present when you have taxes to pay.

"Now, I don't want to hear of any more charges against Major Llewellyn" said President Roosevelt after an examination into the official career of the Llewellyns, both of whom were fully exonerated. The attempt to injure these gentlemen emanated from the same source as did that directed against Mr. Bursam and likewise ended in a miserable fizzle. Try again Mac.

On another page of this week's paper will be found an article clipped from the West Texas Journal, and stolen by them from the Chicago Drivers Journal, on the growing of alfalfa on alkali land. Probably some of our readers will wonder why we publish this, as it can be of no interest to the people of the middle valley, but we do it so that all our people may rejoice with the citizens of Carlsbad.

If the railroad company could be induced to place a drainage way under the track at the east end of Main street it would result in the water running off more rapidly and at the same time remove the cause of the mud holes in the vicinity of the track. A formal

request of the company from the city council would no doubt have the desired effect.

"A man with an overcoat was on our street Monday," reports a territorial exchange. The only question now before the house is how did uncle keep the moths out?" —El Paso Herald.

THE NEWS is the above mentioned territorial exchange. "Uncle" kept the coat in cold storage, of course.

E. A. PRIEST & SON have purchased the Portales Herald and announce that they will run a strictly local paper. Portales has one good paper, the Times and heretofore the Herald has been a sort of a second fiddle, but there is room in the town for two good papers and we hope to see business picking up in that direction very soon.

CARLSBAD commissioners let the Carlsbad jail contract to Carlsbad contractors for \$11,480. The participating action of the rest of the county will consist in footing the bill. "When completed, it will be neat and attractive (to criminals) and a credit to Carlsbad."

"Artesia, N. M., comes forward with an 82 pound pumpkin. Anybody want to take up this challenge?" —El Paso Herald.

And that one of the small ones too, the larger ones being kept on the farm for home use.

WILL ROBINSON appears to be the only Pecos Valley editor to discover the absence of "In God We Trust" from the new gold coins. The rest of us will have to take Will's word for it.

THE PORTALES HERALD speaks about Bryan as the "pearless" statesman. We don't know about the pears but Bryan seems to be holding down the job of plumless statesman alright.

NOTHING shows the weather conditions in the Pecos Valley so well as the advertisements of the Portales drug stores. Cold drinks are still in season.

THE financial flurry never touched us. We are willing to admit that it is rather hard on our creditors but such is life to those who trust.

Don't kick about your taxes, it might have been worse.

**Notice.**  
To the purchasers of Homeseekers Excursion Tickets. Notice is hereby given that it is unlawful to use or attempt to use Homeseekers Excursion Tickets by any other person than the original purchaser thereof and that buying, telling and dealing in such tickets has been held by the District Courts of Eddy, Chaves and Roosevelt counties, New Mexico, to be unlawful and that all violations of this law in respect to buying, selling and dealing in said tickets will be vigorously prosecuted.

Notice is further given that it is a violation of the law for any person to attempt to use a free pass issued to any other person, punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$2,000 and that any violation of such law will be vigorously prosecuted.

D. L. Meyers,  
General Passenger Agent, The Eastern Railway Co. of New Mex.

Make us the right selling price. We will do the rest Farmers Land League.

# Stark Trees

For 81 years have maintained their record—HIGHEST QUALITY, LOWEST PRICE. We offer the only GENUINE STOCK of the superb new fruits KING DAVID, DELICIOUS, BLACK BEN, CHAMPION and SENATOR Apples, BANNER, SUNRISE Grapes, GOLD Plum, FAME Pear, etc. Finest stock in the U. S. of leading commercial sorts. WE PAY CASH WEEKLY and want more Salesmen. Price list, Etc., FREE.

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## HAVE AN ARTEISAN WELL?

If you are contemplating improving your land have SPERRY & LKUINS drill you a well so as to get some sood of it this fall. Their prices are the lowest of any in the Valley.

# Roswell Automobile Co.

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. Leave Roswell at 1 p. m. Leave Torrance on the arrival of the El Paso train due at 2 a. m. Running time between the two points, 5 hours. Meals furnished at Camp Needmore free of charge. Saving passengers for El Paso and Santa Fe and towns in the western part of the territory 24 to 42 hours.

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and at the most reasonable Prices



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One Block South of Gibson Hotel

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PHONE NO. 88

## CLOSING OUT NEW LINE OF GROCERIES DRY GOODS

We are closing out our entire stock of groceries and will put in a complete line of UP-TO-DATE DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, HATS, CAPS, SHOES and FURNISHING GOODS.

We wish to thank all our patrons for the hearty support they have given us since we have been in Artesia, and wish to solicit a continuance of their patronage, as on and after the first of November we will sell strictly for cash. Our new line of goods will be NEW and UP-TO-DATE in every sense of the word. Having purchased our goods for cash we will be in a position to give you BARGAINS that will be inviting to one and all.

