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THE BELEN NEWS

VOLUME I.

BELEN, NEW MEXICO, FEBRUARY 6, 1913

NUMBER 8.

SALARY BILL MAKES LIBERAL PROVISIONS

RANGING IN SOME CASES
TO FORTY-FIVE HUN-
DRED DOLLARS

OFFICERS ARE EXPENSIVE

People will have Last Say by
Means of the Refer-
endum

The Santa Fe New Mexican, under the heading "The Question of County Salaries" hits the nail on the head in the following:

"It might be well for the members of this legislature to keep in mind that something besides the assessed valuation of a county is the proper basis for fixing county salaries. In other words, the salary of a county official ought not to be based upon the ability of a county to pay but upon the duties the said county official is called upon to perform.

It has been the custom in the past in New Mexico to look upon a public office as largely a snap—a thing to be won only for the emoluments thereof and not because of the duties entailed nor of the services rendered. Under those circumstances the old fee system came into being whereby some of the offices paid from \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year and nobody knows how much more.

Just because Chaves county, for instance, has a high proportion of taxation, collects it as it should be collected and that county thereby is run on a business basis, is no reason under the sun why Chaves county should be classified by itself or with other counties on a similar basis and asked to put up twice what its county officers ought to be worth.

The treasurer or sheriff or clerk or what not, who is glad to draw down \$1,800 or \$2,000 a year when out of public office, is at poor business when he appears before a legislature and demands \$4,000 or \$5,000 a year with \$1,500 for clerk hire and a few hundred for other expenses, when he actually does less work.

The New Mexican at this time takes the broad stand that it is time to put New Mexico on a business basis, to pay reasonably for reasonable service and to eliminate the politician and grafter from public office.

It is not likely that any other kind of a salary bill will get by the governor and if the present bunch of county office holders desire to run their meal tickets on wind for a couple of years longer this newspaper has no objection. If it will bring the much desired result of putting county officers on proper salaries and New Mexico on a business basis it will be well worth while.

The legislature, at this time,

would do well to consider the question of county salaries from the angle of the tax payer.

Washington Tea

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church has announced a Washington's Birthday Tea, to be given at the home of Mrs. Mason, three doors south of the Episcopal Church on February 22, from 2 to 5 o'clock. A silver offering will be taken for Home Missions. A musical program will be rendered, followed by refreshments. A general invitation is extended to attend.

League Social

The social given by the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church on last Tuesday evening at the church was a well attended and jolly affair, everyone present reporting a good time. After a program of music and games, light refreshments were served. These events are always looked forward to by the young people of the church as pleasant affairs and this one was no exception.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Freshman class has just finished some maps showing the winds and currents of the world.

Miss Duer was out of school Tuesday afternoon on account of sickness. Miss Velma Pederson filled her place admirably.

The 6th and 7th grade pupils gave Miss Ziegler a fruit and nut shower last Thursday, which she appreciated very highly.

Miss Owen is rooming at Mrs. Fischer's, while Miss Hays has a room at Mrs. Stephenson's. Misses Duer and Sturdevant are also preparing to move from the Belen Annex.

Mr. George Peters, a Persian attending school in the United States, lectured to the Grammar grade and High School pupils on Tuesday. His talk was interesting as well as instructive. Although only twenty-one years of age, he speaks six languages.

UNCLAIMED MAIL MATTER.

The following is a list of letters and other unclaimed mail matter remaining in the post office at Belen, New Mexico, for the week ending

February 6, 1913

Persons calling for this unclaimed matter will please say "Advertised."

A charge of one cent will be made for each piece of advertised matter delivered, as required by Section 668 Postal Laws and Regulation, 1902.

JOHN BECKER, P. M.

Baca y Chavez, Eidero
Baldonado, Casilio
Castillo, Belisa
Castillo, Felipe
Chaves, Jose S.
Chaves, Lauterio (2)
Chaves y Luna, Teofilo
Gavaldon, Irenia
Garcia, Malquiades
Martinez, Franciscita (2)
Ramirez, F. L.
Rush, Alma
Sanchez, Lorenzo
Thompson, Annie
Trujillo, Sesario

If unclaimed by Feb. 14, 1913 the above will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

HUBBARD IS HELD TO AWAIT ACTION OF THE GRAND JURY

In Default of Fifteen Hundred Dollar
Bond is Remanded to Custody
of the Sheriff

Paul Hubbard, the negro porter of the Depot Exchange saloon, who is charged with having shot and killed Gabino Villanueva in the saloon on the morning of Sunday, January 26, was arrested at Las Cruces on telegraphic information from the local officers and brought back the last of last week. Not having jail facilities at Los Lunas he was taken to Albuquerque and lodged in jail for safe keeping. On Monday morning he was brought here for a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Baca.

It seems that he was not given opportunity to confer with an attorney before being called upon to plead to the charge, and being ignorant of the law he plead "guilty," but claimed he had killed Villanueva in self defense. Court was adjourned until 1 o'clock and during the interval the defendant was given an opportunity to confer with an attorney.

