

Pecos Valley News.

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ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO JANUARY 24, 1907

NO 20

About the City

M. Attebery visited in Roswell Sunday.

Why patronize a Chink when you can have Americans do it. 17tf

Dr. Thomas was in Roswell Sunday.

Stock food for sale at the Artesia Milling Co

J. W. Turknett spent last Friday in Carlsbad.

Blank deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, etc., at the News office. tf

A. Miller was a Roswell visitor last Friday.

J. B. Atkeson made a business trip to Roswell Monday.

H. E. Mull was in Roswell on business Friday of last week.

D. W. Runyan went to Roswell the latter part of last week.

G. A. Davison returned to Hagerman Monday morning.

W. O. Thomas returned from Pecos, Texas, Sunday morning.

W. R. Friemood was in Roswell on business the forepart of the week.

Mrs. R. W. McLendon left Sunday for Carrizosa, N. M., to visit with friends and relatives.

Roswell is about out of coal and it is feared that the electric light plant will have to be closed down.

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

The Putnam & Putnam wagon yard will be of great convenience to people coming to Artesia from a distance.

FOR SALE.—Five well located lots for sale cheap. Nicely located. Apply to D. W. Robertson. 4t

Dr. Kinsinger and wife of Roswell who have been visiting J. W. Kinsinger of near Artesia, left for home Sunday.

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

Capt. J. D. Hunt and wife left Monday for Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Hunt has been ill for some time and will go to a hospital in that city.

For sale at a bargain, lots 1,2,5 five room house, one business house on Main street, lot 12, block 8. Address

C. F. Herlacker, Artesia, N.M. tf

L. F. Shepard and family left last Thursday for El Paso where Mr. Shepard will go to work in a dry goods store. They will be missed by many friends.

FOR SALE, North East 24-16-25, 5 miles from Artesia, all fenced, 65 acres in cultivation, flowing wells surround this land. Price \$2500.00. For quick sale address. 194

John W. Baughman, Plains, Kan.

Speltz is a Russian plant that grows with a small amount of moisture and is becoming very popular in semirid regions where it has produced from 40 to 60 bushels per acre and upward. It is excellent feed. D. M. Elder has it for sale. 2



TO THE CITIZENS OF EDDY COUNTY AND CHAVES COUNTY:

Petitions are being circulated asking the legislature to create a new county comprising the territory between lines drawn between townships 19 and 20 on the South, and between 14 and 15 on the North, extending to the Texas line on the East, and on the West including all of what is known as the panhandle of Chaves county.

It is proposed that the name of the county be Artesia and that Artesia be the county seat thereof.

By securing the creation of such a county it is hoped to reduce taxes within the country named and to conserve to the convenience and the commercial prosperity of the Pecos Valley. As an example of the inconvenience of present conditions we need only cite the state of affairs with which the people of Hope have to contend; where it is necessary for them to lose three days to visit the county seat. Moreover this end of Eddy county as at present constituted has not received any of the appropriations to which its importance entitles it.

Two years ago a petition was presented to the legislature asking it to create such a county with Artesia as the county seat.

At that time this project was successfully opposed by Carlsbad and by the Southern part of Eddy county on the ground that Artesia was too young; and the opponents of the measure assured its friends that in two years from that time they would favor such a division; but said that the proposed South line was nearer to Carlsbad than they cared to have it. This year the proposed line is a row of townships further North than two years ago.

It is with surprise therefore that our people have learned that a large element in Carlsbad, including some of those who made the above pledge, are preparing to oppose this act of equity; and are professing to base their opposition on one of the grounds urged two years ago; to wit the youth of Artesia.

In this great and progressive country it is the young town whose development shows the characteristic spirit of American push, that deserves to receive the crown.

There is no reason why a town should be compelled to spend a long probation of indolence, and inertia, with incidental inconvenience and expense, in order to qualify itself to become

a county seat.

Artesia is young. Less than five years ago the coyote, the cougar and the bob cat roamed unmolested over the ground upon which this thriving city of 2000 souls now stands.

On March 1, 1906, this three year old had an assessed valuation of \$227,460. She has within her corporate limits, two banks, two drug stores, four dry goods stores, five grocery stores, a wholesale grocery and dry goods house, three livery stables, four hotels three saloons, a billiard hall, three law offices, two hardware stores, one saddlery and harness shop, two supply houses for artesian well machinery, four blacksmith and repair shops, two lumber yards, a grain mill, local telephone exchange with long distance connection to Roswell, Carlsbad, Hope and Elk, two newspapers, five churches, with six church organizations, \$10,000 brick school house, five orders, viz. Masonic Eastern Star, K. P., I. O. O. F. and W. O. W.

Our high school includes a three years course. There are seven instructors all told and a school population of over 500.

In addition we have Artesia College, now practically completed and which will be opened to students Feb. 4.

A contract has been let for the construction of a municipal water works system, at a cost of more than \$42,000 excluding the cost of well. To secure this improvement a \$50,000 bond issue was voted; the bonds selling at a premium.

A franchise has just been granted to the Artesia Electric Light and Ice Co. for the construction of a light system.

This company will also conduct a cold storage plant, and ice plant and a pop factory.

