

Pecos Valley News.

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

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WAS TURNED DOWN

Commissioners Heard and Weaver Voted Against the Artesia Bridge--Carlsbad Presents a Counter Petition.

The Board of County Commissioners are in session at Carlsbad this week and Tuesday the question of the Artesia bridge came up and was voted down by Heard and Weaver. Commissioner Turknett doing all within his power to have the board comply with the expressed requirements of the law.

It had been reported that there would be opposition to the measure and attorney Atkeson of this place was called in as counsel. The petitions being all that the law required Mr. Atkeson instructed them that the board was required by law to call the election. Heard objected upon the ground that Mr. the attorney of the board was not present and a communication from Mr. Fullen was then read stating that the only thing to do was to call another election.

A vote was taken, Commissioner Turknett voting yes and Heard no. After a time Weaver fell into line with his manager and voted no also.

Before the meeting of the Board Head stated that he wanted to cultivate harmony between the town of Carlsbad and Artesia, and then was instrumental in defeating the bridge proposition. Of course Heard is a worthy emulator of the Father of his Country so far as truthfulness is concerned.

A petition signed by Mullane and some 250 more of the riff raff and rag tail of the booze fighters and thugs of the Beautiful, was presented to the board, behind which Heard and his henchman took refuge in order to evade their sworn duty. It is said respectable element of the town took no part whatever in the reprehensible proceedings.

We are of the same opinion that we were a year ago. We have nothing to expect from Carlsbad except extortion and injustice. There can be no bond of sympathy between Artesia and a community that deplores the abolishment of its gambling dens and legalizes the traffic in woman's virtue. The unequal valuation of property is not the least sin of that community and we call upon the people of the northern part of the county to stand shoulder to shoulder in an

WATERRIGHT TROUBLES

Owners Meet in Club Room and Finally Resolve to Ask for Receiver for the Old System.

The owners of waterrights under the old system met in the Commercial Club room last Thursday evening and after much discussion decided to ask Judge Pope for a receiver to be appointed to adjust the affairs. Albert Blake was appointed to get a lawyer to take the matter up and we may shortly see order brought out of the present chaos.

Some of the owners of waterrights wish to sell to the city but others do not, as the city will only pay \$40 each for these rights and the cheapest cost \$60, many paying as high as \$100. The city argues that these waterright holders have had the use of the water for a good while and should therefore be willing to take less than they paid for them, the pay to be in water for the new system. The owners are divided on the proposition, some wishing to sell, the other trying to get higher prices and in the mean time the old well goes on leaking in spite of the law and order and a part of the water is going to waste every day.

Baptist Church

The third sermon of a series to young people will be given at the Baptist church on next Sunday night. Subject, "Young People and Their Purposes." You are invited.

effort to withdraw from these undesirable connections and establish a county that cherishes none of the relics of barbarism.

We stand for the creation of Artesia county from which we will eventually banish the saloons and all forms of legalized vice will be excluded. We of the middle valley are proud of our civilization and set off as a county by ourselves for culture and morality would have no equal in the entire southwest.

Lakewood, Seven Rivers, Dayton, Hope and Cottonwood country will join in with us if we but get together and take the lead. What we paid for we would derive benefit therefrom, the salaries of our county officers would be spent at home and we would not be dependent upon Carlsbad for our county improvements.

STATEHOOD PETITION

Congress Asked to Admit New Mexico As A Separate State At Once.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—A petition for support of the bill for admission of New Mexico to separate statehood was received today in the form of a letter from Chairman W. S. Hopewell, of the New Mexico Statehood League to Representative Fuller of Illinois, and referred to the Committee on Territories. The petition recites that when Governor Curry visited Washington recently President Roosevelt assured him that he would lend his aid toward securing the passage of this bill, and is satisfied that New Mexico has sufficient population and wealth to entitle it to be admitted as a separate state. The letter gives the present population of New Mexico as 400,000 and states that a delegation representing every county to the territory will visit Washington this month to urge the passage of the bill.

For Sale Quick

1200 acres water right from Antelope Basin Reservoir for use on Artesia side of Penasco this year. E. F. Cooper.

Please Settle Up

All creditors will please come in and settle up before January 1, as I am needing the money.

