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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15, 1901
Senator Hanna is the maddest man in Washington. He knows that the ship subsidy bill is dead for this session, but refuses to allow the corpse to be buried, and is indulging in all sorts of threats of what he is going to do to get even with those republican senators who declined to help him jam the bill down the throats of the majority. Senator Spooner who has been classed as one of the republicans who would prefer seeing the subsidy bill fail, but vote for it if a vote was reached, publicly put himself on record this week by saying: "I am against this bill, but as it is in no danger of becoming a law, I see no need in working up useless fears," and Senator Elkins, who has been classed as a supporter of the bill, said: "The subsidy bill is dead. There can be no question about it now. I might say that it died burning". Senator Jones of Arkansas, to whom no little of the credit for killing the vicious bill is due, said of its present status: "The republicans know themselves that it would be impossible to get the measure through at this session, and hence their indifference. The bill is dead. One of Hanna's threats is that the river and harbor bill shall fail, but whether he can make it stick remains to be seen.

Representative Bell, of Colorado, a member of the committee on appropriations made a telling speech against the unprecedented extravagance of the present congress, in which he said it is time for the people to become alarmed at the rapid increase in public expenditures, which had grown in a single decade from \$4.75 per capita to more than \$10 per capita. He said that congress had become so callous to vast increases in appropriation that it was considered almost disreputable to call attention to the extravagance of the government.

Representative Cochran, of Missouri, made a speech along similar lines. Doubtless the reason why some of the republican senators are not actively supporting the ship subsidy bill is that they have heard from some of their constituents and that they wrote something like the editor of a Michigan republican paper did to his Washington correspondent who had sent him some favorable comment on the attempt to pass the bill. "We don't want any more such gush. We are not running an administration paper but a republican paper from an honorable standpoint. There is no more damnable steal before congress than the subsidy bill, and we will bet you a new suit of clothes that it will never become a law."

Just before the house passed the appropriation bill, carrying a little less than \$118,000,000, Representative McClellan, of New York, in a short speech presented some figures that are worthy of the country's most thoughtful consideration. He stated that the annual cost of each soldier to the United States excluding pensions, would be \$1,288, and including pensions \$2,828, while the annual cost of each German soldier including pensions and the expense of the past wars, was only \$227, and that of each French soldier including pensions and the cost of the Franco-Prussian war, was only \$232. He said the total cost of our army would soon reach \$300,000,000 a year, to say nothing of the expense of the navy, which is now more than \$100,000,000.

Lerry Heath has not attempted to reply to the challenge of Representative Sulzer, of New York, in connection with the anonymous letter Mr. Sulzer had read as part of his speech, which charged Heath with guilty knowledge of Neel's stealing and other crookedness. Mr. Sulzer said on the floor of his house: "I am responsible for every word in that letter. If Mr. Heath thinks there is anything libelous or scandalous in that letter I will not plead my constitutional privilege. I will plead the truth of the statements. But I serve notice that I am going to say everything in that letter, and I want Perry S. Heath to answer. If he does truthfully he will be fit for the penitentiary. I want him to understand that I am responsible in damages for what I say. The house has no compunctions of conscience when he attacks me, but when I attack him he squeals like a pig under a gate. I got that letter in the record. That was what I was after. I am now content to have it stricken out". The house without a division ordered the letter expunged from the record, but it had already been printed in the record as well as in the newspapers throughout the country.

When Mr. McKinley saw that the opposition to the nomination of Wood, Bell and Grant to be brigadier generals in the regular army was strong enough to be serious, he made a shrewd move by sending the nominations of Fitz Lee

and J. H. Wilson to be brigadiers to the senate, thus giving his friends a chance to dicker for the confirmation of the whole bunch—a chance that was at once taken advantage of. It is expected that General Lee and Wilson will both be retired at once, now that their nominations have been confirmed, as they have both passed the age limit for active duty.

The sugar trust scored another profitable triumph when Secretary Gage ordered a retaliatory duty of nearly one cent a pound placed on Russian sugar, that, too, in the face of the rather clearly implied threat of the Russian government that it would meet such action on the part of this government by putting the maximum tariff on all American goods. The shortsightedness of this policy on the part of the administration is made plain by the figures of our trade with Russia. Russia sells us annually about \$300,000 worth of sugar, while the American exports to Russia are nearly \$30,000,000. Protests from business interests are pouring into Washington against Secretary Gage's action.

Had to Conquer or Die.

"I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel Springs, N. C. "I had consumption so bad that the best doctors said I could not live more than a month, but I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by seven bottles and am now stout and well." It's an unrivaled life-saver in consumption, pneumonia, influenza and bronchitis; infallible for coughs, colds, asthma, hay fever, croup or whooping cough. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Eddy Drug Co., drug store.

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Now I know that woman she calls her boarders her company—that is idealizing the real. Maybe you say, "Oh, well, she was brought up in that way." Oh, no, you are mistaken. I think she wants her children to have a home, and a happy home, and this is the only way left her now to give them the home; and she is unselfish, and I imagine feels sorrow for any one who must board, so she makes her house and all connected with it, as little like a boarding-house as possible; makes the table a home table a home to them, and gives them the best the market affords. Many people have told her that she could never continue in that way and make any money, but she has, and her house is not large enough for the people who want to board with her, but she loves the Master's words, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." She wants God in her home more than any one or anybody else, and, as she told me once, when she gets tired she sits down quietly in her own room and lets God rest her.