The Womens Club is an organization that has been in a great measure responsible for the elevated moral and intellectual tone that pervades Artesia society while the Artesia Club is a business mens organization in the conduct of which pleasure and business are happily blended.

THE MATTER OF TAXES

It is this bugaboo that the foes of the proposed county are trying to invoke to scare the tax payers.

We submit that taxes will be absolutely much less under the new arrangement than under the old.

In order to sustain this state-

ment we submit the following facts.

The total assessed valuation of Eddy county on March 1, 1906 was \$2,134,604 of this \$875,372 lies within the boundaries of the proposed new county, and \$1,319,232 remains within the boundaries of Eddy county after the proposed reduction.

The total assessed valuation of Chaves county at the same time was \$3,258,265; of which \$2,313 was in the proposed new county, and \$3,003,952 remains in Chaves county.

The total debt of Eddy county is \$61,550. Before this debt is divided we must deduct \$37,000 for public improvements (ALL OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE BOUNDARIES COMPRISED IN EDDY COUNTY AS REDUCED), and sinking funds aggregating \$3,354: a total of \$40,354; which deducted from the total indebtedness leaves \$21,196 to be divided. Pro rated this would leave Artesia county to assume \$8,218 of the present Eddy county debt.

Chaves county has a debt of \$53,000 with sinking funds and improvements aggregating \$46,000, leaving \$7000 to be divided. Pro rated this would leave the new county to assume \$540 of the Chaves county debt. THE TOTAL DEBT OF THE NEW COUNTY WOULD BE ONLY \$8,758.

The above figures of assessed valuation do not include value of lands upon which final proofs have been made since March 1, 1906 and which in the proposed new county alone amount to \$150,000, making the total value of property in Artesia county if established, \$1,239,685

Now, then this has reference to the subject of taxes in the following manner:

A county which pays over \$15,000 and under \$20,000 to the Territory per year is a county of Class "D."

Artesia county would pay between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to the Territory and would be in Class "D."

Salaries of officers in Class "D" would be as follows:

3 County Commissioners	\$900.00
1 Probate Judge,	250.00
1 Probate Clerk,	400.00
1 County School Superintendent,	600.00
Court fund,	3000.00
New County Records,	1000.00
Assessor's Commission at 4 per cent,	495.87

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A BASE BALL MEETING.

ELECT OFFICERS, PASS A VOTE OF THANKS AND GET READY TO PRACTICE.

BURT AND LINELL RE-ELECTED MANAGER AND SECRETARY.

As announced in last week's News a meeting was held in Dr. Baker's office last Saturday night to elect officers and to make arrangements for practice for the Artesia ball team. Quite a number of players and fans were present and hopes are high for a still better season than the one of last year.

Mr. Linell was made chairman and the first business attended to was the acceptance of Mr. Burt's resignation, as manager. He was then re-elected for the coming year.

Mr. Linell then resigned his position as treasurer and was re-elected. Both he and Mr. Burt have given a great deal of their time to making the team what it was last year and the boys thought they might as well go on with the good work. The team extended a vote of thanks to them which they well deserved.

A motion was made and carried to have the manager appoint a property man. Another motion was made and carried to have the manager appoint a committee to draw up a contract for the players. The meeting then adjourned.

ARTESIA COLLEGE

Introductory term will commence Monday, Feb. 4th, 1907.

Tuition rates, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00, according to class, payable in advance, or at any time during the term, or at close of term. Music \$4.00, payable monthly. Miss McIlhany, teacher.

For this term the school is simply a SELECT PRIVATE SCHOOL. Our regular college work will not commence till next fall.

Instruction thorough and practical. Discipline kind but firm. Daily lessons in the Bible. All students will be required to take these lessons.

TO OUR FARMER FRIENDS. In payment of tuition we will receive, if you prefer it, alfalfa, hay Kaffir corn, or other farm products that we can use.

Try us. See how you like the result of our teaching and training.

Elocution and Spanish free this term.

Marshall McIlhany.

J. F. Lockney returned Friday from the mountains where he has been getting posts for the Artesia market.

Dr. Seehorn of Kansas City Mo. was here last Friday. He is looking for a location and thinks the Pecos Valley just about suits him.

Putnam Bros. in connection with their wagon yard had put up a lamp on the corner in front of their store. In the last few days they have also put up a large sign.

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THE NEW COUNTY AND THE BRIDGE.

This is a government of and for the people, and, vaporing and rantings of selfish and interested communities notwithstanding, the creation of a new county and the building of a bridge across the Rio Pecos cannot be prevented and should not be hindered. The Echo is for the greatest good to the greatest number, and, despite the rantings of clique or clan, or contortions or gyrations of yaho or calaban, whose vision is bounded by their little horizon, the Echo is for the bridge and new county.

Agitate the questions and submit them to an intelligent people. And if, after the matter is thoroughly understood and the people by their votes and bonds say Artesia is the place, then fall in and help do the work and quit whining like a miserable coyote or pessimist.

The country is in a formative state, and new counties and new bridges will come galore. And every move of this kind helps develop the entire valley and benefits each and all. Let us be unanimous enough to tolerate a good thing and prosperity for a friend, or sister town or city. With the immortal, "Thank the gods that Greece has 600 better men for her defense than you are"—P. V. Echo.