J. O. RICHARDS.

Statehood for New Mexico

If a Republican Congress will give New Mexico statehood this year such action will help the Republican party here very much. This is understood by citizens of New Mexico regardless of party and nevertheless they are getting together on the issue and are working hand in hand for the speedy admission of the territory. The people want a state government and self government, and will settle the question of the political complexion of the new state at the polls at the proper time.—Santa Fe New Mexican

Auction Sale of Land.

160 acres rich bottom land four miles northeast of Lakewood. Fenced, house, windmill and pump, about 15 acres in cultivation. Go to Fred Vanderwork's farm. Assignment will be sold Saturday, January 25, at 2 o'clock at Gibson Hotel, Artesia. Terms one-third cash, one-third two months, one-third four months. J. N. Harshbarger, Auctioneer.

This notice was run on another page dated Jan. 23 which was an error, the date is Saturday, Jan. 25, at 2 p. m.

Bill Introduced for Army at Roswell.

A bill has been introduced in Congress making an appropriation for the building of armories in a number of New Mexico towns, among them Roswell. Mail service has been established over the Eastern Railway of New Mexico between Texico and Belen and intermediate towns.

D. W. Runyan was a Roswell visitor yesterday.



AN ARTESIAN WELL IN THE PECOS VALLEY

MR. BOB IS COMING

At Presbyterian Church, Friday Night January 10, Benefit the Library.

A little comedy entitled Mr. Bob, will be given at the Presbyterian church Jan. 10, 1908.

There will also be a short musical program.

Solo, Mrs. Olin Ragsdale.

Solo, Mr. Nimitz.

So Long Mary, Mrs. Corbin and chorus.

Admission 25 and 35c. Reserved seats 10c extra at Pecos Valley Drug Store.

Come and help the library.

Jim Wampus Mullens of Roswell whom the democrats of Artesia aided in securing a seat in the 37th legislature and who unhesitatingly betrayed the trust reposed in him, has announced his candidacy for probate clerk and recorder of Chaves county. His perfidy in favor of Roswell certainly entitles him to the support of the town. Jim will splutter tobacco juice over many a stump in the coming campaign.

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

It isn't unusual to see large bunch of homeseekers come in from the north, but the limit was reached today when the north bound local came in and disgorged its victims. It looks as though the better class of citizens from Carlsbad had got disgusted with the old burg and had come to a decent place to live.

—Doc Wade of Hope was in town yesterday.

Mr. Roby of Alba, Okla., father of Bert Roby who used to be in the real estate business in Artesia, was here this week looking after his extensive land interests. John DeArcy is drilling a well on Mr. Roby's land near Artesia.

John R. Joyce was up from Carlsbad Monday visiting friends and looking after business interests.

THE LEAP YEAR DANCE

The Club Room Was Packed and Every One Enjoyed a Good Time--Married Men Make Good Wall Flowers.

The Leap Year dance at the Club rooms last night was well attended both by the bachelors and the benedicts and while the married men were used mainly for wall decorations, they did not seem to mind it in the least. It is said that no married men would have been allowed at the entertainment but for the fact that they might prove to be good examples for the young bloods to follow. Although the provocation was great no fatalities have been reported so far, which only proves what we have thought all along, that the Artesia bachelors were a hardened bunch who paid no attention to precedent whatever.

The rooms were tastefully decorated and further inroads were made on the genus masculine by a daintily prepared luncheon. Ezra Higgins' office was used for the card room, which was in charge of Mesdames McNatt and Ragsdale during the evening. The club room was used for the dancing and was in charge of Mrs. Majors and her aids. The music was furnished by the conventional idea of a string band and from all reports they did their duty nobly.

The ladies have done their best, at least the best we have seen, though of course they may still have cards up their sleeve which those hardened wretches called bachelors know nothing about. Even if the dance accomplished nothing among the unwed, it gave everyone who attended a good time and the married men are crying for more.

James Bros., who up to a short time ago were in business here, are advertising in the Roswell Record to sell a \$4,000 stock of merchandise.

Hugh Gage and Mrs. Gage came in from Hope today in their auto.

Artesia College

Spring term will commence about the first week in February. It will continue four scholastic months. Pupils received at any time. We hope to have the co-operative boarding plan for boys and young men for spring term. For information, call on or address

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WAS THE BEST SHOW EVER

Entertainment Given by the High School and St. Cecilia Club Was a Great Success.