The cycling industry of England is at present in a critical condition. The majority of the companies have not paid any dividends during the last year and the outlook portends worse business in the future. It is estimated that no less than \$100,000,000 are sunk in the cycle industry in England. During the past four years no less than fifty companies aggregating a capital of \$25,000,000, have disappeared. The main reason for this crisis is over-capitalization, combined with reckless, dishonest trading, while the cycle, although a popular means of locomotion, is being rapidly supplanted by the motor car. The cycle firms at present in a flourishing condition make this industry only a ramification of a business, so that any loss incurred by cycle manufacture is compensated by the financial success of other specialties.—Scientific American.

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There is but one explanation for this—riot in national expenditures. An army that calls for \$115,000,000, a navy that calls for \$77,000,000, a river and harbor bill that calls for \$67,000,000, an unjust war that calls for \$200,000,000, outrageous armor plate contracts, extortionate mail contracts, evil smelling army contracts—a thousand and one things that schemers plan and plot for and force the people to pay for.

The people who pay the taxes under one guise or another should ponder these figures. It is up to them to put a stop to the debauchery.—World Herald.

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The prediction of Mr. Edison, in Success, that electricity will come to the rescue of the farmer, during the next fifty years, is likely to prove true,—but not in the way of the heavy machinery. It will come about, in my opinion, through the use of electricity in transportation, mining and manufacturing. It is just a trifle improbable that anything will ever be invented to take the place, for instance, of a team of horses for farm work. Automobiles run smoothly on a level road, but not in mud. But electric railways are going out into the country, radiating from every town and city in America. Every one of these benefits the farmer. City people move out, build houses, beautify grounds, and come into healthful contact with mother nature. The farmer, not to be behind, brightens up his own place a bit, uses the trolley himself, enlarges his horizon, and his market. So, too, works every other invention of the electrician of Edison class. Every electrical ore crusher put in operation means more work, more villages, more men to feed. Every improvement in electrical power means more factories. The farmer is not slow to see these advantages. The American farmer is a business man, keen and alert to grasp situations. Go where you will, you find him better informed than his city neighbor on prices current, trade developments, and supply and demand. He may not know the details of the coming-out party of Miss Sugarloaf, or the latest bit of club scandal; but he subscribes for papers and magazines that help him to get solid and timely information, and he generally profits by what he reads. Unlike the poor creature whom the great French painter and our own distinguished poet depicted, on canvas and in verse, the American farmer is a gentleman quite capable of taking care of himself and show to the world that he is not in the Millet, but in the Edisonian class.—James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture.

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SHIP SUNDAY BILL is lying very low at his home in Washington, D. C., Springer Stockman.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY requested congress to reduce war revenue taxes \$80,000,000, especially recommending that relief be given on the articles that are necessities to the masses. To which congress replied by reducing the tax on beer 25 per cent.

The majority members of our legislature, in response to a great outcry of the outraged public against a prospective expense bill of \$20,000, decided to disburse a sufficient number of employees to reduce expenses \$20 per day. While this is but a mite, it is something, and the newspapers that caused the saving to be made are entitled to a proportionate amount of gratitude from the taxpayers.

At the next general election the people of Texas will vote on a constitutional amendment providing that a poll tax receipt must be presented before a citizen shall be allowed to vote. When Texans have an opportunity to express an opinion on a reform of this kind the result is always in favor of the reform, if it is needed. No state in the union can have a more intelligent, more certain or more honest vote than can the empire state of the southwest. But her legislature—oh, my!

The republican party in territorial and county conventions assembled pledged itself to retrenchments and reform. The present legislature will appropriate in round numbers \$20,000 to pay extra employees, when not one tenth of that sum was needed for the actual work of the two houses. This is against \$11,000 used for the same purpose two years ago, when the greatest extravagance ever known for this single business was indulged in. Yes, this looks like retrenchment! Las Vegas Optic.

After a tax of whatever kind once comes to be an established method of getting revenue it becomes a fixed and permanent charge upon the people. The protective tariff was devised as a means of supporting infant industries. It is still adhered to for the support of industries 100 years old. The stamp taxes to which these bills in congress relate were levied as war taxes. It was said at the time that repeal would promptly follow the close of the contest with Spain. It is now given out that "secretary Gage is authority for the statement that this form of internal revenue taxes will be maintained." The wise taxpayer has long since learned that it is necessary as a means of self defense to oppose any new kind of taxation. A new tax does not take the place of an old one. A new tax is, as a rule, an additional burden, one more charge added to other charges, enacted of the man who does the paying. The political history of this country, as well as the experience of other countries, bears out this assertion. Dallas News.

While Bryan is being dubbed a dead man politically, the subscription list of his paper continues its enormous and unprecedented growth. His political enemies have yet to learn that he cannot be ignored. Bryanism is here to stay. The question is, how to use it to the good of the democratic organization. We are of the opinion that the future democratic party will be very much in the power of this man, who occupies the most unique position of any statesman that ever lived. In the first place he is a typical American, with all respect to contrary opinions. He has convinced the masses that he is one of them; and by the establishment of his paper has forged the last link between them and himself. Being a man, he is naturally ambitious, and if he follows the rule he will use his popularity to advance his own interests. But if his sincerity, as manifested during the last five years, is to be trusted we may expect him to act different from most politicians. He is a born leader of men, but will he serve faithfully in the rank and file? If not, the evil he may do to the cause of democracy is incalculable. For our part, in justice to Bryan, while some have lost confidence in his ability to lead the democratic party to victory, our faith in his sincerity is abiding. But after all he is human, and democratic leaders who ignore him will make a mistake. His personality and his paper are two great powers. What will he do with them?

ADEQUATE SALARIES.