A NOBLE EXAMPLE.

Mr. A. C. Heard lives in Eddy county and through the shortsightedness of Eddy county citizens was elected to the office of County Commissioner. By the Commissioners themselves he was made Chairman of the board and thus holds one of the most important positions that it is in the power of the county to confer on a man. At this time a fight is going on between the northern and southern parts of the county. The northern part wishes to have a county to themselves and the southern part are determined not to lose the revenue that they have been accustomed to for years.

A call for a mass meeting appeared in last week's Sun for the purpose of fighting the new county and signed to it was the name of A. C. Heard as CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The people of Artesia helped to elect this man. The people of Artesia help to pay this man. And why is it that he comes out so much in favor of Carlsbad? Does it not seem to you Citizens of Artesia and the surrounding country that we should break loose as soon as possible from a county where the Chairman of the Commissioners is so much in control of one town? And what right did you have, Mr. Heard to sign your name in official capacity to that call for a mass meeting? Were not elected to attend to the county's business or to take part in the trouble between two parts of the county? If you have made friends in Carlsbad by your action, hold on to them. You have lost more in Artesia than you can ever gain. Your act proves more than any other one

thing that a division of Eddy county is inevitable. When one part of the county cannot get a square deal from a man they helped to elect and who they helped to pay it is time they break loose from that man and the influences controlling him.

Artesia has no intentions what ever of trying to buy the legislature of New Mexico, but it seems that there are others who are not adverse to using funds to secure the defeat of needed legislation.

The senior member of the firm is away and it is hoped that none will try to take advantage of our youthfulness. Please call around and settle all unpaid bills that we may have a good time during his absence.

The value of public improvement belonging to Eddy county is \$37,000. Of this amount not one dollar is within the bounds of the proposed new county. Carlsbad got all of it. All to them it went.

The Lakewood Progress is filling up its columns in fighting the new county but the influence of the Progress is hardly such that it will cause any loss of sleep to those who are working for Artesia county.

Sure Artesia needs a bridge across the Pecos and if Carlsbad had remained true to her promises Artesia would have a bridge. This double dealing is one strong reason for the existence of the new county idea.

If that poem, (with apologies to Longfellow, &c) written by bard R. V. Crowder, and published in the Lake Arthur Times of January 10, ever gets into the hands of the New Mexico legislature, the dearest hopes of Artesia and Hagerman are hopelessly blasted. In fact the whole valley will be in danger.

You will get you bridge in the north end of the county, but the division of Eddy county will not go along with it.—Carlsbad Argus.

The kindness, condescension and paternal care that this man exercises over the northern part of Eddy county, surpasses all understanding.

Bro. Newkirk omitted Dayton knowing that we are going to build north half way to Artesia and meet our sister city there; and the P. V. Siamese twins will build a bridge and locate a court house there. Selah. Dayton isn't kicking, but building.—P. V. Echo.

Come on, brother. We'll meet you half way.

If the territory of New Mexico was overflowing with population it would be well to discontinue the Bureau of Immigration now under the efficient management of Col. Max Frost, the talented editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican. We need some source from

which reliable information concerning the Territory may be obtained by those looking for a new location and the territorial bureau of immigration has supplied that need. By all means let the good work continue.

Two men came into the News office last week that came in on the excursion. They sat around and asked a great many questions as to the land, water etc., and we finally asked them who they came down with. They did not come with any real estate firm nor were they worked up by any circular sent out from the valley. They saw the Pecos Valley Car and after looking over the fruit and other things on board they concluded that the Pecos Valley was a good place to invest their money. They saw, they came and were conquered.

Carlsbad will find that there are a few others besides real estate men and "designing politicians" behind the county deviation movement. We know one editor—Mr. Whelan, who favors it. We know also, one merchant who is tired of paying tribute to Carlsbad, who wishes a new county. And now that we recall the fact there is one farmer who does not care to pay six per cent taxes any longer when three is sufficient and who does not wish to spend nearly three days in a trip to the county seat. This man, on a pinch, will favor county division.

The railroad situation is getting worse and worse in the Pecos Valley. The south bound train, which carries the greater part of the mail coming into Artesia, used to be only about three or four hours late but it has now gotten into the habit of coming in from eight to fourteen hours behind time. The mail that should be delivered to the people in the evening is now handed out in the morning, that is the morning after it is due. It almost seems that the railroad was taking it's spite at the people for daring to protest against the exorbitant rates.

The Carlsbad Argus says in connection with the new county idea that taxes are now nearly six per cent. True, brother, but how much of it has been expended in the interest of the north end of the county or for Artesia. You people have piled up the taxes and appropriated them to your own use—not one dollar by way of public improvement coming to this section. You were profuse in your promises when you wanted a bridge but now that the time has come for Artesia to have a bridge you readily repudiate those promises. Artesia will have the bridge all right, all right, and you will not be called upon to assist in paying for it.

REAL ESTATE TO EXCHANGE.
For low-priced land in Pecos Valley, under irrigation, or subject to irrigation.

