

Pecos Valley News.

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

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WELL RIG BLOWN DOWN

Arthur Heath Hurt in the Fall of the Chapman & Heath Rig Tuesday Morning on the Norfleet Place.

The Chapman & Heath well rig was blown down Tuesday morning about nine o'clock and Arthur Heath, who was on the derrick at the time, sustained a broken arm. The derrick was being put up on the Norfleet land northwest of town and Heath was on the derrick fixing one of the guywires, when an unusually strong blast threw the work over and his left arm was broken by the fall.

While clearing away the wreckage, Tom Chapman stepped on a nail which penetrated his shoe, causing a painful injury, if not a dangerous one. With two men laid out the rig is running short-handed but the derrick is going up again just the same.

Thaw is in the Boghouse.

Saturday night Harry K. Thaw spent his first night in the insane asylum. Sunday he was allowed to eat with a knife and fork, which is quite an honor in that institution as most of the inmates have to eat with spoons. Thaw says that he expects to be at liberty in a week.

Close on Sunday.

Until further notice both the meat markets will be closed on Sunday. Remember to buy your meat on Saturday.

Fletcher's Market.
Artesia Market.

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.

Presbyterian Church.

9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. and 7 p. m., preaching services. The pastor will be absent in exchange with Rev. J. H. Doran of Hagerman, but urges all the members of the church to be present to hear this gifted and popular pastor of our neighboring town.

A cordial invitation to all. Strangers and visitors will be accorded a hearty welcome.

E. E. MATHES, Pastor.

MINERAL FILINGS ARE WORTHLESS.

Law Says That Homeseekers Shall Have the First Right to Purchase Land.

The recent oil excitement has caused many people to ask whether the oil claims filed promiscuously by wildcatters are good over a homesteaded right. A great many individuals rushed to the nearest land in what is supposed to be the oil belt and filed claims on all land in sight, whether homesteaded or patented. Of course the claims are no good on patented land, and in fact not good on homesteads.

The law relating to this matter is, Title xxxii, Chapter 6, Sec. 2341, Revised Statutes, and may be found on Page 11 of United States Mining Laws, which may be obtained at the Roswell Land Office, and reads as follows:

§302 2341. Wherever, upon the lands heretofore designated as mineral lands, which have been excluded from survey and sale, there have been homesteads made by citizens of the United States, or persons who have declared their intention to become citizens, which homesteads have been made, improved, and used for agricultural purposes, and upon which there have been no valuable mines of gold, silver, cinnabar, or copper discovered, and which are properly agricultural lands, the settlers or owners of such homesteads shall have a right of preemption thereto, and shall be entitled to purchase the same at the price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and in quantity not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres; or they may avail themselves of the provisions of chapter five of this Title, relating to "Homesteads."

Piano Moving.

I am prepared to move pianos having an automatic, self lifting truck with which the instruments can be moved with safety.

W. J. Williamson.

Elmer Feemster was in the office this week and announces that he has purchased some racing stock to be used at the first opportunity. The horse is a great looker, and as his name is "Brimstone" he ought to be a goer.

I have for sale 5000 feet of lumber at Joe Clayton's just west of town I wish to close out. Any one wanting lumber it will pay you to look it up. J. C. Elliott. 21

I am prepared to do plowing or ditching for assessment or crops.

18-1f-24
M. O. Tuttle.

WHO ARE "KNOCKERS"?

"Citizen" Has a Few Things To Say About The Investigation Of Town Records

EDITOR NEWS:—

If any common English word has been used often in these parts lately, has had more changes rung on it than the word "proposition" it is certainly that word "knocker." I, has even been made the theme of the local bard in poetical effusions. It might not be out of order or inopportune to inquire into what is really meant by this term and to ask to what class of citizens it can be properly applied. Formerly in this community the term was most frequently used by the real estate man in referring to the individual who chanced to get in his way and who, for one reason or another, prevented him from pulling off some "deal," but lately it seems to be used in a wider sense, to have a deeper and more varied meaning. Both openly and by implication the term has, in certain quarters, been applied to certain citizens of the north end of Eddy county because they have had the temerity to assert that all things in connection with the conduct of county affairs were not as they should be; and now, strange as it may seem, some of these same citizens are facing the double-edged (?) of being denominated "knockers" right here at home, and that too by certain of their fellows in the above mentioned class, because forsooth they have had the despicable effrontery to suggest that they would like to know something in reference to the conduct of local public affairs, because they have dared to humbly ask for information to which they feel entitled and which they think should have been made public long ago. When a stockholder in a business concern objects to borrowing a large sum of money and assuming obligations which, in his opinion, will be burdensome, does he therefore become a "knocker?" Because some of our citizens believe that the issue of fifty thousand dollars worth of water works bonds would be too large a load for a town the size of Artesia to carry—same being close to 25 per cent of the assessed valuation, and therefore opposed the issue, should they be so classed? When the managers of a mercantile establishment send an employe out to purchase certain goods and he goes out and buys an inferior article or pays twice what it is reasonably worth, do they become "knockers" when they call that employe to account or possibly discharge him? Hardly. And yet some of our most successful and progressive citizens are being so classed because they have expressed a desire to know how the proceeds of the bond sale were expended, and a belief that the water system installed in Artesia is conservatively worth only about 50 per cent of the amount reported to have been paid for it. Now wherein do these men become "knockers?" Is it by virtue of their desire to see the business affairs of our town economically administered? If so, then every man who decries extravagance in matters of government becomes a "knocker."