At the re-convening of court, Attorney Spicer appeared for the defendant and Deputy Sheriff Armijo for the prosecution. The defense asked permission of the court to withdraw the plea of guilty and substitute one of not guilty instead. This was resisted by the prosecution and the ruling of the court sustained the prosecution. Six witnesses were called, five of whom testified, the sixth, Mr. Tin, claiming he knew nothing of the affair, he having been out of town the night of its occurrence. The testimony of the five witnesses differed on material points. Three young men, who testified that they had been with the deceased on the night of the tragedy,

told substantially the same story, but could not remember details other than those given in the story itself. Their testimony was to the effect that the quartet had entered the saloon to purchase a bottle of wine, which the defendant sold them. That Villanueva wanted to purchase a bottle also, but that they dissuaded him from doing so and urged him to leave with them. That there had been no difficulty nor words between the deceased and the defendant, but that defendant began shooting, the first bullet taking effect in the right temple of the deceased, whereupon he fell to the floor. That the defendant continued firing until four shots had been fired.

The other two witnesses testified that they were in the saloon, behind the partition or screen, and that they heard a noisy crowd coming in, and after quite a bit of talking, which they did not understand, three shots were fired. There was a scuffling toward the door and after some minutes the lifeless form of the deceased was found near the door.

None of the witnesses undertook to explain how minors came to be in the saloon, nor how it happened that the saloon was open on Sunday morning, although all agreed that the whole affair was after midnight, some testifying as half-past one and some as half-past two.

The defendant did not take the stand. The court held the defendant to the action of the grand jury in bail in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. In default of bail the officers took their prisoner to Albuquerque for safe keeping.

Kennebeck Re-arrested

"Billy" Kennebeck, who was taken to Estancia, on a charge of having been implicated in rustling horses, was released the first of the week, on a bond of one thousand dollars to appear at the next term of district court there. Regarding this matter the Estancia News says:

"Kennebeck was indicted at the last term of court in Estancia, but the indictment was never published for the reason that he was not in custody, and there was a possibility that the publication of the indictment might hinder the officers in capturing him."

On his way home, he was again arrested at Mountainair and returned to Estancia on another charge. His numerous friends here declare that he is innocent of wrong doing, and that at the proper time he will clear himself.

Easter Dance

The last pre-Lenten dance given under the auspices of the entertainment committee of the Commercial Club last Tuesday night was an enjoyable affair and one of the best attended the Club has given for some time past. The music was extra fine and the dancers made merry until long after midnight.

The entertainment committee desires to express its thanks to the ladies who donated the cakes for the lunch, which was enjoyed by everyone.

The next dance has been announced as an Easter dance, to be given on March 25, which the committee declares will eclipse anything heretofore attempted.

Send the Belen News to your friends back home.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Order of services: Sunday school, 10 a. m., P. P. Simmons, superintendent. Preaching services, 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Epworth League, 7 p. m. R. R. Yelland, pastor. Residence, south of the church.

Preaching in the morning by the pastor.

Epworth League devotional service at 7 p. m. Topic, "The Burden of the Strong." Leader, Paul Simmons.

A "Lincoln Day" program will be given at 7:45 p. m. by the Sunday school scholars. There will be special music by the choir, and a short address by the pastor. An offering will be taken for the gospel in our own south land. All are cordially invited to come.

Dr. S. A. Bright's services last Sunday morning and evening were greatly enjoyed and we are glad to note a further increase of membership.

Episcopal Church Notes

Regular services: Sundays, Sunday School 11 a. m. Evening Prayer 7:45 p. m. Bible Class 8:30 p. m.

Mr. Kennard will be the soloist Sunday evening, February 9.

St. Phillips Guild met on Tuesday last at the home of Mrs. Moffitt. The next meeting will be held February 11, at the home of Mrs. J. Becker, Jr., the hostess being Mrs. Morrisette of Albuquerque.

Standing of Bowlers

The standing to date of the teams in the Commercial Club Handicap Bowling Tournament is:

	Won	Lost	Per ct
Suckers	15	6	715
Wild Cats	15	6	715
Caros	8	7	534
Belenites	8	13	381
Eagles	6	9	400
Breakers	2	13	134

High score, Hyde 248

Oscar Goebel 247.

High average, Dempsey 180

Members of Suckers --- the high-standing team:

Oscar Goebel, captain.

Herb Goebel

Leon Mandell

J. M. Lee

Members of Wildcats, the tie team:

Naile, Captain.

B. Jacobson.

F. L. Walrath.

W. J. Davidson.

The Wild Cats and Suckers being tied for first place, a game will be played between these teams on Saturday night to decide first place. To say that this will be a game for blood is putting it mildly indeed. Each bowler will do his very best and a splendid game is looked forward to. The game will begin after the stores have closed, to give all a chance to witness the event.

LENTEN SEASON COMMENCED YESTERDAY

REGULATIONS READ IN
CHURCHES OF NEW
MEXICO

TO BE STRICTLY OBSERVED

By the Faithful Everywhere
during the next Forty
Days

Yesterday, Ash Wednesday, the 40-day season, known as Lent, and supposed to be devoted to prayer, abstinence, fast, giving of alms and general self-mortification, began. This period is considered more devoutly by the members of the Roman Catholic church than by others.