One quarter and one-half section, one mile and 1/4 miles from good railroad town in Southwest Oklahoma, 400 acres in cultivation. 180 acres in wheat, 15 alfalfa. Chocolate soil, no rock. Good wheat, oats, cotton and corn land. Give full description and price of what you have to offer, first letter. Box 124, Olustee, Okla. 64

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Treasurer's Commission at 4 per cent. 495.87
6 per cent int. on \$8,758 (debt.) 525.48

Total, \$7,667.13
A tax of \$1.00 per \$100.00 on \$1,239,685.00 would be \$12,396.85, which is nearly \$5,000 more than is necessary to pay the expenses of the new county.

We believe that a \$3000.00 court fund is a very liberal estimate as there would be no docket with which to begin the new county.

There would be about \$3,000.00 licences paid into this new county per year which is not estimated in the above.

We are now paying \$3.72 per \$100 in Eddy county for County and Territorial purposes. \$1.40 of this is Territorial and \$2.32 is County tax.

Artesia county could be maintained at a less rate than either Chaves or Eddy is maintained. The above rate shows a reduction of \$1.32 per \$100.00 which is more than half of the county tax.

The county tax in Chaves county is \$1.90 per \$100.00 and the Territorial tax \$1.40 per \$100.00. That portion of Chaves which would come into this county would have its county taxes reduced nearly half.

Leaving all the latitude in the world for unexpected expenses: we are safe in saying that taxes would be reduced nearly 50 per cent in the territory comprised in Artesia county should it be created.

NO NEEDLESS EXPENSE.

It is not proposed to add expenses to the new county by voting bonds for a court house for some time or until conditions warrant and the people demand its construction. We guarantee that we will furnish suitable offices for a year without a dollar of cost to the county and thereafter rooms can be rented a reasonable figure.

THE JUSTICE OF THE CLAIM.

It will be noted that not a dollar of public money has been expended in the territory included within the boundaries of proposed Artesia county. We have been taxed to build bridges, and public buildings and improve roads from which we do not and cannot derive benefit, except such indirect benefit as may be derived by the entire Pecos Valley from any improvement therein.

However, the creation of a new county and the benefits which it would confer on the entire Pecos Valley would redound much more to the indirect advantages of Roswell and of Carlsbad than the construction of public buildings in those cities now indirectly confer on the territory within the proposed district.

We have ample taxable property. Two years ago Territorial Auditor Stafford said that \$700,000 was a sufficient amount of assessable property to furnish funds for conducting the affairs of a county.

With reference to the relative standing of the proposed county among the counties of the territory:

We have not the report of assessed valuation for 1906 for all the counties, but from the summary of assessed valuation of 1905, we deduce the following: Chaves, now first, was then the

second, and Eddy was the twelfth among the counties of the territory. Deducting the assessed valuation of the proposed county of Artesia in the manner set forth above, from the total assessed valuation of Chaves and Eddy counties and they will still maintain their relative standing among New Mexican counties.

There will be eleven counties with a smaller valuation than Artesia county.

Of existing counties, the assessed value of Torrance was only \$288,504, in 1905; much less than a quarter of that of Artesia county. Taos with \$616,261 had much less than half our present valuation.

The estimate of \$1,239,685 given above does not include the vast increase in wealth within the boundaries of the proposed new county since last March. The increase in values in both Chaves and Eddy counties since last March has been material. In Eddy county it amounted to \$237,000, or more than 10 per cent, while the total increase for the whole territory was but 7.87 per cent. Chaves was in the meantime raised from second to first place in assessable property.

In regard to the proportion of land to be taken from Eddy and Chaves counties respectively: the irrigated belt is by far the most valuable part of the Pecos Valley. The proposed lines divide this equitably. An immense dam is now near completion by the government near Carlsbad and, as a result of such structure, land at and near that place is bound to increase much in value within the next year.

Considering these facts the division asked is just to all parties.

GEO. P. CLEVELAND,
J. F. NEWKIRK,
JAS. D. WHELAN,
Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 70

An ordinance authorizing and granting to the Artesia Ice and Light Company, their heirs or assigns, the right to construct, acquire, operate and maintain an electric light plant in the town of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, for the purpose of supplying light and power to the citizens and inhabitants of said town, and a right to construct and maintain electric light wires, lines, etc., along and through the streets and alleys of said town. Said Rights and Franchises to continue effectual and useful for the period of Twenty-one years.

Section 1. That the Artesia Ice and Light Company, their heirs, representatives or assigns, are hereby granted the right and privilege to construct, acquire, operate and maintain an Electric Light Plant, with all the necessary poles, wires, lamps and apparatus, in the said town of Artesia; and they are granted the right and privilege, and especially authorized, to use all the streets, alleys, lanes, bridges, viaducts and public grounds of the said town of Artesia, for the purpose of laying beneath the surface or suspending on suitable poles on and along said streets, alleys, lanes, bridges, viaducts and public grounds from time to time as they may desire, wires, cables and conductors of electricity, together with lamps, lamp-fixtures and apparatuses and devices suitable for distributing and supplying said towns of Artesia and the inhabitants thereof, with an electric current for light and power; and any and all other purposes to which electricity may now or hereafter be applied. Said rights and franchises to continue useful and effective to the said company, their heirs or assigns for a period of twenty-one years.