By common acceptance a

ARTESIA'S THRIVING INDUSTRIES



The Artesia Telephone Central

ANOTHER FINE WELL

Mull & Co. Bring in a Thirty Inch Well On The Sechrist Land

L. W. Feemster telephones the News from Dayton that the Mull well rig brought in a fine well Tuesday on the Sechrist land one mile west of Dayton. Water was found at the depth of 550 feet and the flow is 30 inches high.

This is a very fine well for the depth and Mr. Sechrist is to be congratulated at getting such a one at so little expense. He is a new comer in the valley, having moved here from the north a few months ago but his rapid work in developing the land shows that he is the kind of men we want to build up valley.

"Knocker" is one who, from selfish motives and through misrepresentation attempts to bring about certain results or to prevent the happening of certain things which would be for the welfare of some individual or the community at large. It is manifestly unjust to place these gentlemen in any such class since there can be no matter of private gain involved and neither are they indulging in misrepresentations. As matters now stand does it not look as if this somewhat odious appellation is being used as a bug-a-boo to prevent somebody from "talking out in public?" Instead of the public official getting on a self-raised pedestal, wrapping his official dignity about him and assuming an attitude of supreme self-satisfaction with his public acts and a disposition to excommunicate and put in the "knocker" class all private citizens who display a thirst for knowledge with reference to his stewardship, would it not be more manly, more public spirited, to take the dear people into his confidence and show a willingness to give some explanation of his official acts, and to confess his mistakes if he has made any? Something has been said about a get-together movement in Artesia, and the suggestion is timely, but people cannot be gotten together so long as one man or faction classes as "knockers" all those who differ from him or them on matters of general public interest. The movement should be headed by the Board of Town Trustees who should show a desire to give a complete account of their official doings, to tell the people what was done with their promissory notes and why it was necessary to pay two prices for a water system. This may have been necessary but the public would like to know just why. By all means lets "get together."

CITIZEN.

NO ALFALFA FESTIVAL

Board of Directors of the Artesia Club Pass Resolution Against the Middle Valley Celebration This Year.

The Board of Directors of the Artesia Commercial Club met Tuesday afternoon at the Club rooms and transacted considerable business. A canning factory is under consideration and the secretary was instructed to write and ask Mr. G. L. Christie, of El Paso to come to Artesia and look over the ground. There is also some talk of trying to get a creamery located here.

A resolution deciding that the Alfalfa Festival be omitted for this year, was passed with but one dissenting vote. Fourth of July was also cut out of a day of celebration and the money which would have been spent for these things will be used to improve Artesia, interest capital and to send an exhibit to Albuquerque.

A committee of three consisting of Messrs. Ragsdale, Lukins and Swepston was appointed to work in conjunction with Judge Logan, committeeman for this section to get the residents of the Middle Valley at Albuquerque. A meeting will be called soon and held in Artesia, probably at the Club room.

Sperry & Lukins are putting on an addition to their warehouse on west main street, in order to carry a large stock of well supplies.

120 acres patented land with water, to exchange for town property. L. W. Martin. 1f.

Prof. Daly has a great deal of respect for the P. V. & N. E. just now. Relying on the time honored custom he did not hurry to the train Saturday morning and the train fooled him. He next thought of the local but even that train proved contrary and did not come on time so Prof. Daly missed his trip to Hagerman.

Make us the right selling price. We will do the rest. Farmers Land League. 1f.

Miss Callie Neather of Hope left Wednesday morning for Van Alstyne, Texas.

