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The Carlshad Current

TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR.

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER, 17, 1915.

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MANY PERISH BY COLD

STORM KING HOWLS IN EASTERN STATES.

New York, Dec. 14.—Snow, sleet and at times cold, drizzling rain swept over practically all of New England and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey most of last night, in a severe general storm paralleling that of December 6, 1914.

Having blown itself out to sea today in the vicinity of Nantucket, the storm likely will be followed by a sharp drop of temperature throughout the states affected and will next be heard of sweeping eastward along the routes of the trans-Atlantic steamers.

Snow was still falling during the forenoon in parts of New England and in upper New York state.

Wire troubles, stalled trains, temporary milk shortage in New York and street accidents familiar to New York at storm time—came as the aftermath of last night's storm.

Fifteen thousand men were shoveling six inches of snow from New York streets today and the commissioner of street cleaning was clamoring for more men. Forty-five thousand, he said, were needed.

Before noon, all the New York Central tracks between here and Albany had been cleared of snow and sleet and in most cases switches had been thawed out or cleared for operation. West bound trains were scheduled to leave here on time. East bound trains continued to be from one to eight hours late.

Though an army of laborers were at work along the New Haven lines, conditions still were badly demoralized all forenoon.

More Snow and—Cold.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Three men are known to be dead, two others are missing, and hundreds of passengers are imprisoned in twenty-five railroad trains near this city, as the result of last night's blizzard. The fatalities occurred at Beacon, Hudson and Colonie, and the missing men are Milton Johnson and William Bogardus, of Poughkeepsie.

An avalanche is said to have occurred at Storm King. The roof of an evangelistic tabernacle at Beacon collapsed just after the audience had left the building and a number of factories here have been crushed by the heavy snow.

A theatre at Winnipeg's falls was badly damaged and a large gymnasium at the Riverview Military academy here caved in. Dozens of conservatories in the violent district broke under the weight of the wet snow.

Conservative estimates place the property damage at \$250,000.

JUDGES DIVIDE UP WORK.

Messrs. McClure and Richardson Arrange for Hearing of Cases.

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 15.—Judges J. T. McClure and G. A. Richardson have reached an agreement in which the work of the Fifth judicial district will be divided after the first of the year. In the division Judge McClure will hear only those cases which originate in Chaves and Roosevelt counties, while Judge Richardson will preside in the courts of Curry and Eddy counties. This division will give Judge McClure the long end of the work, but it will have its compensations in that he will be able to remain at home most of the time, while Judge Richardson will be deprived of this privilege, almost all the time. Court convenes in Judge Richardson's territory, first at Carlshad for Eddy county, the second Monday in January, followed by the opening of court in Curry county the second Monday in February. Judge McClure's territory will claim his attention with the dispatch of business in Roosevelt county the second Monday in March, followed with the opening of the spring term in this county the second Monday in April.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL.

Father Gilbert of the Franciscan fathers has commenced what has long been the dream of the fathers since coming to Carlshad, the erection of a parish, or parochial school. The building, which is now in course of construction, will stand on the corner just north of St. Edward's church on lots purchased years ago for the purpose. This school will be different from the sister's school, established in 1905 for the sister's school was not a Catholic school but instead a private institution under the ownership of the sisters and practically non-sectarian. The present school will be Catholic in name implies for it will be taught for the present by the priest and will teach religion every school day and only those who do not object to pupils being taught the Christian religion as has been taught for more than eighteen centuries will not send to the school. However, many non-Catholics will attend the cost of tuition being light—only \$1.00 per month. The plans are to secure sisters to teach at a later date, if the school grows in numbers. The school will open about January 15th.

The Knowles-Monument Telephone Company will shortly commence the construction of a line to Eunice, Nade and Hobbs.

Doby Charley was in from Knowles Monday and loaded and started back Wednesday.

TURKEY SHOOT AT MONUMENT.

Two Days of Sport Shooting at Turkey—Big Time Expected.

The local sports of Monument have arranged a shooting match for December 23rd to 24th, to which all who have an idea they can shoot are invited—none barred.

Remember the dates: next Thursday and Friday, the 23rd and 24th.

Mrs. Frank Wesley and two daughters, Miss Mary and Mrs. R. D. Taylor, of Maiden, North Carolina, were in Carlshad Friday afternoon. The Wesleys came here from North Carolina about three years ago. They raised strawberries there on an extensive scale and retiring from the business are making their home near Loving, N. M. Miss Mary Wesley is a teacher and is perfecting herself in this profession. Mrs. Taylor is here visiting her parents and spending the holidays. She has toured the states, going from her home north by way of Chicago, through Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas visiting relatives in these states and going from Kansas to Colorado and on to California, being there the last day of the exposition, coming from there via the Pass City and to Loving arriving there Wednesday of last week. She expressed herself as being well pleased with the valley and Carlshad in particular and is anxious to see every part of interest in the valley.

"GOOD ROADS DAY."

Extends Knowledge and Creates Enthusiasm For Construction.

Not much can be done in systematic scientific road building in one day even if every able-bodied man in the state should engage in it, says the Philadelphia Press. The grading, the draining, the foundation laying and the grading of large stones and small ones with careful rolling cannot be accomplished by sudden spasmodic effort. What can be done on good roads day is extending the knowledge of what good roads mean for the people who dwell near them and creating an enthusiasm for good roads construction everywhere that will fix public opinion so strongly against the unimproved roads that their retention as the high-



A WORKER ON GOOD ROADS DAY

ways between any two considerable towns in the state will become impossible.

Arbor day has its uses. We have three of them in this state, two appointed by law through the governor's proclamation and one named by the superintendent of public schools. They serve to kindle and spread an interest in tree growing, though the reforestation of the state would not proceed appreciably in a millennium if the increase in trees was limited to those planted on Arbor day. Good roads day in the same way can best serve its purpose by being used to increase the appreciation and demand for good roads. The actual work of constructing good roads must be done by experienced road builders under the direction of skilled engineers working all through the year when weather conditions make road construction possible.

"WERE I A BUD."

WERE I a bud that fain would bloom,
Unto her cheeks I'd trace my way
And learn the beauty of the day.

While night was hushed in solemn gloom.

Were I a star I'd bend me low,
Until from out her eyes of blue
I caught the sparkle of the dew
And found the light I did not know

FOR SALE.—Four young and gentle mares, about 1,000 to 1,050 lbs each. Address H. J. DUBST, Carlshad, N. M.

The Craddock Rule Stock Company left last night for Portales where they will play tonight. The company personnel follows: Mr. and Mrs. Craddock Rule, Mrs. L. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Hale, Earl Matheson, and Chas. Crozier. The company played in their home town Wednesday and Thursday nights to full houses and demonstrated better talent than any other show that has been here this season. The first number: "Bought and Paid For," was worth more than was charged for admission, each actor showing ability better than any other show playing that popular piece. Last night's comedy: "Wanted, A Husband" was very laughable and gave excellent satisfaction.

J. L. Williams, the Malaga merchant, returned last week accompanied by Mrs. Williams from a month's stay in Santa Fe whither Mr. Williams was called as a federal juror.

Do your swearing at the Current office. NOTARY ALWAYS IN.

LAKEWOOD ROAD DEATH TRAP

While driving home from the Christian Science lecture in Artesia last Sunday evening, an Oakland car went over the big gully this side of Lakewood a couple of miles and fell about twelve feet turning completely over and smashing the top, the steering wheel and body of the car into an unrecognizable mass and the wonder is the occupants were not ground to jelly. The car was driven by Ray Blocker and the other front seat was occupied by Mrs. G. M. Pendleton, her daughter, Miss Ruth, being in the rear seat. The death trap had been fenced by the road board but some petty thief had stolen the lumber of the fence the day before and the driver, Blocker, failed to notice the left hand turn made by the regular traveled road and continued due south on the old road and did not notice the big gully until he was within a few feet of it and then his effort to stop was fruitless. The car went over slowly, but turned over, pinning the occupants underneath. Blocker crawled out from under the steering wheel but was unable to extricate the others. He went up on the bank and found some of the other cars coming and it required the help of three others to lift the car so as to move the other two occupants. The only injuries received consisted of several bad bruises neither of the occupants receiving any broken bones. The place at which the accident occurred is where the flood had washed away the road just north of the spillway of Lake McMillan, making a gulley with perpendicular sides twelve feet deep where the road

NEW MEXICO LIVE STOCK NOTES

F. O. Keyes of Dexter has bought fifty head of fine Aberdeen-Angus cows for breeding purposes. Walter Greenfield of Dexter has bought 350 golden-fleece sheep for breeding purposes. Ten of the band died from the change of feed when put on his range. The others are doing well.

W. D. Cowen, of Pecos, Tex., has delivered 500 head of choice calves to E. T. Carter and C. E. Jones at Carlshad for ageing.

Twenty-five hundred fattened Eddy county lambs went to market Friday. All were fattened in this section. They brought 8 cents a pound.

Three cars of steers were shipped from Artesia the past week, all being in fine condition and bringing top prices.

The attention of stockmen is being called to the farmer's short course in the Agricultural college, which opens January 3 for a four-day session.

The Roswell Evening News estimates that 22,000 sheep now are on feed in Chaves and Eddy county feed lots, using up forage that formerly went to waste, was not grown or was sacrificed in out-of-state markets.

Mrs. John W. Cox of Magdalena, and Dattil started 32 cars of fat range cattle for Kansas City last week but received such an attractive offer for them at Amarillo that she sold them there.

Curry county farmers are going in heavily for blooded hogs, feeding them on the grain formerly shipped out.

FELIX MILLER ACCIDENT—TALLY WOUNDED.