# JONES BROS.

**Talk** of the  
Thanks Giving.  
Eat turkey and Remember the old life, also may like Give thanks first for For life, health and And that you live Train the same and Be thankful for th The rich soil round And the inexas of pure artesian v Give thanks, O, y And have your pr At the Pecos Vall And be thankful o Mark A. Corbin Ill., is here visiting families who are his Rev. Burnet of editor of the Ech lacking after busin on old friends. I gained by his son A Remember Sperry complying exactly enhance in regard city water pipes. Rev. E. E. Matl to fill the pulpit of t church Sunday be received from a fall H. S. Howard played to take char Cottonwood school furniture arrived place. No through mai was received in Ar When flour is be when its good that or "Gold Bond" Fruit Co. Jos Kemp, a pr of the Hope distri Sunday visiting Kemp was former tween Artesia and Mr. Shopbell, time interested in her shop, returned week from Kans been working in t Pecos Valley Inn Mr. Dyer, n Barnhart Type F is in Artesia l after business for Dyer compliment are very highly work we were tu Prof. McMaho of the Lakewood Artesia Saturd visiting his pare Avery Turner railroad passed twice last week coming and as f there was not whole town. I the track report like all Sam Hil For quick sal with E. S. Hag Ed Martin last week from where he has friends and r year. Ed was playe of the t tesia. John and Jir rented Price H for next year, prising young to see them de Two real est front of the N and proceeded full of grips. them that tl Gibson and in forgot to than



**Talk of the Town**

**Thanks Giving.**  
Give thanks.  
Eat turkey and Remember the editor, He, also may like turkey. Give thanks first of all; For life, health and strength, And that you live in Artesia, Which is opportunity to maintain the same and prosper. Be thankful for the sunshine, The rich soil round about And the inexhaustible supply Of pure artesian water. Give thanks, O, ye people, And have your printing done At the Pecos Valley News, And be thankful ever after.

Mark A. Corbin, of Bradrod Ill., is here visiting the Brainard families who are his relatives.

Rev. Burnet of Dayton, late editor of the Echo was in town looking after business and calling on old friends. He was accompanied by his son Abe Burnett.

Remember Sperry & Lukins are complying exactly to the law and ordinance in regard to tapping the city water pipes.

Rev. E. E. Mathes was unable to fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian church Sunday because of injuries received from a fall from a buggy.

H. S. Howard has been employed to take charge of the new Cottonwood school as soon as the furniture arrived and is put in place.

No through mail from the north was received in Artesia Monday.

When flour is bad its very bad, when its good that's "Moses Best" or "Gold Bond" for sale by Joyce-Pruit Co.

Joe Kemp, a prosperous farmer of the Hope district, was in town Sunday visiting friends. Mr Kemp was formerly mail man between Artesia and Hope.

Mr. Shopbell, who was for a time interested in the Adams barber shop, returned to Artesia last week from Kansas where he has been working in the interest of the Pecos Valley Immigration Co.

Mr. Dyer, manager of the Barnhart Type Foundry at Dallas, was in Artesia last week looking after business for his house. Mr. Dyer complimented the News office very highly on the class of work we were turning out.

Prof. McMahon, superintendent of the Lakewood schools was in Artesia Saturday of last week visiting his parents and old friends.

Avery Turner, of the P. V. railroad passed through Artesia twice last week, both going and coming and as far as we can learn there was not a flag out in the whole town. People living near the track report that Avery snores like all Sam Hill.

For quick sale list your property with E. S. Haggard.

Ed Martin came into Artesia last week from San Angelo, Texas, where he has been visiting with friends and relatives for about a year. Ed was one of the first employees of the News office in Artesia.

John and Jim Montgomery have rented Price Henry's alfalfa farm for next year. These are enterprising young men and we hope to see them do well.

Two real estate men drove up in front of the News office Saturday and proceeded to unload a surry full of grips. We kindly reminded them that this is not the Hotel Gibson and in their confusion they forgot to thank us for the favor.

Lawrence Lockney, he of p. c. fame, came into town between Saturday evening and Sunday morning, supposedly from Roswell. He reports that Will Robinson wore a new white vest on the night he lectured, and as the editor of the News was not present to applaud, Lockney and Birney Mullaue had to hold down the job.

You'll not have trouble with your pasfry or bread if you use "Moses Best" or "Gold Bond" Flour, for sale by Joyce Pruit Co.

John T. Bolton will take charge of the Carlsbad postoffice December 1. Mr. T. H. Hill will be assistant postmaster.

Mrs. Anna Fontaine, of Clovis, is here visiting at the home of her father, J. W. Turknnett.

Edmond Robin returned Friday from a three months visit to his old home in Michigan.

Henry Danner of Lake Arthur visited with friends in Artesia last week.

John Montgomery was attending to business in Lake Arthur the latter part of last week.

For Sale, Nice gentle pony suitable for a boy to use.

For Rent, good six room house. Jno. R. Hodges.

J. D. Whelan returned Thursday from a trip to the north in the interest of land company of which he is a member.

J. R. Blair spent a part of last week at Malaga, returning Friday.

A. A. Mason of Roswell was in town Friday attending to some business matters.

The auto company whose line runs between Roswell and Torrance has been having all kinds of trouble with the snow along the route. In some places it is eighteen inches deep and nothing but the mail is now being carried.

H. L. Muncy made a business trip to Roswell Friday.

Sperry & Lukins have a new machine for tapping the new water pipes.

**What Broom Corn Will Do without Irrigation.**

A man down from Elida yesterday reports interesting figures on his broom corn crop this year. He has a claim near Elida, and planted a small patch of sod land in broom corn this year. He raised fifteen tons of broom material, which he sold at \$60 per ton, and has 1,800 pounds of seed that will bring him a good price. He sold his broom crop to a buyer from Illinois, who is buying all the broom corn he can find around Elida, saying that it is the finest quality he ever saw. Of course there was no irrigation at Elida.—Roswell Record.

**New Realty Firm.**

The Pecos Valley Immigration and Realty Co. was organized last week with E. R. Gesler, president, J. R. Blair, secretary and R. D. Ferson field manager.

These gentlemen are well known in the valley and their integrity and business ability commands respect at home and abroad. They will enter upon an active campaign in their line of business and will do their utmost to induce people from the states to settle among us.