The following regulations for the Lenten season in the archdiocese of Santa Fe have been announced in all the churches of the archdiocese:

Persons from the ages of 21 to 60 must fast, if they are physically able to do so. They must fast all days in Lent except Sunday. This fast means but a couple of ounces of bread at breakfast and a light collation in the evening or at noon when the meal of the day is eaten. Flesh meat is permitted on Sundays, all meals, and at the principal meal on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with the exception of the second and last Saturdays which are "fish days." Throughout all Lent Wednesdays and Fridays are also "fish days," that is, days when meat is forbidden. This applies to New Mexico, a state which does not recognize Friday as fish day throughout the year owing to a special dispensation given the missionaries. Meat and fish are forbidden at the same meal ANY day during Lent.

By a special "indult" however, hard working men are permitted to eat meat at all meals on all days of fast or abstinence except on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, as well as Wednesday and Saturday of

The faithful are recommended, not ordered, to abstain from alcoholics, hearty meals, and especially to keep away from theaters, dances, parties and all worldly amusements, including the "moving picture shows," for the next forty days. Attending mass regularly is recommended, also assisting at the Lenten services and giving alms. The fulfillment of the Easter duty is obligatory; that is, to receive Holy Communion during the Lenten season, the time extending from the first Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday about 60 days after Lent is over. Failure to go to communion during this season results in excommunication or being cut off from the church.

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The county officers salary bill is still the bugaboo of the legislature. A tentative draft bill has been made public by the finance committee, but this has merely served to stir up more discussion and hasten a number of Santa Fe-ward in an attempt to secure changes in the bill. For ourselves we fail to see the justice in paying a treasurer or assessor some four thousand dollars salary for holding an office, which he hires some hundred dollar a month clerk to run for him. In some of the counties where it is proposed to pay a salary of from two thousand to twenty-five hundred dollars, it is a fact that the office is run and all the work is done by a deputy drawing sixty dollars per month. What is the difference for? Is the popularity of a man, who can draw a few more votes at the polls worth such a sum to the voters? If so, let the voters pay the bill. If not let the salary be in proportion to the work actually done. Basing the salaries paid the officers on the assessed valuation of the county cannot but work injustice to all concerned. Fix a salary for the officer, and provide additional recompense for the necessary deputies and office expenses. Then if the principal desires to employ a deputy in the office rather than do the work himself, that is his business. The chances are that a much larger per cent. of the officers would look after their offices personally instead of by proxy under such an arrangement. At any event, there would never be a dearth of candidates for the various offices, to say the least, and any dissatisfied officer has the right to resign if the matter does not suit him.

Senator Walton's bill, just introduced in the legislature, for the naming of a commission of five to study the subject of taxation in New Mexico and report to the next session of the legislature is a step in the right direction. The bill provides that the members, who shall serve without pay except actual expenses, shall hold public meetings at each county seat in the state, and make a thorough investigation of the present system of tax gathering. Without a doubt a world of information would be gathered in this manner, which could not be had in any other. And no doubt great differences and inequalities would be brought to light regarding the various methods now in vogue in the different counties. After this information has been gathered, the commission is expected to study the systems of taxation in various states and make suitable recommendations to the law making body. We believe that a more equitable system of taxation could thus be deduced than by any other method yet suggested.

The question of taxes is now up in the present legislature, and it should be hatched out to the relief of the property holder in

New Mexico. The taxes of 1912 as assessed are a burden on most every property owner in the state, as the increase is from 25 to 50 per cent. over former years. There is no reason for it if the larger owners would pay their just proportion. It is true it takes more money to conduct the affairs of the state of New Mexico than it did when it was a territory, but there is no reason why the difference should be so much.

Many have paid their 1912 taxes under protest, and many are refusing to pay for the reason that they have been unjustly assessed. The question of taxes in New Mexico is a serious one at the present time and as the legislature is in session the matter should receive that body's attention above all things. Many believe that the high taxes of the present time will interfere with immigration of the investor type toward New Mexico.

Get busy, gentlemen of the legislature.—Springer Stockman

Some of the office-holders have spent money enough lobbying in the interests of a high salary bill to pay their grocer for a full year's supply of provisions. Others have looked the proposition straight in the face, remained at home and saved their money. This class of office-holders say that the legislature is sent to Santa Fe for the purpose of doing these things and if the bill they pass is not satisfactory the officeholder has the last crack at it—he can resign. This idea at least expresses some gumption.—Alamogordo News-Advertiser.

When a man points a gun at you knock him down. Don't stop to look if it is loaded, but knock him down and don't be at all particular what you do it with. If there's going to be a coroner's inquest, let it be over the other fellow, he won't be missed.—Socorro Chieftain.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the legislature will get the delinquent tax law into shape so that they will not need any tinkering with for some time.—Alamogordo News-Advertiser.

Learning by Love Letter.

"Love letters between young men and women are an excellent method of teaching literature," says Dr. Arthur Holmes. But it must be done tactfully. We have known a young lady who broke off an engagement because her fiancé returned her love letters with the spelling errors neatly corrected in red ink.

By Installments.

The "epoch-making advice" of a bookmaker to a colleague in distress is related in Vanity Fair. The colleague had been paid £25 on a bet by a certain captain, who, in a fit of absent-mindedness, told him the same amount again next day. "What shall I do about it?" asked the bookmaker of his friend; and prompt came the answer: "Ask him for it again."

Air Flight for Consumption.