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

\$1.50 A YEAR

We are authorized to announce John W. Price for the office of Tax Assessor of Eddy County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

The failure to secure statehood from the present session of Congress has caused considerable complaint throughout the Territory from the Democratic papers, and to a certain extent from the republicans. We all deplore the conditions which caused us to put this great matter off again, but the result among the papers is noteworthy. With but few exceptions the democrats have employed their spare wind condemning republicans while on the other hand the republican papers have continued to boost for the progress of the territory and are doing all they can to further the statehood movement at the next session of Congress. The rule has always been for the democrats to "object," and this time has been no exception. In fact that is about all the democrats have ever done, object. Of course, in their laudable efforts they are merely following out the usual democratic rule to get what campaign material possible, and to use this against the republicans in the next election, but to a humble dabbler it seems as though such breath might be used to a better advantage, than knocking—well not knocking either, just bellyaching. No doubt in the intention of an all-wise Creator, these disgruntled individuals—the demo-editors were expected to occupy a place in the universal scheme similar to that of prairie dogs, but its mighty hard on the prairie dogs to say this. The mournful cadence of their wailing at present is simply a minor note in the great chorus of boost and progress which New Mexico is singing.

The newspapers of Eddy county have a friend in misfortune in the Register-Tribune of Roswell, which rag up to date has not one announcement card.

If there is one thing that will help Artesia along more than another, that is, things that we can get, it is a good college. Artesia is the ideal location for a college, having pure air, best of water and a good clean town, and the college would not only be a help to Artesia but Artesia would be a help to the college. The efforts of the Methodists of our town are to be commended, and they have the support of every man in Artesia who has a bit of pride in him for his town and the surrounding country. While the fact that the college would be sectarian in teaching may deter some who would otherwise help it, this should not matter, and will not matter to the class of citizens who are working for our best interests. As a great and good institution of learning, and the Methodists have no other kind, it would draw people here who would otherwise be drawn to a town which furnishes higher educational advantages. Naturally such a college would advertise abroad, and in its advertising bring Artesia before the outside world. The great trouble with the Pecos Valley today is its lack of advertising. We have just got to have that college, any way we can look at it and the way to get it is expressed in two words, GET BUSY.

THE CARLSBAD CURRENT in its last issue urges the calling of an early primary by the Democrats of Eddy county. It would seem to a humble observer that it would be a needless expense all around and that the best thing to do would simply call the election and have the people vote on Mr. O'Quinn. The Current is doing its best to work up interest on the Democratic side of the fence as it probably needs the money which is due it from announcements which have never been made. Those \$10 per head candidates are not coming in fast enough to suit the Col.

BILLY BRYAN has so far favored only one paper in New Mexico with his announcement card and that one is the Roosevelt County Herald. We wonder how much Billy paid for the puff.

HOMESTRADES must now reside upon their claim a full fourteen months before they may have the privilege to commute.

COL. BILL of Grantville was on quite a tear last week and among other things he made a valorious effort to pat the local democrats on the back. This little oversight of Col. merely proves what the NEWS stated sometime ago, that the reform movement in favor of lower salaries was nothing but a gang movement for the purpose of lulling into security the people of the northern part of the county. As a republican made law forces the highest paid officers to return part of their salaries to the treasury, the gang no doubt thought it would be a nice thing to take advantage of the law and make a virtue of necessity, and at the same time make a grandstand play to the northern part of Eddy county. If the limited salary calf had ever materialized, the county would have been in the hands of the same old gang which has controlled its destiny for these long years and while a few of the minor officials might have been there just the same, with perhaps addition or two from this end of the county.

THE implication that some of our citizens are "knockers" simply because they desire to know something of the conduct of local affairs is an unwarranted and reprehensible charge. In every locality there are certain loquacious individuals whose bump of self importance is so abnormally developed that they think the world was for their special benefit. They are constantly reminding one of the old time backslider who while his earnest self-sacrificing associates are patiently tugging away in the gospel harness are themselves skulking in the hedges and by paths along the narrow way. At times they took hold and by spasmodic effort gained a few paces in advance from which position rantingly they accused their brethren of lack of zeal. Ere long, however, they were against in the brush leaving the real work of progress to the well directed efforts and patients endeavor of others. But in a way the old time backslider was useful. He was in evidence at all revival gatherings, no matter the sect or denomination, and his conversions were many.

THE "get together" spirit is gaining ground. The NEWS has advocated this action for the past year and we are pleased to see that others think as we do. As it is reasonably certain that the present congress will do nothing as regards statehood, the only political question worthy of consideration before the people of the middle valley is the securing of county rights. In less than twelve months, the Territorial legislature will be in session and Artesia county will be a live question. Let us get together and prepare for this campaign. Just as long as Carlsbad can use us and tax us exorbitantly just so long will she cling to us. But once we elect a ticket from the north end of the county and equalize the taxes and Pharaoh's parting thrust was mild compared with what Carlsbad will accord us.

A cut of Col. Twitchell is going the round of the New Mexico papers which is in a measure misleading in that it represents the extremities as being dwarfed and the head abnormally developed. Such is not the condition of the Colonel who is really well proportioned and prepossessing. The picture was taken immediately after the recent reception tendered the Governor and his party of which the Colonel was a member by the citizens of Artesia and the effect is easily apparent.

HAVE AN ARTESIAN WELL?