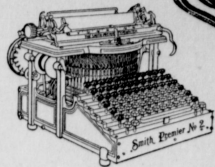
**For Sale.**

A good horse and buggy. Call on C. A. Hoffman, Artesia, N. M.

For quick sale list your property with E. S. Haggard.

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1637 Champs Street Denver, Colo.

**Our Christmas Number.**

Last year the Christmas number of the News was published in magazine form and notwithstanding the many defects was highly complimented, both at home and abroad. We were comparative strangers then in a strange land, surrounded by conditions entirely different to which we were accustomed and the edition necessarily failed to embody many praiseworthy features of which the valley is possessed, the setting forth of which would have been to the decided credit of this vicinity.

We shall publish another Christmas edition this year and aided by the experience of a year, we hope to make it fitly represent 'his most favored country and meet the approbation of the business men who are so liberally contributing to the support of the enterprise and whose patronage alone make the issuing possible. Nearly all of our business firms and professional men have subscribed for advertising space in this issue and we do hope that our readers will appreciate their action and give them all their patronage that is due.

This special number of the News which will be issued about December 18, will contain matter pertaining to the advantages, growth, and developing of the valley in general and the Artesia country in particular. The past year has been a progressive one for this vicinity and we hope in a manner to give some idea of the extent of what has been accomplished within the past twelve months. Among other subjects discussed will be that of Artesian wells. By the use of cuts and descriptions we will endeavor to explain the principles of our Artesian well system and the impossibility of a permanent failure of the flow. We will have many cuts of residences in Artesia and in other ways will make the number one of special interest.

We have a few subscribers who have requested that we carry them on them on the list for a short time. All these will be discontinued before this edition is issued unless payment is made as we do not intend to send it to any one in arrears.

Our list is constantly increasing and we would be pleased to enroll a member of every family in the middle valley. This paper is for Artesia and vicinity and we do not care for a foreign list. Already there are more copies of the News placed in the homes of the middle valley than those of any other paper and the number is increasing almost daily. Subscribe for the News and get a copy of our Christmas edition.

O. R. Rogers, the well man of Lake Arthur was in town Monday.

**Miss Crawford**

ANNOUNCES

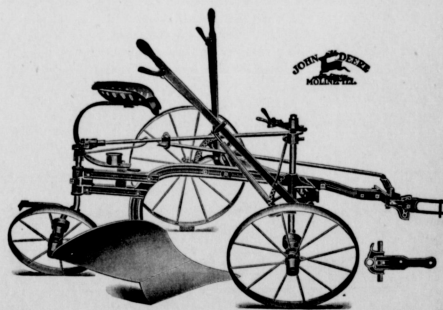
A beautiful line of Frammed Hats on display at her store.

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## Observations

BEING REMARKS BY THE KID UPON SOME THINGS AND OTHER THINGS

**T**HIS IS THANKSGIVING DAY, THE DAY ON which our fathers of Mayflower fame landed in Plymouth rock and gave thanks for life and a name for the classical boarding house fowl. I sometimes wonder how those old fathers of ours had the heart to do it, or whether, if they could have looked down the vista of years, sometimes referred to as the corridors of time, and seen the business they would make for the doctors by landing on that historical piece of baked clay and giving thanks, they would not have landed at all or have gone back to their own country and patronized home industry. These progenitors of ours have much to answer for in the Overthere, in the way of aching tummies and turkey massacre. Some people have an idea that Thanksgiving means nothing on earth but a big fine turkey in the middle of the table and a long period of indigestion afterwards; but to the more spiritually inclined it means many, many other things. Such as cranberry sauce and plum pudding, for instance. For myself, I do not believe in thus profaning a day that was first set aside by a little band of people to give thanks for their delivery from starvation. It seems like a sacrilege for a whole nation to combine against the turkey tribe on that one day of the year and make them turkeys widows and the many little turks fatherless. Think how the turkey must regret the stuffings he has indulged in the past year, for they only led to his fate and not the comfortable ease of life that good living is supposed to lead to. The tribe must have a horror of that day as chicken family have of the preacher coming to dinner. But such is life and turkey life has its black Wednesday same as chicken life has its black Saturday. But are there not enough other things to be thankful for that we must stuff and stuff till we can hold no more? Thankful for the good things of life that have been bestowed upon us during the past year; the homes we enjoy; thankful that our loved ones have been saved to us, and that that we are well and happy; must we celebrate all these things by an unsightly display of our holding capacity? This is indeed a noble way of upholding an institution older than our country itself! It has got to such a stage that the publishing of the Proclamation is the signal for all turkey dealers in the United States to come forth and bid for the trade, and for the sellers of other good things to place them on the market, because we as a people have shown that this is how we wish to give thanks! The shame of our country, the shame of the height to which we have risen above the other peoples of the earth; but not for one moment would I hold myself apart from my fellow men and rather than attract attention on this day will I do as my neighbors.

### BUNCHES OF PI.

There is a dread air of mystery in the atmosphere (air) nowdays and troubled looks on the faces of some of our promising young citizens. Last Sunday Homer Higgins went to church twice in the same day to my certain knowledge and whether or not he attended League service is a much disputed question. He is not the only one in a perturbed state of mind. Monday, Tucker was waiting on a young lady in Jones Bros. store and she had brought back an article to exchange, remarking as she did so, "I propose, Mr. Tucker."— She did not get any further for the foresaid Mr. Tucker had climbed hurriedly over the counter and when last seen was enroute for Highsmith's grove, that being the nearest tall timber. Henry Nimitz saw a bunch of pretty girls coming into the store Tuesday and left via the back door taking with him most of the screen and so far has offered no explanation for his conduct. While playing billiards the fore part of the week, Ezra Higgins was observed to be chalking his cigar very industriously and a few moments later tried to light the end of his cue. J. D. Whelan has not been on the streets except late in the evening since his return from the north, and when Harry Mull was asked the other night where he was going to spend Thanksgiving he absent-mindedly replied, "In Alaska." There is an explanation for all this, but it must be breathed softly, and whispered in undertones in the dark corners. Sh! In 33 days Leap Year will be here!

