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The Carlsbad Current

TWENTY-THIRD YEAR.

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1915.

NUMBER 28.

LATE STATE GOSSIP

Newsy Dope From our Santa Fe Writer.

Santa Fe, New Mexico, May 20.—The "dry" people opened their local option campaign in this city Friday evening with a very large and sufficiently enthusiastic meeting at the court house. District Judge Abbott created a sensation when he denounced the would-be leaders of the republican party in this city for their attempts to drive him into line for the saloons, and he declared war from the jump. Supreme Justice Hanna warmed the atmosphere in telling the dive keepers what they were and just what the better elements of society thought of them. Governor McDonald made a strong argument for the closing of the saloons because of their refusal to obey the law and their success in defying it. Republicans and democrats alike are fighting for this movement and the result will probably be a dry town. In making an organization for the campaign the meeting declared that the organization would never do anything to advance the political interests of any party, as the question was not a political one.

The republicans responsible for the irregularities in the handling of the journal of the late senate are still silent as to their reasons for their action. In other words they have nothing to say. It looks very much like a case of being caught with the goods and they are willing to say nothing and let the attorney general fight it through for them. However, from day to day some new tale comes to the front, and from all the reports that alleged journal, now in the hands of the former clerk of the senate, has had quite a career since the adjournment of the senate. While they are all willing to swear that it was sent to Las Vegas to be signed up by the lieutenant governor, and was returned to this city with the seals unbroken, they fail to explain the fact that when the alleged journal was presented to the secretary of state for filing it was signed by another man, Miera, who was not in this city when the alleged journal was returned from Las Vegas and could not have signed it. The fact is, the journal sent to Las Vegas and the journal presented for filing are not the same, exactly, as at least one page was added after it was returned from Las Vegas. While the alleged journal was in Las Vegas portions of it were being approved by State Senator Walton down in Grant county, and it may be that other portions were elsewhere. And now they want the people of this state to accept that as the true journal of the senate.

The attorneys for the taxpayers attacking the state traveling auditor law are willing and anxious to have the courts determine the genuineness of that journal, and if it is really the journal order it filed where it belongs, and if it is not the journal, order that the secretary of state be supported in his position. The attorney general argues that the courts are helpless in the matter, which practically destroys the usefulness of the constitution and suggests that undesirable politicians can be all kind of anarchists and have the ordinary citizens of this state at their mercy.

The proposition made by Bursum to the effect that he be given control of the state tax commission is considered to be nothing more than a bluff to cover his own retreat. The people of New Mexico would undoubtedly protest against putting any such power into the hands of a party of politicians so ready to abuse any power as the gentlemen following Mr. Bursum in the late legislature. The law was handed out to the democrats with the expectation that the people of the state would blame them for its failure to work fairly, and those in a position to know the real intent of the law are not going to attempt to make it work. It was probably drawn by some corporation attorney.

The attention of the public has been called to the appropriations made for the codification of the state laws. The legislature named the party to receive thirty-five thousand dollars for the work, which is actually worth something less than half that amount. To follow that up the legislature gave A. A. Sedillo, a lawyer of Albuquerque, two thousand dollars for the "translating" of the codification, and as the laws have always been translated into Spanish and printed, all Mr. Sedillo need do for his two thousand dollars is to paste up a couple of copies for the printer. It has been made plain that something like twenty thousand dollars was thrown away on the two jobs, when considered with the other jobs put through by the same legislature, it is not hard to understand why property must be valued for taxation for as much, or even more, than its actual value. And then the state will be short of funds.

From a remark made during the hearing on the cases involving the senate journal it is probable that the Chief Justice of the state considers the county salary law involved. If it is actually smashed it will be much better for the tax payers, and they

will refuse to worry.

So much is being said about that rather expensive luxury, the state corporation commission, that a little on its finances will be interesting. In 1912 the commission received fees of different kinds amounting to the sum of \$23,561, and during the same year disbursed the sum of \$20,218. In 1914 it received fees amounting to \$22,741, a decrease of nearly a thousand dollars from 1912, and expended \$29,027, or \$8,809 more than the expenditures of 1912. During the years 1912, 1913 and 1914 the commission expended \$10,982 more than it received in fees for the same three years.

The refusal of Bursum to act on the commission of his own creation has brought considerable demand for the appointment of Springer, the man accused of either writing the law or being largely responsible for some of its provisions.

State Engineer French has returned from an extended trip to the southern part of the State, where he looked over a number of proposed new road routes. He is preparing his force for a very active season in the field.

It is reported that a number of prominent leaders have been in consultation over the senate journal matter and reached a decision to let the attorney general do the open fighting while they push from under cover. They are not willing to admit their acts before the people. According to the same more or less reliable source of information the attorneys are preparing a suit which will give the eminent statesmen involved in the senate journal deal a very severe jolt.

SUBMARINE FREIGHT TRAIN.

By Frank Parker Stockbridge, in the June Popular Mechanics Magazine.

An underwater freight train that makes it possible for a submarine torpedo boat to operate in hostile waters for an indefinite period has been devised by Simon Lake, an American inventor, who has designed and constructed submarine fighting craft for a number of several of the European powers. Just how many of these novel supply trains are in use, and by what nations, are military secrets. It has been pointed out by naval authorities that the German submarines which have been operating as commerce destroyers in the territorial waters of the British Isles must have some means of replenishing their supplies of fuel oil, fresh water, food, and ammunition without returning to a German naval base. Few, if any, submarines now in existence are known to have a cruising radius of more than 500 miles. German submarines operating in the Irish Sea and off the northwest coast of Scotland are at least 700 miles from the nearest German port.

By means of the submerged supply train, however, it is comparatively easy for a fighting submarine to obtain supplies at regular intervals with almost complete secrecy, for the transfer of stores of all kinds can be made under water. The only way the enemy could detect what was going on would be by observation from an aeroplane.

Two, three, or more, submersible cars, cigar-shaped, water tight, and fitted with buoyancy tanks inside and wheels on the lower side, make up a submarine freight train. These cars have no propelling machinery nor quarters for crews, but are towed behind a self-propelling submarine, which may also be equipped for firing torpedoes.

Meteors as They Fall.

When a meteorite enters the earth's atmosphere it is moving with a velocity of more than twenty miles per second. The friction of its swift rush through the air produces a tremendous temperature, and the outer parts of the meteor are melted off and dissipated in fiery vapor, but the passage through the atmosphere is so quickly completed that the inner portions are not affected, and meteorites have been picked up after their fall and found to be freezing cold within. Their velocity is so rapidly reduced by the resistance of the air that when they strike the earth they usually penetrate only a few feet at the most into the soil.

Two Kinds.

"Pa," said Johnny, "what is a book worm?"

"A bookworm," said pa, "is a person who would rather read than eat, or a worm that would rather eat than read."

Seeking and Finding.

Two Scots with all the thrift of their race met on the way home from market.

"Why are ye lukin' sae pleased wi' yerrel?" asked Sandy.

"Weel mon," replied MacPherson, "I dropped a sumpence in the market place, an' hunt as I might, I couldn't find it."

"That's naught to be lukin' sae gay about," said Sandy.

"Aye, but ye dinna ken," explained MacPherson. "I found a shilling." Ladies Home Journal.

Try the Model Market on their Special Sale day, and be convinced that every article is first-class.

Other Memorial Days Than Ours

Memorial day, which is celebrated on May 30 in almost every state of our Union, has been set apart by statute as a special day for decorating the graves of the nation's soldiers and for holding appropriate exercises in their memory. While it originally sprang from a spontaneous desire to do honor to the heroes who fell in the civil war, still it is now celebrated in honor of all the soldier dead, that their heroism and sacrifices may never be forgotten.

It is interesting to trace the origin of this holiday, for, like many another modern institution, it goes back to the early days of civilization. We have been celebrating it with a special significance since the civil war, and yet upon examining it we find the adaptation of an ancient custom rather than the expression of a new idea. In fact, days set aside for ceremonies to honor the dead are intimately connected with all races.

The pagan Greeks held sacred rites at the graves of their dead and made



AT THE GRAVES OF THEIR FALLEN BROTHERS

offerings of olives and flowers. A floral wreath was placed at the head of the grave, and if a bloom sprang from the mound it was considered a sign of the happiness of the departed one.

In Rome a similar festival was held for several days in February. It was

Program Committee for Decoration Day Meets.

The program committee for Decoration day met in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon and made temporary program for the observance of Decoration day.

Capt. Robt. Dow will make the address in the evening at eight o'clock on the Court House lawn. A suitable musical program will be arranged by F. E. Butler.

The full program will be published in the paper of next week.

THE "FINS" OF A SUBMARINE TORPEDO BOAT.

There are few persons outside of a navy who have ever seen a submarine's "fins" in action. The modern submersible craft built for the United States Navy are all provided with these lateral rudders, but when the vessels are at the surface or moving in a level plane under water, the fins are folded back into recesses in the sides of the hull.

The purpose of these planes, which are shown clearly in a remarkable photograph published in the June Popular Mechanics Magazine, is to aid the submarine to rise or sink on an even keel. "Porpoising" or rising and diving at an angle is avoided in submarine practice as much as possible.

The lateral fins are attached to the hull by ball-and-socket joints, so that they may be rotated to give a planing effect either upward or downward, at any angle, and folded away when not in use.

HARRY JAFFA BUYS CONTROL OF ROSWELL EVENING PAPER.

Roswell, N. M., May 14.—Announcement is made here that effective tomorrow, Harry Jaffa, a local business man, becomes owner of the majority stock and active manager of the Roswell Evening News, through purchases from J. Phelps White, well known cattle grower who financed the news on its establishment and has since been its chief owner. Will Robinson, editor, continues in charge of the newspaper and it is stated that no other changes in personnel are contemplated.

Services at Christian Church, May 23.

10 A. M. Bible school.
11 A. M. Communion and preaching.
Subject: "Unexpected Meetings With God."
7:15 P. M. Senior C. E.
8 P. M. Preaching. Subject: "Godly Sorrow." Mrs. Coffman and Mrs. Tracy will sing at the evening service. All are invited to these services.
GEO. E. BEATTY, Minister.

Jack Moore, the manager for Joyce-Fruit Co., dry goods, was in Artesia yesterday on business.

Christian & Co. INSURANCE.

ACCEPTS A PORTION

OVER THE EL PASO-ARTESIA AUTO LINE.

First Cars Arrived Wednesday Evening, Bringing The Morning Times.

The first two cars on the El Paso-Artesia auto line bringing the El Paso Morning Times, came in Thursday evening, remaining at Hope about one hour, and arriving at Artesia at 6:30 p. m. The cars were new Fords and left El Paso at 5:15 a. m. The crew was composed of F. N. Peyton, manager auto line, Luther Barnard, circulation manager El Paso Times, R. G. Tupper, subscription solicitor for the Pecos Valley and Jim Deck and H. L. Wright, drivers.

Mr. Peyton stated that the cars created considerable comment in El Paso and enroute.

One of the cars left Artesia for El Paso Thursday morning at 5:15 and another one left El Paso for Artesia at 5:15.

The first trip consumed about 12 hours, but a 10 hour schedule will be maintained as the cars get limbered up.

It is the intention of the Times to run an auto line into Lovington from Artesia, and to several other points in New Mexico. It is also intended to establish a mail route over the El Paso-Artesia line as early as possible.

Thus, at last, this section of the Pecos Valley will be connected up with El Paso, the coming metropolis of the great southwest, and the benefits which will be derived from the establishment of this auto line and the proposed mail route cannot be guessed at now. It means, however, development of this section of country, and the El Paso Morning Times is to be congratulated for its magnificent nerve and enterprising spirit in putting on a stunt that eclipses anything the railroad corporations have done for this section.—Artesia Advocate.

PROMOTIONS FOR CARLSBAD NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS.

The following order from the Adjutant General of New Mexico, regarding services and parade by the local militia company on Memorial Day, has just been received by Captain Dean:

General Orders No. 11.

Office of the Adjutant General, Santa Fe, New Mexico, May 13, 1915.

1. Sunday, May 30, 1915, has been designated and set apart as Memorial Day by his excellency, the Governor and Commander in Chief of the National Guard of New Mexico, as the one upon which a tribute should be paid to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of the Republic who lost their lives in defense of their country and in upholding the honor and glory of the Stars and Stripes.

2. All organizations in the National Guard of New Mexico will be paraded on this day at their home stations. The formation, line of march, uniforms, etc., to be prescribed by the senior line officer present. The program to be forwarded to the Adjutant General as soon after the receipt of his order as convenient.

By Command of the Governor:

HARRY T. HERRING,

Adjutant General.

Official:

Approved: W. C. McDONALD,

Governor.

To all Members of Company B:

In accordance with order from the governor, through the Adjutant general, you are hereby ordered to report at the Armory on Sunday, May 30th, 1915, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. for parade, and participation in Memorial day services, to be held at the cemetery at 3 o'clock that afternoon. A salute will be fired at close of ceremonies and taps sounded, according to usual custom, and a squad will be selected to decorate all graves of soldiers in the cemetery.

A copy of the official order, above referred to, is printed in this paper, to which you are hereby referred.

Wm. W. DEAN, Captain.

Official orders have been received from the Adjutant General of New Mexico promoting three worthy officers of the National Guard stationed at Carlsbad.

Lieut. Robert C. Dow, heretofore on unassigned list, has been promoted to Captain in the quartermaster corps. Captain Dow will likely be in charge of quartermaster stores at the proposed battalion encampment which is contemplated to be held at Carlsbad, probably in July next.

1st. Lieut. Eugene A. Roberts has been detached from Company B, and detailed as Battalion Adjutant of the Second Battalion, of which Company B is a part.

2nd. Lieut. Fred M. West has been promoted to 1st. Lieut. and remains on duty with Company B, while 2nd. Lieut. Aud Edw. Lusk has been assigned for duty with Company B.

If plans now in contemplation are carried out, Company C of Artesia, Company K, of Clovis, and Company M, of Portales, will form a battalion for encampment at Carlsbad during this summer, probably in July, which camp will be under command of Major E. P. Bujac. Officers and sergeants of the regular army will also attend this encampment as instructors. This will bring together something like two hundred militiamen, and an instructive encampment will no doubt be had, and that Carlsbad will do the right thing

Germany Will Take our Powders in Broken Doses--Italy to get in Scrap

AGREES THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY UNITED STATES UNDER ALL CONDITIONS.

But Claims Demands as to Submarine Warfare Contrary to International Law and Will Not Agree to Them.

Washington, May 20.—Germany has unofficially accepted the general principles of the American note that American citizens shall be protected by the United States under all conditions, but claims the demand regarding the use of submarines is contrary to all rulings on international law and will reject the demands that Germany abandon submarine warfare. Germany holds America's legal rights extend only to the protection of vessels of American register and not to the safety of American citizens aboard belligerent merchantmen.

This it is understood was the position of Germany as unofficially outlined to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin and by him transmitted to Secretary Bryan.

Germany will warmly defend the use of the submarine as a reprisal act against an enemy who courted reprisals by arming merchantmen and offering them rewards for ramming submarines.

The German tentative reply holds that when American citizens travel on belligerent merchantmen they abandon the protection of the American flag and must take the risks involved by such travel.

Rome, Italy, May 20.—Parliament has taken the action that undoubtedly means placing Italy in the great war, by passing the bill empowering the Italian cabinet to act in the crisis with Austria. The bill was passed by an overwhelming vote—365 to 64.