The entertainment given at the Logan & Dyer building last Friday evening was the best of the kind ever presented to Artesia people and in fact it was better than any show of any kind that the editor has seen in the valley.

The first part of the program was made up of selections by the members of the St. Cecilia Club and was highly enjoyable but the latter half, in which the members of the Club were aided by the High School, was the most pleasing, probably because more of us were able to understand it.

It would be hard indeed to say which was the best number of the second part as all were very good and the actors were well trained in their parts. Probably the one that made the best hit was the "So Long Mary" song by Mrs. Corbin and chorus, which we are informed will be repeated as a specialty in "Mr. Bob." But "Drums of the Fore and Aft," "Life is a Seesaw," "School Days," "Japanese Love Song," and "Ida Ho" all came in for their share of the applause.

Mrs. Enfield and Mrs. Corbin were easily the stars of the evening and their singing and acting were appreciated by all. Mrs. Corbin has devoted much of her time to the entertainment and deserves still more credit as she is not a resident of Artesia.

Prof. Garrison and Miss McIlhenny furnished the accompaniments on the piano during the first part of the entertainment and Miss Vivian Newkirk for the second part.

Over \$60 was taken in, which will be used to help buy a piano for the High School.

NOTES ON THE SHOW.

It has been said that music hath charms to soothe the savage beast, but the poet evidently made a mistake. The word should have been, "subdue."

Henry Nimitz is the star school

boy of the bunch but he isn't worth two whoops in Carlsbad as a duce. Prof. Botts as stage manager and super was a decided success, even if his school days sweetheart did squelch him along toward the last.

Some unkind person remarked Mr. Garrison was put there to cover up Mr. King's mistakes. Mr. King made no mistakes that we could hear.

It is feared that the green and blue chrysanthemums in the Japanese dance would be labeled nature fakes by our beloved Teddy.

The chorus girls in the "Drums of the Fore and Aft" and in the "Idaho" chorus attracted nearly as much attention as the genuine article would.

The only things that was needed in the "So Long Mary" chorus was to teach the young sports the conventional way to hold a cane. Of course it would be hard work to suck the stick and sing at the same time but the old saying about the lesser of two evils still holds good.

Mother's Club Meeting.

The Mother's Club met at the school house yesterday afternoon and the following program was rendered. Owing to the fact that the News goes to press Wednesday afternoon we are unable to get the details of the meeting.

Solo, Rosa Wetig.
Reading, Mrs. Owens.
The Teacher's Influence, Mrs. Lockney.
Paper, Mrs. J. T. Patrick.
The Attractive Schoolroom and its Surroundings, Mrs. Gilbert.
Recitation, Estelle Mauldin.
Question Box.

Mr. J. H. Crawford late of Lakewood is now a resident of Artesia. He exchanged his mercantile interests at that place to E. A. Cox for property here. Mr. Crawford favors the creation of Artesia county which together with other good qualities will commend him to the people of this vicinity.

Ground oats and kafir corn mixed half and half \$1.75 per hundred. Artesia Milling Co.

Cottonwood Items.

The people out on Cottonwood enjoyed a refreshing shower of rain Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cound were in Lake Arthur Saturday.

The Stancliff well rig is down about 650 feet. Mr. Stancliff will move his rig from here to Dexter the last of this week or first of next.

Dr. Hendrickson made a business trip to Lake Arthur last Monday.

C. W. May and Matt Ruth drove to Roswell Friday returning by the way of Lake Arthur Saturday.

Mr. Stewart of Hagerman came down with a load of casing for his well that is being drilled by Finckenbinder Bros.

Wesley Morris and Matt Ruth drove to Artesia Monday.

Mrs. Dooley was out calling one day last week.

Mr. Whitehorn made a trip to Lake Arthur Wednesday.

Mr. Wilson of Artesia visited over night with Dr. Hendricks one night last week. Mr. Wilson was returning from a hunting trip in the mountains.

Mr. O. Tuttle is moving to his ranch this week.

The Cottonwood Sunday school elected officers Sunday for the ensuing year. Mr Howard being elected superintendent.

MAR.