Sad indeed is the fall of a great man, sadder still if he be a poet writer or philosopher, and fall from this high estate, landing right

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side up on a lecture platform dressed in a white vest. I have read the advertising matter being distributed by those assisting in the downfall of the great Robinson, but until this week I have been hoping that he would reconsider the matter and crawlfish, but he did not. I had a first hand report of the tragedy from an eye witness, and the mental agony of the speaker and the audience must have been something awful. Wild gestures filled the platform and "Rob's" magnificent basso profundo filled the house, to the extent that there was room for nothing else and the audience had to leave. He had two very enthusiastic supporters who worked in the Register-Tribune office and with them it was cheer or get canned. One of them did not come up to Robinson's idea of an applauder and he got his walking papers last Saturday night. I see that I made a mistake in the foregoing in stating that the people had to leave. They did not. The door was locked. That is one thing that can be said for the speaker, he is great on taking precautions and some folks say he takes other things as easy. As to that I don't know, all he ever got of me was a sack of smoking. The lecture probably done a whole lot of good as the money went to the public school, but O, Charity, Charity, how many crimes are committed in thy name.

I hate to see everyone pitching on to A. Foltz just because he has taken it upon himself to create a title where there was none before and because perhaps he is guilty of a inaccuracies in his statements concerning the Pecos Valley. The newspaper men of the valley have landed on him for some time past and to my knowledge at least one of these roastings was caused by personal jealousy. The others may be in the same boat. Robinson for instance stated that 10,000 people could not go through a car in one day without a good deal of forcing, but I took the trouble to figure it up and the stream of hungry sightseers would only have to move about 14 miles an hour and lots of the P. V. trains make that time. Foltz has been accused of working for the Panhandle when in charge of the Pecos valley car last year, but the fact was never proven and when Foltz published a statement that anyone who said so was a liar, : : : : : Foltz is getting money out of the deal, he isn't doing it for his health and if there is one man in the valley who is working for the fun of it and the hope of reforming the world, just let him speak out. I have always noticed that those who do the least work are the most ready to find fault when the job is finished and no doubt this would apply to men in charge of exhibit cars as well as others.

## STATEHOOD MEETING

Propose to Form Organization Which Will Send Working Delegation to Washington.

Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 23.— Acting Governor Nathan Jaffa today issued the following proclamation:

Executive office, Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 23, 1907.

To the people of New Mexico:

"Information has been received today from the national capital to the effect that the prospects for the admission of New Mexico to statehood this winter are encouraging. Gov. Curry is enthusiastically confident of success if the people of the territory will unite and earnestly place their demand for recognition before congress. I, therefore, call upon the representative men of the territory, irrespective of party, who are interested in the statehood question to meet in the city of Santa Fe on November 30, 1907, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of organizing and launching a strong statehood campaign and for the purpose of selecting a non-partisan delegation of representative and able men to go to Washington and present to the incoming congress New Mexico's claims for admission to the union.

You are therefore, urged to be present at this meeting and to take an active part in the statehood movement. I have the honor to be, Respectfully yours,  
NATHAN JAFFA.

## The Dot

By J. C. PL...  
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# The Dot of Dorothea

By J. C. PLUMMER

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F. DORN, SCHUMACHER.

This laconic trade announcement was displayed on a tin sign which hung several inches from the horizontal in front of a shop in a by-street leading from Bank Strasse to the Oler Hafen. I had passed it many times on my way from up in the city to the dock where my ship was loading but had given it sparse notice. Now, as I was overhauling my wearing apparel to be ready for a winter voyage over the North Atlantic from Hamburg to Boston I found my sea boots in a bad shape. Then I remembered the sign and with my boots under my arm sought the shop of P. Dorn.

When we had come to terms about the job a rain blew up from the Elbe and I sat on a stool, smoked my pipe and aired my weak German. I found that P. Dorn had been in the army, not a mere perfunctory serving of his three necessary years but a participator in the Franco-Prussian campaign.

"Yes," he said, "I was all through that war. Yet I love not fighting and when, one hot summer morning, a man came into my shop and told me the Vaterland wanted me to fight I was not pleased. I love the Vaterland and I was angry that our old king should have been insulted by a Frenchman. But I couldn't see why such a many thousand men should die of bullets and fever because a man was insulted.

However, I had nothing to say and packed up my tools, kissed Lena, my wife, and Dorothea, my daughter, and went with many others to the Rhine.

One cold evening when the wind carried with it a driving rain that stung one's face like a bunch of nettles whisked over it we reached a small village. Most of the inhabitants had fled to Metz at our approach but there were few houses for so many. The officers snapped up the inn and the larger of the huts while we scrambled for what was left. With 20 others I found shelter in a room barely allowing us to stretch out and sleep. But when we looked out at the rain and heard the wind the room looked like a palace with a hot fire on the hearth.

My place to sleep was against the wall and from a crack in the rotten flooring there came a draught that made me miserable no matter how I wrapped myself in my blanket. I turned and twisted until my comrades swore at me for disturbing them but, tired as I was, I could not sleep with that verdant wind blowing on me. I tried to stuff a part of my blanket into the crack and in doing so dislodged the plank and it fell into the space beneath. I was now worse off than ever and I reached down after the plank intending to replace it. The space was only some six inches deep and while I was groping for the plank my hand touched something made of woolen. A moment's handling convinced me that I had come upon a stocking filled with hard round disks and my heart tapped at my ribs. I knew how old German housewives hid their hoards in odd places and I knew also that I had come upon one of these hoards. I examined the stocking in my breast pocket and fixing the plank the best I could slept in spite of the draught.