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

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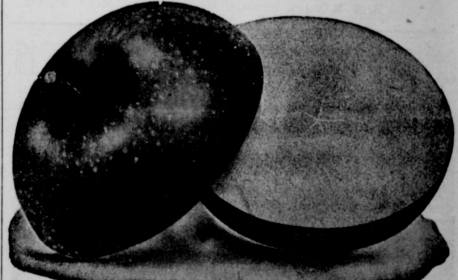


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Talk of the Town

For Dr. Dunaway phone 28 or 138.
V. E. Fatherree is confined to
his bed this week with the prevailing
ailment.

Prof. Board, of Hope was in
town Saturday looking after business
interests.

Beef, Pork, Veal and Mutton.
Artesia Market.

E. A. Clayton, the hustling
real estate man was looking after
business in Roswell the fore part
of the week.

Basil Hillyer left Tuesday morning
for La Plata, Mo.

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. .50ft

Sunday was groundhog day and
if Mr. Earthpig is an early riser
he saw the shadow and retired for
six weeks more. If on the other
hand he followed the time honored
custom of laying in bed on Sunday
morning we are sure of good
weather from now on. So far all
evidence shows that he slept late.

W. E. Ragsdale was attending
to business in Roswell Tuesday.

Ben Easley is employed at the
depot in place of the retired Mr.
Linn, who as is stated in another
column, has quit work to live on
his fortune.

Try our oysters. Artesia Market.

Sidney Mims, who was book-
keeper for Joyce-Fruit Co., at this
place, has been transferred to the
same company in Roswell, and left
to take his new position Monday
morning. This transfer is somewhat
unfortunate for Artesia maids
coming as it did just before the
opening of the soda water season.

SOOTER—He may not suit
you personally, but he has a line
of native corn chops and corn that
will SUIT YOU. Also cobs for
kindling.

Joyce-Fruit Company are re-
modeling their store room this
week preparatory to putting in an
up to date cash system. The in-
creasing business of this firm de-
mands that every convenience be
utilized in handling their immense
trade.

The Pecos Valley Drug Co. filled
620 prescriptions during January
and every patient got well. Can
you see through a brick wall?

John W. Price has announced
himself for Assessor in this week's
News, and while as a republican
sheet, we cannot recommend his
politics to the voters, we can and
do recommend the man. Mr. Price
is one of the rising young men of
the Middle Valley, and has many
friends in this section of the coun-
try. He is one of the best boosters
we have in Artesia and his firm
has brought many reliable citizens
to locate with us. If Mr. Price is
elected to the office of Assessor we
feel sure that everyone will get a
square deal in their assessment and
that all will be treated alike.

The Artesia Commission Com-
pany has been dissolved and
Messrs. Galloway and Runyan
have formed the Galloway and
Runyan Land and Cattle Co., with
offices in the rear of the First
National Bank.

Miss Grace Eggers is still con-
fined to her home and unable to fill
her place at the Joyce-Fruit store.

Merk A. Corbin has purchased
an interest in the Brainard Hard-
ware Company and while the name
of the firm will remain unchanged
Mr. Corbin will be an important
factor in the conduct of the busi-
ness henceforth. Mr. and Mrs.
Corbin came here from Illinois a
short time ago and have found a
ready welcome from the citizens of
Artesia who will be pleased to
learn that they are to continue
their residence here.

Have you seen the new mono-
gram stationery at Pecos Valley
Co.

H. E. Mull made a business
visit to Roswell last week.

I have a phone at my mill, if
you are in a hurry phone me for
any kind of lumber. J. C. Elliott.

Dr. Clarke has been confined
to his home with la grippe this
week but is now much better.

Among the teachers who attend-
ed the Association meeting at
Hagerman last Saturday, were,
Prof and Mrs. Botts, Miss Heath,
Miss Children and Prof. Stephen-
son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blair are at
Carlsbad this week where Mr.
Blair intends taking treatment for
tuberculosis of Dr. Jones who is a
specialist in that line.

Valentines, Valentines, Valen-
tines, all kinds and prices at Pecos
Valley Drug Co.

Ed Tyson returned to his home
in Roswell Monday.

W. U. Linn who has made his
fortune in the past few months
working for the Pea Vine, will re-
turn to the place from which he
came, viz: Madill, Okla., some-
time in the next few days. Mr.
Linn will settle down and enjoy
his money in his declining years.

Remember Sperry & Lukins are
complying exactly to the law and
ordinance in regard to tapping the
city water pipes. .50ft

J. R. Blair and wife of Artesia,
were visiting friends here this
week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs.
E. C. Cook.—Lakewood Progress.

Miss Vera Heath has been teach-
ing in Miss Atteberry's room last
week as Miss Atteberry was sick.