Tuesday evening Felix Miller accidentally shot himself through the left leg, the ball of a .38 calibre pistol passing from the outside of the leg upward, causing a double fracture of the bone. The ball stopped in the leg.

Mr. Miller, not feeling well, had undressed about six o'clock that evening, and was sitting on the side of the bed; went to turn the pillow over and caught the end of the scabbard with the pillow, the pistol falling to the floor and as it hit the floor was discharged. Part of the linen next to the limb was carried into the wound. A physician was summoned and the leg looked after for the night. Mr. Miller was brought to the Anderson sanitarium Wednesday evening in Roberts-Debarbore's auto truck. They have hopes that the limb can be saved.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

Mrs. Claud DeMoss from Queen, was brought to the Eddy county hospital Wednesday and operated on the same day. She is doing nicely.

Claud Ferris was taken to the hospital yesterday with pneumonia.

H. Hunt, of Lakewood, came down Wednesday and is here for treatment.

SAVED BY THE IRISH

Saved From Annihilation by Gallantry of Three Irish Regiments; Lose 1,500 Men and Eight Guns.

R. H. Braden, father of H. I. Braden, of the Star Pharmacy, is expected in Carlshad tonight to spend a few weeks with his son in the Sunshine state. Mr. Braden, of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, is returning from a trip to the coast and spent several weeks in California.

Dr. Lackey was called 24 miles out Wednesday night to Cad Ogles' place where Mr. Beckwith was stricken with paralysis.

LICENSES TO WED.

Casma Saif and Maria Gomez, both of Lakewood.

Dec. 11th, Alcee M. Brock and Lee Appel, both of Hope.

Dec. 13th, Jose Hernandez and Mabel Tilar Navarrete, both of Carlshad.

ANDERSON SANITARIUM.

Dr. Yoakum, of Hope, came down Wednesday, bringing with him the little child of N. B. Johnson and wife, which is very ill. They operated on the baby that night for strangulation of the bowels, and the baby is doing very well now.

Mrs. Love, of Loving, had a slight operation Wednesday.

Thursday a Mexican, Cisto Santa Cruz, was brought up from the Osburn farm with a shoulder out of place. A bale of hay fell on him. The shoulder was adjusted the same day.

L. I. Taylor, of Lakewood, had a slight operation Thursday. A tumor was removed from the head.

Mrs. Earl Kendall, of Malaga, came here Thursday suffering with pleurisy. She was suffering with pleurisy.

The ball of a .38 calibre cartridge and pieces of shattered bone, were removed from Felix Miller's leg yesterday. He is resting fine but fear is entertained that he will have a stiff leg.

SHOW BIRDS.

Hart & Mullane have their prize winning Reds on display at the Current office window Friday, Saturday and Sunday. These birds have won more prizes and ribbons than any other birds in the state. The following is records of the birds:

Roswell, N. M., poultry show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Pecos, Texas, poultry show: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Dallas, Texas, 1915 poultry show: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

El Paso, Texas, 1915, poultry show: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

BOBBY DEAN'S PARTY.

Twenty-five little girls and boys accepted Bobbie Dean's invitation to come and play last Friday afternoon, from two until four, and the day being fine they played games on the lawn or indoors just as they felt inclined. This was Bobbie's fifth birthday and many selected gifts with kind thoughts came with the little guests to help Bobbie remember his fifth birthday, and make it one of the most pleasant in his memory. Delicious cake and ice cream was served, and as the happy children left for home they received a pail and spade to remind them of Bobbie's party for many days to come. Mesdames Breeding, Christian, and Dusen assisted Mrs. Dean with the serving.

E. D. Raley, International Sunday school superintendent for New Mexico, and Arizona, was here Saturday night and Sunday. The convention beginning Saturday night, Rev. Mr. Raley discussed the Sunday school problems in an informal way, and Sunday afternoon there was a conference of Sunday school workers. Mr. Ellsworth, president of the Fifth Sunday Sunday school convention, led the devotions, Victor L. Minter discussed the attendance and work of men in the Sunday school. C. H. McLenathen spoke on the use of the Bible in preparing the lesson and in the recitation. Supt. Britton discussed the religious instruction of the pupils of the public schools. Mrs. Hemenway spoke on the temperance work in the Sunday school. This closed the services for the afternoon. At night, 7:30, a double service was held at the Baptist church. First Mr. Raley delivered an address on the subject, "The Boy and His Dad", emphasizing especially the responsibilities of the father. Following this address the Baptist choir gave a musical program, which was well rendered and enjoyed by all. They elected officers for the county convention, most of the officers were re-elected, and the last week end of October was set as the regular time for the meeting of this convention.

What He'd Done.

"I've come to see if you can lend me \$25."

"That so? Which way did you come?"

"Down Griswold street."

"Oh, you did, eh? Did it occur to you that you had walked right by eight or nine banks that are in the business of lending money to get to me?"—Detroit Free Press.

Other Good.

He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own.

—Confucius.

French Beat Off

BULGARIAN PURSUERS

Germans Are Falling Back in Russia and Strongly Fortifying Positions, as in West Zone.

London, Dec. 12 (10:00 p. m.)—The Anglo-French troops who last week began their retirement from their advanced position in southern Serbia are now approaching, if they have not crossed, the Greek frontier, and the attitude Greece will adopt becomes more and more important.

Dispatches from Athens and news available in London indicate that the matter, which was left to the Greek and allied military authorities, at Saloniki, is being amicably arranged and that the allies will be allowed to retire to that city without any interruption on the part of the Greeks and will be permitted to remain there.

Fear for Railroads.

Questions which are seriously occupying the Greek government have to do with the use of the railways, which are needed for the Greek troops, and the damage that might be done to them, with the object of impeding Bulgarian pursuit, should the Sofia government decide that the British and French are to be followed into Greek territory. The Greek government has good evidence of the effective manner in which the French engineers destroy railways, in the work done along the line north of the Greek frontier. So well was this accomplished that the Bulgarians were greatly delayed, having to use roads covered with snow with the result that the French escaped almost untraced.

British Retreat Difficult.

The British, who have advanced further from the railway to the northeast of Lake Doiran, had a much more difficult feat to accomplish when retirement was decided on and suffered more heavily. They were faced by greatly superior forces and, according to an official report, issued tonight, their successful withdrawal to a position extending from Lake Doiran to the Vardar valley was largely due to the gallantry of three Irish regiments, the Munster Fusiliers, the Dublin Fusiliers and the Connaught Rangers.

The British Casualties were estimated at 1,500 while they were forced to leave behind eight field guns which had been placed in position to cover the retirement, and could not be removed.

Next Move Unknown.

What the next move will be is known only to the allied staffs, but it is generally believed that the Anglo-French forces will fall back to Saloniki, where reinforcements are arriving, which will be fortified. There are also reports that the allies have landed a division at Kavala, ninety miles along the coast from Saloniki, and near the Bulgarian frontier, but there is no confirmation of this. If it is true, the object doubtless is to secure the railway and prevent the Bulgarians from sending troops westward into Greece.

The Austro-Hungarians continue their attacks on the Serbians in the Albanian mountains and on the Montenegrins in their hills, but apparently their advance is much slower than it was in Serbia, the positions being easier to defend.

Germans Fortify in Russia

Dispatches from Petrograd indicate that the Germans are withdrawing their center to what is known as the Bug river line, which, however, at many places is considerably north-east of that river. This withdrawal is due to their inability to secure complete control of the Lida-Rovna railway, which was necessary for the successful holding of the advance positions which they reached after the great drive of last summer. They have evacuated Sionim, lying to the west, and Baranovitch and Kobrin, just to the east of Brest-Litovsk, which they are making the center of their new lines. These are being very strongly fortified.

TOE SMASHED.

Ralph Thayer came in from the ranch Saturday and Sunday while riding on the rear of a motorcycle, from the Pendleton garage to the residence to get his car, hung his foot in the chain of the motor, completely tearing the shoe to pieces, breaking the big toe and bruising the ball of the foot badly, but this little accident did not stop Ralph, not much. He had the toe looked after and put in a plaster of paris mold, bought him a new roadster, a Silent Knight, and Tuesday when last heard of was on his way to Queen. P. S. Don't know how he managed the foot breaks unless he had a chauffeur.

KNOWLES-MONUMENT TELEPHONE LINE REPAIRED.

J. W. Blackwell who has been engaged in repairing the telephone line between Knowles and Monument, reports that he has been over the entire line and that it is now in as good repair as new.

THE PLIGHT OF MEXICO AND WHAT MUST BE DONE FOR HER RECONSTRUCTION.

By D. W. Loomis.

The writer's observation during the five years of revolution in Mexico has been confined to the two border states of Sonora and Chihuahua, but he believes that they will apply to the republic in general.

Of the thousands of soldiers who have traveled the trail during that time there is no evidence that one man ever threw one rock from the trail in one place nor cut a brush through the sands have often wasted months in idleness in various camps.

Not one general of petty leader has ever cared for anything more than to get over the miserable roads as though his travel lay in an enemy's country and not in his own fatherland.

No improvements have ever been made as to public buildings, nor has any private building been taken for the use of soldiers of troops but the same has been used to store such occupancy because of destruction of hills or vermin in all of those.

Not one fine animal for breeding has ever been received in the stock raising, but, as in the Mexican colonies where pedigreed Jerseys and Shorthorns have been slaughtered and eaten because they were hungry and gentle, there has never been a common cow or an officer who bought enough of Mexico to try to prevent this of preserve a blooded animal.

Not one fine stallion has ever been spared a homestead, but the soldier has always acted as though pillaging the enemy's country and not his own patria.