Section 2. Said grantees, their heirs or assigns, shall not unreasonably obstruct the passage on any street, alleys, lanes, viaducts or public places, and shall place the wires on substantial poles, said wire to be hung, at

least eighteen feet above the ground. Should it become necessary for the said grantees to make an excavation of any kind in the construction of the said plant or works, they shall be required to fill, repair and level up the same, within a reasonable time, with the streets, alleys and grounds.

Section 3. When the poles are set in or along an alley, they shall be set and located as near the side of the alley as practicable, and when erected on and along the streets of said town, they shall be set and located, when practicable, along the outside edge of the sidewalk, so as not to interfere or obstruct the drainage, with all the poles placed in such a manner as to least discomode the public and property owners.

Section 4. Said grantees, their heirs or assigns, shall not charge during the life of this ordinance, for a 16 candle power incandescent lamp, greater sum than \$1.25 at a flat rate, or more than \$10.00 per month for arc lamps, to be run on moonlight schedule the same to be used all night, and shall not charge a greater sum than fifteen cents per kilowatt hour, meter rate.

Section 5. The said grantees shall have sixty days from the taking effect of this ordinance, in which to commence the erection of the electric light plant; and one year from said date to have it fully completed and in operation. If said grantees should fail to commence work on said erection in the time above stated, or if they should fail to complete the same within the time specified above, without good cause shown, this ordinance shall be of no force or effect.

Section 6. The said grantees shall furnish free of charge to the said town, light in sufficient quantities to properly light the town hall, and sufficient light for the building to be used as the fire department of said town.

Section 7. The said town of Artesia hereby agrees and binds itself to use of said grantees, five 100 candle power arc lights during the life of this franchise. Said town further agrees, that in event it should at any time during the life of this franchise, acquire, operate and own a water works system, that it will supply to the said grantees sufficient water for the manufacture of ice for the period of ten years, free of charge to said grantees.

Section 8. The said Artesia Ice and Light Company, their heirs or assigns shall file an acceptance of this ordinance with the clerk of the Board of Trustees of said town within five days after the passage of this ordinance.

Section 9. The ordinance shall not effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the Artesia Advocate, a newspaper of general circulation in said town of Artesia. Declared, passed and approved Jan. 10th 1907.

(Signed) WM. CRANDALL, Chairman.
J. E. SWEPSTON, Clerk.

CONTEST NOTICE

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., Dec. 27, 1906.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John B. Easley, contestant, against homestead entry No. 8228, made June 25th, 1906, for the E 1-2 NW 1-4 and E 1-2 SW 1-4 Section 21, Township 16 S., Range 26 E., by William W. Johnson, Contestee, in which it is alleged that the said William W. Johnson has never established his residence upon said tract and has never resided upon and cultivated same for more than six months prior to the date of said affidavit and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 25, 1907, before Albert Blake, U. S. Court Commissioner at his office in Artesia, New Mexico, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 4, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico.

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

Howard Leland, Register.
David L. Geyer, Receiver, 24 G. W. Wilson of Roswell the well inspector was in town the fore part of this week.

MASS MEETING CALLED

TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE FORMATION OF ARTESIA COUNTY

LADIES ESPECIALLY INVITED

A mass meeting of citizens will be held in the Club Room tonight (Thursday) for the purpose of forming plans to get a county cut out of Chaves and Eddy counties to be called Artesia. This meeting is of great importance to the people of Artesia and vicinity. The high taxes that, have been

the howl of opposing papers and individuals will be shown to really amount to less than the present rate. All are urged to attend. Time: 7.15 p. m. Committee.

(We did not have time to ask Mr Heard to sign the call for mass meeting but he doubtless would have done so had he been given the opportunity.)

BIG BOX SUPPER

Friday night Jan. 25, 1907, Dyer Building. Benefit Artesia Band. Ladies please bring a box.

Dr. Richardson made a business trip to Roswell Tuesday.

Artesia Milling Co.

Does a general custom business buys all kinds of grain and keeps on hand all kind of ground feed. Partonage solicited.

Stock Food for Sale

Wire Wire

BLACK WIRE
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., Dec. 11, 1906.

A protest having been filed in this office by the Territory of New Mexico, against Forest Lieu Selection No. 812, made September 5, 1899, for the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 12, T. 16 S., R. 28 E., by C. B. Willingham, selector-defendant, in which it is alleged that said land is saline in character; said parties are hereby notified to appear and offer evidence to determine whether at and prior to September 5, 1899, the tract of land described was known to be saline land and therefore excepted from appropriation under the Act of June 4, 1897, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, New Mexico, at 10 o'clock a. m. February 14, 1907.

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

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roswell, N. M., December 14, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Noel L. Johnson, of Hope, New Mexico, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz. Homestead Entry No. 1335 made March 1, 1900, for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 1; NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver, at Roswell, New Mexico, on January 29, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz:
Willard Wright, of Hope, N. M.; H. M. Gage, of Hope, N. M.; Lucius Johnson, of Hope, N. M.; W. I. Skrier, of Hope, N. M.
Howard Leland, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
DESERT LAND—FINAL PROOF
United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., Dec. 22, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Frank Wyckoff, of Hope, N. M., has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-claim No. 1132, for the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 5, T. 18 N., R. 23 E., before the Register or Receiver at Roswell, N. M., on Friday the 8th day of February, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land:
Richard M. Bell, of Hope, N. M.; Chas. A. Cole, of Hope, N. M.; Stonwall J. Wilburn, of Hope, N. M.; Ezekiel N. Reeves, of Hope, N. M.
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PECOS VALLEY NEWS.