There were great scenes of excitement when parliament was acting on the bill. Crowds of war-mad people surrounded the building and cheering the deputies and demanding war.

A definite announcement of Italy's intentions, with probably an ultimatum to Austria, will be issued within a day.

The green book charges that Austria is responsible for the world-war by her ultimatum to Serbia; that Austria disturbed the whole Balkan states to the detriment of Italy and declares that Austria's invasion of Serbia violated the terms of the Triple Alliance and convinced Italy that she had the right to resume full liberty of action.

Rome, Italy, May 20.—Midnight probably will see Italy as an ally of France, England, Russia and Serbia in the great war against Germany, Turkey and Austria.

The Italian army is ready to strike, with enormous bodies of troops of infantry, cavalry and artillery massed along the frontier. The Italian general staff has arrived at the frontier and is directing the operations about to begin by Italy hurling her forces across the frontier at Austria.

In Rome cheering crowds surround the Chamber of Deputies, where parliament is meeting today and is expected to make a declaration of war on Austria before the day has passed. Unless there is a long-drawn out debate parliament before midnight will pass the bill entrusting the fate of the nation to the cabinet, and this means immediate war.

The Pope has cast the weight of his influence with Italy, now that the issue has been drawn. This took the shape of his approval of the text of a prayer to be recited to the Italian soldiers on the battlefield, hoping for victory for the Italian arms.

The foreign office has summarized the contents of the green book, explaining the Italian position to the world and giving the details of the diplomatic correspondence with Austria. At first Austria refused to negotiate with Italy over the Italian demands. Later she was coerced into negotiations, but refused assent to the Italian demands. Then she made concessions that are characterized by the green book as being entirely inadequate.

The triple alliance has been repudiated by Italy.

by the visiting National Guardsmen goes as a matter of course.

Charles H. Liffingore, of Barstow, Texas, the largest fruit grower of the California grape in Texas, registered at the Bates over Wednesday. He has been making a specialty of this grape for eight years and was contracting the fruit while here, he also looked over the prospect for fruit with Mr. Tracy and other places while in the valley.

TEXT OF AMERICAN NOTE TO IMPERIAL GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

Following is the text of the American note to the Imperial German government, as given out last night by the state department, following its delivery in Berlin.

"Department of State, Washington, May 13, 1915.

"The secretary of state to the American ambassador at Berlin:

"Please call on the minister of foreign affairs and after reading to him this communication leave with him a copy:

"In view of recent acts of the German authorities in violation of American rights on the high seas, which culminated in the torpedoing and sinking of the British steamship Lusitania on May 7, 1915, by which over 100 American citizens lost their lives, it is clearly wise and desirable that the government of the United States and the Imperial German government should come to a clear and full understanding as to the grave situation which has resulted.

"The sinking of the British passenger steamer Falaba by a German submarine on March 28, through which Leon C. Thresher, an American citizen, was drowned; the attack on April 28 on the American vessel Cushing by a German aeroplane; the torpedoing on May 1 of the American vessel Gulfstream by a German submarine, as a result of which two or more American citizens met their death; and, finally, the torpedoing and sinking of the steamship Lusitania, constitute a series of events which the government of the United States has observed with growing concern, distress and amazement.

"Recalling the humane and enlightened attitude hitherto assumed by the Imperial German Government in matters of international right, and particularly with regard to the freedom of the seas; having learned to recognize the German views and the German influence in the field of international obligation as always engaged upon the side of justice and humanity; and having understood the instructions of the Imperial German government to its naval commanders to be upon the same plane of humane action prescribed by the naval codes of other nations, the government of the United States was loath to believe that it cannot now bring itself to believe that these acts, so absolutely contrary to the rules, the practices and the spirit of modern warfare, could have the countenance or sanction of that great government. It feels it to be its duty, therefore, to address the Imperial German government concerning them with the utmost frankness and in the earnest hope that it is not mistaken in expecting action on the part of the Imperial government which will correct the unfortunate impressions which have been created and vindicate once more the position of that government with regard to the sacred freedom of the seas.

"The government of the United States has been advised that the Imperial German government considered themselves to be obliged by the extraordinary circumstances of the present war, and the measures adopted by their adversaries in seeking to cut Germany off from all commerce, to adopt methods of retaliation which go much beyond the ordinary methods of warfare at sea, in the proclamation of a war zone from which they have warned neutral ships to keep away. This government has already taken occasion to inform the Imperial government that it cannot admit the adoption of such measures or such a war zone of danger to operate as in any degree an abbreviation of the rights of American citizens, merchant ships of belligerent nationality; and that it must hold the Imperial government to a strict accountability for any infringement of those rights, intentional or accidental. It does not understand the Imperial German government to question those rights. It assumes, on the contrary, that the Imperial government accept as of course, the rule that the lives of non-combatants, whether they be of neutral citizenship or citizens of any of the nations at war, cannot lawfully or rightfully be put in jeopardy by the capture or destruction of an unarmed merchantman, and recognize, also, as all other nations do, the obligation to take the usual precaution of visit and search to ascertain whether a suspected merchantman is in fact of belligerent nationality or is in fact carrying contraband of war under a neutral flag.

"The government of the United States, therefore, desires to call the attention of the Imperial German government with the utmost earnestness to the fact that the objection to their present method of attack against the trade of their enemies lies in the practical impossibility of employing submarines in the destruction of commerce without disregarding those rules of fairness, reason, justice and humanity which all modern opinion regards as imperative. It is practically impossible for the officers of a submarine to visit a merchantman at sea and examine her papers and cargo. It is practically impossible for them to make a prize of her, and, if they cannot put a prize crew on board of her, they cannot sink her without leaving her crew and all on board of her to the mercy of the sea in her small boats. These facts, it is understood, the Imperial German government frankly admit. We are informed that in the instances of which we have spoken time enough for even that poor measure of safety was not given, and in at least two of the cases cited not so much as a warning was received. Manifestly submarines cannot be used against merchantmen, as the last few weeks have shown, without an inevitable violation of many sacred principles of justice and humanity.

"American citizens act within their

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indisputable rights in taking their ships and traveling wherever their legitimate business calls them upon the high seas, and exercise those rights in what should be well justified confidence that their lives will not be endangered by acts done in clear violation of universally acknowledged international obligation, certainly in the confidence that their own government will sustain them in the exercise of their rights.

"There was recently published in the newspapers of the United States, I regret to inform the Imperial German government, a formal warning, purporting to come from the Imperial embassy at Washington, addressed to the people of the United States and stating in effect that any citizen of the United States who exercises his right of free travel upon the seas would do so at his peril if his journey should take him within the zone of waters within which the Imperial German navy was using submarines against the commerce of Great Britain and France, notwithstanding the respectful but very earnest protest of his government, the government of the United States. I do not refer to this for the purpose of calling the attention of the Imperial German government at this time to the surprising irregularity of a communication from the Imperial German embassy at Washington advising the people of the United States through the newspapers, but merely for the purpose of pointing out that no warning, that an unlawful and inhumane act would be committed can possibly be accepted as an excuse or palliation for that act or an abatement of the responsibility for its commission.

"Long acquainted as this government has been with the character of the Imperial German government and with the high principles of equity by which they have in the past been actuated and guided, the government of the United States cannot believe that the commanders of the vessels which committed these acts of lawlessness did so except under a misapprehension of the orders issued by the German naval authorities. It takes it for granted that, at least within the practical possibilities of every such case the commander, even of submarines were expected, to do nothing that involve the lives of non-combatants or the safety of neutral ships, even at the cost of failure of their object of capture or destruction. It confidently expects, therefore, that the Imperial German government will disavow the acts of which the government of the United States complains, that they will make reparation so far as reparation is possible for injuries which are without measure, and that they will take immediate steps to prevent the recurrence of anything so obviously subversive of the principles of warfare for which the Imperial German government has in the past so wisely and so firmly contended.

"The government and people of the United States look to the Imperial German government for just and prompt and enlightened action in this vital matter with the greater confidence because the United States and Germany are bound together, not only by special ties of friendship, but also by the explicit stipulations of the treaty of 1828 between the United States and the kingdom of Prussia.

"Expressions of regret and offers of reparation in case of the destruction of neutral ships sunk by mistake, while they may satisfy international obligations, if no loss of life results, cannot justify or excuse a practice the natural and necessary effect of which is to subject neutral nations and neutral persons to new and immeasurable risks.

"The Imperial German government will not expect the government of the United States to omit any word of any act necessary to the performance of its sacred duty of maintaining the rights of the United States and its citizens and of safeguarding their free exercise and enjoyment. (Signed). "BRYAN."

COUNTY AGENT. J. W. Knorr, of Montana, recently appointed County Agent by A. C. Cooley of the State Agricultural Department, has taken the field in Eddy county and is getting acquainted with the farmers in the county. He visited Artesia Friday, and from appearances seems to be onto his job. He will assist all the farmers who want his services free of charge along the lines of dairying, farming and stock raising. The counties in the state that have tried out these farm demonstrators are well pleased with their services. Eddy county is lucky to have one, thanks to the efforts of the board of county commissioners to land the appointment.—Artesia Advocate.

Weaver's garage treated the senior class, also Mrs. Mac Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, as chaperones, to a joy ride Saturday morning. Two cars accommodated the crowd; seven and the driver, going in each car. What's the matter with Weaver? He's all right!

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The Trouble With the Good Road Movement is That In Many Communities It Gets Mixed Up In the Minds of Taxpayers With the Motor Speedway.

The trouble with the good road movement in nine out of ten neighborhoods is that it gets mixed up in the minds of the taxpayers with the motor speedway and the trail of the joy rider, says a contributor to the Farm Progress. A good many farmers are getting automobiles and more farmers will get them in the future, but even this has failed to do much toward removing the prejudice against the building of permanent roads.

There are some communities that are financially able to build the wide, permanent, brick, concrete or macadam roadways. Most communities are not able to assume such a burden. The dirt road is about the best we can look forward to, despite the statements of the radical road builders. We do not care to tax ourselves to death at the present time, and we dislike to bend our backs to the burden of paying off a series of road bonds maturing at the end of twenty or thirty years and at the same time keeping up and maintaining the splendid but costly roads.

Therefore a great many of the plain people, those who suffer most from bad roads, are in favor of setting about the task of doing the best we can with the dirt highways. We would like the sort of a road that machines could travel over twice months in the year, but feeling that these are out of our reach we are going to do the best we can with what we have and hope for



ON AN UNRECONSTRUCTED DIRT ROAD.

the days when federal and state aid will really amount to something. This means that we are taking a great deal more interest in the building repair and dragging of the home too good highways that we now have.

Certainly a great deal can be done by the community that makes up its mind to help keep the roads in good shape. One man in a district can, by dragging the trails, make the difference easily seen. I was in northwest Missouri for a week in the fall of 1914, and I saw work being done that should be copied.

I was visiting a man who lived three and a half miles from town, and he, his sons or some one of his hired men spent a part of a day dragging the roads every week. They did not wait for the "road boss" to "warn" every body out for a "road working," but whenever they found that they had an hour or two of time that could be spared they hitched up to a road drag of the D Ward King pattern and smoothed some of the bumps off the highway. Sunshine or freezing made but little difference on these roads that were being steadily worked down twelve months in the year. That is the kind of work that will count, particularly where you can get a whole neighborhood interested.

By the use of the grader in summer and spring and the road drag in fall, winter, spring and summer we can put the surfaces of these dirt roads in such shape that they will be reasonably possible all the year round. Then we ought to turn our attention to narrowing the actual roadway down to a track of not more than sixteen feet in width. What is the use of working, grading and dragging a full thirty foot width of track? I have no idea who is responsible for the idea that a country highway ought to have a sixty foot right of way, but whoever he was he made a sad and costly mistake. We will be forced to pay more attention also to bridges and culvert work. It is remarkable to see how easily the public money can be wasted in this item.

By making the most of our present roads and resources we may possibly get to a point where we can build more permanently. At least we should not give up all hope simply because we cannot have the very latest thing in permanent highways.

NO ALUM in Dr. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

THE WAY IT IS DONE IN NEW MEXICO.

When U. L. Greenwood returned home a short time ago it was apparent that he was not physically able to pick a crop after being sick all winter, so a day was agreed upon by his neighbors and Monday found twenty-eight present with teams, tools and seed and about sixty acres was sown and planted. This is not the first demonstration of this kind even in this county as D. B. King had led a "turn" of meal, and A. R. Hatley and W. P. Warden had planted only a few days before. Those present were: R. E. and W. T. McCormack, E. T. Paddock, J. S. Stephens, L. J. Estach, W. A. Forbes, E. R. Moyer, Gentry Downs, E. H. Norton, W. D. and A. L. Boyd, J. W. and E. N. Grizzell, A. E. Rogers, A. A. Hardison, Walter Lynch, J. W. and W. M. Owens, Elmer Hill, W. F. and A. T.

Do your swearing at the Current office. Notary always in

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX.

In the Probate Court, Eddy County, New Mexico.

No. 314. In the Matter of the Estate of Walter E. Thayer, Deceased. By order of the Probate Court of the County of Eddy, State of New Mexico, notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, have been duly appointed by said court administratrix of the estate of Walter E. Thayer, deceased, and that I have qualified as such administratrix by taking the oath of office and by filing in such court the duly approved bond as required by law.

Notice is further given that all persons having claims against said estate must present such claims in the manner prescribed by law and within the time fixed by law. Dated: Carlsbad, New Mexico, this 12th day of May, 1915. JULIA O. THAYER, Administratrix.

14 May-4

NOTICE.

To Sylvester Griego, Aurelia Griego, Francisco Griego, Salvador Griego, and unknown claimants of Interest's adverse to plaintiff:—

You are hereby notified that suit against you, Cause No. 2147, in the District Court within and for Eddy county, New Mexico wherein J. D. Rackley is plaintiff and you are the defendants, has been instituted by said plaintiff and is now pending in said court to quiet plaintiff's title to the following described lot and premises: Lot 10 in San Jose, Eddy county, New Mexico. You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before July 3, 1915, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default. Armstrong & Bow, of Carlsbad, N. M., are attorneys for plaintiff.

Witness the hand and official seal of the County Clerk of said County on May 7, 1915. (SEAL) A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.

14-May-5

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

In the Probate Court, Eddy County, New Mexico.

No. 315. In the matter of the estate of N. Cunningham, Deceased. By order of the Probate Court of the county of Eddy, State of New Mexico, notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned have been duly appointed by said court administrator of the estate of N. Cunningham, deceased, and that I have qualified as such administrator by taking the oath of office and by filing in said court the duly approved bond as required by law.

Notice is further given that all persons having claims against said estate must present such claims in the manner prescribed by law and within the time fixed by law. Dated, Carlsbad, New Mexico, May 7, 1915. J. D. WALKER, Administrator.

7-May-4

NOTICE.

No. 291.

New Mexico.

In the matter of the estate of Homer F. Parr, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Maude H. Parr, administratrix of the Estate of Homer F. Parr, deceased, having filed in this Court her first and final report of her administration of said estate, and a petition for her discharge as administratrix of said estate, the hearing for the same has been fixed for the 5th day of June, 1915, by the Court, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the court room of said Court, at the Court House in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said report should not be settled and allowed and said administratrix discharged.