No mail service has been maintained that the common people might be kept informed of the world's doings and in Mexico's condition, on the contrary every mail carrier caught doing his duty has, in common with every other civil public servant, been regarded as an extortioner and has often barely escaped with his life when encountered on the road in discharge of his public service.

Not a school is running in any of the country districts or smaller pueblos.

Not one leader has ever inspired the common people with enough confidence to be able to enter a pueblo without the made population taking to the hills on his approach, looking upon him and his following as enemies who fail not to add to the poverty and miserable condition by taking the stock and food supplies, sometimes even shooting because they cannot catch, and in every valley turning their stock to graze in growing crops regardless of Mexico's fast diminishing food supply and her general poverty and suffering.

Every arrival of troops at a town has been accompanied with slaughter of cattle in the main streets in the plaza and in front of private dwellings, and the offal has been left there to decay.

Horses have been stabled in the best houses, because, perhaps, the owner was assumed to have certain ideas as to the politics of his own country.

Flow horses have repeatedly been taken so soon as available booty must ride, while the only man really doing anything for Mexico, the farmer, was thus left without means to plant, cultivate his crop.

Possessively disposed families who have tried to open up little farms in the mountains away from such constant danger of pillage have been compelled, by petty leaders, to concentrate in the little pueblos and live in enforced idleness.

No new land anywhere have been brought into cultivation, while thousands of fields have gone to weeds.

No new ranges have been stocked but all the old ones are nearly depleted.

No new mines have been opened up but all the smaller prospects and many of the larger mines are abandoned.

No trading posts nor stocks of staple necessities are to be found and the people are in rage and lack the commonest articles of necessity and comfort.

No silver is in circulation and the money in use has so little value that commercial transactions are practically at a standstill and commodities change hands only by trade and barter.

Labor is not to be had outside of the larger mining camps, because the workmen will not work for money which will buy him no supplies.

The young men are growing up in idleness or worse because they have seen for five years that the fruits of others' labors may be taken without fear of punishment, and because they know they cannot produce anything but their own honest labor, without paying the gun man take it from them.

The houses and people grow dirtier because any cleaning up or other evidence of thrift and enterprise is liable to be taken as evidence that they have means, and hence would attract looters.

Not a house, not a fence, not a field, not a road, not a loose horse with his hollow eyes, his sore back and his limp, not a pile of bones by the roadside, not a dirty street, not a befouled water hole but that speaks of the passing of some force which cares nothing for Mexico.

Four Mexico, where are her patriots? Are they all across the line, or are they suffering in silence at home, or have they all fallen in battle? Where, I repeat, are they who love that fair land? They surely are not in the armies, for these do naught but ruin their own country, and drag her down, down each year lower, each year poorer, each year deeper into degradation, desolation and despair.

Mexico, Carranza, Obregon, Zapata, Villa, is there not one among you who can devise some way to begin the long years of reconstruction necessary to build your nation again into prosperity?

Can you not devise some plan which will make a public glad to see you, instead of shuddering at your name and hiding from your approach?

Must you still plan nothing but devastation and destruction?

Must you still rob that you may eat and destroy what you cannot use?

Nothing but the chance outbreak of the European war has saved you from being overrun by European soldiers.

LIVESTOCK MARKET

Bring all your rabbits to Carlsbad Cotton Tails 5c., Jack Rabbits 5c.

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ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERY COMPANY

MAKERS OF THE FAMOUS

EXIDE BATTERY

WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO GIVE THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE IN BATTERY CHARGING AND REPAIRING, AS WELL AS TESTING AND ADJUSTING OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

BATTERIES EXCHANGED

CARLSBAD AUTOMOBILE COMPANY

Nothing but the establishment of a firm government in the near future will save you from that when the armies can be spared and the various governments call to collect their bills for damages.

Is there no way you can rally the good forces of Mexico, now so silent but really in the majority?

Is there no way you can raise that good old shout, "Viva Mexico", and silence forever the vivas which would seek to glorify some individual who would like to be greater than his country?

As you now operate, nothing but absolute anarchy confronts you; nothing can save you from a relapse into the miserable condition of two centuries ago.

You need expect no aid from the north. That was denied you at a time when a little help would have saved you from the destruction and loss of all your resources and enterprises. The only help you will get now will be that of its money lenders who will seek to fasten upon you a national mortgage which will keep you impoverished and force you to let them skim the cream from all the products of your toil for many years to come.

If Wall street furnishes money to your leaders it will be because Wall street has been assured that the American army has endorsed your notes and will see the debt paid. You have more to fear at this moment from the dollar of the north than from its soldiers.

The common people of the north are your friends, and Americans in Mexico know they owe their lives to the goodness of your common people, and not to the protection of any government.

I would be unjust were I not to mention the one good fruit of the revolution in Sonora, and someone, presumably General Calles, is entitled to the only honorary medal that has been earned in Mexico for five years.

I refer to putting out of existence the little misadventures which were such a curse.

A study of the results of removing the great trouble maker cannot fail to impress one. It has saved crime and disorder everywhere.

Could the order be made universal in Mexico, its results would almost pay the bills of the past five years, and wipe out the long list of war's bad incidents.

Whenever a strong central force in power in possession of the national government at the national capital seeks to begin the restoration and rebuilding of Mexico it must first of all, restore the peso or its equivalent.

It must then place at public works, on road and wire lines, the present lawless horde of the knights of the saddle, and must maintain them in enforced service one year under pay and without arms, with a chance to leave the service at the expiration of a year if good conduct warrants a discharge and if the laborer so desires.

No country can advance nor can its various sections harmonize into a strong national unity without means of communication that the people may know each other and mix and thus break down the prejudices of sectionalism.

Mexico cannot afford to simply discharge and scatter her professional looters and then treat them as outlaws. She can utilize them in public works and thus bring them back gradually to usefulness.

Mexico has able men, honest men, earnest men, men competent and patient enough to lead her back to prosperity, but they are not in the "wrecking game", and no one who is in charge of bridge barriers, store looters, crop destroyers, prisoner executioners, terrorists of the farmer and the man at peace, can ever lead the constructive forces which Mexico must have, and that very soon, if she would avoid a lapse into utter barbarism and possibly the loss of her very national existence.

Priests must not be persecuted, but they must be told in no uncertain terms, that Catholicism in Mexico must be a religion, not a government. Treason must be given a new definition and must apply only to those who lead aid and comfort to your foreign enemies. It must not apply, as at present, to anyone who may differ from those in power.

He is usually so far from being a traitor, who dares to criticize those in power, that he is more often a true patriot, and his freedom of speech must never lead him to the "dobe wall", or Mexico must make up her mind to be forever a stranger to liberty.

Let me repeat, in closing, the idea that Mexico must turn and turn soon from destruction to reconstruction or she will soon see in her dreams the ghosts of Cortez and Maximilian, and some dreams come true.

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VETERAN EX-SENATOR DIES IN WASHINGTON AFTER LONG LIFE

Washington, Dec. 13.—Francis Marion Cockrell, 81, former United States senator from Missouri, died here today.

Infirmities of old age, resulting in serious illness during the past two weeks, caused death.

Mr. Cockrell, a Democrat, served five terms in the United States senate from 1875 to 1905. The day he left the senate he was appointed a member of the interstate commerce commission by President Roosevelt and remained a member until December 31, 1910. In March, 1911, he was appointed United States commissioner to adjust the boundary between Texas and New Mexico.

During the Civil war Mr. Cockrell was a Confederate army officer, rising from captain to brigadier general. His home was in Warrensburg, Mo.

As a mark of respect to former Senator Cockrell the senate adjourned today to noon Thursday.

Senator Cockrell was quite well known in Carlsbad, having made his headquarters here for several weeks while supervising the survey of the state line on the east of this county. He celebrated his 79th birthday here and at that time seemed good for many years to come.

VERDICT REACHED BY JURY AFTER EIGHT HOUR PARLEY.

Former Commissioner of Culberson County Exonerated From All Blame in Connection With Shooting of Young George Powell at Kent July Fourth, Last.

PROSECUTION FAILS IN HARD FOUGHT CASE.

Testimony That Deceased Had Made Threats Against Life of Defendant Introduced to Prove Fatal Shot Was Fired by Man Who Believed Life in Jeopardy.

—El Paso Times, Sunday.

"Not guilty" was the verdict returned last night by the jury which tried Fred Irby on a charge of murder in connection with the death of George Powell, who died at Kent, Texas, on July 4, last, as the result of being shot with a rifle. The finding was reached after eight hours of deliberation.

The case was given the jury at 12:10 o'clock Saturday afternoon. At 8:10 o'clock the jury reported it had reached a decision. Deputy Sheriff J. B. Kilpatrick, in charge of the jury, telephoned Judge Dan M. Jackson, the attorneys in the case and the defendant.

Late Saturday afternoon rumor had it that the jury was not likely to return a verdict that night. Fred Irby, it was stated, had retired and when word was sent to him at his hotel that the jury was ready to report he got up, dressed and went to the court house. Irby was accompanied by his friends. His brother, Joe Irby, former county judge of Culberson county, preceded him to the court house.

District Attorney W. W. Bridges was already in his office and he was joined by A. J. Wilson, who assisted in the prosecution of the case. Victor Moore, Irby's attorney, then came in.

Judge Jackson as soon as he arrived instructed Deputy Kilpatrick to bring in the jury.

Mr. Moore was seated with Irby when the men who held the latter's fate in their hands took seats in the jury box. Irby's friends occupied the benches in the main body of the court room. All eyes were fixed on the jury.

"Gentlemen, have you arrived at a verdict?" Judge Jackson asked. The jurors nodded in the affirmative. Jerry Moseley, who had been selected foreman of the jury, handed the verdict to Chief Deputy District Clerk G. N. Phillips. Mr. Phillips plainly showed emotion as he opened the yellow slip on which the fateful words were written and began to read it. Irby leaned forward in his chair. His appearance was that of a man under the stress of great emotion.