Happenings of interest occurring up and down the Valley.

MUST NOT FLOOD ROADS

The County Commissioners have determined to use every possible endeavor to prevent the flooding of public roads by water allowed to escape from irrigating ditches. Printed notices are to be sent to all justices of the peace in the county, instructing them to see that the law on the subject is complied with. All road supervisors, constables, deputy sheriffs, horticultural inspectors, members of the board of horticulture and all county officers are requested and instructed to make it a part of their respective duties to assist in the enforcement of the law.—Lake Arthur Times.

AN ORGANIZED GANG OF THIEVES

Much petty thievery has been going on in Carlsbad, the past two weeks. The first case reported was the theft of harness from the Groves Lumber Co., and the thieves seem to be on the lookout especially for this class of goods, as J. F. Rarey reports the loss of three sets of harness from his corral the latter part of last week. On the same night of the robbery of Mr. Rarey's corral J. O. Duncan lost twenty-five or thirty chickens, and Saturday night two sacks of flour, a batched sheep and a new tarpaulin were stolen from a wagon in the O. K. corral. Mr. Duncan found his chickens, and Rarey trailed the thief who stole his harness to a place in on the canal about half way between the flume and Avalon, and had four men arrested, but failed to get the harness.—Carlsbad Argus.

ORGANIZATION OF EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League of the First Methodist church, South, held their first meeting Sunday, January 13, at 6:30 p. m. There was a good attendance and many plans were made for the coming year's work. The following officers were elected: President, John Kendrick, first vice-president, Miss Ada Hifferd; second vice-president, Miss Anna Smith; third vice-president, Miss Anna Hoag, fourth vice-president, Mrs. Tina Draper; secretary, Miss Lesbia Halsey; treasurer, G. P. Jackson; organist, Mrs. J. B. Cockran. The first devotional service will be held Sunday, January 20, at 6:30 p. m. A special program has been arranged for and everyone, especially the young people and strangers, are cordially invited.—Carlsbad Argus.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Yesterday afternoon while Mrs. M. Dudgeon and Mrs. F. M. Hatfield were out for a ride, both horses became frightened at something and ran—Mrs. Dudgeon's horse in one direction and Mrs. Hatfield's in another, jumping ditches and other obstacles which came in their way. Mrs. Dudgeon jumped to the ground when her horse had run a block or more, and holding to the reins stopped him. Mrs. Hatfield's horse ran more than two blocks, and jumped a number of ditches before she was able even to jump. When near a wire fence at Mr. Waller's residence, the horse

THE COUNTY DIVISION QUESTION

SMALL COUNTIES CAN BE MORE ECONOMICALLY ADMINISTERED THAN LARGER ONES.

"In the past few years the Territorial Legislature has created thirteen new counties. Only a few years ago the people living in the western part of Rio Arriba county requested the Legislature to cut off a portion of the county and create a new one. San Juan county is the result. Since then the residents of what are now McKinley, Union, Eddy, Chaves, Sierra, Guadalupe, Otero, Quay, Roosevelt, Luna, Sandoval, and Torrance counties have petitioned and created the above named counties. In each instance the people of the mother county have protested, deluged the Legislature with petitions and spent large sums of money to prevent the division. In each instance they have declared that the creation of the new county meant bankruptcy for both the old and the new but in every case the reverse has proven true.

"Every one who is conversant with the recent history of New Mexico is aware of the fact that the smaller counties are more economically administered than the larger ones, and that the new counties with a small area are in a better financial condition than the larger ones."

The above is the opinion and statements of Hon. J. S. Duncan, Councilman-elect from San Miguel county and president of the Territorial Board of Equalization.

San Miguel county as it now is contains but 4500 square miles with a bonded indebtedness of \$486,500. Artesia county would have an area of 4,000 square miles with a total indebtedness of \$8,758.

There is a growing sentiment in favor of smaller counties which the coming legislature will no doubt recognize and add at least four new counties to those already existing.

CONTEST NOTICE

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, N. M., Dec. 21, 1906.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Ezekiel N. Reeves of Hope, N. M., contestant, against Homestead entry No. 7393, made March 26, 1906, for SW 1/4 Section 27, Township 17 S., Range 23 E. by Lorin Randall, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said Lorin Randall has never established his residence upon said tract, but has wholly abandoned same, and has never resided upon and cultivated same, and that said alleged absence was not due to entrapments employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 23, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roswell, N. M.

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

The BATH COMEDY

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She sighed again and closed her eyes, waiting for the moment of the impending catastrophe with a delicate composure.

At the dark appointed corner the two muffled individuals, each selecting his own astonished chairman and enjoining him with overwhelming brotherly affection, seemed such thorough-paced ruffians in the dim light that Mistress Kitty found it quite natural to scream.

And her heart fluttered with a sensation of fear, convincing enough to produce quite a delightful illusion, when she found herself bodily lifted out of her nest and rapidly carried through the darkness in an irresistibly close and strong embrace.