There is a movement in our legislature to increase the salaries of the district judges, by territorial appropriation, making the total annual amount received by these dignitaries \$4500. It is urged that the present compensation is too small, not sufficient to support

the officials as becoming their position. If this argument is well taken the increase should be made. Positions to be filled by appointment must go begging if there is no inducement to the right man, and when they are not sufficiently inducive some poor relative of the powers gets the plum, rather than a man of brains, who has proven his efficiency among his own people, who has developed ability that has forced recognition from his fellowmen. The latter is the class of men New Mexico should seek to draw her federal appointees from, and if a good substantial salary is what is needed to cause the efficient man to seek the office, then let the bill before the legislature become a law. We are suffering from cheap officials now, simply because the best men for the offices did not want them. When the salaries are sufficient to kill out the "hunger competition" then they will be adequate. New Mexico should be a health resort for everything except the office seeker.

POLITICAL WOOLING.

For at least eight years the republican party has been wooling the southern and southwestern states; the first indication of which was the effort to overload the negro vote. Realizing that the day is fast approaching when sectional prejudice and tradition of the civil war will no longer serve to command an otherwise uncertain class of votes, the republican managers now seek to impress upon the southern people the idea that the prosperity and development they have achieved is due to the beneficent and wise principles ever advocated by "the one party of progress." The boldest expression of this seductive sentiment has emanated from the eloquent soul of Senator Beveridge. In a letter recently written to the republican members of the Tennessee legislature, he said in part:

"Every republican principle is a principle of progress. And construction, development and progress are the supreme needs of the south. Richer in coal, timber, ore and the materials of fabric and food than any other section of the republic—with these imperial resources in the beginning of their development, with the markets of the world, and particularly of the orient, waiting for her products, the south will not much longer remain the slave of a reactionary party."

Every republican principle is a principle of progress toward centralization of power, toward party organization and preservation. The south and southwest have nothing to gain from such principles. For more than a quarter-century, in the face of continual adverse legislation, have the people who rose sphinx like from devastation and ruin prospered and thrived. They have been the slaves of no party, but of circumstances overwhelming; through perseverance has been achieved a commercial emancipation, and it is folly to think that either the democratic or republican party can claim to be the emancipator of the southern people, who are people of principles, which they have never forsaken. They are democratic, but not slaves of the democratic party. Their principles will outlive both the present democratic and republican parties.

Senator Beveridge is mistaken when he says "development and progress are the supreme need of the south." He is either to be pitied for his ignorance or despised for his prejudice. What intelligent person can truthfully say that the south needs progress, when the spirit of progress is far ahead of the times? Who can say that the development of the south has just begun? Time and capital is what is needed, for there are no more progressive people, and the republican party cannot give us the first, and is not willing to give us the second. Senator Beveridge also said:

"No policy is good for any section which is not also good for our common land. No policy is a wise national policy which does not also benefit every section. It is the strength of republican principles that they look to the common greatness, happiness and power of the whole American people. And this broad national policy of the republican party is especially beneficial to the people of the south because the day of the south's development is at hand."

The strength of the republican party is in its policy of centralization of power. Pensions and federal appointments have preserved for twenty five years. Can anyone believe that such a policy, carried to the extreme it is, is "good for our common land?" Has such a policy aided in the development of the south?

Is Senator Beveridge a second Rip Van Winkle? Has he been asleep for thirty years? That he has is our only conclusion when he says "the south's development is at hand." The "gentleman from Indiana" should travel. This prophet of republicanism falls very far short of possessing the progressiveness he boasts for his party, and before he goes "courting" to win the south to his faith he should better prepare his addresses.

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A DANGEROUS LAW.

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It is not at all likely that the coal oil measure will be repealed, in spite of the sacred promises of the party made to the people in territorial and county convention. If the promises are not fulfilled, then it remains to be seen whether or not there is enough manhood left among the men who voted the republican ticket, to resent the repudiation of their wishes. Las Vegas Optic.

A popular conductor on the E. P. & N. E. road, saw a woman on his train deliberately take off her stockings, during the carnival rush, turn them inside out and put them on again. After lacing up her shoes she picked up a paper and went right on reading. The gentlemanly conductor couldn't restrain his curiosity and asked her about the object of her strange action. "I was pretty hot and thought if I turned the hose on me I would cool off," and then she went on reading her paper. The conductor hunted one to read himself as he desired to occupy his mind. Pularosa Democrat.

A bill creating the county of Luna, was introduced in the council this week by Councilman Hughes, and referred to the committee on counties and county lines, which proposes to carve a new county out of Grant county. The north line starts in at the Arizona boundary and east, passing some five miles north of Lordsburg, and reaching Hudson Hot Springs it makes a jog to the north nearly ten miles, and then continues east to the intersection of the west line of Dona Ana county. Denning is to be the county seat of the proposed county, and within its area are the Cook's Peak mining camp, Lordsburg, Hudson Hot Springs, Shakespeare, Stein's Pass and numerous other camps; also, over 300 miles of railway and telegraph lines. The north line of the new county at Hudson station is about twenty miles south of Silver City, county seat of Grant county. Ex.

A letter written by the great chief justice, John Marshall, has just come to light. It is dated January 20, 1800. One of its interesting passages says: "The future resources of America are invaluable, if we do not throw them away by dissolving the union." In a like manner the will of Andrew Jackson was unpublished until after the civil war. In it he disposes of a number of magnificent swords presented to him at various times in recognition of his military genius. With the gift of each sword he admonishes the recipient to be ever ready to draw it in defense of the integrity of the federal union. To those fathers of our country who laid the judicial and democratic foundations so strong and well, not a whit less dear than the union was the principle upon which that union must rest if it is to continue a republic. Representation and taxation must go together. The constitution must follow the flag. It should be the prayer of every thoughtful citizen that this latter principle will be maintained without that vast expenditure of man's blood and woman's tears. Springer Stockman.