"We the jury," Mr. Phillips began to read. The court room was surcharged with that tenseness that is usually felt when the district clerk reads the verdict in a felony case the little yellow slip of paper that may mean death, imprisonment or liberty.

Not only did Irby, his attorney and friends can well forward in their chairs, when Mr. Phillips started reading, but the state's attorneys, deputies and others did the same.

"and the defendant," continued Mr. Phillips, (the proverbial pin could have been heard to fall) "Fred Irby at this point there was the sound as if one only had taken a deep breath of guilty," finished Mr. Phillips.

Irby Much Elated

An exclamation, forcible and apparently heartfelt, burst from the lips of Irby. Springing from his chair he grabbed the hand of Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore was on his feet almost as quickly. Perhaps as deeply affected as Irby was his brother, Joe, who had stood by his brother from the very first and had been one of the attorneys during the trial of the case. There was a suspicion of moisture in Joe Irby's eyes as he caught his brother by the hand. When Joe Irby first came into the court room and went into Mr. Bridges' office, the evidence of moisture was there, but his eyes shone brightly through the tears when he learned of the to him happy result of the trial.

Fred Irby shook hands time and again with his attorney, with his friends and then shook hands one by one with the jurors.

The defense was represented by Victor Moore, Joe Irby, Charles Owen, R. M. Reed, and Frank Jenkins. District Attorney W. W. Bridges, R. E. Thomason and the firm of Gibson & Wilson represented the state.

The jurors who tried the case were: Jerry Moseley, foreman; H. E. Smith, F. E. Holmes, A. J. Blain, J. E. Beavins, G. R. Engleman, George B. Kendall, A. J. Ballenger, William Graves, T. Kinn, J. J. O'Brien and S. S. Kirkpatrick.

George Powell's death, out of which the case grew, occurred July 4th, last, at the Texas & Pacific station at Kent, Texas.

Powell, who witnesses testified, was a health seeker from Detroit, Mich., homesteaded some land near Kent and had lived on it almost a year. He had grown a reddish brown beard, which witnesses stated made him look peculiar. According to the testimony he was also after a river guard's job, and friends, among whom was Irby, had signed his petition to the adjutant general at Austin.

Irby also testified he had loaned Powell money and "stood good" for his grocery bills. The money, it was stated, had been repaid.

Witnesses testified Powell had made threats against the life of Irby. Defendant testified Powell had told him he was going to take his life. "I shot to protect my life," Irby testified when he said he shot Powell. He also testified that Powell had made a movement under his vest and he saw what he believed and what looked like the handle of a pistol. The jury by its verdict exonerated Irby from all blame relative to Powell's death.

At the time of the tragedy Irby was a member of the commissioners' court of Culberson county, but resigned his office shortly thereafter. The case attracted the most widespread attention since defendant was one of the best known men, not only in his own county but throughout west Texas. The case was tried in El Paso county on a

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QUEER QUIRKS OF NEWS.

Stockton, Mo.—An old horse unable to proceed further, was abandoned near here by some gypsies. The gypsies went on, but a dog returned to the horse and remained with him until he died. When persons tried to get the carcass to bury it, the dog fought valiantly until subdued.

Memphis, Tenn.—In a prize fight here Bobby Russell seemed to be so worried by a lock of hair that hung over his eyes, that his trainer seized a knife and cut it off. The bell rang, and Bobby, like Samson, had lost his strength with his hair. He was knocked out at the first blow.

Cadillac, Mich.—Thirty years ago Mrs. William Rush swallowed a pin.

She felt no ill effect until last week, when she complained of a pain. The X-Ray showed the pin lodged near one lung.

Hillsdale, Mich.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Kennedy of Scipio claim the huskiest two and a half year old child in the state. He is 42 1-2 inches tall, weighs 45 pounds, acts like a child of six and wears a sixteen year old boy's overcoat. He has walked two miles and a half on a country road and then about town without growing tired. At birth he weighed 13 pounds.

Gilmore, Md.—Born sightless, six-year-old Edna Moore regained her sight after an operation. She recognized her mother instinctively, and rushed into her arms.

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THIEVES GET A LOT OF LOOT AT COOPER'S HOUSE.

Get in While Couple Are Away and Take Almost All Clothes and Valuables at Hand.

—Albuquerque Herald.

While Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cooper were visiting the latter's father, Dr. W. G. Hope, their residence at 202 West Roma avenue was burglarized some time between 6 o'clock Saturday night and noon yesterday.

The thief or thieves took away almost everything they could lay their hands on in the way of jewelry, silverware, and clothes, entailing serious loss for Mr. and Mrs. Cooper. All the former's clothing excepting a bathrobe and a dress suit, was taken. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have been married only a short time, and most of the latter's trousseau went into the loot. Two suitcases were taken supposedly to carry the loot. The number of things taken indicates that more than one person was engaged in the burglary.

Entrance was gained through a window, in which a hole was broken through which to reach the catch. The burglary was reported to the police, who were working on the case today.

Not long ago someone cut through a screen and robbed the Coopers' refrigerator.

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LAHOMA

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SYNOPSIS.

Brick Willock, highwayman, saves one of the outlaws and a baby girl from being murdered by his fellow outlaws on the western plains.

Willock flees to the mountains and hides to escape the wrath of the outlaws he had outwitted. He learns that some one has discovered his hiding place.

Red Feather, an Indian chief, brings Willock a little white girl, named Lahoma, and instructs him to take care of her. He says her father is living with Indians.

The girl is taken across country by Willock to visit Bill Atkins, and later she makes her first trip to a real town.

Willock recognizes her as the daughter of a woman who had died and was buried near by. He begins to teach Lahoma correct English.

A young man, Wilfred Compton, visiting at a ranch, gets an accidental glimpse of Lahoma and becomes interested in her. The girl is now fifteen years old.

Compton afterward visits Willock and is finally allowed to meet and talk with Lahoma. They become warmly entertained by one another's company.

Compton leaves and goes to another section of the country as a prospector, where he hopes to make his fortune. Willock and Atkins join forces. Compton later returns.

Lahoma is sent to a city to get education and training. Compton is heartbroken at not being able to see her. Red Feather appears on the scene once more.

Lahoma writes a long letter. One of the men she meets in the city, her stepfather, but she does not know of the relationship. He is a man of the Indian type.

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Red Feather attacks Gledware and almost kills him. Lahoma learns that Gledware, the man who had killed her father, is now a prospector and is in the mountains. Lahoma is in danger of something the Indian, Red Feather, may do to her.

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somewhat sharply on her own account.

"Everybody is, or ought to be!"

"I am not," retorted Wilfred, springing to the ground just in time for his horse, on being checked, had promptly lain down.

"Then that's what you get!" remarked Lahoma severely staring down at the dark blur on the trail which her imagination correctly interpreted as the horse stretched out on its side.

The wind increased in fury. Fortunately it was at their back. Wilfred pressed forward on foot, leading Lahoma's horse, and, partly on account of their unequal position, partly because of awkward reserve, no more was said for a long time. She bent forward to shelter her face from the stinging blast while he trod firmly and methodically on and on, braced slightly backward against the wind, which was like a hand pushing him forward.

The prospect of a snowstorm in the bleak lands of the Klondike appalled him, but even while facing that possibility his mind was busy with Lahoma's attitude toward himself. Evidently it had never occurred to her that Anna had vanished from his fancy years ago, now that she knew she was displeased most unreasonably so, he thought. Lahoma did not approve of Anna. Why should she want him to remain passively under her yoke? Unconsciously his form stiffened in protest as he trudged forward. The wind, so far from showing signs of abatement, slightly increased, no longer with intervals of pause. The sleet changed rapidly first to snow, then to rain, then hail, snow and rain alternated, or descended simultaneously, always driven with cruel force by the relentless wind.

At last Lahoma shouted: "It's a regular north!" How're you getting along, Wilfred?

Despite their discomfort, his heart leaped at this unexpected note of comradeship. Had she already forgiven him for not loving Anna? "Oh, Lahoma!" he cried with sudden tenderness, "what will become of you?"

She returned gravely: "What will become of me? Northmen are bad, but not so bad as some men. Red Kimball, for instance." A terrible blast shook the half-frozen overcoat about her shoulders as if to snatch it away.

"Don't you wish the Indians built their villages closer to the trail? Eight! Hadn't we better borrow a storm cellar in the sand? I feel awfully high up in the air."

"Don't Lahoma!"

"Believe I'll walk with you, Wilfred. I'm turning ten into nine."

"Is it? I know it would warm you up a little. His teeth showed an inclination to chatter. "Come! I'll help you down. Can you find my arm?"

At that moment the horse gave a violent lunge, then came to a standstill quivering and quivering with fright. Wilfred's dropping arm found the end of the rope.

"I didn't have to climb down," announced her uncertain voice from a distance. It came seemingly from the level of the plain.

"You've fallen. You are hurt!" he exclaimed. But he could not go to her, because the horse refused to budge from the spot and he dared not loosen his hold.

"Well, I'm a little warmer anyway." Her voice approached slowly. "That was quick exercise. I didn't know I was going to do it till I was down. Lit on my feet anyhow. Why don't you come to meet me?"

"This miserable beast won't move a foot. Come and hold him, Lahoma, while I examine in front to find out what's scared him."

"All right. Where are you? Can you find my hand?"

"Can't I?" retorted Wilfred, clasping it in a tight grasp.

"Gracious, how wet we are!" she panted, "and blown about, and frozen." "And scolded," he added plaintively.