If you have incipient consumption—take a flight in an airship. Doctor Flemming, an eminent authority on tuberculosis, lecturing before the Berlin Aeronautical association, described the benefits of high altitudes upon those afflicted, and asserted that fifteen minutes' exposure to the sun's rays during an airship's flight at high altitude was certain death to the bacilli of tuberculosis.

Steel Stays Stopped Bullet.

Steel stays have saved many a woman's life. Not long ago Mary Henessy was taken to Bellevue hospital with a flesh wound in the side, and Dr. Drury discovered that had it not been for a steel stay which deflected the bullet the wound would have been fatal, for the slug had been traveling toward a vital organ.

Hot stove baseball is a great sport and nobody gets hoarse cheering it.

It will be funny if the huge cotton crop does not make silk skirts cheaper.

A contemporary says there are 4,000 poets in this country. Who supports 'em?

An unskilled girl has delivered a lecture on the decline of chivalry. Gee, she must be homely.

There is no question but what it was a tough who assaulted the Chicago girl who lost two teeth in biting him.

Love of animals, says a New York specialist, is a disease. That Newport society circle must be an awfully unhealthy set.

A Bostonian has donated \$100,000 to combat college athletics. Probably it will be used to start chess, checkers and pingpong tournaments.

A Kansas City women's jury returned a verdict in three hours in a case in which a male jury previously had disagreed. They must have been talked out.

An Idaho feminine jury adjourned court at noon to go home and get dinner. And still there are those who say jury duties would interfere with woman's work.

Two Chicago detectives were obliged to give up after chasing two merry iron workers up and down the skeleton of a skyscraper. They were up in the air, all right.

A Pomeranian dog got stuck in a raincoat in Philadelphia, and a patrolman used a can opener to rescue it. That policeman knew how to get the lid off, all right.

A Parisian chemist has discovered a dye for dresses that changes color hourly. A time saving device for society matrons who heretofore have remade their toilette each hour.

Somebody shifted lead into the place of \$50,000 worth of British sovereigns in transit and England is as much amazed as the boy seeing the rabbit come out of the silk hat.

Suffragettes in New York, forbidden to speak at a big exhibition, have invented the "voiceless speech." This idea ought to take them enthusiastically in the average domestic arena.

A Chicago doctor says appendicitis is to be treated without a surgical operation. But an anaesthetic will be needed to relieve the patient of his bankroll afterwards, just the same as now.

Apparently France is getting ready for the ten-cent vaudeville comedian. One of its savants has prepared a dictionary of the monkey language and made a collection of monkey songs.

A Columbus woman, knocked down by a street car, recovered to find that her deafness of ten years was gone. Quite likely the first thing she heard was an automobile honking for her to dodge it.

It is rumored that the dog biscuit a Paterson woman fed her guests were not dog biscuits at all. They were simply her first attempt, and she hit on that excuse to hide her failure as a biscuit maker.

A contemporary reminds us that the English sparrow is largely responsible for the disappearance of the horsefly. Bless you, we had innocently supposed the disappearance of the horse had something to do with it.

The starvation of the fly, beginning in the homes of the nation, might appropriately be continued in the markets, shops and other places where the flies naturally think themselves invited to a feast without restriction.

Alleging that he was pricked by a rusty needle in his mattress, a New Orleans resident has brought suit against a local hotel keeper. The only explanation as to how the needle came there is that it was the much mooted one of haystack fame.

The warning is issued to small boys that many makes of golf balls have the center filled with acid, which, if the balls are cut open, may squirt into the juvenile eyes and put them out. The kindness of the manufacturers in furnishing this deterrent to dissection would seem as good a subject for investigation as others now under the probe.

A New York pastor asserts that it is impossible for a clergyman to "maintain his honor on \$1,000 a year." If we rightly understand the meaning of the word "honor," the man who cannot maintain it on \$1,000 or \$500 a year, will not maintain it on \$10,000. If the complainant will substitute the word "family" for "honor," his assertion will have a greater proportion of veracity.

The plans for the new mammoth dreadnaught Pennsylvania have already been so modified to enable the ship to go through the Panama canal. It will be lengthened and its width lessened. Several years ago the dimensions of one of the war vessels then being built caused the canal to be made ten feet wider than had been originally intended, but the time has come when ships must be made to fit the canal, not the canal the ships.

Many Deadly Weapons.

Some persons attribute all crime to the pistol, forgetting that history tells us that more crimes were committed in the world before there were pistols. What is to prevent a person murderously inclined from obtaining and using a carving knife, an ice pick, an ax, or hatchet, a razor or baseball bat? These all make deadly weapons.

Worth Knowing.

When running curtain rods through thin curtains place a thumb on the end of the rod to prevent it from catching in the material.

An Atchison man planted lettuce, but as fast as it came through the ground the English sparrows ate it off. He finally got a few small flags and stuck them in the lettuce bed and not a sparrow would consent to touch that lettuce as long as (C) Glory floated over it.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

Had Kept Her Bargain.

An ingenious trick was recently played on some women of Maukjanj, Madras, India. They handed sums of money to a woman who said that she possessed the power of doubling the contents. The victims had their packets returned to them after seven days, when the silver coins they had contained were found to have been changed into copper ones.

As a Man Thinks.