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Governor Otero says in his message that the territorial debt has been reduced some \$65,000 during the past two years. How about the \$158,000 worth of certificates issued by the last legislature to pay off the deficit of the two years preceding? These certificates were issued in 1899. We suppose they are not indebtedness. Besides, this legislature will have also to provide for another deficit for 1899 and 1900. The governor is certainly an artist when it comes to dodging the facts. He means that this much of the old debt has been paid, but fails to notice the amount created in the same time. White Oaks Eagle.

Gee whiz, but that Elite shaving parlor is the most elegant place in the southwest. And the barbers are up to date; we know, we have been there. Opposite postoffice.

Salary of Judges

The council committee on judiciary and finance have given considerable attention to Mr. Fielder's bill to pay the district judges \$5,000 per annum. The judges now receive \$3,800 a year, \$3,000 of which is paid by the United States and \$800 by the territory. It is understood the committee have reached an agreement to report back to the council a measure increasing the latter amount to \$1,500, so that should their recommendations become law the district judges would receive a salary of \$4,500 per annum each. Ex.

If you want to see an up-to-date meat market please come and examine the U. S. Meat Market in the Osborne block. Their decoration for Xmas will beat anything in the territory. We came here to stay and we are going to stay. We give you more satisfaction than any shop that has ever been here.

The O. K. blacksmith shop has secured the services of an expert painter and are prepared to paint your carriages, buggies or anything that needs painting. They are also prepared to do fine sign painting at very low rates and on short notice. When you need anything in that line don't fail to call at the O. K. shop or telephone No. 58.

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Railroad Time Table.

NORTH BOUND—CENTRAL TIME.	
Leave Pecos	1:15 p. m.
Arrives at Carlsbad	4:30 p. m.
Leave Carlsbad	5:15 p. m.
Arrives at Roswell	8:15 p. m.
Arrives at Amarillo	5:00 a. m.
SOUTH BOUND.	
Leave Amarillo	5:30 a. m.
Arrives at Roswell	8:45 p. m.
Arrives at Carlsbad	5:50 p. m.
Leave Carlsbad	7:30 a. m.
Arrives at Pecos	11:35 a. m.
The south bound train lays over night in Carlsbad.	

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

M. E. Church, South. (Regular services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Epworth League at 2 p. m.; Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.) J. E. SAWYERS, Pastor.

Baptist Church: One block west of court house. Regular services each Sunday. Bible school, 10 a. m.; classes for old and young; 11 a. m., public worship with preaching, 7:30 p. m., song service and sermon. All cordially invited. Midweek worship, Wednesday 7:30 p. m. HERMAN J. POWELL, Pastor.

Woodmen of World, Eddy Grove, Camp No. 5.—Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. D. B. Sutherland, C. C. C. W. Moore, Clerk.

Eddy Lodge No. 21, K. of P. Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All visitors are welcome. J. B. HARVEY, C. C. JOHN BOLTON, K. R. & S.

I. O. O. F. Eddy Lodge No. 21 meets every Friday evening in Masonic hall. Visiting brothers in good standing cordially welcome. C. H. WRIGHT, N. G. JNO. S. McEWAN, Secy.

MASONIC.—Eddy Lodge No. 21, 21, A. F. & A. M.—Meets in regular communication at 7:30 p. m., 3rd Saturday of each month. Visiting brethren invited to attend. J. R. FUSELMAN, W. M. A. N. PRATT, Secy.

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Local News.

The attention of advertisers is called to the fact that it is impossible to reach a majority of the people of Eddy County through any other medium than the CURRENT.

Notice to Subscribers.

We have to announce this week that the date of giving away the machine in connection with our subscription offer, has been changed from March 1st, 1901, to May 1st, 1901. This is necessary for the reason that we agreed to pay for this machine in advertising, and at the time we first announced it we thought we could do the necessary advertising in sixty days. A rush of other work has prevented us from doing this, so that now we feel, in justice to ourselves and the Singer company, we ought to postpone the date of giving away the machine. Your ticket is good and the holder of the lucky number will get the machine on May 1st, without fail.

Mrs. Perry Herbert is very ill.

Judge Leland, formerly of this district, is dead.

J. S. Crozier was in Roswell the first of this week.

The postoffice at Otis will be discontinued after Feb. 28, 1901.

Jack Heard left for the staked plains Sunday to establish a homestead.

"Hooley" Cochran, from the tip top of the Guadalupe, was here this week.

Assessor J. T. Fanning and John Beckett, of Hope, were in town Sunday.

J. D. Jordan was in from the Tax ranch last Saturday getting casing for a well.

Abe Wilson sold to Ed Toner the "Tangle Y" brand of cattle. Terms private.

Walter Thayer was in from his ranch Thursday and attended the Mulkey meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Freeman are the happy parents of a ten pound girl, born Thursday.

Julian Smith, of Black River community, was transacting business in Carlsbad Monday.

A new gallery adds much to the appearance of Wm. Leek's already neat grocery store.

J. D. Walker sold Monday, for Mr. Bruce, 20 yearling bulls to Segrest and Brogdon. Terms private.

W. T. and George Nelson, of Seven Rivers, were in town Sunday and attended the Mulkey meeting.

Fred H. Rhoads of Denver, special agent of the Continental Fire Insurance company, was here Tuesday.

Mrs. S. L. Mills and Miss Emma Lee Wilburn, of Hope, are visiting Mrs. Emma Wilburn in Carlsbad this week.