Scott-Parker Nuptials.

Mr. Rascoe Scott and Miss Blanche Parker were married last Thursday night by Rev. Mathes at the Presbyterian parsonage, and while the friends of the young people had long expected this, it came as a surprise to most of them. Mr. Scott is well known in Artesia as he formerly worked for the Pecos Valley Drug Co., and he has many friends here. Miss Parker is also well known in Artesia and has many friends who will join the News in wishing them a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott left Thursday night for Kansas City, Mo., where the groom is studying medicine.

The First Dividend.

At a regular meeting of the directors of the Lakewood National Bank December 31 a 4 per cent dividend was declared, and the usual amount required by law was placed to surplus fund. This is a very substantial and satisfactory showing the bank has made during the first and a half months of its existence, and is simply another evidence that any legitimate enterprise properly managed in Lakewood is sure of success.—Progress.

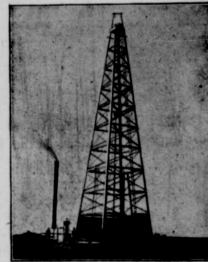
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T. H. Grant left Monday morning for his home in Fulton, Mo.

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Talk of the Town

The Immigrant car of E. B. Lynn arrived last week from Madill, Okla.

G. R. Prunty of Roswell was down visiting relatives over Sunday.

Kaffir corn chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Pruit Co.

J. W. Morris of the Cottonwood country and Matt Ruth, of Arkansas, were in Artesia Monday and called at the News office. Mr. Ruth is well pleased with the Pecos Valley and expects to locate here.

Beef, Pork, Veal and Mutton. Artesia Market.

A little fracas occurred in one of the saloons Monday night in which one gentleman's face was remodeled and another's feelings were hurt but the damage was mostly personal.

I am prepared to do plowing or ditching for assessment or crops. 18-tf-4

M. O. Tuttle.

J. R. Blair, of Artesia, and L. L. Bolt, of Kansas, were here on business this week—Progress.

Ferris Heath of the Hagerman Messenger was down Sunday to visit with home folks.

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

I. R. Daniels has been confined to his home with the mumps during the past week, but is now some better.

Wm. Dooley and wife were shopping in Roswell last Thursday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, of Kingman, Kansas, returned to their home last week after an extended visit with their son, C. O. Brown.

Will Benson was transacting business in Lake Arthur last week.

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T. F. Davis, who has been looking over the Middle Valey with a view to locating here, returned to his home in Louisville, Ky., Monday.

Ernest Best and wife returned to their home in Roswell Saturday after a visit to Mrs. Best's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kinsinger.

J. C. Maxwell has leased the Schlitz hotel in Carlsbad.

Fancy canned meats at the Artesia Market.

Clarence Davison of Hagerman, who was formerly a member of the Walker & Davison outfit which worked in the northern and middle valley, is out for the office of Tax Assessor of Chaves county. He pleads rheumatism as an excuse.

Kaffir corn chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Pruit Co.

B. V. Bogy was up from Carlsbad last week visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Bogy was formerly employed in the Joyce-Pruit Co.'s store in Artesia but is now working for the same firm in Carlsbad.

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"Oh! My Dear! What is it? My old man's boot, the cat is in it. It must be good leather. Geo. Roklizer made it in Artesia, N. M.

L. C. Robertson left Saturday morning for Enid, Okla., to look after business interests and to visit his son and family, Dennis Robertson.

Craig Schwartz left last Friday morning for Enid, Okla., to resume his work in college.

Bran, kaffir chops, shorts and all kinds of feed at Joyce-Pruit Co.

We hope the people of Kenna and all who are interested in our little town, will unite in one 1908 resolution, to get together and work to make Kenna a live, up-to-date town—just what she should be and can be and will be.—Kenna Record.

SALT, SALT, all kinds of salt at Joyce-Pruit Co.

Albert Bradley, Rouse Covey and Laurence Lockney left Monday noon for Silver City, N. M. from which place they will proceed to the wilds of Arizona. Laurence was lately deviling at the News office.

120 acres patented land with water, to exchange for town property. L. W. Martin. tf.

Dr. Stoker who has been sojourning in Old Mexico for some time, was back to civilization on a visit last week.