A. R. O'QUINN, (SEAL) Clerk of the Probate Court. By E. M. KEARNEY, Deputy.

7-May-4

Turner, H. B. May, L. G. Warlick, O. I. Boyd, J. E. Speed, Calvin Cobb, J. N. Carson, W. S. Marshall and ye editor.—Eunice Democrat.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, March 23, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico, by virtue of Acts of Congress approved June 21, 1898 and June 20, 1910 and acts supplementary and amendatory thereto, has filed in this office selection lists for the following described lands:

List No. 4768. Serial No. 030304. SE 1-4 Sec. 25; S 1-2 Sec. 26 T. 16 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 480 acres. List No. 4769. Serial No. 030305. S 1-2 Sec. 27; S 1-2 Sec. 28 T. 16 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres. List No. 4770. Serial No. 030306. SE 1-4 Sec. 29 T. 16 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4771. Serial No. 030307. All of Sec. 33 T. 16 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4772. Serial No. 030308. All of Sec. 34 T. 16 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4773. Serial No. 030309. All of Sec. 25 T. 17 S. R. 33 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4774. Serial No. 030310. All of Sec. 26 T. 17 S. R. 33 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4775. Serial No. 030311. All of Sec. 35 T. 17 S. R. 33 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4776. Serial No. 030312. All of Sec. 21 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4777. Serial No. 030313. All of Sec. 22 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4778. Serial No. 030314. All of Sec. 23 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4779. Serial No. 030315. All of Sec. 24 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4780. Serial No. 030316. All of Sec. 26 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4781. Serial No. 030317. All of Sec. 27 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4782. Serial No. 030318. All of Sec. 28 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4783. Serial No. 030319. All of Sec. 29 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4784. Serial No. 030320. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, NE 1-4, E 1-2 W 1-2 Sec. 30 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 459.56 acres.

List No. 4785. Serial No. 030321. SE 1-4 Sec. 30; Lots 3, 4, E 1-2 SW 1-4, SE 1-4 Sec. 31; N 1-2 SW 1-4, SW 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 33 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 590.69 acres.

List No. 4786. Serial No. 030322. SE 1-4 SW 1-4, SE 1-4 Sec. 31; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S 1-2 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 282.66 acres.

List No. 4787. Serial No. 030323. Lots 3, 4, S 1-2 NE 1-4, S 1-2 NW 1-4 Sec. 3; Lot 1 Sec. 4 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 284.63 acres.

List No. 4788. Serial No. 030324. Lots 2, 3, 4, S 1-2 N 1-2 Sec. 4 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 284.91 acres.

List No. 4789. Serial No. 030325. S 1-2 Sec. 3; S 1-2 Sec. 4 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4790. Serial No. 030326. All of Sec. 9 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4791. Serial No. 030327. All of Sec. 10 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4792. Serial No. 030328. All of Sec. 11 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4793. Serial No. 030329. N 1-2, N 1-2 S 1-2 Sec. 12, W 1-2 W 1-2 Sec. 15 T. 17 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

List No. 4794. Serial No. 030330. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S 1-2 NE 1-4, S 1-2 NW 1-4, N 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 1 T. 18 S. R. 33 E. N. M. Mer. 400.28 acres.

List No. 4795. Serial No. 030331. N 1-2 SE 1-4 Sec. 1; T. 18 S. R. 33 E.; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S 1-2 N 1-2 Sec. 1; Lot 1 Sec. 3 T. 18 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 443.69 acres.

List No. 4796. Serial No. 030332. Lots 2, 3, 4, S 1-2 N 1-2 Sec. 3; Lots 1, 2, 3 Sec. 4 T. 18 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 402.76 acres.

List No. 4797. Serial No. 030333. Lot 4, S 1-2 N 1-2, S 1-2 Sec. 4; Lot 1 Sec. 5 T. 18 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 560.14 acres.

List No. 4798. Serial No. 030334. Lots 2, 3, 4, S 1-2 N 1-2, SW 1-4, NE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 3 T. 18 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 479.58 acres.

List No. 4799. Serial No. 030335. W 1-2 SE 1-4, SE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 5; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Sec. 6 T. 18 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 346.24 acres.

List No. 4800. Serial No. 030336. NE 1-4 NE 1-4 Sec. 8; Lot 7, S 1-2 NE 1-4, SE 1-4 NW 1-4, E 1-2 SW 1-4, SE 1-4 Sec. 6; Lot 1, N 1-2 NE 1-4, NE 1-4 NW 1-4, Sec. 7 T. 18 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 591.65 acres.

List No. 4801. Serial No. 030337. NW 1-4 NE 1-4, N 1-2 NW 1-4 Sec. 8; N 1-2 N 1-2 Sec. 9; N 1-2 N 1-2 Sec. 10; N 1-2 N 1-2 Sec. 11 T. 18 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 600 acres.

List No. 4802. Serial No. 030338. All of Sec. 12 T. 18 S. R. 34 E. N. M. Mer. 640 acres.

Protests or contests against any or all of such selections may be filed in this office during the period of publication hereof, or at any time thereafter before final approval and certification. EMMETT PATTON, Register.

7-May-5

COST REVIEW REPORT

BOARD COMPLETES ITS WORK AND FINDS COST \$20.71 PER ACRE

BOARD CONCLUDES HEARING.
The Cost Valuation Board of the Carlsbad Project concluded its hearing at 10 o'clock Tuesday evening, May 18, 1915, and copy of its findings will be filed with the secretary of the Interior June 1st by the chairman of the Board, T. U. Taylor, and a copy has been filed with the Service and with the Water Users' Association.

In consideration of the fact that the water users are bearing the burden of this cost of revaluation, I am giving this report to the local press to inform the water users of the results of the investigation, believing that the farmers are entitled to the information as well as the Service.

Mr. Murphy will file a minority report at a later date, which, if possible, will be furnished to the public.

W. B. WILSON,
President Pecos Water Users' Association.

REPORT OF LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW, CARLSBAD PROJECT, NEW MEXICO.

Honorable Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Sir:—Your Board of Cost Review on the Carlsbad Project, United States Reclamation Service, consisting of D. W. Murphy, Scott Etter, and T. U. Taylor, convened on April 13th, 1915, for the purpose of reviewing the costs on the Carlsbad project under your instructions, approved and dated January 30th, 1915, and supplemental instructions thereto.

The United States Reclamation Service appeared by counsel, Mr. P. W. Dent, of El Paso, Texas. The Pecos Water Users Association appeared by counsel, Mr. Fulton H. Sears, of Chicago, Illinois. Your Board employed Mr. J. B. McGhee as official stenographer for the hearing, who is the official court reporter for the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, to keep a complete stenographic record of the proceedings of the Board, and which report is forwarded to you.

Historical Information.
1. Previous to 1904 the old Pecos Irrigation Company had an irrigation system at Carlsbad, New Mexico. The statement of money spent by them up to 1904 shows the amount to be \$1,172,000.00. See exhibits 13 and 14.
2. A flood occurred in October, 1904, which washed away the Avalon Dam and damaged other features.
3. After the flood of 1904 on the Pecos River, negotiations occurred between the U. S. Reclamation Service and the Pecos Irrigation Company with the view of the U. S. Government taking charge of the Carlsbad project and making it one of the U. S. Reclamation projects.
4. The U. S. Reclamation Service sent the following persons to Carlsbad to investigate and report upon the cost and feasibility of the Carlsbad proposition:

G. Y. Wisner, consulting engineer.
W. H. Sanders, consulting engineer.
M. Bien, consulting engineer.
B. M. Hall, supervising engineer.
W. M. Reed, district engineer.

All these men were employed by the U. S. government and their report was dated August 31, 1905. In said report these U. S. government engineers stated: that

A. The U. S. Reclamation Service could pay or allow \$150,000.00 for features of the Pecos Irrigation Co.
B. That "the necessary reconstruction and repairs for the irrigation of twenty thousand acres depending on the storage to be had from Lake McMillan should be placed at \$450,000.00 as a SAFE estimate". This 20,000 acres was the first unit of 40,000 acres of land recommended for total area, and upon which estimates was based.
C. That the charge per acre should be \$31.00 and that this was all the land would stand. (See public notice for this p. 530.)

5. Early in 1905 the Water Users of Carlsbad raised \$36,500.00 and placed it at the disposal of the U. S. government to expend under the direction of the U. S. government engineers in building structures necessary to supply water for the season of 1905. A temporary dam was designed and constructed under the direction of the U. S. Reclamation engineers.
6. The temporary dam failed because it did not stand twenty-four hours after the water was turned into the lake.
7. At this time the U. S. Reclamation Service had assumed the Carlsbad Project and work was being prosecuted by it.
8. The failure of the temporary dam in 1905 left the Water Users without water from Lake McMillan or Avalon, causing great hardships.
9. The U. S. Reclamation Service prosecuted the work on the Carlsbad Project from 1905 to the present date and the project is still incomplete.
10. On January 20, 1912, the Project Manager of the Carlsbad Project appeared before the Board of Directors of the Water Users' Association and stated that there was a deficit in maintenance of \$120,000.00 and that it would take \$160,000.00 more to perfect the project. The facts now show that there was only a deficit at that time of \$35,000.00 and the water users made a \$45.00 per acre contract

with this misunderstanding of facts at that time. The water users had petitioned the Secretary of the Interior to add \$280,000.00 to the building or construction fund and to graduate the payments in view of this representation to them.

11. On June 21, 1913, the Director of the U. S. Reclamation Service requested the Carlsbad Project to prepare an itemized list of unit costs and total costs. (See exhibit 18).
12. In response to this letter one cost sheet under date of November 19, 1913, was prepared (exhibit 18) and later one was prepared to December 31, 1913, which bears the rubber stamp date of "June 5, 1914". (See exhibit 29).

13. The total building cost of the Project up to April 12, 1915, as shown by the Book No. 1168 was \$933,840.96. This was approved by A. P. Davis, Director; W. A. Ryan, Comptroller; and L. C. Hill on the ledger account, compiled by V. L. Minter and checked by C. A. May.

14. Previous to the beginning of operations on the Carlsbad Project the Reclamation Service advertised for bids (see pp. 943) and defined the following kinds of material. Class 1 of material that could be plowed by a six mule team of average weight of 1,400 pounds. Class 2, of all material that had to be blasted. Class 3, was boulders of one-half cubic yard, etc. This advertisement also contained another provision that although work was accepted by the inspector or resident engineer, the contractor could be forced to remove the same at his own expense and to replace it with material by the officers superior to the resident engineer.

CAPTION TO FINDINGS

Your Board finds that under the law it is not just to charge as a proper cost the reservoirs and works necessary for their protection. If this is true it is just to add to this waste and extravagance in the other portion of the project where no benefit was derived to the settlers, as an additional improper charge.

Should this be determined by the Secretary not to be true this board finds that the waste and extravagance in the headworks, reservoirs and works for their protection together with the waste in construction and maintenance in other features of the project, where no benefit was derived, should be added together and charged to profit and loss or some other account which may be available as an unjust and improper charge and not be returned by the Water Users of the Carlsbad Project.

Therefore, we have separated our findings under separate headings producing different results as we see them, so that if the first is rejected, still leave the other to be the judgment and findings of this board of review.

FINDING NO. 1.
The findings of fact based upon the findings and personal investigations of this board, charging off items of cost under the instructions of the secretary of the interior to this board with special reference to waste, mismanagement, and excessive charges in expenditures giving items of cost which this board now finds are not proper charges against the Carlsbad project.

In reviewing the special items of cost, the members of this board have been surprised and somewhat chagrined and disappointed in arriving at a statement of "Quantities" and "Unit Costs". This information was necessary to ascertain the proper construction cost to be collected under the terms of the Reclamation Act, and in many cases has not been accessible. Your Board has not been furnished with not less than six estimates of cost furnished by the United States Reclamation Service and all appear to give quantities and unit costs and no two of these statements agree. Special attention is called to exhibits 2, 18, 29, 42, 50 and 51 which statements will verify these findings to you. We have examined and considered every item of quantity, unit cost and total cost as given on these exhibits, and each case of doubt have given the benefit to the "Service". Under section 3 of your instructions we find the following relative to items of cost on the Carlsbad Project.

1. **AVAILON DAM.** We find that the books of the Reclamation Service show the excavation of class 1 material amounts to 94,239 cubic yards at 35 cents per cubic yard as shown in exhibit 29. In exhibit 42 this is shown as 84,710 cubic yards at a cost of 42.6 cents per cubic yard. Exhibits 18, 42 and 50 show 50,183 cubic yards of excavation class 3. We find that this is an earthen dam with concrete core and that the use of 50,183 cubic yards of class 3 material is a grave engineering error and was unnecessary, unpardonable and inexcusable. We find that 50,183 yards of No. 3 material was placed in this dam at a cost of 98.6 cents per cubic yard and that 56 cents per yard of this cost is an improper charge and that the total sum of \$28,100.00 should be eliminated and charged to profit and loss.

2. **PUDDLING.** Reference is made to exhibit 18 for 208 cubic yards of puddling at \$5.00 per cubic yard, amounting to \$1,041.50. While this is a small item, good puddling should be placed for \$1.00 per cubic yard. We find that the sum of \$4.00 per cubic yard is an improper charge and should be charged to profit and loss, amounting to \$832.00. This wrongful charge is due to absolute inefficiency.

3. **OLD SPILLWAY.** Reference is made to exhibit No. 29 which shows 320 cubic yards of concrete at \$18.02 per cubic yard costing \$5,767.53. This should have been placed for \$9.00 per

cubic yard as a reasonable cost AT THE MOST. We find in this item of construction of the Avalon Dam that the sum of \$9.02 per cubic yard is an improper charge and should be charged to profit and loss, and certainly not to the water users now or later.

4. **SPILLGATES.** The Reclamation Service installed 39 double gates which were installed over the protest of the Water Users. These gates were supposed to act somewhat automatically. On July 24, 1911, the flood came and the gates failed to act. The rain began falling at six o'clock, p. m. on Sunday, July 23, 1911, but the Reclamation Service watchman stayed in his house until 3 o'clock p. m., the next morning at which time the water was running over the top of the gates and it was impossible to open them so that they would remain open.

A glance at exhibit 25 will show the failure of these gates to work. The failure of these gates to work caused the water in the reservoir to destroy spillway No. 2 and the Reclamation Service later installed the circular concrete cylinder weir at spillway No. 2.

The failure of these so-called automatic gates and the failure of the watchman to act in time of emergency caused the destruction of the Spillway No. 2 and it can not be charged to an act of providence, but it must be charged to inefficient gates designed by the Service (Protested against many times by the water users) and to a negligent watchman of the Service.

No Present Project Manager testified before this Board. (See record page 840) that the present circular spillway and circular steel gates cost about \$100,000.00. This Board finds that \$91,000.00 of this charge is an improper charge and should be charged to profit and loss. The elaborate and costly design of the steel gates with their appendages are found to be unnecessary for the present project. Sensible gates installed in the old spillway No. 1 would be sufficient.

5. **McMILLAN DAM.** Exhibit No. 29 shows 319.18 cubic yards of concrete costing \$20.00 per cubic yard, making a total of \$6,383.65. This Board finds that this work should have been done for a total sum of \$3,383.65, and that the sum of \$3,000 is an improper charge and should be charged to profit and loss.