Next morning at my first opportunity I counted the money—95 thalers. Of my find I said nothing. There were rigid rules against looting that is as to the soldiers. The officers—but that was another matter. I made up my mind that this money should be a dot for my flax-headed Dorothea.

After Paris surrendered I counted the days until I had my discharge

and was free to go about driving nails into shoe soles instead of seeking to drive bullets into people for whom I had no hatred. I sat down quietly to my work and thought no more of the war

For more than a year the money lay in the stocking in my chest upstairs untouched and uncounted. One day my wife took it out and placed it on the table before me. It was the day of the betrothal of Dorothea to Adolf Fretholm.

"Ninety-five thalers," said I, and I winked at Lena, "that's more than I got with thee, Lena."

I emptied the money on the table. "Count it," said I, and I lay back and puffed as dignified as a burgo-master at his meerschau.

With the money had come a tiny slip of paper. Lena opened it and read what was on it.

"Seest thou," she said, passing me the slip.

On the paper was written in German "Katrine Muth."

"The money belongs to her," said Lena; "we cannot give it to Dorothea. When she comes to seek her money she will curse the one who has it and that curse must not fall on Dorothea. We cannot touch the money."

"But, woman," cried I, exasperated, "we can never find the owner. Himmel, if I find money on the street must I use it never because it may have belonged to someone?"

"If thou knewest to whom it belonged thou wouldst not use it," she replied. "We know the owner's name. We cannot use it."

Ach, but she was firm, was Lena, when she made up her mind.

There it was. After finding the money and carrying it all the way from Metz to Paris and not presuming to spend a penny of it, it must lay useless in the chest. I hammered the nails savagely that day.

Two nights later Adolf came, radiant and gleeful as becomes a man who is going to marry a maiden



"Seest Thou," She Cried, Passing Me the Slip.

he loves. The plans those two laid and the wonderful things they were going to do, and all the while I was thinking of the dot that Dorothea was not to have.

"I have been busy this day," said Adolf, with a sly glance at Dorothea, whose cheeks reddened. "I have tried on a suit of clothes that Nagen-gast is making for me. It's for a certain important occasion. Then I have been going over my belongings for one carries not to a new life too many old things. I found this old Bible in my trunk. It was given me by my grandmother. Ach, she was fond of me, the old grandmother. She would tell me stories of the old gnomes and kobolds, then, when I was frightened, she would smooth my hair and say she had a bag of thalers saved up for me. Dorothea, you shall keep the Bible."

While I was lighting my pipe my wife cried out:

"Thy grandmother, what was her name, Adolf?"

"Katrine Muth," he replied.

"Did she ever leave you the bag of thalers?" I asked, for the name had no significance to me.

"Ach mein ungluck," laughed

Adolf, "her other daughter married a man who took her to Loraine. When a child came the grandmother must go to her. Then my aunt's health being poor the grandmother must stay and when my aunt died the grandmother must take care of the child. She never came back and three years ago she died of apoplexy. That was the end of my thalers."

That night after we had gone to bed Lena nudged me.

"It is evident," she said, "that Katrine Muth was the grandmother of Adolf. The money was saved for him. We will give it to Dorothea as a dot."

"But," objected I, "it belongs to Adolf."

"Thou art a dummkopf," retorted my wife turning her back to me. Then I lay and laughed without noise. For seest thou, I always felt sure Lena would find some way to give Dorothea that money. Seest thou that young woman and the child just coming across the street. That is Dorothea and her eldest child.

P. Dorn's boots wore well. They did not leak a drop although the voyage was a nasty one.

### LOVE'S NARCOTICS.

Long separations between husband and wife are unwise temporary divorces that often leave a trail of sorrow, grief and misunderstanding. They may not actually wreck home happiness, but they are an unnecessary risk, like rocking a boat, a foolish experiment that may overturn and swamp it. Brief separations may be love's tonics, observes W. G. Jordan in the Delineator, but long ones are often love's narcotics.

### ORIGIN OF RAG TIME.

The modern "coon" or "plantation" songs and the popular form of syncopation called "ragtime" are all easily traced to their source in the older negro songs, which are probably to be regarded as European in melodic origin, translated into rhythms that have been handed down from the generations of slaves who actually came from Africa.—New Edition of Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians.

### GOVERNMENT OF THE TONGUE.

The occasions of silence are obnoxious, and, one would think, should be easily distinguished by everybody, namely: when a man has nothing to say; or nothing but what is better unsaid; better, either in regard to the particular persons he is present with; or from its being an interruption to conversation itself; or to conversation of a more agreeable kind; or, better, lastly, with regard to himself.—Joseph Butler

### MILD IN COMPARISON.

With all the carnage of the amphitheater Nero was discouraged. "What seems to be the trouble?" asked the corpulent Roman senator. "Why, I have the blues," replied the ancient emperor. "It has been my ambition to make Rome the most wicked city that ever existed or ever will exist."

"Well, cheer up, your worship. It is certainly the most wicked city that has existed so far." "Yes, but I know it will be nothing in comparison to wicked cities of the future."

"How do you know?" "Sh! I have just had a vision of New York in 1907."

And in the next few hours Rome was in flames and Nero was playing a swan song on his musty fiddle.