We are glad to announce that Commissioner George Wilcox is convalescent. This is good news to his many friends in this county.

An impromptu dance was given at the hospitable house of Abe Wilson in La Huerta Tuesday night. All present report a most pleasant time.

Dave Runyan was in from his ranch on the Penasco Monday, and gladdened the hearts of the editors by renewing his subscription to the CURRENT.

The morning and evening services at the Baptist church will be omitted to unite with the M. E. revival meeting. Evening worship resumed next Wednesday and Sunday.

Laverty, the Leader, keeps Ralston's Health Club Whole Wheat flour. But for those who prefer it he will continue to keep Purina Health Flour, just as he has for the past three years.

The business men of Carlsbad, complying with the request of Evangelist Mulkey, have closed their respective places of business from 10:30 until 12 a. m. during this week, with the exception of Saturday.

Ed. CURRENT—My ad last week read "Pearl" Meal. This is an error. It should have been Cream Meal. All lovers of fine goods should try Cream Meal, it is very fine.

LAVERTY, The Leader.

Bernard A. Sleyster of Albuquerque, special agent of the Atlas Fire Insurance company, was here Saturday last checking up with the local agent, John L. Emerson. Mr. Sleyster is a way-up Odd Fellow, and the local lodge enjoyed his visit very much.

Sheriffs Stewart and Higgins are out on the track of Hendricks, the man who killed the deputy sheriff of Chaves county. Hendricks passed through Carlsbad last week and it is thought he was headed for San Andreas mountains.

Chew!
Fine line sweet and sour keg pickles at Pendleton & Gamble's.
Just received at U. S. Meat Market, a barrel of pickled pigs' feet.
Chew Gold!
If you want to buy a good and cheap shot gun, call at the New Saddle store.
Have you a chance to win the fine sewing machine the CURRENT is going to give away?
Chew Gold Rope!
Just received at U. S. Meat Market, a barrel of pickled pigs' feet.
A seed catalogue free, at Tracy & McEwan's. Call and get one and inspect their line of bulk seeds.
Chew Gold Rope Tobacco! at Pendleton & Gamble's.
To insure fresh garden seeds and get full value for your money, buy your seed in bulk, of Tracy & McEwan, who handle Plant Seed Co.'s seeds.
Down at the U. S. Meat Market they sell, pickled pigs' feet, wiener sausage, bolona, fresh head cheese, corned beef, pickled pork, sour kraut and fresh and salt water fish every Friday, also the best meats that the country produces. You ring the bell and they do the rest. Telephone No. 21. 513

On Thursday afternoon there were appropriate Washington birthday exercises in the rooms of Misses Emerson and Williams at the school. The following ladies were present as visitors: Mesdames Allen, Heard, Clark, Leek, John Brown, Schoonover, Klaunder, Lynn, Dan Lucas, John Mathason, L. S. and A. J. Crawford, and Misses Lynn and McEwan.

TO RENT: My house on Canon street; contains six rooms, besides pantry, closet, bath, milk and vegetable rooms; good stable, buggy house, hen house, well of good water, town water, rainwater, electric lights, telephone, etc., besides three lots 150 feet square, with fruit of all kinds sufficient for a family. Will rent very low to right party.

W. H. MULLANE.

Rev. Abe Mulkey, the Texas evangelist, is holding a series of revival meetings at the M. E. church this week. He is a forceful and entertaining speaker, an original thinker, and uses plain words without a doubt of their meaning. His arguments are those of a business man rather than a scholar. His sermons are interspersed with wit, pathos, common sense and truth, and he leaves the impression on his hearers that he is thoroughly in earnest and in love with his work. The church has been filled to its capacity each evening. The services will close Sunday night.

The following letter from H. H. Wagner, the humorist, is explanatory of the delay in the third number of the lyceum program:

SAN FRANCISCO, FEB. 14, C. C. Emerson, Carlsbad, N. M.
DEAR SIR:—Your letter of February 10th received. I regret to say that it will not be possible for me to fill my dates at Carlsbad and Roswell until March 15th and 20th. The continued illness of Mrs. Wagner, a death in the family and my interests in the north have left me no choice in the matter of dates. Very truly yours,
H. H. WAGNER.

Wanted.
At Legal Tender Restaurant, spring frying chickens. 151f

For Sale.
Cheap for cash—3 grain fed, seasoned work horses; three wagons, one black land plow and a fine Jersey cow.
HENRY DETMERS, the Hayman.

School Entertainment.
The students of the high school, assisted by some of the pupils of the grammar department, are preparing to give a public entertainment soon at the opera house. The following program will be rendered:
Short address—Prof. Ellis.
"Little Women"—Drama.
Witch Drill.
Prairie Princesses—Drama.
Mrs. I. T. D. Smith has charge of the drill, and that is a guaranty that it will please all who attend.
"Little Women" is taken from Louise May Alcott's book of that name, and lately dramatized.
"Prairie Princesses" is an exaggerated comparison of American and English character.
A small entrance fee will be charged to defray necessary expense, and the balance, if any, will be used to purchase new books for the school library.

Teachers' Association.
Program of the Eddy County Teachers' association to be held at the school building Saturday, March 2nd:
10 A. M.
Music—Association.
Invocation—Rev. M. L. Roberts.
Methods in U. S. History—G. F. Ellis.
Discussion.
Dinner, (visitors entertained).
1:30 P. M.
Interest and Partial Payments—H. E. Berner.
Arithmetical and Geometrical Progressions—Willis Caldwell.
Shall We Assign Lessons for Home Study—J. B. Goodrich.