6. **MAIN CANAL.** Reference is made to exhibit 18 and 29, showing 675,000 cubic yards of excavation, class 1 at 12.4 cents per cubic yard, amounting to \$71,550.00, but the Project Manager later filed exhibit 42 giving the amount at 273,000 cubic yards. Exhibit 42 was filed about three weeks after the engineer employed by the water users had discovered the inaccuracy of this statement. Your Board finds that new unit costs shown in exhibit 42 at 26 cents per cubic yard was obtained by simply dividing the new quantity into the old expenditure. (Many other items of unit costs, where reference is made to the six exhibits filed by the Service simply shows a juggling of quantities and unit costs.) Your board finds that the original cost per unit on this work was sufficient and reasonable and that the sum of \$2,000.00 in this item is an improper charge and should be charged to profit and loss. Your Board further finds that over half of this waste embankment on the main canal was unnecessary for the acreage under the present project.

7. **MAIN CANAL.** Reference to said exhibits show 4,431 cubic yards of excavation, class 3 at a cost of \$2.03 per cubic yard. This was not difficult work and was easily accessible, and should have been done for \$1.00 per cubic yard. Your board finds that the sum of \$4,500.00 is an improper charge and should be charged to profit and loss.

8. **DARK CANYON SYPHON.** Reference to exhibit 29 filed by the Service shows excavation and backfilling of 19,083 cubic yards and unit cost of 57 cents per cubic yard, making a total of \$10,877.76. The Project Manager has testified that the excavation was 14 feet deep, twelve feet wide at the bottom, with slopes of 1-1-2 to 1. Exhibit 37 shows this feature. Your board finds that the first excavation could have been done for 40 cents per cubic yard by any efficient and experienced contractor and that backfilling should have been done for 15 cents per cubic yard as it was loose. Your Board finds that the charge actually excavated was less than 8,000 cubic yards according to the dimensions furnished by the project manager. Your Board finds further that a reasonable cost and a proper charge for removing this yardage should be 50c. for excavation and backfilling both, making a total cost of \$4,000.00. Your board finds further that the sum of \$7,487.76 is an improper charge and should be charged to profit and loss.

9. This board finds that by segregating the engineering and overhead charges as best we can from other charges into which such engineering and other charges have been merged by the Service that a total of \$132,904.96 have been spent by the Service for engineering and overhead charges. According to the statements of local officials of the Carlsbad Project, the total cost of the project is \$933,840.96. The old Pecos Irrigation Company cost \$150,000.00 and the engineering and overhead charges amounted to \$132,904.96 making a total for these two items of \$282,904.96. Subtracting this from the total cost of \$933,840.96 leaves \$650,935.96 as construction cost. Your board finds that this is over twenty per cent (20 per cent) of the money that was actually spent on construction.

Your board finds that this is very excessive (See record p. 241 and exhibit 34, p. 747), and that ten percent would have been a liberal allowance for such services. If you consider the fact that the old P. I. Company had the canals and many laterals already located, ten percent is a rather high allowance. Your board finds that \$65,093.59 of this engineering charge is

an improper charge and should be charged to profit and loss.

10. The board finds in the case of maintenance and operation that charges have been handled by the Reclamation Service by transferring items from operation and maintenance, etc., that it is difficult to segregate operation and maintenance from construction charges and vice versa. The result of this is that your board can only submit the record for review.

This board finds that one dollar per acre for three acre feet on this project is ample to operate and maintain the system with its present acreage of 24,796 provided competent and experienced managers or administrators are employed and economy and efficiency obtain.

11. Your board finds that 2240 bags of cement were transferred from this project to the Hondo project and that the cost of these including freight amounted to \$1,391.62. See exhibit 34 p. 751, also record p. 193). At present your board has not arrived at a satisfactory explanation and advise that it be looked into.

12. Your board finds that during construction 20,865 cement bags were not returned in serviceable condition. This cost the project \$2,986.00. Giving the project the benefit of all doubt, your board finds that \$1,043.00, half of this amount should be charged off or charged to profit and loss. This was due to negligence, in our judgment. See exhibit 34, p. 756; Record page 2101.

RECAPITULATION OF FINDING NO. 1.

Total cost of project as shown by project books, exhibit 50 \$933,840.96
Improper costs eliminated:
Excavation, Avalon dam \$ 28,100.00
Puddling 832.00
Old Spillway 2,886.40
Spillgates 91,000.00
McMillan dam 3,000.00
Main canal 32,000.00
Main canal 4,543.97
Dark Canyon Syphon 7,487.76
Engineering and overhead 68,000.00
Cement to Hondo 1,391.62
Cement bags 2,086.00
Total amount eliminated and charged to profit and loss \$241,347.71

We find the proper building charge should be \$692,493.25
This finding is based upon area of 20,273 acres excluding the new unit and after charging off items above mentioned which were eliminated by this Board for reasons heretofore set forth that produces a net cost per acre which is found proper by this board amounting to \$34.00.

Evidence and exhibits show that a new unit has been added amounting to 4,523 known as unit No. 2, and the farmers and settlers agreed to and understood that this unit should be brought into the Project at \$5.00 per acre in excess of the proper cost of the first unit. We, therefore, find that this unit of 4,523 acres should pay \$39 as a proper cost per acre and that the accruals therefrom should be credited to the entire project for the purpose of completing laterals cement lining and drainage provided for in report signed by D. W. Murphy, Scott Etter, W. B. Wilson, and L. E. Foster which is marked as an exhibit.

This board finds that the total area of this project as now constituted is 24,796 acres and while the original estimate was for 40,000 acres we have not been furnished with data sufficient to make a finding for this acreage, although surveys and estimates have been requested from the Service which are in their hands, but has been refused by the director A. P. Davis.

FINDING NO. 2.

The following is a report of the finding of this board under the law making application of fact in connection with the law and as your board sees it in pursuance to your instruction.

1. **THE LAW.** Section 4 of the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, states: "The said charges shall be expended with the view of return to the Reclamation Fund of the ESTIMATED COST of construction of the project. The estimated cost as shown by exhibit 13 and signed by G. Y. Wisner, consulting engineer; W. H. Sanders, consulting engineer; and W. M. Reed, district manager was \$620,000.00 based upon an area of 20,000 acres. However, the same report which fixed this estimate of the first unit area stated that the final area of this project should be 40,000 acres. Water was first placed upon the 20,000 acres and since that date the area of 4,796 has been added as a second unit as per public notice dated March 2, 1915. We find that the construction charged under the law should be the estimated cost upon the present area of 24,796 acres at \$31.00 per acre, or a total construction charge of \$768,676.00 in any event.

The Water Users who are expected to repay this fund, reposed good faith in the Board of Reclamation Engineers and through them expected to get a square deal from the United States government.

They accepted their report of estimated cost, and signed their contract upon this project in good faith, mortgaged their lands to pay back the estimated cost to the United States government and your board finds that in all fair dealings the United States government should respect its own contract which was obtained through these representations to the farmer.

2. Section 6 of the Reclamation Act provided that the title of and the management and operation of the reservoirs and headworks necessary for their protection and operation, shall remain in the government until otherwise provided for by Congress. In all common sense the farmer water user cannot be expected in law and equity or square dealing to pay for anything before at least receiving a promise of title or possession and in this Congress has not even promised to deliver title or possession to the reservoirs and headworks and works necessary for their protection and operation. According to the statement of

the Reclamation Service through its Carlsbad office the cost of the Avalon and McMillan Dams together with works necessary for their protection and operation is \$401,990.00. Your board finds that under the law and the representations made to the farmers, in view of the fact that the government retains title and possession under the law, that the sum of \$401,990.00 is an improper charge against the Carlsbad project, being the total cost of these headworks and that this sum should not be collected from the water users.

The United States government should not exact more than is nominated in the bond and it certainly should not demand more than its pound of flesh, to which it is justly and legally entitled.

RECAPITULATION OF FINDING NUMBER 2.

Total cost of project as shown by project books, exhibit 50 \$933,840.96
Improper costs eliminated on account of title not being delivered to water users \$401,990.00
Main canal 32,000.00
Main canal 4,543.97
Dark Canyon Syphon 7,487.76
Engineering and overhead 68,000.00
Total amount eliminated because of title and amounts charges off to profit and loss outside of the headworks and the works necessary for their protection \$514,041.69

We find the total proper building cost under this finding to be \$419,799.27
We find the proper building cost per acre under this finding to be \$20.71. This finding is based upon the area of 20,273 acres excluding the new unit and the balance of our remarks in findings No. 1 applies to this.

(Signed) T. U. TAYLOR,
(Signed) SCOTT ETTER,
I dissent.
(Signed) D. W. MURPHY,
Minority report will be submitted.

The Chairman: Gentlemen of the Board of Review of the Carlsbad Project: We have been in session in an open and full hearing here for many days. We have all heard the testimony as to quantities, unit costs and total costs. In addition to this I have asked the Project Manager in regard to many items on exhibits 2, 18, 29, 42 and 50; these last four exhibits purporting to be an itemized statement of quantities, unit costs, and total costs. I have scrutinized and analyzed each item of these exhibits 18, 29, 42, and 50 carefully. I have not only heard the testimony in regard to the items of cost, but I have read the entire record twice, and exhibits 18, 29, 42 and 50 at least six times, and I have examined everything in the record pertaining thereto, and it is my best judgment that the findings as proposed by Scott Etter, member of the Board of Review, are correct and I shall sign the same, as I have been scrutinizing and analyzing these items for over a month and I had arrived at practically the same conclusions.

Comments by T. U. Taylor, member of board of review, Carlsbad project.
Let the record of findings show: That T. U. Taylor, third member of the Board of Cost Review on the Carlsbad Project asserts his right under section 8 of the instructions from the secretary of the interior to make individual comment relative to the character and amount of the charges on this project in this additional statement, which is in addition to the itemized findings of the Board.

1. It is true that the Reclamation Act limited the hours of labor to be performed upon the construction of the project to eight hours per day, but the facilities of the Reclamation Service for obtaining much cheaper supplies, such as cement and other materials, and its low freight rates would largely tend to balance this handicap of eight hour labor.

2. It is believed, and it is my best judgment that had the Reclamation Service adopted the usual classifications of material, such as obtained generally in the west, it could have let contracts that would have saved at least 33 1/3 percent of the Carlsbad Project as a whole. The definitions of class 1 material was stipulated as such material as could be plowed by a six mule or horse team, each mule or horse weighing 1,400 pounds. This within itself was sufficient to announce to this section of the country: "No hope of a contract yet who enter here". Recently I collected from several Texas cities statements on this question, and I her submit the results, and in order to head off demands for "Exhibits," I shoulder the responsibility for the correctness of the same:

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County of Dallas 2,700 lbs. 2,300 lbs.
City of Dallas 2,450 lbs. 2,300 lbs.
City of Houston 2,500 lbs. 2,400 lbs.
City of Ft. Worth 2,500 lbs. 2,300 lbs.
City of Austin 2,250 lbs. 1,900 lbs.

The County of Dallas does excellent work and owns eighty teams and it does not have a single team that would come up to the Reclamation specifications.

3. The clause in the specifications of the service which provides that work (concrete or other kinds) could be rejected although it had been accepted by the inspectors or local engineers.

According to this some District or Supervising Engineer could appear upon the scene and order work taken out of the base of a structure after it had been inspected and placed under the very eyes of the local employees of the Reclamation Service.

This clause within itself would be enough to drive contractors away even if the said contractor had the 1,400 pound mules.

It is not surprising that no bids were received on the Carlsbad Project for the Avalon dam.

There is only one class of contractors that could or would take a contract under these two clauses.

It is with profound regret that I now make these further remarks bearing on the whole question of costs and its payments.

Having a warm personal regard and a fondness for the present and former directors of the United States Reclamation Service, I make the following remarks as a duty to the Reclamation Service and the Water Users and with a desire to protect the Service.

1. I would that the Reclamation Service as a whole, its line of officers and its rank and file spurn the doctrine that "The King can do no wrong" that it deal with the "water users" as the water users would deal with another, yielding nothing in charity, but dealing together as men and brothers on the basis of what is reasonable and just.

2. I would that the Reclamation Service in its whole organization realize that the water users is the ultimate vital unit of all projects and that if the farmer fails to make a living on account of improper construction costs, or unreasonable or unnecessary operation and maintenance charges, the project will fail, and it will be a monumental failure and that these silent monuments will stand upon the desert to remind posterity of a government failure and a civilization that failed.

3. I would that the water user could have secured to him some means of approaching the "Great White Throne" with his humble petition without being answered with the financial lash of paying all the freight.

4. I would that the United States government could realize that the water user digs down in his jeans, sells his cow or his fattening hog to pay his humble part or assessment for the simple privilege of saying his official prayers to the Great White Father, and that when his prayers are listened to he is compelled to pay an additional cost for judge, jury, witness, and attorneys for both sides of the hearing.

5. I would that the Reclamation Service be soon delivered from the Comorant of the "Force Account".

6. I would that the water user should have guaranteed to him some measure of security in his little cottage with his family of human beings without having financial bondage like the sword of Damocles hanging over his head and that of his children.

At the present there seems no possible end to the construction cost per acre.

A big dam may fail on account of the incompetence of a reclamation engineer or the unpardonable neglect of a watchman employed by the service. The water user had no voice or vote in the selection of either and had neither the right to hire or fire, and yet he is absolutely compelled to agree to another increased construction cost per acre or let his land go back to the wilderness.

HE HAS ONLY THE RIGHT LEFT TO PRAY AND PAY.

7. I would that each project could have an efficient Project manager and that each would be as frank as the project manager of the Carlsbad project was, when he stated to the Review Board, (p. 287) that under conditions of 1915 with a maintenance charge of \$1.45 for three acre-feet of water, a farmer whose home is six miles from the railroad can not make a living.

8. I would that each Reclamation official could be compelled to spend one month in a water user's cabin, eat his simple fare of bacon, beans and bread and that he could be compelled to learn this 1/2 on from the original record of cold facts.

9. The record of the Carlsbad hearing shows that the water users on the Carlsbad project have fought a good fight to build a home; has kept the faith and all he asks here is that the government of the people, by the people and for the people keep its word.

10. And now realizing the total costs, with all reverence and with a full realization of present conditions obtained by careful research, I utter the prayer:

"GOD BLESS THE WATER USERS ON THE CARLSBAD PROJECT."

T. U. TAYLOR.

I concur in the above finding.
(Signed) SCOTT ETTER.

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Wm. H. Mullane, Editor and Manager

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This issue of the Current is devoted in large portion to the summing up of the report of the committee that for some time has been engaged in the work of estimating the cost of the Carlsbad project. The report and testimony in all its detail is of over 1,200 pages but is condensed to twelve pages, and is still so long that it is doubtful if many will read it thru. The cost, to the water users which will be charged to the current maintenance will be about \$10,000; for the work of such men as Mr. T. U. Taylor, D. W. Murphy, and Scott Etter comes high. These three receive about \$400 each. The stenographer receives about \$700 and the company of accountants headed by Mr. Guilfoill will collect in the neighborhood of \$2,000. There is much other expense but as this paper has not been furnished with a statement either of the money spent by the government or the water users the estimates here given are only approximate, but the actual full itemized statement of costs with the names of all who received a cent from this investigation will be published if it can be obtained. Mr. Taylor seems very much concerned about the "poor water users" who live in cabins but probably the best way to show his sympathy would have been to donate his work which was paid for at the rate of \$10 per day. The chances are the present year will witness fifty cents per acre added to the maintenance charge on account of this investigation, and if the water users escape with any reduction in building charges it will be of no present benefit.