HAVE A LITTLE THRESH-
ED KAFFIR CORN LEFT FOR
SALE. JOHN S. MAJOR. .50ft

Heresay is one thing, facts are
another. Again we ask Bro,
Wood to cite us in one pension act
to which Mr. Andrews lays claim
that he did not assist in securing.
Whatever his other failings, Mr.
Andrews is a pension getter as
many of the soldiers, both old and
young, are able to testify.

J. C. Elliott was down from the
mountains last Friday, and reports
that the snow is disappearing in
the Sacramentos. Mr. Elliott is
the proprietor of a saw mill near
Weed and says that business in
that line is good. It was from his
mill that the lumber for the street
crossings was bought.

THE LAND EXCHANGE for land
bargains of course. .50ft

Saturday was collection day and
collectors of all kinds were abroad
but we could not help noticing
that the one who was accorded the
most courtesy and who was paid
the most promptly was L. W.
Martin. Mr. Martin came up
town carrying an ax.

Keep your chicken house free
from mites by using Lee's Lice
Killer. The Pecos Valley Drug
Co. sells it and the sprayer also.

Lem Crandall returned Friday
night from a trip in Nebraska and
other foreign parts and from all
reports he is glad to get back to
the valley. Lem says he got hun-
gry in the frozen north.

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them with or without collars and in
any size you may wish for from 14 to 17

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Company**

In the cold regions of
Alaska the natives
keep the blood warm
by eating plenty of
Fresh Meat. Why
won't the same rule
work in New Mexico.
Buy Meat at the

**Artesia
Market**

and save high
price fuel.

List your property with the old
reliable FARMERS LAND
LEAGUE. We are bringing
hundreds of prospective buyers to
the Valley.

FLETCHER'S MARKET

STRICTLY corn fed Steers, nothing finer. Best in the market. Come and examine. We also have corned Pork and from this we make our own sausage and lard which is 100 per cent pure

EVERYTHING IN SEASON

PHONE 37

Valley Notes

Hagerman is having all kinds of trouble in her efforts to get a decent depot from the railroad and in the last issue of the Messenger, a letter from Mr. Turner was published. Mr. Turner says that the company is willing to put in the depot if the town will make a new street along the site and is willing to pay a moderate price for the ground condemned. Other towns up and down the valley will sympathize with Hagerman in her efforts to get what is coming to her in the way of railroad improvements.

The Chaves County Democrat, the new paper of Roswell, has increased its size to four of a five. The paper is making a bid for the Democratic support of Roswell, and will probably pull its share.

The latest report from the oil well is that the drillers have not yet succeeded in drawing all the casing. They have drilled down through one joint and will drill the others out unless they can pull them. Everybody is anxious for the well to be cleaned and see the results.—Dayton Echo.

The basket ball game at Hagerman last Saturday between Roswell and Hagerman, resulted in a score of 21 to 10 in favor of Roswell.

C. O. Leach has been reappointed postmaster of Portales. Mr. Leach has served in this capacity for seven years, a part of that time when the office was in the fourth class.

Lost on the plains was the sad experience of our fellow townsman, Ed Stewart, who went out with a party of hunters from here last week. In the dark he lost his way and struck the wrong trail and after hours of night wandering landed at the Mertz well rig, where he camped for the night. The next morning he started for the camp which he reached in a famished condition. A band of coyotes accompanied him in his wanderings, and constantly sang that old song, "home sweet home."—Times.

The Public Utilities Co., of Carlsbad have voted to duplicate their present plant in order to furnish better service for the town. The improvements contemplated will cost something over \$4,000.

Joe Klasner, who was republican candidate for sheriff at the last election, is just out of the hospital in Roswell and is looking up old friends in the lower valley. Mr. Klasner is an old settler in the valley and judging from his size, is a man to admire respectfully from a distance.

Judge Pope is expected home from Santa Fe about March 1, and will hold an adjourned session of Federal and Territorial courts. He will leave Roswell for Carlsbad the evening of March 2, and the fun will begin shortly after his arrival in Grantville.

Portales is boasting of a Commercial Club nowadays, and the lively organization is starting out with a membership of one hundred members. The new club will take up the matter of securing cottonseed for the farmers and the establishing of mail routes out of Portales.

We are glad to see so many of our citizens building good houses and improving their places. It means something when those who have lived here for years, and are familiar with existing conditions, put their money into substantial improvements. It is an evidence of faith—faith in the future of the Pecos Valley.—Lakewood Progress.

C. R. Jones this week planted about 200 fruit trees in his already thriving young orchard south of town. He now has about 1000 promising young peach trees on his place all of which are doing nicely. It is one of the finest young orchards in Eddy county.—Argus.