Charles L. Ballard has announced his candidacy for re-election to the office of sheriff of Chaves county. Mr. Ballard has made a good officer and will, no doubt be re-elected.

Kaffir corn, chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Pruit Co.

We have been informed by Commissioner J. W. Turknott that Attorney L. O. Fullen was not called to the assistance of the Board of Commissioners until after the election for the issuing of the bridge bonds had been held, and therefore could not have been responsible for any error that occurred. We think that the entire Board were conscientious in the handling of this matter and the error, while deplorable, is not to be charged to the discredit of anyone.

SALT, SALT, all kinds of salt at Joyce-Pruit Co.

Harry W. Hamilton is away visiting his family at San Antonio, Texas.

Commissioner J. W. Turknott is at Carlsbad this week attending a meeting of the county board.

Try our oysters. Artesia Market.

Frank L. Hill was up from Lakewood Tuesday transacting business before the U. S. Commissioner.

Transfer Lino.

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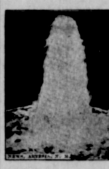
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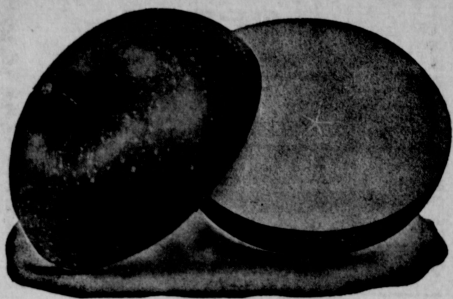
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The Reform Bubble.

The reform movement inaugurated by the Eddy county Democratic gang for the purpose of deceiving the people of the northern part of the county and sidetracking the Artesia county, is about the most idiotic scheme ever attempted on an intelligent people. The residents of Eddy county in general are unaware that the last Republican legislature passed a law cutting the salaries of the two highest paid officers of the county and when the fake reform element put forth the proposition to cut these salaries to \$2000 per annum they were simply taking advantage of this law and making a virtue of necessity. Only four officers of this county receive over \$2000 a year for their services and of these four the sheriff must pay out a great deal of money for deputies. Under the new law, which in spite of the misrepresentations of the gang was passed by the Republicans of the territory, the assessor and the treasurer will receive only about \$2500 a year, and as the sheriff gets only about \$2000 after deputy hire is paid, the net saving to the county will amount to only \$2000 at most, a great amount when compared with the \$150,000 collected each year in Eddy county. If, however, the scheme could be worked it would pacify the people on the northern end of the county for some time and would therefore sidetrack Artesia county. It was for this purpose that the great re-

form movement was started, and it remains with the people living within the proposed Artesia county to say whether they will be bulldozed by the Democratic gang for another period of years. It is up to us to work harder than ever for the only thing that will give us relief from the high taxes, and simply because some of our citizens have sold out to the gang is no reason why the rest of us should cease our labors. Our Artesia county should be ever foremost in our minds and should not be set aside for the momentary whims of political parties. Whether the Democrats will permit themselves to be deceived by this false move is not known but the Republicans will continue to do as they have always done, work for the best interests of Artesia.

THE CARLSBAD CURRENT has drawn a comparison in right and left hand columns showing the difference in expense of maintaining the Otero administration as compared with that of Gov. Thornton. Now if the Current will in like manner compare the cost of the wardrobe as maintained by Adam I with that of one of the present Eddy county officials he will discover that the said Adam I was in no wise a dude.

MATTERS have got to such a stage in Eddy county now that one editor announces that hereafter the fight will be taken up personally, and not through the columns of the paper. Both are exceptionally good runners and no serious difficulty is anticipated.

THE statehood league headed by Gov. Curry and Col. Hopewell is actively engaged in furthering the interests of the movement using all possible means to secure the favorable action consideration of Congress.

NOT so very long ago the Carlsbad Current announced that Graftville-on-the-Pecos had fewer saloons to the number of people than any other town in the Valley. Artesia has a population of nearly 2500 people and has two saloons, Carlsbad has 3,500 and four saloons advertise in the Current. Of course it may be that the Col. is just carrying some of these as "fillers" and that the saloons have gone out of business long ago and then again the Col may have lied. He is getting in bad shape lately, the Col. is, and his friends look for him to become even as Pucket is at any moment. He has taken to Pucket's lamentable habit of reversing himself on every occasion, for instance one week he will call a man a dog and the next week a skunk.