Jennie—"He must have a soft spot in his heart for me." Wennie—"Why so?" Jennie—"He says he is always thinking of me." Wennie—"But, you know, a man doesn't think with his heart. The soft place must be in his head."—London Telegraph.

Emphatic Comment.

It was held by the duke of Wellington that the true story of the battle of Waterloo had never been written. A contemporary relates how he once sat, in a carriage with the duke and "watched him read a ponderous quarto recital of the battle of Waterloo. Against paragraph after paragraph he traced the letters 'L' or 'D. L.' with a great blunt ended pencil. I ventured to ask what these mystic letters meant. The pithy reply was: "Lie" and "Damned lie," to be sure."

Desire for Long Life.

There appears to exist a greater desire to live long than to live well! Measure by man's desires, he cannot live long enough; measure by his good deeds, and he has not lived long enough; measure by his evil deeds, and he has lived too long.

New Idea in Fruit Growing.

An electric motor to vibrate gently a fruit tree so that the sap flows to the buds and blossoms and enables them to resist frost has been patented by a Colorado orchardist.

Not All Owing to Wife.

"Biggins says he owes everything to his wife." "That isn't true," replied Biggins' father-in-law. "His wife quit lending him anything years ago and then he started in owing me."—Washington Star.

First National Bank of Belen, New Mexico

Statement of Condition at the Beginning of Business,
January 2, 1913

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 111,815.15	Capital	\$ 25,000.00
Overdrafts	50.91	Surplus and Profits Earned	22,081.75
U. S. Bonds, Premiums, and		Circulation	6,250.00
Redemption Fund	8,179.28	DEPOSITS	136,311.20
Furniture and Fixtures	1,217.50		
Cash and Exchange	38,000.02		
Total Resources	\$100,002.85	Total Liabilities	\$100,002.85

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NEW MEXICO WHEAT YIELDS TEN BUSHEL PER ACRE ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE

The agricultural experiment station of New Mexico has recently issued a bulletin on "Wheat Growing Under Irrigation" which gives the results carried on during the last ten years. Interested parties may secure this bulletin by addressing the director of the experiment station with a request for bulletin No. 84.

The average yield of wheat in New Mexico is 23 bushels per acre, the average in England is 30 bushels and in the United States is but 13. The yield in New Mexico can be materially increased by better agricultural methods and the use of better seed:

It costs about \$24.50 to grow an acre of wheat in the Mesilla valley. This is, however, under irrigation where the yield is much above the average of the state (23) given above. The average yield for 24 varieties for 10 years on the station farm is 45 bushels. This yield with wheat at \$1.00 per bushel gives a good return above the cost of growing.

Use good, clean seed. The station has had the best results with Rodi and Hedgrow varieties, but all of the varieties tested have done well. Only one averaged below 37 bushels.

Prepare the seed bed carefully so as to reduce the clods and secure a fine tilth.

Use about a bushel and a half (90 pounds) of seed per acre and put it on as evenly as possible.

Give the seed the formalin treatment for smut. This is cheap and effective and will not injure the vitality of the seed. The station has a press bulletin on the subject which will be furnished on request.

Sow winter wheat early in September. Sow spring wheat any time from October to the last of February. Scarcity of irrigation water may limit the time to early spring.

Letters of inquiry are given careful attention.

The formalin treatment of seed to prevent smut is simple, cheap and effective. It is also safe, there being but little danger of doing injury to the vitality of the seed. It will prevent (1) stinking smut or closed smut, of wheat, (2) loose smut of oats, (3) covered smut of oats, and (4) covered smut of barley. Potato scab is also treated successfully with formalin. The formalin treatment is not entirely effective in controlling loose smut of wheat or loose smut of barley. It does, however, help considerably with these two loose smuts. The loose smuts are more successfully combatted with the hot water treatment, but its use is not so easy and there is more danger of doing injury to the seed. No effective treatment for corn smut is known. Loose smut of wheat and barley can be distinguished from the closed by the fact that, to see the black spores of the closed smut, the kernel or mass between the glumes must be crushed. The black spores of the loose smut are visible on the

surface.

Treatment: Mix one pint of formalin with 50 gallons of water. The seed may be dipped into this solution in a basket or sack, or the solution may be sprinkled upon the seed. The essential point is that all of the kernels should be thoroughly wet. Fifty gallons of the solution should treat about 50 bushels of the seed. The treated seed should be dried soon after the treatment.

Farmers should treat their seed wheat, seed oats and seed barley every year. The cost of treating sufficient seed is small and the loss due to smutted grain is large. Those smuts which are not controlled by this treatment are of little importance.

If further information is desired address the writer.

E. P. HUMBERT,
Station Agronomist.
January 21, 1913.

A Brooklyn bride has advertised that she will not be responsible for her husband's debts. Ten to one she's an actress.

Norway is now starting to manufacture nitrogen from the air. In the midst of peace we are surrounded by dangers.

That man who wants to know whether the years 2000, 4000, 8000 and 12000 will be leap years, should wait and see.

Mexican federal soldiers made a mistake and fought themselves. They ought to change their brand of refreshment.

There are nineteen separate grades of eggs in the market. One is cold storage. The rest—O, well, nobody ever sees them.

Still, it seems like taking an unfair advantage of a hard working microbe when a human being saturates himself with onions.