J. E. Whitehorn spent last Sunday and Monday in town and reports that he has by means of a siphon, gotten his deep well to flowing. He dug a ditch five feet deep to the well and now has a nice flow; he aims to dig the ditch about three feet deeper which he says will give him all the water he will need.—Lake Arthur Times.

The building committee for the Presbyterian church last Monday purchased the old school building from W. F. Daugherty and will move it to one of the vacant lots west of the bank, where they expect to shape it up into a nice place of worship. The committee is also making arrangements for a conventional parsonage.—Dayton Echo.

The inlet to the Antelope Basin reservoir and dams across both the Pecos river and Walnut draw have been completed. Teams are now at work on the outlet and canal. The survey of the canal has been completed to within the vicinity of Dayton and is expected to have water from the canal in Dayton in less than 40 days.—Dayton Echo.

The Portales Times says that a great calamity has happened near the town and some \$325 worth of dogs were it. Added to this affliction a fine cat of inestimable worth was wincantly destroyed.

F. L. Hopkins of west of Lakewood is putting in a large private reservoir on his land, which will cover over an acre of land and will hold water enough to irrigate one hundred acres. The Lakewood Progress says that Mr. Hopkins also has a fine well and will be able to irrigate all of his land, including some high land which without the reservoir would be worthless for farming purposes.

Roosevelt county teachers will hold an institute February 14 and so far no newspaper men have been put on the program.

District Attorney L. O. Fullen returned from his eastern trip this week and has several things to say about the petty gambling. Among other things which must get up and leave is the habit of shaking dice for cigars in some of the stores of the Valley and the private poker games are also tabooed. Mr. Fullen said that the Federal building for Roswell was almost a certainty as the Committee would recommend the amount asked for in its report.

The Ladies of the Methodist church of Lake Arthur will give a good old fashion taffy pulling this week and from reports it will be a sweet time.

The New York Sun says the American people have a mania for carving their initials everywhere. Mr. Bryan would give anything for the privilege of carving his initials on the door-post of the White House, even some Eddy county citizens have followed in the footsteps of the "peerless" William J., and are possessed of a desire to see their names written there—judging by the impressions made on the cement walk recently laid in the court house square, where beside the names of the board of county commissioners our present assessor's name is preserved to posterity in indestructible cement.—Carlsbad Argus.

King of Portugal Killed.

While riding in his carriage from the depot to his place last Saturday, King Carlos of Portugal was shot and killed by a number of men who sprang to the carriage from a dark corner in the street. His two sons and Queen Amelia were with him at the time and the elder prince was also killed, while his second son was seriously injured. The queen was not hurt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of January, 1908, in accordance with Section 26, Irrigation Law of 1907, Blanche I. Major, of Artesia, County of Eddy, Territory of New Mexico, made application to the Territorial Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate from the Public Waters of the Territory of New Mexico.

Such appropriation is to be made from Spring Lake at points in the N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 3 Twp. 18 S. R. 26 E. by means of diversion by digging an outlet below the water level in said ditch and 11-2 cu. ft. per sec. is to be conveyed to points in Sec. 2 Twp. 18 S. R. 26 E. by means of ditches and there used for irrigation.

The Territorial Engineer will take this application up for consideration on the 20th day of March, 1908, and all persons who may oppose the granting of the above application must file their objections with the Territorial Engineer on or before that date.

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High School Notes

(Too late for last week.)
The members of the Lew Wallace Literary Society met Friday evening and the following program was rendered:—
Recitation, "And Tommy Wondered Why," Noble Brainard.
Essay, "Prairie Dogs," Theodore Martin.
Essay, "The Wayside Inn," Estelle Mauldin.
Impromptu, "Why I Like to Debate," Lotta Ferson.
The question for debate was, "Resolved that Latin should be a compulsory study throughout the High School course."
Those on the affirmative were Ruth Brainard and Sarah Owen. Those on the negative were Esther Mendenhall and Abbie Blakesly.
The judges were Eben Coll, Vivian Newkirk and Estelle Mauldin. Their decision was in favor of the negative, after which there was sentimental debate. Four visitors were present and responded to the following impromptus:
"Suggestions, Friendly and Unfriendly," Rev. Mathes.
"Impressions of Our Society by a Fenderfoot," Mr. Will Robinson.
"The Benefits to be Derived from a Literary and Debating Society," Mr. Whelan.
"The Slick-haired Girl," Bro Gage.
The meeting then adjourned.

The interesting lecture delivered by Will Robinson at the Presbyterian church Friday night was well attended. Readings were given by Mrs. Jacobson and Mrs. S. Major, and a duet by Miss Ross and Miss Rice, and a solo by Edgar Williamson. The proceeds, which go for the benefit of the High School Laboratory, were about \$20.00.
Saturday evening an exciting game of basket ball between the Hagerman and the Artesia girls, was played at Artesia. The score was 8 to 6 in favor of the later. Quite a number of interested spectators enjoyed the game. The Hagerman girls, in company with a number of friends, drove down from Hagerman Saturday morning

in vehicles furnished by the business men of that town. They arrived here about 12 o'clock and were welcomed by the Artesia basket ball girls in their usual cordial manner. The Hagerman girls are good players and the Artesia girls will be glad to play them almost any time.