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EVANGELIST ABE MULKEY.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS. At 10:30 the Evangelist Abe Mulkey will lecture to gentlemen only, at the Methodist church. Boys under 12 not admitted unless accompanied by their father.
At 9 o'clock a general mass meeting of the Sunday school children.
At 11 o'clock the ladies will meet Mrs. Mulkey at the Baptist church.
At 3:30 everybody invited to Methodist church, subject "salad."
At 7:30 the farewell service of the series.

The Cut Has Come!

HERE ARE SOME BARGAINS IN WATCHES.

SIX Gentlemen's 18 size, 15 Jewel, Elgin Hunting or open face, in 20 year gold-filled Boss case, \$10 and \$12.

SIX Ladies' 6 size, 15 Jewel, Elgin or Waltham Hunting only, 20 and 25 years, Boss case, \$12 and \$13.

FIVE Ladies' 6 size, Elgin or Waltham in 20 and 25 year Boss case, \$11.50 and \$12.50.

TWO only, 400 size, made by Duerber Watch Co., in 25 year 14 K, Duerber case, \$12.00

TWO only, Gents' 18 size, 17 Jewel Elgin, adjusted, the railroad watch in 20 year Boss case, \$16.00

All watches guaranteed for one year. If not satisfied your money refunded. In buying above watches you also get a guarantee from factory with every watch.

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I do fine watch and jewelry repairing. At Dr. Smith's Drug Store.

Advance in Milk Prices.
The announcement that the prices of milk will be a cent a quart higher is not unexpected by those who have watched the reports of the hay crops and shortage of pasture, together with the advancing price of grain, says The American Cultivator. If the farmers received the whole benefit of this, it would not be too much, but as they get less than one-half the two last advances we think that contractors and dealers are doing a more profitable business than before, and we see no just reason why the can of eight quarts should cost the consumer 16 cents more than in July and the farmer should get only 7 cents of that. Yet we know farmers who by having better cows and by having had plenty of green feed for them in the summer and ensilage for winter feed are producing milk as cheaply or cheaper than they did two years ago, when the grass crop was so abundant. It is a good time now to select out and fatten the poorest cows, and many a herd would pay a better profit if reduced to two-thirds its present number if the unprofitable ones were disposed of.

Judged by Facts.
"You contend that oleomargarine is just as good as butter, don't you?" "It's better," answered the dealer without hesitation. "It pays several times the profit."—Wash. Argon Star.

Communicated.
Rev. P. F. Brannan departed Monday morning after a very successful week in Carlsbad, going to Stanton, Texas, where he will rest a week before going to Alamogordo. The father succeeded while here in making clear to many not of his fold, the true beliefs of the Catholic church, thereby clearing up much between Catholics and Protestants, who find there is not so much difference as they formerly believed existed, and that the Catholic religion rests entirely on the scriptures, the father using nothing except a Protestant bible borrowed from Mr. and Mrs. Laverty, for which the father expressed his thanks. He proved all the disputed points such as purgatory, invocation of saints, confession, real presence, infallibility of church and pope, etc., by this bible. Should the father ever visit Carlsbad again he will receive a welcome from many non-Catholic friends.

Just received at U. S. Meat Market, a barrel of pickled pigs' feet.

DRUGS!

No medicine can be just exactly right, do the work your doctor intended it should, unless the proper ingredients are used in their composition. The only way you can possibly be sure of obtaining the best results with medicine is by having your prescriptions filled at a drug store where the greatest pains are taken to cooperate with the physician for better results. We ask you to bring all your prescriptions here and have them filled by a competent, experienced, pharmacist.

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Legal Notice.
Territory of New Mexico, ss.
County of Eddy,
In the Probate court in and for Eddy
county, New Mexico
In the matter of the probate of the last
will and testament of Maynard Sharp, deceased.
To whom it may concern:
Notice is hereby given that the last will
and testament of Maynard Sharp, late of
the county of Eddy and Territory of New
Mexico, will be offered for probate on the
15th day of the regular March A. D. 1901 (Monday, March 18th) term of the Probate Court
in and for the county of Eddy and Territory
of New Mexico.
The said term to be begun and held in the
court house at Carlsbad, Eddy county, New
Mexico, on the first Monday in, and the 15th
day of March, A. D. 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m.
of said day.
Witness the Honorable A. Green, Judge of
the Probate court in and for Eddy county,
New Mexico, and the seal of said court, this
15th day of February, A. D. 1901.
W. H. OWEN,
[SEAL] Clerk of the Probate Court, Eddy
County, New Mexico.

For Sale.
Three thousand four hundred (3,400)
ewes (bred). Inquire at this office.

WANTED: To buy stock sheep, inquire
of the CURRENT office, or at
Dave Blocker's residence.
C. T. ADAMS.

Contest Notice.
Department of the Interior
United States Land Office
Roswell, N. M., January 5, 1901.
A sufficient contest affidavit, having been
filed in this office by Morgan M. Davis,
contestant, against homestead entry No. 629
made Sept. 25, 1890, for the n. e. of the sec.
section 5, and the n. e. of sec. 4, township 18
n., range 21 e., by
Sidney Jackson, contestant, in which it is
alleged that the said Sidney Jackson has
wholly abandoned said tract, and changed
his residence therefrom for more than six
months since making said entry, and prior
to the date herein; that said tract
is not settled upon and cultivated by
said party as required by law, and said
alleged absence from the said land was not
due to his employment in the army, navy
or marine corps of the United States as a
private soldier, officer, seaman or marine
during the war with Spain, or during any
other war in which the United States may
be engaged; said parties are hereby notified
to appear, respond and offer evidence touching
said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on
April 2, 1901, 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 25, 1901, 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 L. GUYER, Receiver.
First publication Feb. 9, 1901.