### APPROPRIATELY NAMED.

The boy in the paint store dashed hurriedly up the cellar steps and sought the proprietor. "There's a barrel leaking in the basement!" he cried, "and the automobile stuff is just pouring out." "Why do you call it automobile stuff?" asked the proprietor. "Because," gasped the youngster, "it's running over everything in sight."—Judge.

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division are being needed to alfalfa this fall.  
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will be planted this winter. 1,000 more con-  
stant-blooming roses will be planted on the  
avenue. These tracts, ideal for homes and  
small orchards, with domestic water main,  
and artesian-well irrigation system, with an-  
nual water rental, are on sale to actual home  
builders. If this is what you are looking for,  
call on or address  
R. M. LOVE,  
Artesia, New Mexico.

Talk of the Town

E. S. Nelsen was in Roswell  
this week on business.

Next to Abe Mulkey's meeting  
the post card window at the Pecos  
Valley Drug Co. is holding the  
public attention this week.

G. C. Muncy went to Roswell  
Tuesday morning to spend some  
days visiting relatives and friends.

Crandall & Co. have a special  
tourist car of their own Dec. 3.  
Something doing.

Free delivery, free hauling, free  
weighing, free water, congested  
pocket books at the New Home  
Wagon Yard. Hay, Bran, Chops,  
Wood, etc.—Come!

Dave Runyan went to Carlsbad  
Tuesday evening to visit friends.

D. F. Sneathen left yesterday  
morning for St. Joseph, Mo., from  
which point he will work through  
Missouri and Kansas in the in-  
terest of the Pecos Valley.

A new shipment of silverware is  
on display at Pecos Valley Drug  
Co. They anticipate the largest  
Christmas business in the history  
of their store and are trimming  
their sales to catch the popular  
breeze. Don't buy a thing until  
you see their line.

Crandall & Co. have a special  
tourist car of their own Dec. 3.  
Something doing.

Artesia, N. M., Nov. 25, '07  
This is to certify that I have  
this day received draft No. 1360  
for \$19.60 from the World's Acci-  
dent Association of Omaha as in-  
demnity for getting hurt on a well  
rig. Would like to say that the  
company was perfectly fair in the  
settlement. EUGENE ALBRITTON,  
B. Stephenson, Agent.

W. C. Swisher has been ap-  
pointed Claim Agent for the East-  
Laurence Lockney is helping the  
News office over a rush this week.

Fresh dates, figs, marshmallows  
and chocolates at Pecos Valley  
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twice as large as any other, twice  
the accommodations. The New  
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Boys that Sell the Dirt. Car of  
Land Buyers next week.

Crandall & Co.

Contractor Patrick is nearing  
the end of his labors on the resi-  
dence of Mrs. Bertrand, which he  
is erecting in the south part of  
town.

The southbound train was de-  
layed above Lake Arthur Tuesday  
night for diverse unknown rea-  
sons. One report was that the  
conductor had the headache and  
the running of the train bothered  
him, another was that the crew  
had to attach the cowcatcher on  
the back end.

The new attachment for the  
Victor Talking Machines at Pecos  
Valley Drug Company works won-  
ders in the way of reducing or in-  
creasing the volume of tone. Fits  
any machine, and once you hear it  
you will not be without it.

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the old Rider wagon yard of Clay-  
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and sweethearts free, The New  
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prescription sent to Pecos Valley  
Drug Company, and you may rest  
assured you get exactly what the  
doctor orders.

Artesia Club Meeting

On the front page of this week's  
issue will be found an announce-  
ment that the Club will hold a  
smoker tonight, but the editor got  
balled up in his dates and the  
meeting was held last night. The  
amendment to the Constitution  
was voted down by a vote of 42 to  
2, but the St. Celestia Club will be  
allowed the use of the room one  
more time. Mr. Whelan and Mr.  
Dooley made good talks on the  
subject of the Real Estate Men,  
and this subject was also discussed  
by others. The sanitarian question  
was under consideration and the  
committee was retained with  
instructions to continue investiga-  
tion.

Hope Notes.

Mr. H. C. Dorsey who has been  
in our berg for some time reports  
that he feels much better than he  
did when he came here. Mr. Dor-  
sey is from Plainview, Texas. His  
wife and daughter has just arrived  
and they may make this their fu-  
ture home.

Mr. Handle and wife have moved  
to their place.

Hugh Gage and wife went to  
Roswell last week to visit friends.

Mr. Beal of Lower Pecosco spent  
last week with his family here at  
Hope.

Mr. Harden spent a few days  
with his family last week.

R. C. Garner who has been visit-  
ing in Oklahoma and Arkansas  
returned Nov. 18.

Rev. O. T. Roger filled his regu-  
lar appointment here Sunday.  
He preached two instructive ser-  
mons Sunday.

Miss Stella Cox spent Saturday  
and Sunday with her parents.

Dave Runyan of Artesia spent  
most of last week in our burg.

PRIMUM.

Church Social.

A pleasant gathering of the  
members of the Christian church  
was held at the church building  
Friday night November 22. The  
ladies of the Aid Society met in  
the afternoon and engaged in tying  
combers and in the evening the  
members assembled with well filled  
baskets and partook of a dinner  
such as only a number of enthu-  
siastic church ladies can produce  
and prepare.

A business meeting was held  
later and plans discussed for the  
ensuing years work. As Rev.  
Blalock has moved to Hagerman,  
the church is without a pastor but  
another will be engaged soon.

Rates to Carlsbad.

The Santa Fe will give a rate  
of one and one-third fare to the  
Pecos Valley Teachers' Associa-  
tion this week. Tickets will be  
on sale November 28, 29 and 30,  
and good for return trip up to  
midnight Saturday November 30.  
The usual fare for children. C.  
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### Alfalfa Grows on Alkali Soil.