Monday morning the High School was visited by Rev. Mathes, Rev. Scribner and Mr. E. B. Kemp. The doors between Miss Childress' room and the High School room were opened and that room also enjoyed the talks made by the above named gentlemen. The teachers and students certainly appreciate the interest taken in their schoolwork.

A most interesting program will be given next Friday afternoon by the members of the Whittier Club and the Lew Wallace Club.

The program will be as follows:
Piano Solo, Vivian Newkirk.
Recitation, Anna Pardon.
Duet, Nannie Smith and Effie May Turner.

Essay, Eben Coll.
Solo, Kent Erb.
Recitation, Rose Wetig.
Piano solo, Helen Askew.
Essay, Herbert Mendenhall.
Piano solo, Margaret Mathes.
Reading, Estelle Mauldin.
Piano solo, Sarah Owen.
The question for debate is: "Resolved that the press is the greatest public benefactor." Those on the affirmative are Frank Daniels, Thomas Heflin and Denver Langford. Those on the negative are Fred Brainard, Ruth Brainard and Theodore Martin. E. M.

A Good Topic.

Of what earthly use is a soldier who drops his musket and takes to his heels at the first onslaught of the enemy? Where would a nation end with an army of such soldiers? Where a business?

At present this country stands face to face with a most absurd enemy, who came like a bolt from a clear sky and wholly without cause.

That enemy is Fear
Are you a good fighter or are you a coward? Are you going to

lay down arms before this imaginary fictitious apparition, or are you going to "march breast forward" and help break down this fear in the minds of your customers?

There is no reason why merchants or anyone else should be alarmed. The backbone and foundation of this nation is its integrity and natural resources, which are in most superb condition. In fact, the land "flows with milk and honey." The only trouble is the people (some of them) are scared stiff.

And about what? Absolutely nothing. Its just like a cry of fire in an opera house where no fire exists.

Fear is no person, place, nor thing. It has no actual cause, no real power, in the presence of confidence it becomes absolute nothingness and vanishes as darkness before the light.

When a snag is blown out of a river by dynamite the noise creates excitement, but the snag being removed leaves the river clear. Several snags are being removed from the "financial river" but the explosion should cause no alarm. With the snags removed, this country's prosperity will flow on greater and more powerful than ever.

Which side are you fighting on, fear or confidence? Every word you speak, every thought you have has power for good or evil. Think this over and be an optimist—Register Tribune.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., January 23, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that Martin J. Cruz, of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final communication proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 1966 made May 2, 1906, for the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 16 South, Range 4 East, and that said proof will be made before D. L. Newkirk, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on March 7, 1908.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Harry H. Hess, Grant Sooter, William Kinney, Harold Crum, all of Artesia, N. M.; Howard Leland, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., January 23, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that James B. Barnes, of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final communication proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 285 made July 1, 1907, for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4, and NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 25 East, and that said proof will be made before D. L. Newkirk, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on March 6, 1908.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Seattle L. Robert, William Allen, Henry C. Owens, E. A. Christy, all of Artesia, N. M.; Howard Leland, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., January 23, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that Albert P. Cox, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final communication proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 400 made Sept. 15, 1905, for the SW 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 27, NW 1/4, NE 1/4, and NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 17 East, and that said proof will be made before D. L. Newkirk, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on March 3, 1908.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Ben O. Donaghe, of Hope, N. M.; William F. Donaghe, of Hope, N. M.; Joseph Beach, of Artes, N. M.; George M. Cox, of Hope, N. M.; Howard Leland, Register.

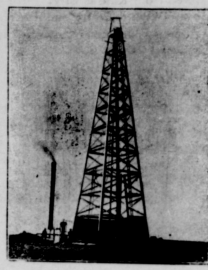
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Notice is hereby given that Claudio W. May, of Lake Arthur, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final communication proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 1624 made Dec. 5, 1905, for the Lot 12, 13, and 14, Section 4; and Lot 6, Section 1, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, and that said proof will be made before D. L. Newkirk, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on March 7, 1908.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Ira H. Robinson, Charles S. Lewis, Lon N. May, Thomas J. Wood, all of Lake Arthur, N. M.; Howard Leland, Register.