A Chicagoan swallowed his false teeth. He need never again complain that he ate his food without thoroughly masticating it.

The German army will employ skis in maneuvers this winter. Not as picturesque as aeroplanes, but much more safe in case of a fall.

Now it has been discovered that laughing gas may be self-administered. There are lots of grouches who may profit by the discovery.

Snakes escaped and caused all sorts of trouble in a Parisian railroad station. Trouble ensuing from snakes should not worry Paris at this late day.

A Pennsylvania judge says that a man who smokes in his wife's parlor is no better than a skunk. But supposing the man smokes in his own parlor.

A Chicago woman advocates kissing being taught as a fine art. If it isn't a fine art, it is not due to lack of practice among the younger generation.

The supreme court of Oregon thinks that 700 years is too long a sentence for any crime. Still, it might have been the proper thing in the time of Methuselah.

A man named Katz had it changed to Firestone because his friends made fun of his first name. Why didn't he make it Firewater and be done with it.

A Philadelphia man broke his back the other day and surgeons successfully repaired it with silver wire. It days to come every back may have a silver lining.

A New York woman is said to have found \$200 in a newspaper. It is believed, however, that the story was started by the paper in question as a circulation booster.

A soiled greenback is restored to its original pristine glory by washing and ironing at the cost of 1-10 cent. But the average man worries not at all whether his greenbacks be dirty.

A professional baseball umpire has brought suit for divorce because his wife called him names. Probably her defense will be that she was training him preparatory to the coming season.

LIGHT OF OTHER DAYS

By O. V. NETTLESHIP.

"I don't see what in the world we shall ever do with all our things," sighed Mrs. Hemming when she and her husband decided, after much discussion, to move from their house, which was too lonesomely big now that the children had all gone away to homes of their own. "Our apartment won't begin to hold our furniture, to say nothing of all the things we have stored in the attic."

"Pick out the furniture you need and then turn a second-hand man loose in the house," suggested Hemming.

"But, Charles, you wouldn't want me to sell all our old keepsakes, would you?"

"Most assuredly. What earthly use to any one are a lot of old books, vases and pictures that no one ever looks at except at house cleaning time. Do they do anybody any good?"

"No, I don't suppose they do," reluctantly admitted Mrs. Hemming, "but I hate to part with some of them."

"That's just sentiment, my dear. The fact is, it will be a relief to you when you are rid of all that old lumber."

"Perhaps I could select just a few of the oldest things and we could put them in the storeroom of the apartment. You know there's a nice big storeroom, Charles."

"Yes, I know it, Harriet, and I'm planning to keep my golf clubs there and my fishing tackle. So if you please, we won't fill up that storeroom with a lot of useless trash."

After the second-hand dealer's visit Hemming said to his wife: "I hope you were sufficiently strong-minded to let everything in the attic go?"

"Well, nearly everything," answered Mrs. Hemming. "There are a few little articles that it seems a shame to sell, such as—"

"Never mind enumerating them, Harriet. I shouldn't be interested in a list of crippled furniture or ancient photograph albums."

"But what I thought of keeping was the two old—"

"Now, Harriet, we decided to get rid of all our old stuff. Don't let Hankins leave a thing tomorrow when he comes with his wagons."

When the wagons drove away loaded with furniture and bric-a-brac, mostly of a peculiarly inartistic period, Mrs. Hemming laughed away her regrets. "Charles was right," she said to herself. "It would have been silly to keep that ugly trumpery."

About a fortnight after they were settled in their apartment, Hemming came home one afternoon carrying a large box.

"I have a little present for you, Harriet," he said with boyish pleasure. "You'll be surprised when you see what it is. I was passing Devlin's antique shop this morning when some things in the windows caught my eye and took me back about 40 years to the time when I was courting a certain pretty girl in her grandmother's best parlor, which was lighted with green glass lamps. There, my dear, what do you think of these?" He triumphantly drew from the box two large green glass lamps of old-fashioned shape and decoration. "Do they make you think of anything, Harriet?"

"Yes, they do—they make me think of a lot of things," she answered. "How much did you pay for them?" "Devlin let me have them cheap. You see, one of his collectors picked them up for little or nothing in an old out-of-the-way Vermont farmhouse where antiques aren't appreciated, so he sold me the pair for \$20. Really, Harriet, I'd have given \$30 if he'd asked it."

"Well, I'm glad he didn't ask it," replied Mrs. Hemming. "For I sold these same lamps to Hankins three weeks ago for \$1 apiece."

"Great Scott! Are you sure they're the same lamps?"

"Of course I'm sure. I'd know them if you bought them in Egypt. I was brought up under those lamps."

"A dollar apiece! And I snapped them up for \$20 the pair!" mused Hemming, trying not to look sheepish.

"Yes, and I'm glad you did," responded Mrs. Hemming. "For they were what I hated to part with most. I wanted to keep them and I'm awfully glad to have them back."

Turk With Wife Would Be Safe.

Montenegro is the only country in Europe where a wife may be regarded as a perambulating life insurance policy. The Montenegrin is intensely chivalrous. Respect for women is carried to such a pitch that although the very word Turk affects the native as a red rag does a bull, yet a Turkish traveler finding himself in the wilds of Montenegro would be absolutely safe if he were accompanied by his wife.