"Oh, oh, oh!" cried the lady in a modulated sequence of little shrieks. "Merciful heavens," she thought to herself, with a great thump of the heart, astonished at her abductor's silence, "what if it should be some one else after all!"

But the next instant the rich brogue of a tender whisper in her ear dispelled all doubt.

"You've forgotten the scratches, my darling," said O'Hara as he laid her preciously upon the cushions of the chair.

Here Mr. Mahoney and his comrade - which latter bore a curious resemblance in build and gait to one of the sporting marquis' own celebrated gladiators - came running up to take their seats.

The chairmen, drawing their breath with some difficulty after their spell of strangulation, stared in amazement at the clattering shadow as it retreated up the steep street, and then back and in fresh amazement at the yellow guinness which had been pressed and now glinted in their palms.

Presently a simultaneous smile overspread their honest countenances.

"A queer go," said the first, easing and readjusting his necktie. "Lad, the little madam did squeak?"

"I'd tell them all squeak at the same price," said the other, pocketing his coin and resumming his place in rear of the sedan.

"O-o-o-h!" moaned the voice. "Oh, my mistress!" There was a flutter, a patter, and, "Merciful heavens, you wretches!" cried Mistress Bellairs, devotedly alighting, emerging like a gust of wind from the blackest shadow of Bond street and falling upon the nearest chairman with a well aimed flap of her shawl, followed up by a couple of scratches.

"Oh, heavens, my unhappy mistress!" cried Lydia, and then the night with her cries.

Mistress Kitty's chair had no sooner left the precincts of the assembly rooms when my Lady Standish's post-chaise came clattering round the corner.

Lord Verney, who was just about to go in again, arrested by curiosity, turned to wonder at a visitor who arrived in so uninvited a conveyance.

"Oh, pray, Lord Verney," said she in a strenuous whisper, "conduct me to your aunt, for I have great need of her help and counsel. Take me to her at once," said the poor lady in ever increasing agitation.

"They passed through the elegant throng, she unconscious alike of recognition, comment or titter, he feeling to his boy's marrow the sensation created by her traveling gear and distraught appearance.

No need of an ear trumpet for Lady Maria now. The dowager recovered her powers of hearing with almost miraculous celerity.

"Oh, Lady Maria," said Lady Standish, holding out both her hands, and

incontinently she burst into tears. "Oh, Lady Maria, Sir Jasper has left me. I am in sad trouble. I'm told he has gone to Devizes. I must follow him. You are my mother's oldest friend. Will you give me the support of your company and protection?"

There was quite a buzz in the interested circle. Lady Maria nodded round, charmed with the situation. Bristling with delighted curiosity, she was more like Mistress Kitty's cockatoo than ever.

"Poor young thing, poor young thing," she said, patting Lady Standish's hand. "Your mother's oldest friend, quite so - quite right and proper to come to me. And so Sir Jasper's left you; so Sir Jasper's gone; and with whom, my dear?"

Lady Maria fondly believed that she spoke these last words in a gentle aside, but never had her sepulchral bass resounded more sonorously. Lady Standish's faint cry of shocked disclaimers was, however, completely drowned in the fresh rumor, lacerated by shrill feminine shrieks, which now arose in the vestibule at the assembly rooms and rapidly advanced.

"My Lord Verney! My mistress! Where is my Lord Verney?" wailed the distraught Lydia, who thoroughly enjoyed her role.

A hundred voices took up the cry: the astounding news passed from group to group: "The pretty widow has been carried off! Mistress Bellairs has been abducted!" And then, in clamor and antiphony, "And my Lady Standish is looking for Sir Jasper."

Meanwhile, before Lord Verney, dumb and suffocating under a variety of emotions, Lydia, wringing her hands and with the most thrilling notes of tragic woe as nearly copied from Mistress Susannah Clibber as she could remember, narrated her trifling tale.

"He flung my unhappy mistress, swooning and shrieking into the chaise. And 'drive like the devil,' cries he in a voice of thunder to the coachman. 'I'll flay you with your own whip and hang you to your own shaft,' says he, if you're not in Devizes before midnight!"

"Devizes!" cried Lady Standish, with a scream. Hanging on Lydia's utterance, every word of which confirmed the awful suspicion that had entered her heart, she now could no longer doubt the real extent of her misfortune.

"Oh, Lord Verney, save my mistress!" Lydia's pipe dominated the universal chorus with piercing iteration.

And now Lady Maria's bass struck in again. "What did I say?" cried she triumphantly. "Nevey, you'd better go to bed; you're worn out of her. Julia, my dear, don't faint; we can catch them at Devizes yet. Some one tell that wench to stop that screeching! Julia, understand. You've got the chaise. I come. We shall just call for Burrell and make him ride behind with his blunderbus. Child, if you faint, I wash my hands of the whole affair. We'll nip them, I tell you, if you'll only brack up."

"I won't faint," said Lady Standish, setting her teeth.

Lord Verney suddenly awoke to the fact that he had been grievously injured and that he was in a towering passion. Spluttering, he demanded vengeance of gods and men. Post chaise, ho, and pistols, forthwith! "My sword!" cried he, feeling for the blade which, however, according to the regulations enforced by the immortal master of Bath ceremonies, was absent from its natural post on his noble hip in this polite assembly.