There is considerable misconception concerning the relation of the water user with the reclamation officials. This paper was one of the element that did all in its power to have Uncle Sam take over the old P. I. Co. property, for the simple reason that the cash brought here would be loaned without interest and the government would be behind the project. Now if the government were to turn over the entire plant to the water users and a flood was to come and tear away the dams it is doubtful if they would ever be rebuilt and if they were the interest on the bonds.

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The installing of a daily mail express and passenger auto service between El Paso and Artesia by the El Paso Times was brought about by the Times' effort to get its paper into the Pecos valley ahead of all other morning papers and it now reaches Hope and Artesia ahead of the Albuquerque Journal and comes to Carlsbad on the same train as that paper

and is a later edition. The Times' management would have undertaken to come by way of Orange and Queen but the road was not in as good condition and by making the terminus Artesia the paper could be delivered at Hope, Artesia, Dayton, Lakewood and C. had the same evening while coming to Carlsbad would not enable the delivery of the paper except to Carlsbad the same evening. The road from Artesia to El Paso is much better and more direct than from Carlsbad by way of Queen and unless the forest service will do its share on the Queen road we may look for the travel from Carlsbad to El Paso to go over the road from Artesia which is free to the public, being the regular traveling road from Hope to El Paso. The enterprise of the Times is something more than has ever before been attempted by a newspaper in this section and it remains to be seen whether or not it will pay. There will be some passenger business which will help bear some of the cost of operation but to keep up five cars with four drivers and make a daily trip each way will be some expense. Mr. Luther Bernard who is one of the representatives of the Times and one of the moving spirits in the enterprise, states that the cars will be run for at least six months and then it is expected to get a mail contract from Uncle Sam.

Do we want a race issue in New Mexico? This is a direct and burning question. The Spanish-American element headed by such men as Felix Martinez and Antonio Lucero have used all the arguments in the category and have plead until it would seem that to plead or argue more would be a play upon words. They have shown that the Spanish-Americans have been discriminated against, their little children abused by being placed in charge of teachers who cannot understand their little prattle in Spanish, that men ignorant of Spanish are employed to teach when all in charge of the natives should understand them so as to be able to answer their requests for knowledge and tell them the English of it. They have shown that this injustice can be stopped by the organization of the native element which can out-vote the English speaking nearly two to one and that if they unite the state of New Mexico will not be a good place for an English speaking person. Which would be best, to take the advice of Martinez or, to stir up race prejudice and create untold trouble for the growing generation of both elements?

THE TREASURER ON THE LID.
Delinquent tax payers will no doubt appreciate the fact that the lists have not been published for the advertising only adds to the sum total to be paid. The action of the Treasurer in declining to publish the lists has not the approval of those interested land owners. He believes that he has the law to justify him in this matter and he happens to be of the type of man who will back his judgment in that which he believes to be right and in accordance with the law, notwithstanding that the refusal to publish the lists may incur the displeasure of the "official organ" and perhaps a fine. It is no wonder that the publication of the lists for it means "a horde of a neat sum in a Treasurer's pocket." Here, however, the Treasurer sits tight on the lid. The taxpayer needs every dollar he can save and Bro. Mullane don't need the money any way.

The above from the Artesia Advocate shows how solicitous for the welfare of the delinquent tax payer is the county treasurer. Though the publication of a tax list costs Eddy county not a cent but, on the other hand, shows up the delinquent and many, rather than have their names published, will pay, for it means costs saved also. Then, of course, the law is nothing for it can be overridden in order to keep a poor printer out of his just dues. However, when it comes to an item of nearly \$900 for some "extra work" the treasurer is "there with the goods" to sue the county and not only collect the amount but put the county to costs in defending a law suit. If the county board should take the case to the supreme court it would be no more than its duty. The following from last Friday's Roswell News shows how much extra it has cost Eddy county to rearrange the books in the treasurer's office to conform with orders received from Santa Fe:

Judge Richardson today handed down a decision in the case of W. H. Merchant, treasurer and collector of Eddy county, against the county commissioners of Eddy county for money spent by him for extra clerk hire, due to the changing of the tax rolls by the state board of equalization. Judge Richardson's decision orders the county commissioners to pay Mr. Merchant the full amount asked in the complaint which is \$871.83. The suit was filed after the county commissioners refused to allow Mr. Merchant's claim, on the ground that the 1915 salary bill provides for only \$1,000 clerk hire in his office. The complaint alleges that this extra clerk hire was necessitated by the changing of tax rolls after he had mailed notices to tax payers, that he paid the clerks from his own private funds, believing that he would be reimbursed by the county for this unavoidable expense. The decision is of considerable interest over the state as it is among the first rulings under the new salary bill.

It is generally considered a favor to loan money at ten per cent. At this rate, and it is reasonable, the water user is paying but \$17.50 cash for construction cost of the Carlsbad Project.

C. W. Shepherd and C. C. Cagle, agents for the Ford cars are here from Roswell.

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LIVE STOCK AND FARM PROSPERITY.

The real serious problem today in the Pecos Valley is to retain the present settlers on the land and help them to make good. It is true that the valley has thousands of acres of idle land, waiting for settlers. But make the present farmers prosperous and there need be little worry about further immigration as people as a whole are anxious to go where there is prosperity.

Though nature has been very generous in the way of climate, soil, and water supply, yet the present farm methods are not bringing the best possible results and other methods must be found and applied to obtain quicker and larger returns. Investigation of methods in other localities where conditions similar to the Pecos valley prevail, indicates that the growing and feeding of stock on the farms is the only reliable short cut to prosperity. Growing alfalfa, kafir corn and other feed crops, milking cows, raising calves and hogs and poultry, and in the fall and winter fattening cattle and sheep off the range will lift mortgages and liquidate obligations at the bank quickly.

No practical plans for carrying stock farming into practice can be outlined just at this time, as the investigation of methods is not yet completed. Let it be said however at this time that the bankers will lead in a movement to make live stock the money producer on the Pecos valley farms. Let it be said further that the local banker can accomplish very little as conditions are in the valley today with out proper co-operation. The bank is the custodian largely of other people's money and under wise federal and state laws is not permitted to assume unusual risks in making loans. Yet it should be possible to finance farm live stock operations through proper co-operation to the benefit of all.

A. M. HOVE.

LET US ALL BE AMERICANS.
Hon. Felix Martinez, of El Paso, delivered an address at the graduating exercises of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque a few days ago which has elicited much favorable comment in the New Mexico press. In the course of that address, Mr. Martinez, delivered the following admonition to the citizens of New Mexico:

"Let there be no section, combination or organization of Spanish-Americans or Anglo-Americans for special apparent advantage to any. Let us look upon such movements with pronounced disfavor and contempt; let us for all time be Americans."

In commenting on the address of Mr. Martinez, which it prints in full, the Albuquerque Evening Herald says: "Coming from a Spanish-American who, by sheer ability, has lifted himself to a high position of responsibility and trust in his native state and that of his adoption this message should drive home to all the people of New Mexico and especially those who, by fomenting such race prejudice as may exist, are now seeking to exploit that prejudice and feeling to their own advantage. It will be noted that Mr. Martinez says 'apparent advantage', and there is no doubt that he used the word 'apparent' advisedly; for he sees clearly and he knows that any advantage gained by arousing of racial prejudice here, or elsewhere, must be but temporary and that its reaction upon those who may dare to seek to foster it will be terrible."

Recently there has been considerable talk in New Mexico of organizing the Anglo-American against the Spanish-American element of that state, doubtless for political purposes, and this is doubtless what Mr. Martinez had in view in the presentation of his timely admonition. It would be unfortunate if the people of New Mexico should resort to such an extreme for it could be but productive of racial hatred and strife among peoples whose interests lie closely together. We have many men of Spanish and Mexican blood who are doing men's parts in upbuilding of the material interests of the great Southwest, and they are among our most honored and useful citizens. Mr. Martinez himself is a most prominent type of this class, and bearing this fact in mind, we should do nothing in New Mexico or elsewhere to promote racial differences or antagonisms.—El Paso Times.

THE LOVINGTON-ARTESIA ROAD.

How does this sound? Some time next week the approaches to the bridge over the Pecos river and the wagon road to Lovington will be in first class condition. As soon as this big stunt is pulled off the commercial club will take up the matter of putting the road from Artesia to Hope in good condition, and this will complete the auto line road from El Paso to this place. The benefits to be derived from this auto line and the good road to Lovington will not fall in the lap of Artesia like a shower of hail, but eventually these good roads will become a valuable asset to the commercial interests of the town. No agricultural country ever flourished like a green bay tree without good roads.

And this Artesia section is not an exception.

Boost the good roads.—Artesia Advocate.

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By the time that Mr. T. U. Taylor and Scott Etter finish their work for the suffering water users every mother's son who settles under the Carlsbad Project or, any other project in the west, will be furnished with marmalade and fresh strawberries for breakfast every morning by Uncle Sam. Hurrah for Scott Etter, for he claims the honor!

A SOUTHERNER'S MEMORIAL DAY SENTIMENT.

May 30 has been set aside by northern states as Memorial day. Everywhere that a Federal soldier is buried his last resting place is made beautiful on this date by loyal hands and loving hearts. The soldier's body for the time being rests under mounds of buds and blossoms while the flag for which he fought—our flag—flutters at half staff above his tomb. In many places on Memorial day the graves of Confederate soldiers are strewn with flowers by northern men and women who have forgotten the hatreds of war and the rumors of reconstruction. There can be no true American who does not welcome these signs of peace and friendship. Orators may prate in national gatherings and tell in spread eagle metaphors of the greatness and goodness of the new unification, but all their eloquence fails to impress the southern heart with the sincerity of some northern community when it places above the grave of a Confederate soldier its simple tribute—a bunch of blossoms of the spring. Here is the act without hope of reward, the act that has no motive hidden in its doing—an act of friendship, an act of fraternity and the action of hearts that are large enough to realize that the dead Confederate soldiers were Americans and their bravery was but the reflex of the nation.—Augusta (Ga.) Herald.

Flower Gardens of the Sea.

The sea has its flower gardens, but the blooms are not on plants as they are on the land. It is the animals of the sea that make the gardens. The corals of the tropical waters, particularly making a display of their beauty that makes the gorgeous coloring and delicate grace presented by the flowers. So modest do they resemble plant blooms that it is hard to believe that they are wholly animal in organization. A naturalist says that among the coral gardens there are fishes of various forms and flashing colors dart about just as the birds and butterflies do about our plant gardens on land.

Hindu Playing Cards.

The Hindu playing cards are nearly identical with each other and represent one historical or religious event.

DANCE AT CLUB ROOMS.

Mrs. C. G. Nichols was the capable hostess to twenty couples at the club rooms Wednesday night, which proved one of the very best dances that has been held at the club rooms.

Music was furnished by the Victrola and delicious punch refreshed the dancers. Throughout the spacious club room the merry party danced to the tripping measures of fine Victrola numbers. The floor was in perfect condition and added much to the pleasures of the evening.

At midnight the guests entered the Sweet Shop where they were served with delicious refreshments that the popular managers know so well how to prepare.

The confectionary was beautiful in gala dress for the occasion, the table decorated with cut flowers, roses in full bloom, where the guests were served frozen fruit punch and angel food cake. After refreshments the dancers returned to the club room and danced until two o'clock when the following guests repaired to their homes to think over pleasant memories: Misses Leila Christian, Simmons, Finley, Rule, Grace Cooke, Mesdames Halley, Clarke, Hicks, Bittling, and Messrs. Barber, Hines, Finley, Hicks, Miller, Strang, Christian, Clarke, Halley, Kindel and McKim.

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DEATH OF ALBERT PETERSON.

Friends received word today of the death of Albert Peterson at Carlsbad, N. M., this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson left here but a few weeks ago, after a visit of several weeks at the Harry McCall and Orville Elder homes. Mrs. Peterson was formerly Helen Elder. The deceased had been ill for 3 or four years and had undergone several operations in an effort to eliminate his trouble which started with pleurisy and resulted in an infected condition in the left side. He went south with the hope that that climate would help him, but en route he caught cold, had an attack of pneumonia and was unable to withstand the ravages of that affliction. He is survived by his wife and three children, Clark, Leanna and Christine. A number of sisters also survive him. They reside in California. Interment will be temporarily in Carlsbad. Mr. Peterson was about fifty-five years of age and previous to the failure of his health was an active and very successful farmer in Canada. He was born in the New Windsor, Ill., community and grew to manhood there, where he enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him. During his several visits here he made the acquaintance of quite a number of local people, who will sympathize with the family in their sad bereavement.

Monday at his newly acquired home in Carlsbad, Albert Peterson, died after being a sufferer for three or four years and undergoing two or three operations. The family had purchased the residence that formerly belonged to Will Justice. Mrs. Peterson is a sister of Mrs. John and C. C. Lewis. The family had visited here for some time before locating. The above from their home paper is about all that can be said. The funeral services were conducted from the residence, Rev. Mr. Lowry officiating.

L. E. Hays, of the Peoples mercantile company grocery, went to Artesia and back in the car Tuesday. He had some experiences that he forgot to tell.

The ladies of St. Edward's church will hold an ice cream supper on the court house lawn Friday afternoon. The public is asked to give them a share of their patronage.

V. H. Lusk and son, John, cowman from the east side of the county were in town Monday.

The Roswell Record says: "Germany will find that popular opinion is a powerful weapon." The tragedy of the ages was caused by popular opinion; and they cried out the more exulting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" and they crucified him between two thieves. Popular opinion did not make it right. However, it either was right or it was not.

The boy scouts with their leader have just returned from the camping trip. The boys are delighted with their trip. A full account will be given next week.

Mrs. J. S. Oliver, Preston Louise, and Hazel go away tomorrow night for a three months visit in Lorena, Tex.

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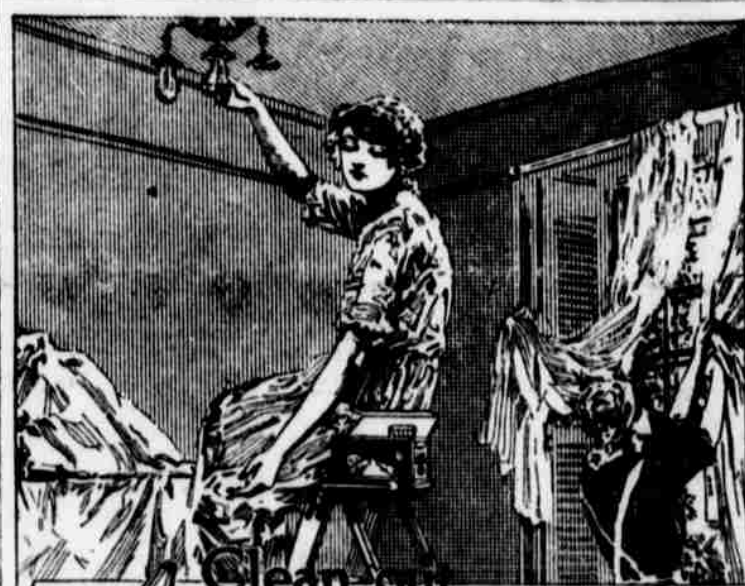
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CARLSBAD LOCAL ITEMS

Charley Grammar was in town Monday.

Will Fenton was in town Wednesday.

Charley Ward was in Carlsbad today.

J. W. Eakens was in Carlsbad Wednesday.

John Queen was up from Malaga Tuesday.

Paul Ares was in from the ranch in his roadster yesterday.

Dolph Shattuck and John Stewart shipped their steers Thursday.