JOHN SNALLSON, according to the Current, says that the county jail could have been built for \$1,000 less and better building put up if the contractors had used home rock. Did they do it? Well hardly. That is not the way the democrats have been running Eddy county since the beginning of time and it would be foolish indeed to attempt to teach an old dog new tricks.

THE old joke that was worked on the Eddy county democrats last year whereby they barred the native element from the primaries and then had to come out and root for the gentleman with the musical name, seems about to be perpetuated again next election. The minus quantity is undecided whether to allow Larrazolo or the Dear Departed to lead them to defeat.

THE LAKEWOOD PROGRESS passed its second mile post last week and is now entering upon its third year of existence. Considering the size of the town and the newness of the surrounding country, the Progress is an excellent paper. Success to the paper and its progressive editor.

No one but "de gang" was expected to know that the recent republican legislature had reduced the salaries of county officers to as low a rate as conditions demanded. This reduction will take effect January 1, 1909.

A reduction of county salaries has already been arranged for. Keep free from the gang that increases the taxes in the northern part of the county and work for the creation of Artesia county when the proper time arrives.

LOST.—A set of upper teeth. Leave here. Register-Tribune. Will wants to recover these teeth before he faces an Artesia audience. We are a bit particular down here.

EVERYONE who comes to the valley is delighted with our fine climate. We have only to impress them with our financial advantages to induce them to locate with us.

PRATTIBONE was acquitted and it is supposed that the charges against Moyer will be dismissed. The jury deliberated fourteen hours before reaching a verdict.

RECENTLY one visitor was overheard to remark to another that the Peacock Alley train was on time. Down here we limit a man to one mistake at a time.

In its New Year edition the El Paso Herald states that that climate is the best in the world. The editor has never been in the Pecos Valley.

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For 81 years have maintained their record—HIGHEST QUALITY, LOWEST PRICE. We offer the only GENUINE STOCK of the superb new fruits KING DAVID, DELICIGUS, 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 Salemen. Price list, Etc., FREE.

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To The People of Artesia

And other readers of this paper: The firm of Clayton, Talbot & Terrill have dissolved partnership, E. Clayton remaining alone in the real estate business and may be found at the office of the former firm where he is ready to meet prospective purchasers in all kinds of land in tracts from five acres up to as large a body as anyone will desire. I have also desirable town lots and property to suit all purchasers.

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year and hope to merit the contin-
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Favorable Comments.

The special Christmas edition of
the Pecos Valley News is an excel-
lent one, and is calculated to
do much good for the entire val-
ley.—Lakewood Progress.

The Pecos Valley News of Ar-
tesia, issued a very neat Holiday
number, that in the mechanical
make-up was a credit to the craft
and a fine advertisement for Ar-
tesia.—Current.

The Christmas number of the
Artesia News is certainly the best
of all our New Mexico exchanges.
It consists of a superb magazine
illuminated with numerous half-
tones and excellent descriptive
matter. Such an issue is of the
greatest value to the whole valley
as well as the Artesia country.—
Register-Tribune.

**ARTESIA AND ITS LIVE REPUBLICAN
NEWSPAPER**

The Christmas number of the
Pecos Valley News, one of the
brightest weekly newspapers in the
territory which is published at the
thriving town of Artesia, is very
attractive and full of good reading
concerning the town and surround-
ing it. It is printed on book paper
in magazine form containing
thirty-six pages and is nicely il-
lustrated. It gives a very well
written account of the great pro-
gress and advance of the town and
surrounding country and demon-
strates that Artesia has a go-
head and energetic population and
certainly a newspaper that is one
of the principal factors in its lively
and satisfactory progress, increase
in population and wealth. Daniel
L. Newkirk, the publisher, came to
Artesia two years ago from Kan-
sas, and since then proven himself
one of the most progressive citi-
zens and newspaper editors of
New Mexico. The Pecos Valley
News is Republican in politics
which is another great point in its
favor. Mr. Newkirk is ably as-
sisted in his newspaper work and
in advancing and pushing to the
front the advantages of his town
and section by his son, J. Frank
Newkirk, who is but twenty years
of age but is doing more than the
average man's work and bids fair
to become somebody of importance
in newspaper life as well as in
politics. When it is remembered
that five years ago there was no
such thing as Artesia and when
the present populations, the busi-
ness of the town, its property val-
uation for assessment and its real
property valuations, and the great
agricultural and horticultural de-
velopment which has taken place
are considered even the most pes-
simistic and jaundiced opponents
of statehood for New Mexico must
admit that the territory has made
wonderful progress in the past five
years and that the chances are
that this will steadily increase in
the years to come and would be
greatly stimulated by the admission
of New Mexico as a state.—New
Mexican.