For Sale.
A good well of water, 12 miles south-
west of the Hat Ranch; good range,
fine water and no loco. Write me at
Carlsbad.
JOHN H. STEWART.

George McBiles wants it generally
understood that he is still in the horse-
breaking business, and guarantees his
work. Anything from a broncho to a
giraffe trained and thoroughly tamed to
work. If you don't believe it just try
him and he will show you. 111f

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BISULPHIDE OF CARBON.

New and Recent Uses—How to Inject It Around Trees.

Carbon bisulphide is a liquid that vaporizes very rapidly when exposed to the air. The vapor or fumes are explosive and very deadly to all animals, including man. Most plants are not injured when subjected to the fumes, but if the liquid comes in contact with any part of plants it often kills that portion quickly. Hence it is usually safe to allow only the fumes to come in contact



Injecting Carbon Bisulphide of Carbon

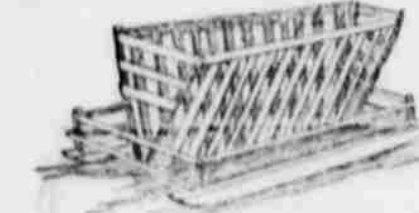
with the plant. Yet one of the most successful methods of killing borers in the trunk or large limbs of trees is to inject a small quantity of the liquid into the hollow or tunnel of the borer and plug the opening with putty or hard soap. The liquid applied in this way does not seem seriously to injure the plant. The substance is used mostly for fumigating stored grain, and pens or houses infested with weevils and other insects and many wood-eaters have succumbed to its deadly fumes. In France large quantities of the liquid have been injected into the soil in vineyards to check the ravages of the phylloxera plant house. Six years ago we devised a practicable method for applying the liquid to kill such pests as the cabbage root maggot, and our experiments indicated that it was one of the best methods of fighting this serious cabbage pest, says M. V. Ellinger in Rural New Yorker.

Recently fruit trees have been treated with the liquid for the woolly aphid and the peach tree borer. We were unsuccessful in our experiments against the peach tree borer, and large quantities of the liquid were used in California in peach orchards with the result that many borers are said to have been killed, and some also killed hundreds of their trees. In Missouri apple trees were treated for the woolly aphid with successful results when the liquid was properly applied. It was found that when the liquid was injected into the soil near the trunk or base of the tree it usually killed the tree, but when injected away from the tree a foot or two, taking care not to strike a main or large root, that no injury resulted to the trees.

These experiments show that if the substance is injected into the soil so that none of the liquid touches the roots the fumes may penetrate all through and around the roots and kill all animal life in the soil without injuring the roots. In the case of small plants like cabbages, strawberries and the like one should inject the liquid in the manner shown in the figure, beginning several inches away from the base of the plant, making a slanting hole extending underneath the root system of the plant and arrange with the injector or by means of a tin tube or funnel inserted in the hole to apply the liquid at the bottom of the hole.

Mobile Fodder Rack.

A very good fodder rack for cattle is made either of poles or of lumber. A plank will answer for the bottom of the rack proper, and the boards should be far enough apart to let the cattle get the fodder freely from the rack.



Rack for Fodder

The outside rack will catch the surplus and stock will pick that over later on when the supply runs short in the rack. It is built on runners so it can be moved from place to place with a team. The outside rack should be made of heavy poles, as the reaching of the cattle will break ordinary lumber.

Candied Honey.

At the approach of winter extracted honey will candy or crystallize unless kept in a temperature above 80 degrees, and even then with some kinds of honey it is difficult to prevent it from candying. This is regarded by most beekeepers as a test of its purity. Honey that has been adulterated with glucose or other foreign matter as a rule will not granulate or crystallize when kept in a moderately cool place. Honey that has granulated may be restored to its liquid form by placing the bottle or jar in a pan and setting on the kitchen stove or range. The pan should be partly filled with water and heated slowly until the honey is melted. If melted gradually and only heated enough to restore it to its liquid state, it does not injure or impair the flavor in the least.—American Gardener.

TERRACING FIELDS.

It Improves Land, Distributes Water More Evenly, Etc.

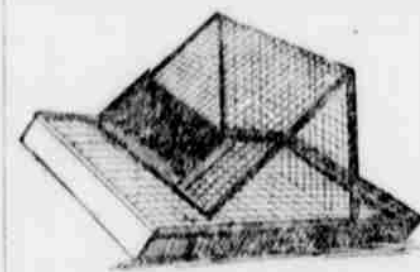
A large majority of the people do not know anything about terracing, and it is strange to us that a farming people will not terrace their lands.

Part of South Carolina is rather hilly country, and all the farms are terraced. Our lands are improving, the sand has washed out of the streams, bridges do not wash away as they once did, crops on terraced lands will stand dry weather longer, rows are on a level. You plow on a level all the time, and in time of heavy rains the water is evenly distributed on the land. Of course terraced land is some more trouble to work. You get long rows, short rows and very crooked rows, yet you save the rich soil. It is not necessary to employ a civil engineer to do this unless you have a large farm and want it done fast; then get one, for with his instruments the wind will not give any trouble, and you will need it done but once.