"But, Wilfred, it never entered my mind that I was the little girl! Would I have brought up the subject if I had known the truth? I never would."

That's why I felt you took advantage. A man ought to bring up the subject himself, even if I am a girl out west and—"

"But Lahoma!"

"And not another word do I want you to say about it. Ever at least, tonight. Please, Wilfred, so I can think about it. I'll hold the horse you go and find out what's the matter."

Besides, you said you know you said when we were strolling that—that I didn't understand such matters. And that could tell me when it was time."

"It's time now, Lahoma. Time for you to be somebody's sweetheart, and you still know you said, when we were strolling that I'd fill the bill for you."

"But I brought up the subject myself, and I mean to close it, right short off, for it's a man subject. Oh, how trembles this horse!"

"But, Lahoma!"

"Well, what is it?"

over another object. It was a second body, stiffened in death.

"I'll be there in a minute," he called his voice grave and steady. After a brief pause he added: "I've found one of the horses. It's dead."

"Oh, oh!" she exclaimed. "They've driven it to death!"

Wilfred found a bullet hole in the hind its ear, but he said nothing.

Suddenly the horse held by Lahoma gave a plunge, broke away and went galloping back over the trail they had traversed, pursued by Lahoma's cry of dismay. "I couldn't hold him!" she gasped. "He lifted me clear off the ground!"

Wilfred was also dismayed, but he preserved an accent of calm as he felt his way toward her, uttering encouragement for which their condition offered no foundation. But his forced cheerfulness suddenly changed to real congratulation when his extended hand struck against an upright wheel.

"Lahoma, hold the stage-coach. It's standing just as we saw it last, except for the horses."

"The stage-coach?" she said, looking toward him. "Oh, Wilfred, I see now what's happened. One of the horses dropped dead, and Red Kimball and his men jumped on the other three. But I wonder what became of the driver?"

"Get inside!" he ordered. "Thank God, we've found something that we can get inside of. That'll shelter us till morning anyway, and then we can determine what's to be done."

Once in the coach they were safe from the wind, and there was no hope for the discomfort of soaking garments, but Wilfred lighted a reserve lantern and placed it in a corner, while thick leather cushions and stage blankets offered some prospect of rest.

As no plans could be formed until morning revealed their real plight, they agreed that all conversation should be foregone in order to recuperate from the hardships of the day for the trials of tomorrow, and Lahoma soon fell asleep.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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The Eddy county records are having a very necessary overhauling at the hands of Byron O. Real and three assistants just now. It began work in October, having been awarded a contract for the work by the county commissioners. It will take another month to finish the job. It appears that every year a lot of land was assessed to unknown owners, there being no condition made for the property. At times the treasurer of the county found that property was doubly assessed, while other property escaped altogether.

All this was not the fault of the collector, but the result followed in New Mexico. Mr. Real is now making a complete and up to the minute index of the owners of all land in Eddy county, the work being done check clear back to the original patent from the United States. It goes without saying that this new index of ownership of land will bring more property on the tax rolls and more than pay for the expense of checking up the ownership of the land in the county. Mr. Real for some time special agent of the tax commission, is well qualified for this kind of work.

A. M. HOVE.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Anton Kainz, of the Missouri hotel, left Wednesday night for Ft. Collins, Colorado, where he was foreman six months ago for the California Gas company. Mr. Kainz gets a three weeks trip, expenses paid and ten dollars a day. His knowledge of the wells is required.

E. D. Bryant from near Monument, visited yesterday in Carlsbad this week and must have had a trailer if he arrived home safely with all the packages he had piled up.

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I hope that Santa will bring me some toys, one thing is a gun and another thing is a knife.

HOBBART.

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A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.

Politics during the coming year are going to be tremendously important. A great many states and city officials are to be elected in the various states, but the big fight is going to be for national control. Right now is a good time for you to resolve not to vote for the agitator, the demagogue and the revolutionist. The country is on the verge of great prosperity. We have a bumper crop; the Panama canal; war orders aggregating millions of dollars; the South American republics are opening their doors to American manufactured goods and the American dollar is becoming the world's standard of exchange. The situation is unprecedented. It is not the time to try experiments in government. Any radical departure from the tried methods of government is apt to prove disastrous, and the country should stand solidly opposed to radical change. Business should be let alone. Adequate railroad legislation should be passed to enable the railroads to resume expansion. Capital should be allowed the same freedom that labor enjoys. There has been too much politics during the past few years. Let us resolve this year to let patriotism stand before all other considerations. Let the farmer join hands with the business man for mutual benefit, and serve notice on Congress that only legislation that means prosperity and progress will be acceptable to the country.

CONDITIONS IN MEXICO.

On another page will be found an interesting article by H. W. Loomis on conditions in Mexico which will be a revelation to many and shows to what a deplorable pass things have come in that unfortunate country.

Mr. Loomis might also have said that the driving out of the country in 1857 of the priests and the confiscation of the churches and schools was the beginning of the present conditions. For the past fifty years the population of Mexico has had less than one priest to eleven thousand people and that one was obliged to exist on the sufferance of a debauched and corrupt set of officials who, themselves were antagonistic to religion of all kinds and generally nothing but thieves and materialists. It is the destruction of religion in Mexico that has developed the army of bandits, cut throats and robbers that now infest the country. The following from the Americana Encyclopedia shows when the lawless and non religious element commenced to ruin Mexico:

"The taking effect in 1859 of the 'Laws of Reform' and the consequent suppression of convents and monasteries, and the confiscation of church property."

This completely destroyed the influence of religion in the people and within fifty years a nation of infidels with no idea of religion, for whom acts committed in a fit of strong desire, grew up and the result is what we now have in Mexico—a nation of monsters, materialists, thieves and lawless. The country has gone on even those of good intention must ally with the lawless element that rule the country and become a scoundrel and a thief. The result is the natural law, the highest of all laws.

But, the introduction of Mr. Loomis that Catholicism mediates in government is the most absurd. If to outlaw a religion does not require some defense by the religion what does? It was the fact that the Church did not meddle with government that put it in the extremity it was driven in 1857. Mr. Loomis should be specific and show how the Catholicism of Mexico mediated in government. We hear a great many general statements of the Church in politics but never a specific instance. All such stories are lies pure and simple and if it were not for their general nature could be punished. But the liars never specify; they are continually concocting some new lie even in the United States and have never shown a single instance to back up their assertions.

Good people generally oppose no sect or church for they know that any system that makes people better will finally result in the general prosperity. Were it not for crime even in this country we could have more and better roads, better schools and more cash in our bank accounts for the courts cost more each year than all the improvements of the country.

If the administration is "hand and glove" in with England which all indications seem to show to be the case, there is no use in an endeavor of Austria to forestall the breaking off of diplomatic relations and of course a condition that will finally result in dragging this country into a world war. It seems that England can wait and dally along with every proposition and do about as she pleases while the administration has no patience or respect for the central powers now fighting for their existence. It is to be hoped that the day may come when Americans will remember the declaration of independence which shows in its arraignment of that government just what we may expect if we join with the other cats paws in assisting to pull England's chestnuts out of the fire.

Charles W. Dean, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain district of the Christian church, preached at the local church Wednesday night on the following subject: "The Ministry of Jesus". They elected three deacons and expect to ordain them next Sunday morning, who were as follows: John Harvey and J. W. Stevenson.

DECLINE OF COUNTRY CHURCH.

Many students of religion claim that the decline of the country church began when pulpits were thrown open to politicians—when the local minister attempted to dictate political election.

—When the church became a political forum. There is a sound basis for this claim. Men go to church to be told of God and spiritual matters. They want to pray, to put their house in order, to hesitate in the mad rush for the necessities and luxuries of life to think of the future life. When this is denied them, and, in its place, a minister deliver a political talk, urging them to vote for this candidate or for that cause in the name of religion, the religious man rightfully resents the assumed leadership of the preacher and, as a result, stays at home to commune with his God. It is a fact that two-thirds of the rural churches have ceased to grow and that 85 per cent have a membership of less than 100.

To change the country church to a community house may result in much temporal benefits to the communities in which the house may be located, but what of the church? The anti-religious could find no better way to hasten the complete disruption of the church.

The above, from an address by Prof. Rutherford, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, is interesting in that it carries so much that is true. Some ministers may hold that they are privileged and it is their duty to tell the people of the beauties of prohibition and the necessity to stand by President Wilson, but it is only a matter of time when such ministers will be preaching to empty seats, for there are few men among the general public who at present claim allegiance to any particular sect for the very reason that the political question that is uppermost is generally referred to in sermons. It is this that causes the growth of masonry and odd fellowship for in the lodge there is no mention of politics and the prohibition question is tabooed as well as all other political questions. The lodge as a great moral teaching body is developing at the expense of the churches and will continue to develop as long as the sensible man can find more true religion in the lodge than he can in the church.

New England Fruit Cakes at the Carlsbad Bakery. Order out now.

Measrs. Garrett and Tatum, of Knowles, came in last Saturday and left with a load of supplies.

DO YOU BELONG?

If you like the old town best,
Tell 'em so!
If you'd have her lead the rest,
Help her grow!
When there's anything to do
Let the fellows count on you!
You'll feel badly when it's through
Don't you know!

If you want to make a hit
Get a name!
If the other fellow's it
Who's to blame?
Spend your money in the town,
Where you pull the shekels down;
Give the mail concern a frown—
That's the game x

If you're used to giving knocks,
Change your style!
Throw bouquets instead of rocks
For a while!
Let the other fellow roast,
Then him as you would a ghost
Meet his hammer with a boast
And a smile.

When a stranger from afar
Comes along,
Tell him who and what we are—
MAKE IT STRONG!
Needn't flatter, never bluff,
Tell the truth, for that's enough
Join the boasters—they're the stuff,
Let's belong!