"Come with me," cried Captain Speiler, clapping his patron on the shoulder in a burst of excitement. "I'll stand to you, of course, lad! You'll want a witness. We'll have Sir Jasper's liver on the spit before crow of cock!"

CHAPTER XX.

THE side rays of the chaise lamps played on the widow's soft, saucy face, threw beguiling shadows under her eyes and fleeting dimples round those lips that seemed perpetually to invite kisses. Denis O'Hara, with one arm resting upon her head, his hand extended on the panel, the other hand still clasping the handle of the door, gazed upon the woman who had placed herself so completely in his power and felt smitten to the heart of him with a tenderness that was well high pain.

"How beautiful you are!" babbled the Irishman at last.

Mistress Bellairs suddenly sat up with an angry start. It was as if she had been stung.

"Heavens!" cried she, thrusting her little forefingers into her ears. "Mr. O'Hara, if you say that again I shall jump out of the chaise."

Her eyes flashed. She looked capable of fulfilling her threat upon the spot. "Eating my words," said he, and had performed to lay his hands upon her to keep her still. "Sure, what else can I say to you, with my eyes upon your angel face?" Apparently the lady's ears were not so completely stopped but that such words could penetrate.

"'Tis monstrous," said she in hot indignation, "that I should go to all this trouble to escape from the beating of that everlasting refrain, and have it buzzed at me," she wailed incoherently under the sense of her injuries, "thus at the very outset!"

"My dear love," said he humbly, capturing the angry, gestulating hand, "sure no heart's so full that it's just choking me."

She felt him tremble beside her as he spoke.

Now the trembling lover was not of those that entered into Mistress Kitty's scheme of existence, she said, perhaps, reckoned, when planning her escape, upon being made to tremble a little herself. She had certainly reckoned upon a journey this evening that should be among the most memorable in the annals of her impressions.

O'Hara's bashful O'Hara tongue tied! O'Hara with cold fingers that hardly dared to touch hers! O'Hara, the gay rattle, were contained lips!

This was an O'Hara whose existence she had not dreamed of, and for whose acquaintance, to say the truth, she had small relish.

What! Were all the accessories of the play to be so perfect, and was the chief character to prove such a lamentable failure in his part? What! Was she, Kitty Bellairs, to be carried off by the most notorious man in Bath, only to find him as awkward, as dumb, as embarrassed with the inconceivable situation as the veriest greenhorn? "It shall not and it cannot be," said she to herself. And thereupon she changed her tactics.

"Why," said she aloud, with the cooling note of her most melting mood, "I protest one would think, sir, that you were afraid of me."

"Aye, Kitty," said he simply; "and so I am."

"Oh, be!" she laughed. "And how have I alarmed you? Think of me," said she, and leaned her face toward him with a smile of archest wit, "not as a stranger, but as a sister, as a dear, dear cousin."

His eyes flamed back at her. Her merry mood was as incongruous with his sudden, storm serious growth of passion as the gay lilt of a tambourine might be to a solemn chant.

"I think of you," he said, and there was a deep thrill in his voice, "as my wife that it is to be."

"Now, indeed, is the murder out!" she cried. "Oh, you men are all alike. As lovers - all fire, capricious, Indian suns! Torrents of Sillery always bursting! Torrents not to be stemmed. But, lo, you let the lover once fancy himself the husband, merciful heavens, what a change! For fire we have ice; for the red, biting capscium, the green, cold cucumber; for Joyous, foaming Sillery, the smallest ale. Small ale? Nay, toast and water!" cried Mistress Kitty, lashing herself to finer frenzy. "And if the mere sense of your security thus transforms the lover in you, what a pleasing prospect, indeed, lies before the wedded wife! No, thank you, sir," said the lady, and pushed the petrified O'Hara with an angry foot. "I have had now wintry toast-and-water husband, and that shall be enough for my lifetime."

And in the very midst of her indignation:

"This will," she thought, "simplify the parting at Devizes." But no whit was her wrath thereby abated, that the fool should have spoiled her pretty ride.

For a moment after the angry music of her voice had ceased to ring there was a breathless silence, broken only by the straining progress of horses and chaise up the sides of another hill. Then O'Hara broke forth into a sort of roar of wounded tenderness, passion and ire. "Fling himself back upon his seat, he locked her wrist in a grip, fierce, yet still gentle under its ferocity.

"How dare ye!" cried the man. "How dare ye doubt my love! Sure, flames are cold compared to me this minute! May my tongue wither in my mouth, may it be cut out of my jaws and never speak a word of sense again, may I be struck dead at your feet, Kitty, for you rest of my life, if it's not gospel truth! Listen to my heart," he cried, with yet greater vehemence, pressing her captive hand against his breast - "isn't it 'Kitty, Kitty, Kitty,' that it's saying? Sure, it's nothing but a bell, and your name is the clapper in it! And you're to be railing at me because it's so much I have to say that never a word can I bring out! Oh," panted Mr. O'Hara, washing louder and more voluble still, "sure what could I say with my heart in my mouth stopping the way? Look at it.

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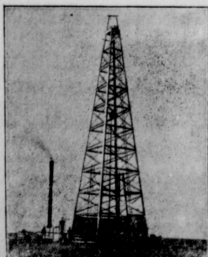
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