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Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., January 23, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that F. White, of Artesia, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final communication proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 582 made May 12, 1905, for the SW 1/4, NE 1/4, NW 1/4, NE 1/4, and NW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 15 South, Range 18 East, and that said proof will be made before D. L. Newkirk, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Artesia, N. M., on March 7, 1908.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: J. B. Blair, of Artesia, N. M.; D. D. Temple, of Artesia, N. M.; Charles A. Hoffmann, of Artesia, N. M.; John Webster, of Lake Arthur, N. M.; Howard Leland, Register.

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H. W. Joyce of the firm of Joyce-Fruit & Co., was down from Roswell this week looking after business.

J. W. Ford of Roswell was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Schneider went to Roswell Wednesday morning to spend a few days visiting friends.

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

Judge Logan left this morning for Abilene, Texas, where he is called to the sickbed of his son, Hubert Logan.

C. A. Sipple made a business trip to Roswell today.

The investigation of the city council records will be begun just as soon as the gentlemen who are doing the investigating can secure a date with the clerk. So far a rush of business has prevented this.

Special bargains in city and country property at THE LAND EXCHANGE.

The Artesia Commission Company has not gone out of business as stated in another column but is still doing business at the old stand with Rev. J. C. Gage and R. A. Eaton as members of the firm.

Mrs. Miller, mother of Mrs. Quick died last Saturday from the effect of an attack of the grip. The funeral was not held until Monday afternoon as other relatives were expected. She was buried in Artesia cemetery.

George Landrum is in town and will lecture at the Presbyterian church tonight.

A lot of new Post Card views of Artesia at Pecos Valley Drug Co.

The immigrant car of Chas. Paetz arrived Monday from Bristol, Ill., and was unloaded this week. Mr. Paetz has rented the Lukins farm north of Artesia.

J. F. Fuller was looking after business in Roswell this week.

J. F. Lockney has sold his interest in the second hand store to Leonard Langford. Mr. Langford will take possession at once.

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

Dr. and Mrs. C. T. McClane came down from Roswell last night to visit their daughter, Mrs. Martin. Dr. McClane will only stay a few days but Mrs. McClane will remain during the illness of Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. Burling who with the rest of the family recently came here from Nebraska has been very sick during the past week but is some better at present. Twice Dr. Inman was called and seemed that she would live but a short time but she rallied and is now feeling better.

Call on Woolman for cheap fresh fruit and groceries. Next to Fletcher's Market.

J. T. Patrick left yesterday morning with a load of lumber to build a bridge across the main canal west Hope. J. T. evidently intends to make a stay of it for he took along a dollars worth cheese.

All kinds of chickens at The Artesia Market.

A son of J. B. McCabe has arrived from Kansas City. He has been in poor health and has been receiving medical treatment in a hospital.

Fancy canned meats at the Artesia Market.

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Mrs. Lulu Lawhorn of Hereford, Texas, is visiting relatives in Artesia.

Lee's Poultry Food at Pecos Valley Drug Co.

A meeting will be held in the office of Dr. Dunaway next Wednesday to form a Pecos Valley Medical Association. All doctors of the valley are invited to be present.

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Constable George Bane was in Roswell the part of the week looking after his particular kind of business.

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Protracted Meeting.

The protracted meeting is still in progress at the Christian church and last night a large crowd was in attendance. There has been so much sickness lately on account of the gripe that heretofore the attendance at times was light.

The meetings will continue until some time next week and Sunday afternoon there will be special services for men only, the subject of the discourse being "A Clean Life."

Services will commence tonight (Thursday) at seven o'clock on account of the lecture which is to be given at the Presbyterian church under the auspices of the lecture course committee.

Subjects for discourses are announced as follows:—

Thursday night, "Felix, or a Convenient Season."

Friday night, "A Grippe, or Almost Persuaded."

Saturday night, "The Supreme Question."

Sunday morning, "A More Excellent Way."

Sunday afternoon, three p. m. for men only, "A Clean Life."

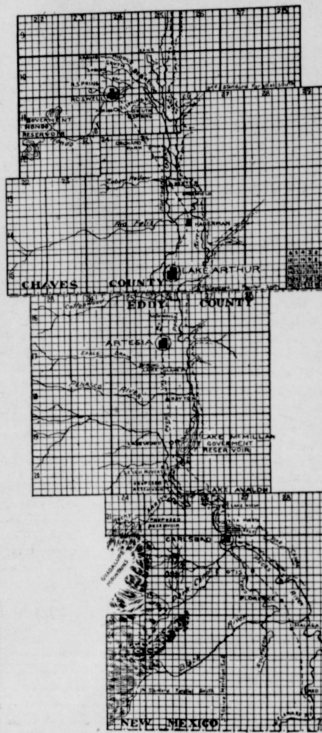
Sunday night, "Excuses."

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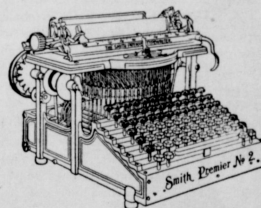


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