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CHURCH NEWS

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Sermon (with special music) 11 a. m.
Senior Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
Sermon (with special music), 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Stewards' meeting, First Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.
Woman's Missionary Society, First Thursday, 3:00 p. m.

Services at Methodist church, Sunday, December 19, 1915:
11 a. m., "Bought With a Price".
7:30 p. m., "Stumbling Blocks".
Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Topic: "Christmas Song of World Peace."

The Methodist choir are very busy practicing on the music for Christmas.

The Scout Troop will hold its weekly meeting this evening at the Presbyterian Manse. The special interest announced is a talk on first aid and personal hygiene by Dr. Pate. His previous appointment was cancelled by professional claims, but it is hoped that this time nothing will prevent his part.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Services at the Christian church:
10 a. m., Bible school.
11 a. m., communion and preaching.
3 p. m., Junior C. E.
6:45 p. m., Senior C. E.
7:30 p. m., preaching.
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

Services at the Christian church, December 19th:
10 a. m., Bible school.
11 a. m., Communion and preaching subject: "The Office of Deacon".
3 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor.
7:30 p. m., preaching. Subject: "A Warning Against Unbelief".

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Regular Meetings:
The Presbyterian church sabbath school at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 a. m.
Evening worship at 7:30 p. m.
Endeavor meeting at 6:45 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m.

Public worship will be resumed next Sabbath in the Presbyterian church. In the morning the sermon will have to do with "A Glance of the Field" and in the evening will continue the course of studies on "Mary, the Mother of Jesus," dealing especially with "Mary and Joseph".

Last week Mr. Lowry, the minister in charge of the Presbyterian church, took a trip to the plains. He went by way of Monument to Eunice and conducted meetings in the White school house, five miles beyond. He found a Presbyterian church of fifteen members, organized last summer and served at present by Mr. Ralph Hall, of Seminole, Texas. Interest was good from the start, and it grew to the end. The people of the district are mostly new settlers, and their number is on the increase, homesteaders coming in rapidly from Texas. Mr. Lowry returned with Dr. Black, who was called over the long distance to treat a patient, and has agreed to tell at morning worship next Sabbath something of his novel experiences and observations.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., preaching service.
6:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m., preaching service.
7:30 p. m., Wednesday, prayer-meeting.
7:30 p. m., Thursday, choir practice.

GRACE CHURCH (EPISCOPAL).

Lord's Day Services:
Holy communion 1st. Lord's day at 11 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m., on all other Lord's Days.
Bible school at 10 a. m.
F. W. PRATT, Vicar.

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH.

Sunday 10 a. m., High-mass and sermon.
Low-mass every morning during the week at 7:30 o'clock.

Jess Wiggins and brother, Luther, old timers of this section, came in from Douglas, Arizona, last Monday, enroute to Amarillo in a Kissel car. They go to bring their parents to their home in Douglas where Jess has a wood work business in vehicles of all kinds and is doing well. The boys came here with their parents in 1892 and resided here until four years ago when they went to Arizona. Their friends here will be pleased to hear they are doing well.

T. S. Patterson, of Miles City, Montana, came down from Roswell Tuesday afternoon chaperoned by W. F. Cochran in search of a sheep ranch. He went to look at the Barber-Doepf ranch west of Pecos Wednesday.

SHERIFF.
The Current is authorized to place the name of John N. Hewitt before the electors of Eddy county as a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of Eddy county subject to the result of the democracy of the county in the primaries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Under this head, during the coming months before the Democratic primaries, will be carried the announcements of all who wish to present their names to the voters at the primaries or in the general election in November. This will, of course necessitate the use of these columns for from six to ten months and at the regular advertising rates will be worth all that is asked for the service which for the offices will be as follows:
For all county officers.....\$10.00

For all district officers..... 15.00
In the event that a write-up is desired by the candidate, more than a brief statement written by the editor, the candidate or a friend may write more extensive notice and it will be charged for at the rate of ten cents per line.

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PHOENIX SILK HOSE
MUFFLERS
BATH ROBES
SHIRTS
HATS
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GLOVES
SHAVING SETS
AUTO GLOVES

For The Girls

HAND BAGS
HANDKERCHIEFS
SCARFS
SILK HOSE
NECKWEAR
DOLLS
BOOKS
DOLL COATS
COATS
FUR SETS

For The Boys

NECKWEAR
HOSIERY
HATS
SHIRTS
HANDKERCHIEFS
MACKINAW COATS
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R. L. Halley

CARLSBAD LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Mildred Lauer is ill this week.

Albert Johnson was in town Wednesday.

W. H. Harroun, of Malaga, was in town yesterday.

Sam Hart's boy at Loving is very ill with pneumonia fever.

Johnnie A. Lusk was in from the ranch the first of the week.

A. J. Heard, of Knowles, was in from the plains yesterday and today.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Osborne returned from Roswell Saturday afternoon.

Miles Stone was a visitor in the county seat the first of the week.

J. H. Meadows and wife were in town from their ranch on the plains Tuesday.

Rom Holt wife and the little ones, came in Wednesday from the ranch near Lovington.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Meece and little son, Ted, of Roswell, are spending today in Carlsbad.

Jimmie Roberts, from the plains, came in Wednesday and spent a few days in Carlsbad.

Johnnie Barber, wife, and the two children left for the ranch near Porterville, Wednesday.

John Wilkins and wife of Chapman, Kansas, arrived in Carlsbad yesterday to spend the winter.

Miss Florence Frazier returned home Tuesday from a trip of several weeks in Nebraska.

Wiley and Chas. Pruett from the Monument country were visitors in the county seat Wednesday.

Billy Hegler came to town yesterday and is busy today trading and seeing his host of friends.

Wm. Hannah is ill today, not being in the store, also the girls are on the sick list with severe coughs.

The holidays for the Carlsbad schools will begin Thursday the 23rd instant, and last until January 3rd.

Miss Mabel Austin is spending this week in Dog Canyon the guest of Mrs. Johnnie Stewart and Randolph.

Dolph Lusk and wife were in town yesterday to meet V. H. Lusk who is returning from a trip to Fort Worth.

Ural Boyd was in town a few days the first of the week. He is making his headquarters at the James' ranch.

Miss Leota Baird has been very ill all week suffering with threatened appendicitis and an operation may be necessary.

T. D. Williams, a friend of George Fredericks, from Racine, Wisconsin, is here to spend the winter. He came last Monday.

J. W. Knorr, the agriculturist, spent Monday in Otis organizing clubs. Four joined the pig club and eight the poultry club.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, Billy Nichols and wife, spent yesterday on Rocky visiting Mr. Webb and family and shooting quail.

C. B. Campbell, of Minco, Oklahoma, arrived here Tuesday and left Wednesday for his ranch on the Delaware below the 9 K's.

Highland Southworth and wife and H. S. Humphrey from Artesia were visitors in Carlsbad Wednesday guests of Hotel Bates.

Mrs. H. H. Clark, of La Huerta, has been ill for some time from the effects of an operation some time ago but is now convalescing.

J. G. Osburn spent the week in Wichita, Kansas, on legal business and visited his parents while there, returning Wednesday afternoon.

Quine Cummings, the automobile king was here from Roswell the first of the week and sold three Studebaker and two Dodge cars.

Dan Lucas, wife and son, Jack, returned to the ranch Monday. Also Fred Lucas went out to the D ranch where he is stopping at present.

So many of the pupils in the High school were ill last week we can hardly find room for every name so will not undertake to give them.

Mrs. J. A. Hunter, of Loving, came up yesterday evening and spent the night with her daughter, Mrs. Wright, and is spending the day shopping.

Poultry display Friday, Saturday and Sunday lovers of poultry can see some choice Rose Comb R. I. Reds on display at the Current office.

C. G. Nichols, Jr., and wife, of New York City, are expected to arrive in Carlsbad tomorrow night to spend the next two weeks with his parents.

R. C. Barnes left Wednesday for Oak Grove, Louisiana. He will be away about a week or longer if he comes home by way of Bandera, Texas, to visit his mother.

Mrs. Chas. Tucker motored to Loving Saturday afternoon accompanied by Mesdames Johnson, Oliver and Page. They returned the same evening.

Mrs. Trenie Ares, now of Odessa, Mo., was here two days the first of the week, on business. She states she is buying a farm near Odessa and will buy and sell hogs and calves, as she has a blue grass pasture and raises fine clover and hay.

P. C. Getzweiler and J. R. Means came down from Hope Sunday afternoon, spent the night in Carlsbad and left Monday for Sierra Blanco, Texas, where they are looking over a ranch proposition. They were going out by Will Simmon's where they were looking at his ranch and cattle, and expected to come back by way of Orange, and home by that route.

The day being fine, Sunday afternoon the lovers of music were treated to some choice selections by the Carlsbad band at the band stand. This is the first music we have enjoyed for several Sundays.

Mrs. J. D. Walker, who so unfortunately sprained her knee some time ago, is getting around the house with the help of a crutch. Mrs. Walker was going down the steps to the chicken pens when her foot slipped and bent the limb backward straining all the leaders and giving her a severe fall. Mrs. Henry Jones gave her as much of her time as Henry's lame foot would allow, and they are both up and around now.

Robert Acree, a brother of John Acree, and nephew of Asa and Ben Acree, arrived Tuesday, coming from California. He expects to spend the holidays with his relatives here.

Johnnie Stewart is acting the good Samaritan this week. He came in Monday from his home in Dog Canyon bringing a sick boy Eddie, son of Cleo Smith, to town. Mrs. Smith and Joe Lockhart coming with him. Mr. Stewart was returning to his home Tuesday and got ten miles the other side of Queen and met Claud Demoss and wife. Mrs. Demoss being very ill, so he brought them to town, and started for home again Wednesday and he no doubt found everything alright on his arrival there.