Life is patriarchal. There are no towns, only villages. There are villages of half a dozen houses, in each of which three and sometimes four generations of a family live together. Travels, in spite of this patriarchal life, find the men gloomy and taciturn, with their eyes open for treachery and their right hand on their revolver.—London Daily Mirror.

Make Living by "Poking Fires."

One occupation by which a score of Britons are said to earn their livelihood is that of "poking fires." By the rabbinical law no Jew is allowed to kindle or mend any fire on the Sabbath, and in certain places in England where Jews are very numerous this prohibition makes it necessary that persons shall be employed from sunset on Friday to the same hour on Saturday in going from house to house lighting fires and lamps and attending them.

In Springfield, O., they locked a bevy of society girls in a padded cell during an initiation into a secret society, and released them in a hysterical condition. Cheerful tactics.

A Harvard professor says that angle worms can think. If they can, they must think that all men are liars, basing their deductions on the fishermen they associate with.

A Chicago man was arrested because he took a mule into two cafes and tried to buy it a drink. Had he done the same in Newport, he'd have been made a society leader.

King Alfonso is studying aviation under an English instructor. Probably for the peace of mind of his cabinet, his advisors will insist that he make it a purely theoretical course.

A Wisconsin woman swallowed a two and a half inch hatpin she was holding in her mouth. Is it an argument in favor of the long hatpin or against holding them in the mouth?

A Macon judge rules that a man has a right to take a few snifters before getting married. He realizes that it takes courage, of course, but is a bracer of that sort absolutely necessary?

The authorities of a western university say that farm boys are the physical inferiors of city boys. Here is another dear delusion shattered and a setback to the cry of "Back to the farm!"

A gay old Lothario of eighty addressed his dear one as "my fawn." Now he's paying \$5,614.80 for breach of promise. Probably, too, he sings the old song beginning, "I never loved a dear gazelle."

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of Our Citizens and Others.

Vicente Chaves y Torres of La Joya, was a business visitor in Belen Wednesday.

New spring showing of Embroideries and Laces beginning Monday. New lots arriving daily. The John Becker Co.—adv

Mrs. Davidson, who has been suffering from an attack of quinsy, is reported somewhat improved.

Dr. J. W. Beardsley, a former resident of Belen, is expected to arrive from Chicago tonight.

All kinds of salt, smoked, canned and fresh fish for the Lenten season at the John Becker Company store.—adv

Miss Virginia Simmons of Belen, enrolled as a student at the Albuquerque Business College yesterday.—Albuquerque Journal Tuesday.

Remarkable offering in new Spring Embroideries at 5c, 10c, 12 1-2c. See our windows. The John Becker Co.—adv

Forest Mason, who has been conducting a cleaning and repairing shop at Santa Rita, passed through Belen today, en route to his home at Estancia. He made the News office a pleasant visit while here.

HOUSE-CLEANING TIME will soon be here. Let GOEBEL & SONS figure with you on those pretty Bungalow Nets and Draperies at from 25c to 12 1-2c a yard.—adv

The auction sale of cattle, implements and ranch house furniture on Tuesday morning was a successful affair, all the goods being disposed of and bringing fair prices. F. L. Walrath held the sale as agent for J. W. Beardsley, Mr. Harrison being the driver.

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Sheriff Ruperto Jaramillo of Los Lunas was in the city Monday on official business.

FOR RENT—The City Hotel Belen, N. M. Inquire of Fred Scholle. 7 tf

The People's Lumber company unloaded another car of lumber the first of the week.

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The county commissioners were in session last Monday at the county seat, Los Lunas, it being an adjourned term.

For Rent Four rooms, \$14. People's Lumber Co.—adv.

Bert White left for Magdalena, Monday, on a short business trip. He went horseback.

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John Dils and son Elmer went to Magdalena the first of the week, taking a load of goods for Mr. Beshoar, who has conducted a jewelry shop for some time. Mr. Pitts, proprietor of the Gem Theater, accompanied them.



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Mrs. Harvey E. Baber Plain Sewing 2d door north of Gilbert's Store

Thomas Gunter, who has been clerk at the store house of the Santa Fe here, has resigned his position. He left Monday for San Antonio, N. M., to prepare for shipment of a lot of bees which he and his brother, Prof. Gunter, have purchased and will bring here shortly. They expect to go into the bee and honey business on a large scale.

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S. L. Sutter, who was thrown from a box car on which he was setting the brakes one day last week, is still confined to his home. He was thrown in such a manner that when he struck the ground his foot struck the rail, precipitating his whole weight upon the instep of one foot. He is considering going to Topeka to the company hospital to undergo an X-ray examination to ascertain whether any of the bones are broken. The children of the family have been ill the past week, so the home has taken on the nature of a hospital.

Mrs. Frank Fischer of the Johnston Studio, Chicago, is prepared to give private vocal instruction at her home. Special work in breathing given. For terms either phone Red-74 or call personally.—adv

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WAS SORRY FOR TOM

By EUGENIE LEITCH.

"Well, I'd like to know why not!" Githers paused in the doorway, the picture of amazed protest. In one hand he held the evening paper and a magazine, and in the other a cigar. On his feet were slippers, around his form was a smoking jacket. A straight line drawn to the nearest object from him would have ended at the easy chair comfortably turned upward toward the electric lamp on the table. It was a chair that Githers had sat in after dinner for more evenings than he could count. "Why," he repeated, "can't I go in there and read? What do you mean, mother?"