Mrs. McBride was here Monday making the trip in the Fletcher car.

John Hewitt, Jr., was registered at the Rightway hotel Wednesday.

Miss Mary Adams, Miss Janie Kindel are spending today in Loving.

Will Simmons was among the cattlemen that were in Carlsbad yesterday.

Arthur Mayes, of Malaga, was here busy with looking after the delivery of steers.

Fred Nymeyer bought sixty head of cows Friday, paying \$60.00 around for them.

M. S. Howell and Sam Howell were registered at the Rightway hotel from the ranch Wednesday.

Mrs. Keene Barr, now of Lovington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geer, arriving Sunday.

Sam Jones, Will Smith, Earnest Shaffer, Jim Jones, and Wm. Jones, of Rocky, were in town today.

Dr. Lowry bought the first of the week a four passenger Overland from the Carlsbad Auto Sales Co.

Miss Myra Williams has a position with Mr. Flowers during the vacation being on duty Monday morning.

W. A. Poore, Victor Laude, and Mr. Sikes, the hustling Ford agent, came down from Dog Canyon Monday.

Mrs. E. T. Carter and Annie, left Saturday night for a visit of several months in Webb City, Oklahoma.

J. B. McGhee left for Roswell Wednesday morning after taking the testimony in the reclamation hearing.

Victor Laude and W. A. Poore are spending a few days at the sheep camp in Dog Canyon going out Monday.

Bill Ward and Ed. Burleson were in town Tuesday with steers they had sold and were delivering them this week.

Gus Dean came in Monday from Queen loaded with wool from the Guadalupe Sheep Co. ranch in Dog Canyon.

Red Smith returned Wednesday. He has been using his teams on the west side of the mountains at various kinds of work.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Mitchell went to Loving Thursday to visit with her brother, Will Russell, and family, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harkey, Miss Myrtle Harkey and Miss Catherine Finley, motored to Roswell Monday making the return trip Tuesday.

Paul Ares and the folk branded out and delivered 350 steers to Snyder the buyer from Alamogordo, Tuesday at Dog Canyon.

Dean Smith, accompanied by J. W. Knorr, the county agriculturist, made a trip to Hope, going Friday and returning Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Brainard has been very ill for the past eight or ten days at the home of Mr. Brainard's father near the flume.

Mr. Raborn was in Carlsbad Saturday to take out supplies and a cultivator that he will need to rid his corn of weeds.

All the Middleton boys were in town yesterday: Lee, Tom, and Ross, from Queen; Reagan from Monument and Patt from Avalon.

J. F. Farrell moved his family to the ranch Monday. They have been here for school benefits since school began in September.

Will Lucas passed through Carlsbad Wednesday enroute to Roswell, from Pecos, where he has been for the past eight or ten days.

Oppie Wallace came down from Roswell Saturday afternoon and spent Sunday with his mother and sister, returning to Roswell Monday.

Ed. Robinson is down from the Queen country spending the week in town. He came down with Mr. Greenlee and Mr. Corn in the car Monday.

Miss Nettie Smith will take her Sunday school class out in the car today for a ride, and will spread lunch at the home of Mrs. Mudgett today.

I. J. Robb left for Big Springs, Texas, Thursday morning, where he runs and owns an \$18,000 picture show. He also has two or three other shows in Texas.

Miss Hertha J. Smith and Miss Maryann Witt are at the home of Arthur Forehand on Black river for a rest of ten days or two weeks, fishing and having a good time in general.

Mrs. J. A. Simpson came up from Chalk Bluff ranch first of the week and spent one day in Artesia on business and returned to the ranch Wednesday. She was driving a spirited match team of gray horses, that seemed to know they were going home.

Mrs. Joe Johns and Sonny are spending a few days this week with Mrs. John Cantrell going out in their car last Saturday. Sonny was very much pleased with the ranch life. They returned yesterday.

Mrs. Bill Jones and Mrs. Earnest Shaffer visited at the stock pens at Avalon two or three days this week providing dinner for the boys that were so busy branding out the steers.

E. Hendricks expects to leave Monday for Virginia, to visit his sister, letters from there stating that she is not improving any, but Mr. Hendricks many friends here hope that he will find her much improved when he reaches her home.

Zelpha Bates is spending the week with her Uncle's family, Willard Bates, going out Tuesday. She sends a message saying she is enjoying the round-up very much riding every day seeing the cattle, horses and goats, and she wishes she could stay longer.

Paul McLanathan and Snooks Gordon delivered their steers at Avalon with the Jones brothers' steers to Mr. Snyder.

The families of Nib, Frank and Tom Jones, with Mrs. Marvin Livingston—three cars—started out to Black river yesterday afternoon for a fishing trip.

Mrs. Sid Brown after spending five weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harkey, returned to her home at McKinney, Texas, going Monday morning.

P. W. Dent, district counsel reclamation service, came in Monday afternoon from Las Cruces for one day's work on local reclamation duties. He left Wednesday morning for El Paso.

Ellei Russell, the seven-year-old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Will Russell, now of Loving, while riding a burro Saturday fell off on his right arm and broke it in the elbow joint. Dr. Lackey was in that part of the country and they caught him by phone and he adjusted the arm and the boy is doing nicely.

Medaro came in from his ranch Wednesday. He said he thought he had been gone a month but his wife said he had only been gone twelve days. He was complaining of the sand and wind that he encountered on the way to town.

Hart Baines is out with Ira Taylor looking after the flocks while Mr. Taylor looks after some business interests in Carlsbad and Lakewood this week.

Will Woerner was in from Knowles Sunday, making what you would call a flying trip. He returned Monday.

Last Friday Fred Nymeyer and Chas. Kyle were out from the ranch in their Buick, the car became ignited and burned. Full particulars have not been ascertained. Anyway, we learned they walked about eight miles to get home. There was \$800.00 insurance on the car.

H. Thurman rushed into town from his place on Black river, leaving there about three o'clock a. m., and got here about daylight, and said he was in a hurry as he had promised to wake a Mexican that was going out with him to herd sheep. So after getting his man ready they started on the return trip.

A wire was received Monday by Mrs. Cox stating her brother-in-law, Andy Cox, was fatally wounded at Odessa, Texas, particulars were not given in the message.

Miss Mary Vaughn, sister of Mrs. Annie Weeks, the pleasant sales lady with T. C. Horne, came for a visit with her sisters here. She has just closed a successful term of school at Elytheville, Arkansas. Miss Vaughn arrived Wednesday evening and is planning to spend the summer months.

Mrs. C. H. Boyd, an aunt of E. Hendricks, stopped over in Carlsbad for a visit with Mr. Hendricks and family. Mrs. Boyd was enroute for the Pass City from her home in Artesia, came down Tuesday afternoon and spent Thursday here. She will visit with a sister in El Paso.

Mrs. Sadie Cheatham went to Artesia Thursday morning and will attend the graduating exercises. She will visit with Miss Tenna McCaw.

E. E. Crandle from Otis was a visitor at the Current Office Wednesday getting blanks for his office. He is the new justice of the peace in the Otis district.

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Walter Pendleton and wife started on the long planned pleasure trip by auto to Snyder, Texas, Tuesday afternoon. They are going to make the trip in a seven passenger Overland with a trailer. They expect to carry their bedding, suit cases and provisions in the trailer for seven people. Besides themselves that will go in the car, will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pendleton, Mrs. Ida Cooper, and little son, Clarence Cooper, and the little sister, Myrtle Adkins. The Messrs. Pendletons and wives expect to be gone about two weeks. Mrs. Cooper, Clarence and Myrtle Adkins will spend the summer in and near Snyder. They will visit a sister, Mrs. Cash, at Cone, Texas, for a few days while they are enroute. We hope the party will enjoy the trip that all the journey will be one of pleasure.

Pliny Cochran, brother of W. F. Cochran, came down from Queen Monday. He has been helping round up the steers in that vicinity for the past two weeks.

Troy Jenkins, who has taught mathematics in the high school here the past term, left for his home at Loving Saturday morning.

I. R. Cooke being called to Lovington Saturday on business, was accompanied by Mrs. Sadie Cheatham, stenographer, and Earl Matheson as chauffeur. They were joined on the return trip by Mrs. George Pendleton and Ruth who have been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Bob Richards.

Dick Coad, his sister, Miss Celeste Coad, and Roy Waller, came in from El Paso on the train Friday evening. They broke the car and left it at Van Horn, Texas. Dick and his sister stopped off at Red Bluff, the station near the ranch. Mr. Waller came on to Carlsbad same evening.

One of the negroes that came down from Roswell to play in the base ball game against the Ice Burgs was arrested here yesterday evening by Jim Johnson the deputy sheriff of Chaves county and carried back to Roswell last night and jailed there. It is stated he is wanted in Sherman, Texas, for murder. He is going by the name of Bob Johnson out here.

The base ball game played here Thursday evening at the Fireman park between the Carlsbad Black Giants and the Roswell Wonders (negroes) was won by the "Titans"—that's one time the "Ice Burg" went down instead of the Titanic. Another game was booked for today.

With morning worship at the Presbyterian church there will be the treatment of "A Practical Interest" and with evening worship at eight o'clock the subject will be "The Son of David".

Wm. John Anderson, a long time resident and an old timer of the Queen country, has paid that vicinity a visit, having been up in that country in behalf of the Forest Service. He under act 11, passes on homestead rights for the Forest Reserve, surveys the homesteads out for each settler. While on the road his saddle horse was bitten by a rattlesnake and he came very near losing the animal. While up there he passed on Mr. Raborn's home, and possibly two others, Mr. Buser and Pickett. He is in company with Mr. Johnson, the ranger there, left for Cloudcroft last Saturday. Mr. Anderson disappointed his friends in Carlsbad by not coming to town.

Bismark H. Turner the Knowles merchant, was in town accompanied by his brother. They brought in fresh cream from the Knowles country, which they shipped out to a creamery, other than the one at Otis.

Dr. Bearup and Mr. Weaver, of the Weaver Garage, traded cars. Dr. Bearup traded his Reo and a good round sum to boot for a Cadillac and is well pleased with the deal.

Mr. Casey and his sister are the possessors of a neat little roadster. It is just what they need to see the country in.

D. W. Murphy, drainage engineer for the reclamation service, who has been here for the past ten days, left on the north bound train Wednesday night for Denver, Colo., on the northern irrigation project.

J. B. Dorsey who bought the Zegras and Runyan ranch and cattle at Lakewood was in Carlsbad Wednesday talking with the many steer buyers that have been out and in for the past week.

Christian & Co., INSURANCE.

Two rooms of the residence of Mrs. H. C. Dickson at the flume, has been treated to new paper this last week, which adds much to the comfort and pleasure of the family.

Ben H. Dwight was here enroute from Palo Alto, California, Saturday stopping over to see his step-father, J. D. King. Mr. King came up from Otis to meet Mr. Dwight, who took the Sunday night train for his home in Durant, Oklahoma.

Walter Pendleton bought the Fuller house from George Williams and is moving it to the southern part of town from the lot east of Mr. Wm. Hannah's.

Miss Nellie Wilson left for her home in Washington, Iowa, Saturday night. Miss Wilson has spent two years or most of the time in Carlsbad and has many warm friends here. She taught latin and mathematics during the term of 1913-14 and this last school year she was superintendent of the high school.

Christian & Co., Insurance.

DECORATION DAY, MAY 30.

A meeting was held at the court house Wednesday at four p. m., and committees appointed to arrange the program for the different churches at 11 o'clock a. m., and for 3 in the afternoon at the cemetery, and also at night on the court house lawn.

Judge Armstrong presided over the meeting and used good judgment in appointing the various committees.

As the day falls on Sunday, it is deemed a good plan to ask each minister to preach a sermon at 11 in the morning on this theme.

A committee was appointed to convey to and from the cemetery those that will have no way to attend, where the graves will be decorated.

Company B will arrange for the decorating of the soldiers' graves. These graves will be marked with flags and will be easily distinguished, there being twenty odd graves that are filled with soldiers.

At eight o'clock in the evening, suitable exercises will be in evidence on the court house lawn, you may expect some fine music and speaking, as Carlsbad has some of the best talent in the state and good enough for any occasion.

The program committee consists of Messrs. Ervin, Hendricks, Messrs. Butler, Hightower, A. N. Pratt and Wm. W. Dean.

Committee on arrangements: J. R. Linn, R. M. Thorne, Mrs. S. T. Pitting, Miss Roberta Breeding, and Mrs. A. Moore.

Committee on transportation: Messrs. S. I. Roberts, McLanathan, Will Purdy, E. Hendricks, and C. D. Rickman.

MERRIMENT, CLASS AND HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT.

Merriment, class and high school spirit reached a high tide last Friday night when the Senior class and other friends spent the entire night and part of the day celebrating.

They gathered at Mrs. MacArthur's residence after commencement exercises, and prepared for an all-night feast by arranging a spread, so all could eat or drink when they felt inclined.

They played rook, finch and cards, and listened to favorite melodies on the graphophone. The night was all too short and they started on a joy ride at 4:30 in the morning and returned at 7:30.

The personnel of the party was: Ethel Ryan, Myra Williams, Hedwig Walterscheid, Thelma Toffelmire, Dorothy Wallace, Eleanor Fanning, Dorothy Ryan, Mrs. MacArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Cassingham, Hubert Ryan, John Fanning, Frank Howard and Charlie Witt.

Two five-passenger autos from the Weaver garage started with the merry makers at four-thirty. Saturday morning for a joy ride, going to Malaga, Black river and other points of interest through the lower valley, returning to the Hotel where a menu was awaiting them. After breakfast the seniors and friends wished each other a very good day. Yet after good byes are said, the old familiar college lines comes to our mind: "Yet after all had departed."

Haunting the breakfast room air. There remained a lingering presence. The ghost of good fellowship rare!

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rascoe were here Sunday arriving from Bakersfield, California. They were met here by Mac Fletcher in his seven passenger car and conveyed to the ranch in comfort. Mr. and Mrs. Rascoe are the parents of Mrs. Mac Fletcher and also Mrs. Rascoe is the sister of Dennis Duncan, the town marshal. Mrs. Rascoe has been suffering with asthma and has been very ill, but felt much better after breathing the pure air of Carlsbad. They are old timers here, coming to old Lookout in '84 from Corsicana, Texas, and residing here until they moved to Roswell in '99. They moved from Roswell in 1908 to Bakersfield at which place they have made their home.

Ralph Thayer was in town Tuesday. He was here interviewing a buyer for the big steers, returned to the round-up same evening. The Thayer and Middleton steers were delivered Thursday.

Delia Gist, who spent the winter with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. H. Mullane, attending school, left for her home in Bluffdale, Texas, near Fort Worth, Wednesday morning. Her school friends gathered to bid her farewell, Janie Kindel spending the night with her. Delia will be greatly missed by her friends as well as Marye, who has been saying ever since: "I will go on the choo choo and get my Deedie Gist".

CARD FROM DR. AND MRS. R. J. BOATMAN.

Mountain Grove, Mo., May 18—Dear Friends: We have traveled over Ill., Ia., and Mo., and have had a fine time. The doctor was in Chicago 21 days. We have received the Carlsbad Current promptly at every station which was a source of great pleasure, for which we are very grateful. It brought some sad news, but many things of great joy. Your friends, DR. AND MRS. R. J. BOATMAN. We will be home in ten days.