Dr. Black was called to Eunice Saturday to see W. G. Boyd who is very ill, returning Sunday owing to a phone call Tuesday he returned to Eunice again expecting to stay until Mr. Boyd is convalescent.

The witchery of the holiday season has been fully displayed this week in the Joyce-Pruit window by Collins Gervells, that shows a snow scene with Santa Clause holding the dolls and the bare limbs covered with snow. This window is more vividly expressed at night by the scarlet light and the glitter of snow. It is hard to pull the children along, so many well displayed articles catching the eye.

Mrs. E. C. Jennings, who has spent the past two months visiting Mrs. R. C. Barnes, returned to the home of her son, A. Ezell at the state line to spend the holidays with home folks, going Wednesday morning on the train.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Miss Margery Waite received and entertained Saturday afternoon from three until five this being her fourth birthday anniversary. The little folks enjoyed various games and took turns swinging, but most of all the large white birthday cake with the four candles and all helping to blow them out and the lighting of the fifth. Margery was the recipient of a number of beautiful gifts and gave as souvenirs, favors tops for the boys, buckets and spades to the girls. Delicious ice cream and birthday cake was served. The guests were Florence May, Catherine House, Evelyn Moore Kircher, William Purdy, Perry O'Connor and Le Roy Forke.

B. S. Kuykendall, wife and daughter, Winnie, came in Thursday, bringing Winnie to a physician. She took cold making the trip and was not so well Wednesday but is improving now.

Boree Stamp was in town Wednesday. He and wife and family are at her mother's, Mrs. John Nymeyer, at Loving, and will spend the holidays before returning to their home in Hereford, Texas. They were called here last week by the death of her sister, Mrs. Tom Ball last week.

Mrs. Victor L. Minter and little son, Victor L., Jr., and Mother Swigart, are expected to arrive in Carlsbad Sunday. Mrs. Minter has spent the past three months with her parents in Alliance.

WALKER PRODUCE COMPANY.

Dudley Smith and Marion Walker have leased the Will Merchant claim and all others near them and are buying and shipping poultry, turkeys, ducks, rabbits and cattle and are making great progress, have moved out and are doing things on a business plan.

C. M. Richards and wife left for El Paso yesterday, going in their car. They expect to spend a few days there returning next week.

Let us make your Xmas Cakes. Carlsbad Bakery.

W. A. Crowder, station agent at Colorado, Texas, for the past thirty-three years, was here Monday on a visit to his friend and partner, G. M. Williams. Mr. Crowder has been interested with Mr. Williams for a number of years in the stock business and left \$1.50 at this office to insure keeping posted on Carlsbad for the coming year.

E. L. Barrow, of El Paso, a friend of Joe Bunch, is spending today in the valley. Mr. and Mrs. Bunch and Mr. Barrow are down near Malaga quail shooting and spending the day picnic fashion.

Mrs. L. H. Payne and little son, Leonard, Jr., are expected to arrive in Carlsbad next week to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. M. H. Baird.

At the meeting of the W. O. W. lodge last night Wm. Baumbach was initiated. This lodge and the W. O. W. Circle will hold a joint installation at the hall the first Thursday night in January.

John Slaughter and wife left Monday morning for their home near Douglas, Arizona. They found the brother, Chas. Slaughter, doing so well and conditions at the ranch called them home. The soldiers are stationed at their ranch which is seventeen miles from Douglas.

A. Berkhart and wife, from Germantown, Kansas, are spending the winter with her brother, Wm. Bindel and wife, six miles down the valley.

W. A. Poteet, wife and daughter, Mrs. G. A. Perkins, from Parris, Mo., are visiting their son at the Green farm where they have bought a half section of land. They expect to be here another week.

The boys and girls entering the Poultry clubs are invited to have a look at the show birds at the Current office Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Tom Kindel received \$125 a crate for the onions he shipped to Denver. He seemed well pleased with the price and is figuring on planting his farm to Denias another year.

James Etter and wife from Illinois, parents of Scott Etter, and Mrs. H. G. Smith are planning to spend the winter in the valley. They have been here a couple of weeks and are well pleased with the climate.

Mrs. Bessie Willeox, daughter and little son, who spent a very pleasant week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones, returned to their home in Lakewood Sunday.

S. N. Lee and Monroe Lee were in from the ranch Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Annie Moore has been ill with lagrippe all week, absent from the store.

Ed Burleson, from Queen, was in Carlsbad over Tuesday shaking hands with friends and looking over Santa's letters of dolls and balls sent in by the children.

Special assortment of Candy for Xmas week, 20c. the pound. Better sweets from 40c. to \$1.00 the pound. THE SWEET SHOP.

Mr. Mead, of Washington, D. C., head man on the valuation committee, spent the week in the lower valley looking over the farms, before he goes over the report made her last spring.

In a letter to L. G. Ryan from Ira J. Stockwell, who is in Lawrence, Kan., comes the news of a new baby in the Stockwell family.

Four Carlsbad boys stood at the head of their respective classes in the military institute in Roswell. They were: Lawrence Meiment, Sam Roberts, Jim Walker and Louis Ares. The chances are if more Carlsbad boys had been in the other classes, they would have been more honors gotten.

Allen Heard Ezell's mother came in last Saturday to see and be with her little boy who has been suffering with a broken hip. He is doing so well they expect to take him to her mother's at Orla tomorrow.

MULES WANTED.—I want to purchase four good mules. Address H. Box 304, Carlsbad, N. M.

Elfigo Baca, quite well known in Carlsbad, went on trial Tuesday morning at Santa Fe, charged with aiding in the escape of the Mexican General Jose Salazar. The jury is all Spanish-American and no doubt Baca will be acquitted as Salazar was last week in the same court.

Pure Home-Made Xmas. candy. THE SWEET SHOP.

FOR RENT.—Furnished rooms on the first floor. See BEATTIE WILSON, or phone 186.

BRIDGE CLUB.

The members of the Bridge club were charmingly entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. H. H. Dilly, at her home, where the usual interesting games sped the afternoon hours. Mrs. C. D. Church winning the beautiful top score favor, a cut glass sugar jar. A delicious salad luncheon, daintily served at the card tables, concluded the afternoon, three tables playing.

TEN POUND BOY.

Saturday, December 11th, at exactly eleven o'clock, a ten pound boy was welcomed to the home of Ben Christian and wife. Ben was seen looking at a pair of boots and was told the boots were most too large, but he said he thought not.

Fred H. Miller, H. Blackmore, Robt. Stephenson, and Tom Middleton came down from the mountains yesterday where they completed the survey of the Carlsbad-El Paso road, through the forest service, which, when completed, will be the only practical route in winter from the east through to El Paso, as the Mesquero road is impassable most of the winter owing to heavy snows.

Christian & Co. INSURANCE.

Mrs. Lewis Means and little son, Gerald, spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Thayer. Mrs. Means has been visiting Lewis' sister, Mrs. J. R. Plowman, for the past week and will spend the holidays with her parents in Artesia going up Wednesday.

F. L. Whitney and wife departed for Colorado Springs, Colorado, Wednesday night. Mrs. Whitney is a sister of Mrs. M. L. Davis and they have spent the past seven weeks at the Davis home for the benefit of Mr. Whitney's health. They are well pleased with the valley and made many friends while here.

Archie Little, monotype operator, oldest son of James Little and wife, will spend the holidays with his parents, having arrived here Wednesday afternoon, coming from Kansas City.

The Woodmen Circle will hold their regular meeting and initiation at the Woodman hall Monday night. Come out everybody and give the new members the glad hand.

Mrs. A. C. Heard and daughter, Miss Mona, are expected to arrive in Carlsbad from the Pacific coast the first of next week. They are planning to spend Christmas in Carlsbad.

Green Ussery and wife are making a trip to the ranch today to have a look as to how things are going. They expect to return Sunday.

Miss Hake, the popular and pleasing milliner with Joyce-Pruit Company this season, is leaving for her home in Plattsville, Wis., to spend Christmas holidays with home folks. She will attend the spring opening in large cities and return here in time for the season. Miss Hake has a host of friends here that will be pleased to know he will return.

John Reed and wife from Black river were in Carlsbad Wednesday. Mrs. Reed says they are very busy arranging a tree and program for the children next week. Miss Pattie Witt will spend her vacation at home coming to town about Thursday, next.

Miss Jennie Linn is expected home on the 23rd of this month. Miss Jennie has been in San Diego, California, several months where she has been busy with her chosen vocation—music. Her many friends here will be glad to welcome her home.

Furnished House for Rent: Two rooms and sleeping porch. \$15.00 per month. Close in. See R. L. BATES.

Dr. T. E. Presley, of the firm of Drs. Presley & Swearingin, specialist eye, ear nose and throat, will be in Carlsbad 24 to 27 and from 5 to 10 of each month, in the office with Dr. Lauer. 10Oct-Dec17



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ALL NEXT WEEK

TO MAKE A SURE CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS, WE WILL HAVE "BARGAIN WEEK" ALL NEXT WEEK.

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KIDD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

REMEMBERED that on this the 11th day of December, A. D. 1915, the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County, New Mexico, met in pursuance to an adjournment had November 24th, 1915, at which meeting the following proceedings were had:

Present: W. Boeman, chairman.
V. H. Lusk, commissioner from District Number 1.
E. B. Armstrong, deputy sheriff.
A. R. Quinn, county clerk.

W. H. Wright, commissioner from District Number 2.
The bill of J. W. Knorr was ordered referred until the regular January, 1916, meeting of this Board.