Alfalfa as a crop for reclaiming alkali land as well as a source of profitable farming may be new to government experts but a Chicago Drovers Journal reporter claims discovery of this interesting fact while visiting in the vicinity of Lexington, Neb.

The other day the Journal man was talking alfalfa and other things of an agricultural nature with one of the men who came to the Platte valley away back in 1873—and that was before the buffalo and Indian had disappeared. Incidentally, the subject of alkali land was touched upon and on being informed that the government had undertaken to do a few scientific findings to rid the land of this saline nuisance, the old pioneer said:

"The government can get a good lesson right out here in Dawson county. Along in the early eighties a green Dutchman landed in the county and about the first thing that happened to him he woke up one morning and found that a real estate man had handed him a bunch of alkali land, 160 acres of it, in exchange for his horse change. We neighbors all felt sorry for the Dutchman. None of us would have taken that Dutchman's quarter section as a gift. But the Dutchman had the land and he went to work to see what he could do with it. He plowed it and fertilized and plowed it again and kept on working it until he got it tamed, then he sowed it to the redeeming crop of the west and today the Dutchman's quarter section of alkali land is the model alfalfa farm of Dawson county, if not of the whole Platte Valley."

The redemption of alkali land may not require as much scientific research in the chemical laboratory as some of these lead pencil farmers and book larnin' fellows may think for.

If the Platte valley is not the center of alfalfa production in this middle west, then the Journal wants to be shown, because it lives in Missouri and the alfalfa

fields and stacks from Grand Island west are certainly a sight.

It was thought at one time, and not so very long ago either, that alfalfa had to have a certain kind of soil and that the said was confined to valleys where it was not far to water. But like the zones of corn and hog production, the alfalfa belt is letting out a few links every year and great fields of it are now seen on uplands where a few years ago it was thought impossible to get stands of this legume.

"Yes, sir," said B. C. Cheney, the pioneer above referred to, "central and western Nebraska can sing songs and build monuments to alfalfa, for it is her salvation."—Chicago Drovers Journal.

### Hands the Col. a Bunch.

In speaking of an article which appeared in the Carlsbad Current two weeks ago, and which related to a woman beggar from Carlsbad who, according to Mr. Mullaney, "bilked" the people of Lakewood, the Progress has this to say:

"That the woman was not an 'imposter' is evidenced by the fact that she was blind and destitute. She did not ask charity of the people of Lakewood, and the help she received was spontaneous, and given by those who had seen her and realized her condition.

The closing paragraph in Mr. Mullaney's article would have been better left out. If there is a 'general inclination to give credence everything of a damaging nature reported about Carlsbad' in this section, we are not aware of it. There was certainly nothing in our article to indicate such an inclination.

We believe that Carlsbad would have more real friends if Mr. Mullaney would cease his everlasting mud slinging at everything north of the county capital.

### A New Store for Lakewood.

Robert Miller, of Dayton, was here Wednesday and made arrangements to open a drug and novelty store here in the near future.

## Farmers and Gardeners

The guano caves of Southeastern New Mexico furnish a fertilizer unsurpassed in degree of productiveness. It is especially suited to the virgin soil of the Pecos Valley. A chemical analysis shows the following elements:

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### Notice of Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., October 22, 1907.  
Notice is hereby given that John Lathby, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 778 made May 1, 1906, for the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 16 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver, at Roswell, New Mexico, on December 5, 1907.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: James H. Childress, Daniel Davis, Arthur E. Miller, Sterling Linn, all of Hope, New Mexico.  
Howard Leland, Register.

### Notice For Publication.

Desert Land, Final Proof, United States Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, October 22, 1907.  
Notice is hereby given that John R. McMillen, of Goodfield, Teller County, Colorado, assignee of Maggie M. Wilkins, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert land claim No. 229, for Law Lot Township 16 North, Range 21 East, before the Register or Receiver, at Roswell, New Mexico, on Friday, the 8th day of December, 1907.  
He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of the land, viz: James McMillen, Dennis Dooley, Andrew J. Jones, Louis King, all of Lake Arthur, New Mexico.  
Howard Leland, Register.

### Notice of Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., October 22, 1907.  
Notice is hereby given that Martin J. Crum, of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 786, made May 9, 1906, for the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 16 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on December 5, 1907.  
He names the following witnesses to his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: Harry Hess, Grant Sooter, A. L. Norfleet, W. H. Clark, all of Artesia, New Mexico.  
Howard Leland, Register.

### Notice of Publication.

Desert Land, Final Proof, United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., October 22, 1907.  
Notice is hereby given that Lizzie E. Riley, of Hope, Eddy County, New Mexico, has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert-land claim No. 2102, for the North Half of Section 10, Township 17 N., Range 21 E., before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on Wednesday, the 4th day of December, 1907.  
He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land, viz: W. Byrd, Hope, N. M., Eddie Byrd, of Hope, N. M., Will J. Green, of Hope, N. M., L. W. Martin, of Artesia, N. M., Howard Leland, Register.

### Notice of Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., October 22, 1907.  
Notice is hereby given that Seba Cox, of Lower Pecos, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 790 made May 2, 1906, for the S 1/2 of E 1/4 and E 1/2 of S 1/4, of Township 25, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, and Lots 2 and 4 of Section 26, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before D. M. Neill, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on December 5, 1907.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: Albert Neuharth, Neely Neuharth, Edward Carr, Fred Cox, all of Lower Pecos, New Mexico.  
Howard Leland, Register.