If a man has time, he can make and use any one of many leveling contrivances where a spirit level or plumb line is used to determine levels and run as good a terrace as can be done with any instrument. To the highest point in the field run the first line and move down the hill far enough to give three feet fall, and so on down. Have a one horse plow to follow right after the level to mark off lines. Then take a two horse turn plow and go around them, cutting out very short crooks. On some land put four furrows. Commence on lower side of first terrace and run all rows with it, putting the short rows against second terrace. Then start on lower side of second terrace, and thus on down. I believe if the land on the Mississippi and its tributaries were properly terraced that the overflows would soon cease, says a correspondent of Farm and Ranch.

Uncovering Honey.

A German Journal describes the following apparatus for uncovering honey: A strong tin dish 20 inches long, 12 inches wide and 6 inches high has resting in it, supported at proper distance from bottom, a piece of wire cloth with meshes five to the inch. On this rests



Uncovering Apparatus

a sort of roof of the same wire cloth, the two sides of the roof allowing two operators to uncover at the same time. The slanting surface of the roof allows the combs to rest with little or no holding, and all the honey that drips is caught in the pan below. Of course the size could be varied according to the size of combs used.

When Sowing in Georgia.

The almost universal belief is that the seed should be sown about the time when the first killing frost usually occurs or from the middle of October to the middle of November, according to latitude. What is more likely to be injured by insects when sown too early than are oats and other small grain. The regular grain drill will invariably give better results than when the seed are sown in or harrowed in, but many farmers will not find it expedient to incur the expense of such a machine. Very satisfactory results may be secured when sowing only a few acres by first getting the land in fine smooth condition and then sowing the seed in shallow drills made with a small plow from 18 to 24 inches apart, sowing the seed by hand through a "gunno trumpet." About 1 to 1½ inches below the general surface is the proper depth for the seed to be deposited.

One bushel is about the proper quantity of seed for one acre of well adapted and well fertilized soil when sown with a drill machine or in furrows by hand. The seed, however, may be put in with a cutaway harrow, and many of the fine crops made in 1898 were thus sown.—R. J. Redding.

Brief Mention

Where sweet potatoes are grown for stock the Texas experiment station suggests that cattle may be turned in to eat the tops and vines, and afterward hogs may be allowed to harvest the tubers. In this way the entire crop will be utilized at the smallest cost.

A great cotton combination is proposed in the organization of cotton planters, ginners and bankers throughout the cotton belt. The object is to secure and furnish to the members correct statistics and information which will enable producers to market the crop intelligently and for its true value. Southern mills are said to favor the plan. Harvey S. Jordan of the Georgia association is pushing the project.

Alfalfa has been very successfully introduced into Louisiana, and considerable interest in manifested in it.

Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Exchange in his annual report of the cotton crop figures the consumption of cotton by American mills at 3,905,412 bales, as against 3,589,494 bales last year, the increase being attributed to the southern mills, which increased their consumption from 1,309,390 to 1,597,112 bales.

Secretary Wilson is quoted as saying that there is a great demand abroad for first class horses and especially such horses as are more common to the south than anywhere else. We can produce, he said, such cattle and such horses as are wanted in foreign countries and bring the best prices there cheaper than they can be produced

CONVICT ROAD BUILDERS.

Employed by Several States—Outlook For Better Roads.

The legislature and people of California have not been idle in the work for good roads nor blind to the needs of the state in this respect. Up to a few years ago some of the convicts had been supported in comparative idleness at the expense of the state, while others had been utilized in direct competition with free labor. In 1895 the legislature decided at the suggestion of General Roy Stone to utilize convict labor in preparing road materials. A bill was passed providing for a highway commission and for the construction of a rock crushing plant on one of the state prison grounds. Since that time the convicts have been turning out upward of 100,000 tons of crushed trap rock annually. Much of this material has been given to the counties as the state's contribution toward the improvement of the leading thoroughfares.

North Carolina, Delaware, Iowa, New York, Tennessee and other states also have laws providing for the use of convict labor in improving highways. North Carolina has made great progress.



Object Lesson Road

rees and has built more miles of roads under this system than any other state. Thus one might if space permitted go through the whole list of states and find evidences of great progress in road improvement. Governor Mount of Indiana, for instance, says that his commonwealth is provided with 58,000 miles of graded, graveled and piked highways, over 8,000 miles of which are comparable with the best roads of France. The public is now more thoroughly aroused to the importance of the movement for better roads than ever before, and more roads and better roads have been built in the United States in 1899 than in any previous year in its history.

The agitation which has become so universal will surely result in a well defined public sentiment that will soon overcome all obstacles. With the new century the good roads movement is likely to receive valuable aid from the owners of horseless vehicles, already not uncommon on our thoroughfares. The aid of these new allies added to that of the farmer with his pecuniary interest in the question, to say nothing of the army of wheelmen already enlisted in the cause, promises well for a rapid spread of the movement throughout the country.

CHEAP ROAD LABOR.

Successful Employment of Convicts in New York State.

The League For Good Roads in Oneida county, N. Y., reports favorably on the experiment of employing convicts on roadmaking. Under the direction of the board of supervisors and the superintendence of a trained engineer the county prisoners have constructed a macadam road one and three-tenths miles long through the village of New York Mills, near Utica.

The county authorities made a contract with the road district whereby it was to furnish laborers at 25 cents a day and allow the use of its stone crusher, steam roller, etc., free of charge. The road district furnished the necessary fuel and material and paid for supervision. The cost of the road was about \$5,875, or \$4,500 a mile, and the total cost was only three times the amount of the annual road tax.

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Good Roads Movement.

There were good roads in the country before the I. A. W. was organized, but since that time, and partly through the energy of this industrial body of cyclists, many more good roads have been constructed. But what the good roads movement needs today is leadership, and if that be the part the I. A. W. is playing we say with all our heart, "Go in and win!"—Boston Journal.

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