Gossett in the Swim.

Carson Ratliff, who is drilling a
well for Conductor W. J. Gossett,
five miles west of town, reports an
increase in the flow yesterday
afternoon. The last flow struck
mounts 36 inches over a 5 1/2 inch
casing.

This is a splendid well and we
are expecting W. J. up next Sun-
day with a set up for all of his
friends and they are numerous.—
Progress

Bran, kafir chops, shorts and
all kinds of feed at Joyce Fruit
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We will do the rest. Farmers
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Watkins-Crisler Nuptials.

One of the most beautiful wed-
dings which ever took place in
Hagerman was consummated Wed-
nesday evening at 8 o'clock when
Miss Anna Mae Crisler and Mr.
William H. Watkins were united
in marriage. The Crisler home
was tastefully decorated and all
arrangements were made and exe-
cuted in a manner becoming the
event. At the appointed time the
bridal couple presented themselves
at the altar, and their plighted
vows were sealed by Rev. J. H.
Doran in a most beautiful and im-
pressive ceremony after which they
were warmly congratulated by a
large number of friends who had
assembled to witness the marriage.
A dainty luncheon was served fol-
lowed by an informal party, which
was taken advantage of by all the
young people present in tendering
much advice and counsel to the
bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are well
known in Hagerman, especially
the latter, who has resided here
the past eighteen months, all of
which time she has been active
among the young people in society
and church work, and from these
circles she will be greatly missed.
Mr. Watkins is a mechanic by
trade and with his father owns a
shop in Artesia. He is regarded
in the highest esteem by those who
know him best, having an enviable
reputation for industry and frugal-
ity.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins will go
to Artesia the last of the week and
will make that town their home.
The Messenger extends congratu-
lations and best wishes to these
young people and is confident they
will contribute largely to the up-
building of society wherever they
may reside.—Hagerman Messenger.

Snow at Portales Sunday

All the time Roswell was getting
a drizzle Saturday night and Sun-
day snow was falling in Portales
and over the country to the north
of that point. The fall was not
heavy, but enough to make dis-
agreeable weather and slushy
streets and roads. It is hard to
best the Pecos Valley proper es-
pecially on weather.—Roswell
Record.

Another Oil Excitement

An old time flurry of excitement
was caused in Roswell this morn-
ing by the receipt of a letter by
Judge G. A. Richardson bringing
the news that a prospect well of a
company in which he is interested
had run thro seven feet of oil sand
and had been pronounced a pro-
ducer of pay oil. The letter came
from another member of the com-
pany and asked that Judge Rich-
ardson, as its president and legal
adviser, come at once to take the
necessary steps to secure all their
interests. Judge Richardson left
today on the south bound local
freight for the scene of operations.

The prospect well is located a
few miles west of the central points.
Oil was found at a depth of 485
feet and a big find in such a shal-
low well is considered a splendid
indication by even the most skep-
tical J. C. Grant, of Roswell, is
the driller in charge of the work
and is the man who is said to have
pronounced the well a paying
proposition. He is an experienced
driller and his opinion on the mat-
ter is thought to be good.