### Notice of Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., November 5, 1907.  
Notice is hereby given that Gabriel Geeler, of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 791 made May 2, 1906, for the S 1/2 of E 1/4 and E 1/2 of S 1/4, of Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before L. Newkirk, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on December 5, 1907.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: J. W. Turkett, James O'Gifford, R. S. Porter, E. Stephenson, all of Artesia, N. M., Howard Leland, Register.

He has recently bought a stock of drugs and novelties, and has had them shipped to Lakewood.

He rented the old Mercantile building on the west side of the railroad, and will open for business as soon as the goods arrive, which will be in a few days.

We understand that the drug stock carried by Platt-Childress Co. will be purchased by Mr. Miller, and his stock will be an exclusive one.

We wish the new venture every success.—Progress.

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Two or three sections of Dayton lands changed hands last week. One tract of which was 320 acres sold by Eugene Lattion to D. F. Ragsdale, of Artesia, who was formerly of Gainesville, Texas. Another was 160 acres on Four Mile sold by A. E. Cox.—Echo.

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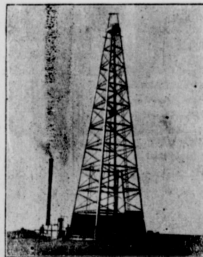
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### Talk of the Town

O. G. Greer is carrying his right hand in a sling the result of eight inch casing coming together and O. G. failing to get his hand from between them in time.

Miss Georgia Kinsinger went to Lakewood Sunday night to take charge of one of the rooms of the public school. Miss Georgia is a bright young lady and the Lakewood people are fortunate to have her among them.

Something different! A "Trading Party" in connection with the oyster supper at Blair building, Thursday, Nov. 21.

The NEWS received a letter from Earl McBride last week and he states that money is very scarce in eastern Kansas and western Missouri. Earl is now running a shop in Kansas City but shows a hankering to get back to the Valley and we would not be surprised to see him drop in almost any day.

### YOUR EYES

MAY NEED ATTENTION AND NOW IS THE TIME



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Dr. G. N. Hunsberger ROSWELL, NEW MEX.

The funeral services of little Blanche M. Baughman were held Saturday at eleven o'clock.

The Land Exchange has erected a new sign this week that for size and dignity is hard to excel. The members claim that it fitly represents the extent of their business.

Miss Bradshaw has been spending several days in El Paso visiting friends. She returned Tuesday.

When flour is bad it's very bad, when it's good that's "Moses Best" or "Gold Bond" for sale by Joyce Fruit Co.

V. E. Fatherree instructed Sam in the art of unloading a pump gun last Saturday. The gun unloaded alright and there is an ugly hole in the ceiling of the store room now.

Miss Valley Higgins has charge of the wires at the depot while Mr. Brown is sick and Mr. Bonell is acting agent. Mr. Brown is getting along as well as could be expected but can not resume his work for at least two weeks.

E. F. Hardwick of Roswell was looking after business interests in Artesia this week.

The prettiest display window in town at the present time is that of Joyce-Fruit Co. in their grocery department. Jellies, pickles, nuts and fruits are set out all ready to eat and the temptation to those who pass by is something great.

Mrs. C. J. Moore of Palo Alto, Cal., who was here for a short visit, went to Artesia this morning to visit friends.—Record.

Don't trade unless you want to at the oyster supper—you won't trade oysters for they are to be cooked by Sharp, the expert.

The Mulkey meetings are in progress at the M. E. church this week and the business places are closed during the hour of services. Much interest is manifested.

Gasoline Dixon and Albert Linell went to Roswell Sunday to visit the former's parents. No body seemed to know where the boys had gone and a searching party was formed to hunt for Albert. They returned safe and sound Monday night.

The Hotel Artesia is taking on a new coat of paint, which greatly improves its appearance.

Make us the right selling price. We will do the rest Farmers Land League.

Rev. J. W. Bartholomew, who conducted services at the Christian church Sunday returned to Roswell Monday morning.

The Artesia Commission Co. has erected a sign in front of their place of business that he who runs may stop and read.

Jim Brooks of Roswell came in Sunday night to accept a job as stone mason on some of the new buildings.

Most any old flour will make bread, but if you want good bread use "Moses Best" or "Gold Bond" flour for sale by Joyce-Fruit Co.

"My turkey, 'tis of thee, Sweet bird of cranberry, Of thee I sing.

I love thy breast and wings, Thy legs and other things, I love thy rich stuffings, O, luscious bird."

Good pasture close in, 80 rods east of the depot. H. G. Southworth.

Have Sperry & Lukins make your connection to the new water system. Lukins is a member of the Master Plumbers Association and the only one in town. They will do your work cheaper and better than any one else. Will have a complete stock of plumbing goods. Make inquiries as to why you should patronize Sperry & Lukins.

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CONGRESS

The New Members of the House of Representatives

The long session of Congress opened Monday December 2nd. Two members of the new ones being admitted of the new house.

More than two weeks are reported 222 republican against 168 democrats Speaker Cannon by a vote of 207 to 100.

The president's veto in the afternoon by the clerk. As in full in the law will not attempt e

Birthdays Several of the Dora Twyman school Tuesday a session being her. She received several presents and the themselves playfully, etc. The present were Jacobson, Beatrice May Twyman, Lloyd Atkeson, Clyde Fatherree

The Women's M. E. Church change at the Saturday after two o'clock.

Toys world prices cheaper the express on and must sell just drop in down town.

There is one Mrs. J. W. day night for a telegram station is seriously sick to recover.

Meressa Terrian church Most gent and we are cigars in box \$4.25. Pecos

Ask to see work. There ever brought Fruit Co.

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