Mrs. Githers approached him and picked a thread off his sleeve. "Wouldn't you just as soon sit up stairs with me?" she asked brightly. "I'm going to sew."

"What of it?" demanded her husband. "Don't you usually sew downstairs here? Don't we always sit downstairs? Why?"

"My goodness, John!" exclaimed his wife impatiently. "Wouldn't you like a change?"

"Elmira," said Githers, firmly, "you're hiding something—tell me at once!"

"Simply nothing," said his wife. "Only Grace is going to have a caller this evening and I wanted to let the child have the living room—oh, its one of the boys in her class and it's all right, so you needn't glare. She's seventeen and must have friends among the boys as other girls do. Not that she wouldn't just as soon have us there, but we'd embarrass them!"

"What the dickens!" growled Githers, turning toward the stairs. "Pretty state of things when I can't use my own chair! Callers at her age! Umph!"

Mrs. Githers got him nicely arranged in her room and as she reached for the mending basket she paused, hand in air. The front door had slammed and a vast whistling heralded the entrance of the son and heir of the household. Mrs. Githers went and leaned over the banisters.

"Rob!" she called in dulcet tones. "Hullo!" came the inquiring answer. "Where are you? Where is everybody? Who's sick?"

"Come up," said his mother. "Wouldn't you like to sit up here with father and me?" she wheeled as he arrived at the door. "Here's a nice comfortable chair and—"

"What's the matter with the living room?" he demanded in amazement. "Why—"

Mrs. Githers sighed. "I never saw such stupid men folks!" she declared. "Why can't you do things without having them all explained. I'd like to know? Grace has a caller coming and—"

"Whoopee-e-e!" shouted Grace's brother, making a dart for her door. "Who's your beau, sis? Who've you got a crush on—"

"Mother!" came Grace's indignant voice. "Make Rob stop! I think he's perfectly horrid! I haven't got a crush on anybody and you know it, Bob Githers, and I perfectly hate you, so there now!"

"Children!" cried Mrs. Githers. "I'm surprised at both of you. Stop it at once!"

"Well, I'd like a look at the chump who's so important that I'm barred out of my happy home," protested her son. "Gee! There isn't anything to do up here! I'm going out!"

"No, please don't!" urged his distracted mother. "I'll read out loud to you and dad!"

"Mother!" called her daughter, frantically. "Come and tell me how my hair looks."

Left to themselves Githers and his son stared dully at each other. "Some doings, eh?" queried young Githers. "Tommyrot, I call it! Will sis be doing this every night forever'n ever till she's married off? I'm going to move if she does!"

"This chair," said his father irritably, "was built for a boa constrictor, not a man. And where are the matches?"

Mrs. Githers came back and Grace floated downstairs. She played a piece on the piano exactly as though she expected no one and then she walked about. The men folks fledged. Then the telephone rang.

Presently Grace called dolefully upstairs: "Tom can't come! He's got an awful cold! Isn't that horrid!"

Githers and his son reached the bottom of the stairs simultaneously. "My but I'm sorry for Tom!" said Githers as he grabbed the easy chair.

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Little Jack, aged five, had accompanied his mother on a trip to the city.

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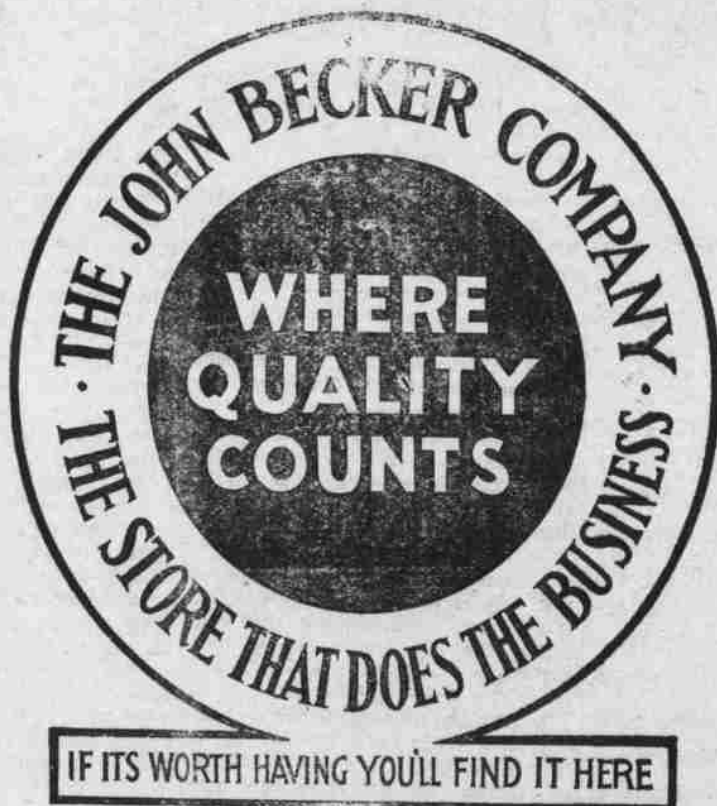
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