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Lee Middleton came down with the mail Saturday from Queen, suffering with tonsillitis. Riley Dean took charge of things at Queen. Mr. Middleton went to the Anderson sanitarium where his wife has been for the last week suffering with bronchial pneumonia and asthma. Mrs. Middleton is improving and she thinks she will soon be well.

Fresh Strawberry Cream and frozen Fruit Punch tonight and Saturday. SWEET SHOP.

Mrs. Sid Kyle, of Pecos, passed thru Carlsbad enroute to Lovington Tuesday where she will visit with a sister.

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"The Man Behind the Pipe"

He Muses on What Memorial Day Means

WE hear of the nerve and brown of the man behind the gun, and out of the belching flame and smoke we almost feel the throbbing of the brave heart who risks and for the cause he has espoused. Trustingly we rest upon his valor, leaving the safety of the republic in his hands. A filmy wreath of blue smoke floateth out upon the air. At his easels "the man behind the pipe." Nothing in his attitude or face save the rapid expression of a soldier in a "pipe dream," gives us a view to his thoughts or self communion, but what a vast panorama those filmy wreaths of blue smoke contain for his mind's eye! They bring to "the man behind the pipe" the tented field, the weary march, the lonely picket, the faces of



THE MAN BEHIND THE PIPE

"The boys," the glow of the campfire, what there was of cheer in the voice of war and above all, the strong, close tie of comradeship, that sacred comradeship in a mighty brotherhood of men whose password is "loyalty," stronger than death. "Many floods can not drown it."

As he muses the stormy past drifts up to the peaceful present. The "old boys" are with him; their faults are blotted out, their virtues emphasized. As comrades they "pass in review" through the rings of smoke and nestle close to his heart. The smoke as it dies away takes on the form of old glory. The blue smoke and white ashes mingle, and the glow of the passing pipe paints the gleam of the stars. Softly, tenderly, as shadows fall upon the gray old world to shut out its weariness, so fall these dream folds of the old flag upon the soldier, and he sleeps.

A cordon of these men behind the pipe encircles the world; a network of them girds this great republic. Their loyalty to the tie of comradeship is never questioned, and where manhood is loyal to manhood rests the safety of this republic. Once more the toast—"The Man Behind the Pipe!"

The Check Went Back.

Not long ago a woman wrote her first story and sent it to a magazine. To her surprise and delight it was accepted. The story was duly published and a check for payment forwarded. With the check was a printed slip reading, "No more checks will be sent until this one has been returned." Back by return mail went the check, with a note from the lady to the effect that she was very sorry the magazine had had the trouble of sending it, and please to send the others immediately. New York Sun.

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COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

**ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE NEWS
GATHERED BY THE LIVE
WIRES OF THE CUR-
RENT.**

KNOWLES MUSINGS.

Bert Belcher, a business man of La-
mesa took a few days off, last week,
and came over to Knowles to enjoy the
scenery.

Bismark Turner conveyed a load of
passengers to Midland, Texas, last
week. He reports the mud-and water
axle deep, near that point.

Numerous prospectors camped in
the vicinity of Knowles—all appear to
be looking for the promised land.

Frank Mizer was in town last week
looking for a "Tin Henry" to re-model
so that it can be used successfully in
running cows.

Ranger W. T. Gilmore was in town,
the other night enjoying thespiel vol-
untarily put on, ferinst the foot-
lights.

A delegation from Coke County,
Texas, was here last week looking for
the land flowing with milk and hon-
ey.

Bro. Bill Fain, the boy that is look-
ing for the worst of it, all time, was
in town trying to rush the shoe-mar-
ket.

Mrs. C. A. Miller and daughter, Gen-
eva, were noted going in the direction
of the setting sun last week.

D. S. House, the "Larrapin Good
Truck" salesman from the Nadine
country, was a visitor in town last
week, getting a line on sweetening.

The Atlas Oil company had a re-
presentative in these parts last week
ringing up oil sales at a price within
reach of the consumer.

Judge Bingham of Lovington visited
Knowles last Friday while en route
to Hobbs, where there were several
things of local interest being pulled
off on that date.

Several representatives of a Sweet-
water wholesale grocery house were
in town last wk, soliciting new busi-
ness for their firm.

Mr. Frost, the hide buyer of La-
mesa, Texas, was in this section last
Saturday with a view of buying all
the surplus hides.

One of the hands at the Ross dip-
ping vat, in Gaines county, Texas, is
reported to have been considerably
skinned up last week. It seems he
got mixed up some with a bronc, was
barb-wired, and a wild cat.

Charley Miller went up to the King
country the other day, and the sup-
position is that he went on a matter

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ONE DAY after it is received at Carlsbad, N. M.

M. McLaughlin

was with us last week taking notes of
things of interest.

Col. Frank Hardin returned from
Midland a few days ago, and reports
our section of the country as being
ahead of that point; the Colonel con-
tinued on his way after returning here
to Carlsbad so he was enabled to see
it all, and prevent the hot end of any
thing being handed to him. He says
he thoroughly enjoyed the entire trip,
all excepting just a little steering-gear
trouble, which caused his car to climb
a few hills while on the way.

Mrs. William and Young Holloway
went to Midland this week, where they
will visit relatives and friends for an
indefinite period.

Fifty-eight barrels of gasoline for
Lovington and thirty-four for Know-
les is the gas record from Midland
last Monday.

Mrs. M. Willhoit was taken very
sick last Sunday morning we are, how-
ever, pleased to report her condition
very much improved.

Lieutenant Benton Mosley the horse
man who has been at Carlsbad for the
past several months, was here at his
home for several days during the past
week.

Mrs. Oscar Thompson was reported
very sick during the past week, can
poison is supposed to have caused the
trouble.

Henry Byers of the Highlonesome
district is holding down a job at
the Swamp ranch and the work he
turns off is a caution.

The petty thievery that is going
on locally is getting rather obnoxious
and since the perpetrators are quite
well located, some fun may be ex-
pected shortly in the way of a lesson.

The Emerson, Miller, Turner and
other families, went out to the Miller
ranch last Sunday and did very little
experimenting in a piscatorial line,
which was a perfect success, from a
pleasure standpoint.

A good water-boy might get a good
job, carrying water to the men that
should be at work on the graded road
across the Big Sand.

Winters and Price the insurance
men, went to Monument last Tuesday
after a three week's harvest in this
vicinity, and they will no doubt, con-
tinue to gather in the sheaves.

Bob Hart is having his boat gone
over this week, and no doubt will ad-
just the short circuit in the muffler.

Mrs. G. O. Chance who has been ill
all the past winter, has so far re-
covered as to be able to come to
town occasionally, and pay her many
friends a short visit, she finds they
are all highly pleased to see her smil-
ing face again.

Spring chickens are on the eve of
getting ripe again, and since Knowles
country has the world skinned in that
line, we have no doubt about there
being plenty to go all around without
consuming the habit of visiting the
neighbors' hen roost.

Paul Dunbar the Texas live stock
man, south, called in Knowles the
other day, attending to business as a
man should.

The thermometer ranging from 90
to 94 is the record here for the past
week during the day, 50 to 55 in the
morning.

There was an operation performed
on Andy Cox's head at Seminole this
week, an effort being made to save
his life. He was injured while dip-
ping cattle, but we are not advised as
to how the accident occurred, but re-
ports are he is in a critical condition,
and scarcely expected to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Breckon came in
from the ranch last Tuesday market-
ing their product doing a little shop-
ping, visiting their friends, and then
rambled joyously homeward, without
a care in the world.

Mrs. Cleve Spearman went to Big
Springs last Wednesday going in the
Roberts car. She will remain with
her parents visiting for several
months.

Dub Andrews left for the Plains
last week. He being en route to
Arizona, where he predicts he will
make a fortune on short notice and
no doubt he will provided the cards
fall right.

Steve Taylor, one of our friends,
ranching near Hobbs, was in this man-
sion last week just taking a little
rest.

The children of Knowles had a quite
a little picnic last week all by their
lones, each of them taking good
things all same grown folks.

An intensely interesting euchre par-
ty was pulled off by the ladies and
gentlemen of Knowles in the Hall last
week.

Winfred Knowles, the young ramrod
from Monument was in the burg last
week, visiting relatives.

Quite a gathering in town one day
last week, all buying insurance—took
some of the victims to Lovington,
and sent for a special doctor, to come
and pass on the whole bunch, which
required far into the night.

Clarence Stephens, the cow punch
who punches north east of us, took
in the town the other day, and claim-
ed to be plum satisfied.

Mrs. Pool and Miss Mamie Holloway
are visiting the Wm. Holloway
family this week.

Mrs. C. M. Breckon returned from
Midland last week where she has been
with her daughter, Mrs. Steve Taylor,
who has been quite ill for several
months. Mrs. Breckon reports a con-
siderable improvement in Mrs. Tay-
lor's condition which her friends are
indeed very much pleased to hear.

Mr. Favel a business man from
Texas was in this town last week,
setting prices on many different tracts
of land that might be bought. Many
prospectors have been here from Tex-
ico, Quanah, Paducah, and Clovis, per-
haps this is not a rail road "sign" but
it do look like there might be some-
thing in it, for these prospectors have
the appearance of business men, trav-
el in good cars, pay their way, and
ask no man for anything, therefore,
we judge they know just about what
they are doing, and what they want.

Earle Bales, the ranchman from
near Nadine, was a visitor among us
last week, he being on a tour of in-
spection and seeing that alls well.

Bobbie (Burns) McCullough, came
in from his farm north of town a few
days ago, and reports that he has fin-
ished planting his crop of Sudan and
Federita, and states that he expects
more feed this season than Carter had
out. Bob is an agriculturist of no
mean ability which his results will sub-
stantiate.

MONUMENT ITEMS.

Monument, N. M., May 19th.—There
would be no kick if it should rain a
little right now, yet Postmaster Harry
Gaither, we believe, is the only man in
this vicinity that has a wheat field.
He has about one acre and expects to
harvest between fifteen and twenty
bushels. The wheat is more than boot
high but has not sprouted any whis-
kers yet.

W. A. Wells sold and delivered thirty
head of steers to Will Terry last
week, most of them were yearlings,
one or two not so old. They sold for
\$32.50 around.

Lute Beech was in town from the
sheep ranch last week.

It is reported that the singing at
Rev. G. H. Barnetts last Sunday was
the close of the singing Mr. Gubner
organized a singing class which
is to meet at some neighbors house
every Sunday afternoon. The next
meeting of the class will be at the
home of G. D. Stovall next Sunday.

The people of this country had great
hopes of rain last Monday when the
clouds drifted across from the east,
but the next morning a violent wind
came out of the west and blew their
hopes away.

Idmage Laughlin has charge of the
pool hall and barber shop now.

Bert Weir sold ten mares to Wes
and Frank Gaines last week. Bert
sold all his other mares and horses,
except five or six saddle horses, to
some horse buyer from Texas.

J. W. Cooper, after drilling several
dry holes, has at 1 1/2 struck water
at a depth of 40 feet. His well is a
short distance west of the Mack Cam-
pbell well south of Monument.

There was a big fish fry at Mac-
Millen's Saturday.

Earl Hardin was on our streets this
week.

MALAGA ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Howard and
daughters went to Carlsbad Fri-
day to be present at the commence-
ment exercises at which their son,
Frank, was a graduate.

The High School pupils of Carlsbad
with the class colors flying, were tak-
ing an auto ride through our part
of the country the last of the week.

Mrs. Etta Ramuz, was an over Sun-
day visitor with her folks, Mr. Crow-
der's family.

Miss J. L. Penny, a cousin of C. W.
Beeman, was down from Carlsbad for
a few days visit, returning to her
home Tuesday.

John Reid returned home after be-
ing gone for some time.

Little Beatrice Franklin has been
sick but is better at this time.

W. H. Herron returned to Malaga
a few days ago to look after his in-
terests here. He has been with his
family at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Miss Garnet Fletcher and brother,
Luscan, were over Sunday visitors
in Malaga, from their home at Lov-
ing.

Miss Bertie Beeman is home from
Carlsbad to spend the summer vaca-
tion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams and
her sister, Miss Bessie, left for their
trip to the mountains last Sunday.

H. H. Billings was a business caller
in Carlsbad Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Charles Pardue, of Loving, and
Miss Smith, of Otis, were in Malaga
Wednesday.

Mrs. John O. McKeen returned home
from her visit in Texas, Wednesday,
of this week.

Champ and Shelby Cochran, of Ros-
well, are here visiting their sister,
Mrs. Clyde Egbert. Mr. Tucker
brought them down in his car Wed-
nesday.

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs.
James Pagnini this last week.

Mrs. Mattie Beeman is visiting at
the J. L. Penny home in Carlsbad for
a short time.

An entertainment is being given by
the pupils at the school house this
Thursday evening, and a play by the
High school pupils tomorrow evening.
A full write-up will be given next
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DOUBLE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Cecile Gordon and Preston Robb being six years old on the same day, Saturday, May 15th, the children celebrated in grand style at Mrs. Carl Gordon's. Eight boys and girls gathered at Cecile's home and played games in the yard and on the porch. The dining room was made more beautiful with cut flowers and pot plants. A birthday cake with six candles was in evidence and when the six candles were out, the seventh one was lighted and thus another year was entered upon. Ice cream, cake and cookies were served in the dining room. The children received many beautiful and choice gifts, tokens that will bring to mind the pleasant affair when Cecile and Preston are grown up. Mrs. Gordon was assisted with the serving by Mrs. Robb and Mrs. McLenathen. The children were grouped in different positions and pictures made which will be one feature that will keep the pleasant affair in mind.

Dance at Club Room

Last night the negro orchestra band from Roswell, favored the dancers with excellent music, to which the dancers kept step until a late hour. There were twenty couples or more in attendance, Mr. and Mrs. Myron K. Clark as host and hostess.

Six couples played rook at the pleasant home of Mrs. Annie Weeks in honor of her sister, Miss Mary Vaughn Wednesday evening. Splendid music was enjoyed during the evening. Several vocal solos being rendered by Ted Butler and others. Delicious ice cream and cake was served, and all expressed themselves as spending a very pleasant evening.

The local reclamation office has ordered a new Drag Line Excavator for use in constructing open drains, work upon which will be commenced sometime after July 1st. The first work will be done on the Jenkins area east of Loving which is in accord with the recommendation of the local drainage board which consisted of D. W. Murphy, reclamation drainage engineer; W. B. Wilson, president of the Water Users Association; Scott Etter, secretary; and L. E. Foster, project manager. The drain will run to the river a distance of about two miles, but only a portion will be open drain, the balance being made with the trenching machine and tiled. The drain will be about ten feet deep which will be of great benefit to the area east of Loving.

Wiley Franklin of Sierra Blanca, Texas, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Franklin purchased from M. A. Grissom, the TX yearlings, 913 head, which Mr. Grissom had purchased some time ago. The steers were started Wednesday to the Davis mountains.

HAY RIDE

The Senior and Junior classes of Carlsbad high school with Mrs. Mae Arthur and Mr. Cassingham as chaperones, spent Wednesday evening at the lower power house dam. They made the trip on a float and seemed to enjoy it very much.

The float left here at 7:30 and a jollier or more agreeable crowd have never been known in Carlsbad. The classes have worked hard at school and being out in the air made them feel more like saying: "Speed away, speed away, to the island so blest," and they did put in most of the time going and coming.