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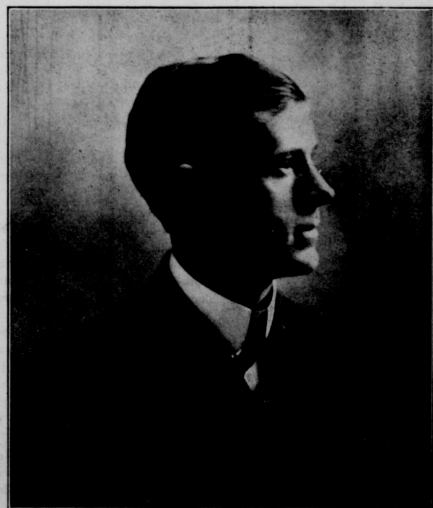
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ronage and to extend to them, and to all their friends, its
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NEW YEAR

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P. S. Come in and get a Calendar for 19 18

**Impressions of
a Tenderfoot**

By WILL ROBINSON at Pres-
byterian Church



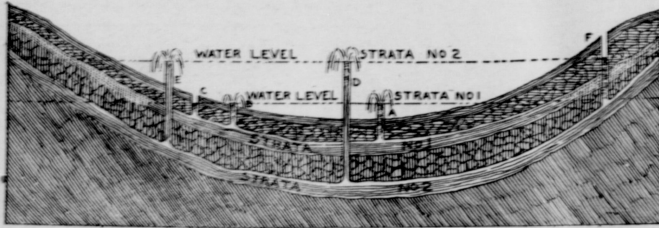
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Talk of the Town

Our herd is 100 per cent pure. Fletchers Market.

Born, Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Wingfield, who live eight miles southeast of Artesia, a ten pound boy. Dr. Graham reports that mother and babe are both doing well.

Attorneys Atkeson and McCrary spent Tuesday at Carlsbad doing the pearl casting act before the anti-Artesia part of the board of commissioners.

Miss Irma Totzek, of Roswell, came down Wednesday to attend the Leap Year ball.

Joyce-Fruit Co. just received car salt.

The hose cart room is about completed. The work was done by Robin Bros.

Traffic Manager D. L. Meyers distributed some very nice calendars this week.

Mrs. J. G. Osborn entertained several lady friends at her home last Saturday afternoon.

All kinds of chickens at The Artesia Market.

E. R. Gesler, J. H. Beckham and H. L. Muncy were among the Roswell visitors yesterday.

Mr. McMahon, principal of the Lakewood schools returned to the White City Sunday to resume his work. He had been spending the holidays with his parents in Artesia.

Joyce-Fruit Co. just received car salt.

Rev. E. E. Mathes and family have been presented with a handsome kitchen range, the gift of members of the Presbyterian church.

Rev. J. C. Gage was looking after business interests in Carlsbad Monday.

J. T. Patrick was sojourning in Graftville-on-the-Pecos this week.

Country butter. Artesia Market.

Miss Minnie Ruebe, who has been assistant at Beatty's photo gallery for sometime, will return to her home in Missouri this week.

Bran, kaffir chops, shorts and all kinds of feed at Joyce-Fruit Co.

P. A. Linell has moved his paint shop the building formerly occupied by Pats restaurant.

J. R. Blair left Tuesday for his old home in Kansas to look after business interests there and to gather homeseekers for the Pecos Valley Immigration & Realty Co.

G. U. McCrary was attending to legal business in the county seat the fore part of the week.

We have what we advertise. We advertise good meats. Fletchers Market.

One hundred and fifty new song books have been ordered for the protracted meeting at the Christian church which will begin about January 21. All the singers in town are requested to assist in the music.

Kaffir corn chops, better than bran for your cow at Joyce-Fruit Co.

Miss Lily McIlhany left yesterday morning for Dalhart, Texas, where she has accepted a position as teacher of music in one of the Colleges. Miss McIlhany has many friends in Artesia who wish her success in her new home. John McIlhany accompanied her as far as Amarillo.

The three months old baby girl of Frank McCleary died Tuesday morning of inanition. The remains were buried Wednesday in the Artesia cemetery.

E. T. Edgerton and family left yesterday for Sedan, Kansas, where they will make their home in the future.

Miss Georgia Kinsinger and Miss Atteberry left on the south-bound passenger Sunday to resume their school work in the lower valley. Miss Kinsinger is employed at Lakewood and Miss Atteberry at Otis.

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 Yours respectfully,
 _____ P. M.

Reason: Deceased. Present address, UNKNOWN.

Christian Church

A meeting of the members of the Christian church and those belonging to the Sunday school is called for next Wednesday night to arrange for the protracted meeting which is to take place soon. All are urged to attend. W. F. Schwartz, Chairman.

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