They had all kinds of good things to eat. The night was perfect; a beautiful starry night, making the homeward trip especially delightful. The strenuous vacation was in the air, and its witching notes luring one and all, to speed away, just could wait until Friday, when the seniors would gladly give their places to the juniors and the juniors trusting that are another vacation rolls around they will be the honored seniors.

FAREWELL TO HER FRIENDS

Myrtle Adkins said good-bye to her friends Monday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. Walter Pendleton, where she has made her home. In the afternoon the rooms and tables were made lovely with pink and red roses, the party enjoyed various games for a few hours and cake and cream. Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton drove round with the big Overland car and took them all for a drive, then to the picture show. When the show was over they stopped at the Sweet Shop and enjoyed soft ice cold drinks, after which each little guest was left at their door saying they had enjoyed the evening and with regrets that

Myrtle was going away. She left Tuesday for Snyder, Texas, and may not return for school this next term. Those enjoying the afternoon and evening were: Eva Thomas, Mildred Rackley, Virginia Mitchell, Lera Isaacs, Mary Thayer, Ida Mae Stokes, Marian Hoose, Clarence Cooper, and Cecil Sanders.

Mrs. Joe Bunch and her daughter, Sweetie Mae, left for Weatherford, Texas, Wednesday morning where they will spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boone. Delia Gist was fortunate in going on the same train. They will travel together as far as Weatherford.

Miss Margaret Simonds will be the guest of Mrs. Joe James this week.

Cal Merchant and Clay Beckett left for the McBride ranch Wednesday morning, where Cal will spend the summer, with his mother and Clay will return after a few days visit.

Miss Nila Harvey enjoyed a few days with her friend, Mrs. L. E. Hays, and returned first of the week to her home in Elida. Miss Harvey stopped over in Roswell a day to visit a friend.

Monday J. Floyd Hart, Mrs. Charley Acree and three children, Vernon, Loyd and Wanda, Wm. H. Mullane, wife, Marye and Delia Gist spent the day fishing near the home ranch of Arthur Forehand. They caught more fish by noon than they eat for dinner, about twenty-seven nice sized cat fish, which the men skinned and fried a delicious brown, roasted a steak on a stick, and with ice water, lemons, fresh milk and butter, pies, cakes and a pot of hot coffee, the crowd did not care to fish in the afternoon, but they did, all catching a few, even to Vivian and Loyd, also Marye chased one they had in a puddle, caught it and wiped off its face, saying: "he water in his eyes."

Mrs. Minter's Class Go For an Outing. Saturday Mrs. Minter, her boys and girls of the Primary class, of the Baptist Sunday school, had one of their good afternoon picnics west of the city. The picnic was held at the home of Mrs. Minter. Each carried a lunch and after they had played under the trees and gathered flowers, they spread their lunch picnic fashion, and enjoyed eating it very much, and all returned to their homes. Mrs. Minter has taught this class for a number of years and the boys and girls are very fond of her, and enjoy her company as much as they do an outing.

The commencement exercises of the Carlsbad High school at the auditorium last Friday night, were exceptionally well rendered. The selection by the lunch orchestra was at its best in the opening number and was followed by a short, well worded invocation by Rev. H. W. Lowry. The vocal solo, "Felice," by Miss Lella Christian, was a beautiful number. The freshness of spring seemed inherent in her lovely voice. She was encircled and sang the "Rosary". The address, by Mr. S. D. Stennis, Jr., was interesting and originally characteristic of college life. The vocal selection, "Friendship," by the Carlsbad male quartette was heartily encircled until they appeared again and sang "Auld Lang Syne". Benediction followed by Rev. H. W. Lowry, and the lunch orchestra played while the crowded house found their way out. The closing exercises were short, but well selected.

Last Sunday afternoon Mrs. Woerner, aged 83, the mother of the Woerner boys, was visited by Mrs. Fanning, aged 87, and her daughter, Mrs. Larimore, aged 67 years, and while there some younger ladies came in, which favored them with some old time selections that the first mentioned ladies had not heard for a number of years. All enjoyed the evening and music very much.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas and the two children, Gladys and Dave Bush, moved to the ranch first of the week. They will be missed here in many ways, but will enjoy the warm days better at the ranch.

A card to one of the neighbors states that Scott Peak and his mother reached home safe although Mr. Peak was very ill while enroute and a physician was called at Clovis.

Tex. Polk of Artesia and T. S. Harrison of Kansas City, registered at the Hotel Thursday. They bought the Oscar Thompson and Jeff D. Hart steers.

Paul Aren turned over his steers and heifers at the company tanks in Dog Canyon Monday to John Snyder. Mr. Snyder came in from the east from Alamogordo and will drive the cattle to Alamogordo, he also bought the heifers belonging to Dolph and Johnnie that they sold.

W. A. Gresham bought the Wiley Franklin steers. We did not learn the exact count, but a large number.

John Hewitt sold Lewis Howell of Lakewood, sixty five head of cows and twenty five head of unbranded calves for \$3,500 cash.

DOG CANYON STEERS

John Stewart and Dolph Shattuck turned over the steers they sold to W. L. Corn of Fort Worth, Texas, Monday. Jack Greenlee took Mr. Corn out to Dog Canyon leaving Carlsbad Sunday morning. Mr. Corn received the steers at the company tank near Dolph Shattuck's. Very few steers were cut back, all the stock being in fine shape and will bring the steers through here to ship.

Reagan Middleton, Dr. Black, Amos Reeves, Harry Huston and Mr. Baker the association man from Texas, came in from Monument in Dock's car Wednesday evening. They had tire troubles and came in on the rim. Doctor said they had plenty of tubes and tires but had left that can of mastic on the shelf at home.

Tom Middleton and Ralph Thayer were in town yesterday morning early, stated they finished delivering the steers, and had contracted all the big steers at \$50.00 around. They have delivered 350 head of steers to Cary Thomas.

Mrs. J. D. Forehand and daughter, Mrs. John Reed, were in town Wednesday. They prepared and brought a good dinner to the cow boys who were branding and delivering steers belonging to J. D. Forehand and sons of Black river at the stock pens. Mrs. Forehand stated she had twenty-seven men and boys to fix dinner for Tuesday, but she didn't seem to mind it. When asked if she didn't feel tired out, she said: "well, it's no trouble to get dinner for a few good hearted cow boys". They delivered 300 steers Wednesday at the stock pens.

Joe Lockhart from the Queen country, spent two or three days in Carlsbad on business and pleasure this week. His wife's brother, Jess Blake, who has spent ten days with them, visiting, came down with Uncle Joe and left for his home in Port Townsend, Washington, Wednesday.

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The Fidellas class of the Baptist Sunday school will hold a candy sale at Shelby's store Saturday, May 22nd. Here you will find the best of home made candy for sale.

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Mrs. Sam B. Smith was very ill the first of the week, but is up and getting the good out of his car today.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Albritton and Elizabeth, left yesterday noon for the ranch where they expect to spend most of the summer. They were going out in an auto truck and expected to eat supper at the ranch.

Mrs. T. E. Williams left Wednesday for an extended visit in Renfrow, Oklahoma, and Wichita, Kansas, with relatives.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Kenneth Davis, little son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Davis, had a way of arranging for his seventh birthday all his own planning.

Kenneth brought the subject up with his mother in a cute way by saying "I will be seven years old tomorrow; I have asked my friends to help me eat my birthday cake, and watch the candles burn". His mother only replied: "you have?" "Yes, and it would not look well, now, would it mother, to disappoint them?" So everything was arranged as he asked and the guests arrived promptly. The children played various games, out doors and in, and had a very pleasant afternoon, the seven candles were lighted and the eighth one started burning. Delicious white cake and pink ice cream were served. Those enjoying Kenneth's birthday were, Erma Linn Grantham, Hazel Hamilton, Mildred Rackley, Zane Smith, Willburn Fessenden, Jim and Dick Moore, Delbert and Martin Hubbard and Grace Stephenson assisting with the games and with the serving.

Joe A. Clayton, George McElwain, of Artesia, were here Thursday buying calvary horses.

R. Q. Leatherman of the 9Ks and C. G. Durrill, J. L. Hollebeck, of Van Horn, Texas, were in Carlsbad Wednesday and Thursday.

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Walter Wilson from La Junta, Colorado, left the Avalon stock pens with the Jones Brothers' steers yesterday.

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NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

Admiral M. J. de Robeck, in Command at Dardanelles.



Photo by American Press Association

Rear Admiral Michael John de Robeck, who succeeded Vice Admiral Carden as commander of the allied fleets operating in the Dardanelles, is an expert in the use of and defense against mines and torpedoes. He entered the British navy in 1875 at the age of thirteen and became a rear admiral in 1911. In 1912 he was made admiral of patrols, a command embracing all torpedo craft allotted to the coast defense in time of war and calling for expert acquaintance with every form of mines and mining.

The rear admiral acting vice admiral is an Irishman and is the second son of the fourth Baron de Robeck of Gowran Grange, Naas, Ireland. His brother, the present Baron de Robeck, is the only British subject holding a Swedish title of nobility. He is the great-grandson of John Henry Fock, Baron de Robeck, who fought for the American cause in the war of independence. He was a lieutenant in the Swedish army and with the permission of his king joined a French dragoon regiment sent to this country under Rochambeau. He was wounded at the battle of Gloucester and returned to France in 1783. Later he emigrated to Ireland, married a daughter of the brother of the Earl of Upper Ossory and by act of parliament was naturalized a subject of George III.

Register of the Treasury. Houston B. Teehee of Oklahoma, who recently assumed the duties of register of the treasury, is five-eighths Cherokee Indian. He succeeded Gabe Parker, also an Indian, who resigned to become superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes. The new register of



HOUSTON B. TEEHEE

the treasury was born in 1874 in what is now Sequoyah county, Okla. He was reared on a farm and was educated in the tribal schools and at the Fort Worth (Tex.) university.

Mr. Teehee's first political service was as an alderman in the city of Tahlequah and he was subsequently mayor of the city for two terms. Later he became county attorney and at the time of his appointment as register of the treasury was probate attorney in the Indian service. Mr. Teehee's father was assistant chief of the Cherokees. He served as delegate to Washington during the negotiations leading up to tribal dissolution. He had been connected with tribal politics during his entire adult life until the tribal entity was abolished in 1898.

Register Teehee is deeply interested in all efforts for the advancement of the red man, especially as they concern the people in Oklahoma. He said recently that, while quite a number of them are yet restricted as regards their property interests, he hopes "it will be but a few years until all are rendered capable and industrious citizens of the state in the true sense of American citizenship."

TWOSCORE AND TEN YEARS AGO

Fifty years ago the great struggle for our national existence, to which so many heroes gave their lives and those who died later their best days, was ended in victory.

We do not rejoice because of the victory of the north over the south, but because of the victory which marked the last step in the governmental progress of the human race and demonstrated that men can govern themselves.

We meet on Memorial day at the graves of those who died in the days of strife and of those who survived that struggle and yet have reached their last resting place, the brouse of the dead.

Upon them the government leaned as upon pillars of safety. In the days when they might have been preparing for the future struggles of life they were serving their country; they were fighting her battles; they were doing their duty as patriots in striving for the advance of the human race.

Amid the roar of artillery, the crashing of shells, the malicious whistles of the little mine, the gleaming bayonets and flashing sabres they bore the shock of battle in defense of their country. Aye, more than that, their heroism and the heroism of their comrades through four years of bloody strife lifted their country high among the nations of the earth, where she stands today, the sovereign of them all.

Twoscore and ten years ago the tramp of armed hosts homeward bound was heard throughout the length and breadth of our land. Guns were stacked, ranks were broken and then began another march, the march of citizens who had left behind them the tented field, to their homes and the boundless, unpeopled west, where they and their descendants yet live and add to the strength and patriotism of our great commonwealth.



The Old Vets.

They march down the dusty street. A little squad, whose lagging feet Heed not the drums' loud rhythm. And, mark, a cane supplants the gun! 'Twas not like this in sixty-one. When youth and health were with 'em

The squad was then a regiment. The forms were straight that now are bent. While Gettysburg, Antietam, Were quite unknown and mine ball And gaunt disease and prison pall Had not assayed to beat 'em

The boys who wore the Union blue Are now "old vets" and comrades true Beneath the sod are lying. But over the living and the dead, O'er crumpled steel and silvered head, The stars and stripes are flying.



Edwin L. Sablin in Chicago Inter Ocean

Grant's "Big Contract."

While the Union army was at Culpeper Court House, getting ready to deliver the terrific blows which were destined to end the Southern Confederacy, General Grant wrote the following letter to a cousin in St. Louis: "Headquarters Armies of the United States, Culpeper C. H., Va., April 24, 1864.

"Dear Cousin—Julia has gone to New York city and will probably remain a couple of weeks before going to St. Louis. In the meantime I shall not hear from the children unless they write to me direct. I wish you would urge them all to join in letters to me every week. I feel anxious to hear from them always, and then it improves them quite as much to write letters as to study their lessons. How do Buck and Nellie progress in their German?"

"Jesse has cut his eyeteeth mingling with Washington society. He has become independent and a great favorite with both ladies and gentlemen at Willard's school. He is still very anxious to get back to St. Louis to go to school. "Kiss all the children for me, and the young ladies, too, if you like. I should like to see you all very much, but I have a big contract on hand to complete before I can expect to indulge in such pleasure. U. S. GRANT."

Rey's Grandpa Soldier. I brought blue violets from the dell For grandpa's grave today. For grandpa says he loved them well Before he marched away.

The other grandpas all are old. With thin hair almost gray. But he has curls that shine like gold And blue eyes full of play.

Grandma showed me his picture, hung Upon a chain of gold. How strange that he should be so young And she should be so old. —Winette M. Lowater in Wisconsin Memorial Day Annual.

THE BEAUTIFUL

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. Beauty is God's handwriting, a wayward sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower, and drink it in simply and earnestly with your eyes.—Charles Kingsley

A Risky Study.

"Why have you dropped your popular astronomy?" asked the visitor.

"Cause I got too many tickings," confided Tommy. "The other night I told pa that Mars' face was ever changing, and ma heard me and thought I meant her face. Next thing I didn't get any supper and got a licking besides."—Chicago News.

Memorial Day.

This is the day Of the heroes who passed away— Who fell in their might and their pride And died. Side by side When the guns and the cannon roared And into the serried ranks there poured Seething and hissing shell in a flood Of carnage and blood. Mowing them down like blades of grass In a hideous mood. Yet glad to suffer and bleed And die for their country's need For the right as the right they saw As the hiss or the gray they were To them tearful homage pay— This is their day!

Bring ye flowers For these gallant heroes of ours, For northern and southern, both brave Who gave. To the grave, To be buried forevermore, All sectional rancor and hate, That, true and elate, We must march on in glory and pride, Brothers, side by side, Rejoicing one country we know In our hearts, love of it aglow! They suffered and died not in vain Who gave up their lives for our gain! To them reverent homage pay— This is their day! —Henry Wadsworth Francis in New York Times

Stars and Stripes and Stars and Bars.

For a long time there was a rigid rule against erecting any but Federal monuments in Federal battlefields cemeteries and Confederate monuments in Confederate cemeteries. But as the bitterness healed slabs were placed here and there denoting that a one time enemy slept among the others. When Memorial day came the flowers were placed ungrudgingly on the alien's mound. In one of the southern cemeteries where a northern soldier rests there was for a long time a practice of decorating every Confederate grave with a tiny Confederate flag—the stars and bars. As time passed and the southerners' grief lessened they placed flowers on their foeman's grave also.

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