It was moved and carried that the following order be and the same hereby is passed by this Board:

ORDER.
In pursuance to the resolution passed by the Board of Trustees of the town of Artesia and certified to this board on the 8th day of December, 1915, it is hereby made the order of this Board that there shall be levied on all taxable property in the town of Artesia for the year 1915, and the assessment of Eddy County is hereby increased to extend same on the tax rolls as follows, to-wit:

A levy of .00225 on the dollar on all taxable property in the limits of the town of Artesia for the purposes of paying the first installment on the judgment against said town and in favor of Albert Baker, as per the order of the court in which said judgment was rendered.

It is further ordered that a tax of .00225 on the dollar be and the same hereby is levied for the year 1915 on all taxable property within the limits of the town of Artesia for the purposes of paying the balance due on a judgment against said town in favor of E. R. Lusk.

The said levies shall be in addition to the other levies heretofore ordered by this board.

It was moved and carried that the following order be and the same hereby is passed:

ORDER.
It appearing to the Board that there is due in the general road fund for Eddy County, New Mexico, more than \$1,125.00 and the Board having been requested by the Eddy County road board to distribute \$1,125.00 between the three road districts.

The treasurer of Eddy County is hereby ordered to transfer from the general road fund the sum of \$1,125.00 and of said amount to be divided among the three road districts as follows, to-wit: \$375.00 to road district No. 1, \$375.00 to road district No. 2, and \$375.00 to road district No. 3.

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RATES BY PARCEL POST

FOR THE XMAS SHIPPER.

The weight limit is now 50 pounds in the local, first and second zones, or 150 miles from the starting point, and 20 pounds in all other zones.

Zones—First, up to 50 miles; second, 50 to 150 miles; third, 150 to 300 miles; fourth, 300 to 600 miles; fifth, 600 to 1,000 miles; sixth, 1,000 to 1,400 miles; seventh, 1,400 to 1,800 miles; eighth, over 1,800 miles.

The rates for the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones are as follows:

One pound, third zone, 6c, and 2c each additional pound to 20 pounds.

One pound, fourth zone, 7c and 4c for each additional pound to 20 pounds.

One pound, fifth zone, 8c, and 6c for each additional pound to 20 pounds.

One pound, sixth zone, 9c and 8c for each additional pound to 20 pounds.

The pound rates in the first and second zones, a distance of 150 miles, will be:

1 pound	5c
2 pounds	6c
3 pounds	7c
4 pounds	8c
5 pounds	9c
6 pounds	10c
7 pounds	11c
8 pounds	12c
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REPUBLICANS TO MEET IN CITY OF CHICAGO.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Chicago was selected by the Republican national committee tonight as the meeting place of the 1916 Republican national convention to be held June 7, one week before the Democratic convention in St. Louis.

The vote stood: Chicago 31, San Francisco 13, St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 2.

Earlier in the day, the committee had determined upon the date for the convention, a much discussed problem, with sentiment against meeting before the Democrats pretty evenly divided.

The decision was reached without a roll call and some said a recorded vote might have brought a different result.

LOSERS FOR SALE.

The Losers for Sale, opposite the Methodist church on the north, formerly owned by the late John Byrne and for sale at a sacrifice. Any one desiring a couple of fine corner lots can purchase them on time or for cash by applying at the Current office.

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(By A. M. HOVE.)

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PECOS VALLEY AS A MEAT PRODUCER.

(A. M. HOVE.)

The Pecos Valley is destined to be a great meat producing section. Under irrigation abundant feed of the right assortment may be produced. So far only a slight development of the possible irrigable area has been made, while the area now under cultivation is producing only a fraction of what it will with better methods of cultivation that usually follow the introduction of live stock.

By further development of surface and underground waters the irrigable area of the Pecos Valley will in time exceed half a million acres, an area large enough to finish for market a vast army of cattle, sheep and hogs. Just now development is taking the right course.

Over 22,000 sheep from the range are wintering on Chaves county farms. Some are being finished for market, others will return in the spring to the range, while still others are old ewes that after producing a large lamb crop and a clip of wool will go to market. There are also around 10,000 head of cattle on the farms in Chaves county. Eddy county comes along with about 20,000 sheep and nearly 7,000 head of cattle on the farms. Both counties show an astonishing increase in the number of hogs. Eddy county is finishing more lambs than any other section in this part of the state.

The wintering of live stock on the farms gives the right start for the feeding industry later. The farmer finds out the capacity of his alfalfa pasture and how far dry feed and silage will go while wintering stock. The next step is finishing a few steers or sheep and keeping a herd of hogs. This is coming and will make the Pecos Valley prosperous.

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COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

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

KNOWLES PICKINS.

Earnest Best, the inspector for this district, was a visitor to Knowles last Friday—official business.

George Pickins, the young cow man from northwest of us, was in to see us last week.

Creed Thorp, our neighbor from the south, came to town last Monday, just looking around.

Gen. Bismark Turner, went to Roswell last Monday with a car load of Jersey cream.

We are all standing on our tip-toes looking for the Midland-Seminole express train to come in sight.

W. T. Rhodes, came in from across the line last week, taking notice of the progress of New Mexico.

Jesse Thorn, an old resident, returned from Lubbock, Texas, and was a caller in Knowles last week.

Ben Smith, the able cow-trader, from west of Lovington, was in town last Friday, looking for a trade.

H. V. Wright was in town last Saturday evening, taking observations among the natives.

Earl Hardin went to the valley last week to bring out a bunch of cows, for local parties.

Quite a number of our local young folks went to the dance at the Tom Ancell place across the line last Friday.

Dr. Black states it to be his intention to return to Monument this week, and again take up his practice.

Skiffett went to Carlsbad last Friday, it is reported, he had a barrel of fun, while in the Valley.

And still Indian summer continues, with us on the plains, which is an agreeable surprise to the "hull" bunch.

Juan Pricey came over from across the line, looking for something interesting for a couple days, last week.

Reagan Middleton was noticed going to Carlsbad on the fly last week. Mr. Hup, claiming the right of way.

Ed. Ferguson from north of town, was among the merchants last week, exchanging coin and etc.

A. H. Webb, of Gaines county, Texas, was over to see us, trying to discover any trading spirit that might exist, locally.

Capt. Dow Woods, of Lovington, was over scouting the forest, to see if he could turn a dollar or two.

Mrs. O. Y. Holloway was in town the other day, doing some holiday shopping.

Brown Jones moved into the Pearl Griffin house in the northern suburbs last week for the benefit of the school.

We were very much pleased to meet our old friend, A. G. Rushing, in Knowles last week—always welcome.

J. W. Roberts was a caller in Knowles last week failed to state his mission but presume a trade in view.

Every body will have turkey this Christmas, for there is the most prolific crop of them, ever.

W. W. O'Neal one of the most popular boys of the plains, was a visitor from Yonkum county, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Hardin are trying to locate a strange young woman which arrived at their house last Friday night, she weighs nine pounds and raining every day.

Henry Teague moved the Turner ware-house up to the rear of the Emerson store last week. More room was needed to accommodate the growing business.

Bob McCully returned from the mountains where he went on a hunting trip some days ago. He states he had a most delightful time but was only able to secure one buck, while away.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hardin came in from the ranch, visiting relatives and friends last Monday.

Dad Knowles has been on the sick list during the past week. His friends hope to see him out in time to enjoy a merry Christmas same as he has many a time.

The Raleigh medicine man, has been scouting this section during the past week, loading up the plains people with supplies for some time to come, in his line.

Benjamin Mosley has been trading in

a double action sort of a way, so as to own a car of his own, and in the future he will no doubt make schedule connections at will.

Melvin Smith, who went to Lamesa, Texas, after supplies for the Stiles' ranch on the fifth, returned last Tuesday—two breakdowns causing it to be about a ten day's trip, but with the aid of fence-stays, posts, and "bob-wire", he finally managed to get back, in a freighters humor.

The rustling around which the ladies are doing looks to us like they are expecting to pull off a pleasant time, in the way of a Christmas tree for the little ones, and, of course, they are all excitement, to see what's doing.

Whit Knowles, of Monument, went through Knowles last Monday enroute to Lovington. Said he had some business there.

Will Gilmore, ranching south of us, was in town last Monday morning and stated he was looking around for some one who has some good grass to spare.

Dock Townsend and family went to Lovington in their new Buick six the other day. Dock says he can find no fault with his new boat, except his pump's no good.

Walter Welch, the hustling worker, from northwest of us, was in town the other day, interviewing the merchants.

H. V. Wright was in town the other day in his hay-burner taking observations among the natives.

It was our intention to cut the doppel short this week, because the holidays are right at hand, and, of course, no one will have the time to spare, to do any reading, during this festive season, but when we get started we are just simple-minded enough to never know when to quit, so we are compelled to beg your pardon and just keep on hitting the quill.

What about this "strict neutrality" stunt? It has the appearance to us, we are neutral on one side because we are compelled to be so and on the other side the neutrality question is handled in a way that gets the money.

John Bull says he will cease to take our ships and our goods but we believe he is bluffing, time will tell whether or no the Stars and Stripes will float on the breeze without interruption with a big gun. No?

We notice an article in a recent El Paso paper that "Red Fox" was captured by the Mexicans and held for a ransom and after a considerable controversy was turned loose without the gold being produced. These hordes evidently know what they were doing when they turned him loose, for our experience tells us that anything they can get out of "Red Fox" they can have it.

This section surely must be a "producer" for when the insurance, patent rights, car peddlers and bank stock schemes are fully considered, and the amounts involved counted there remains no question about the money that must naturally be made here, to sustain such matters. A new one shows up every time the last one gets through with their workings. We, however, feel that the next one will show up, may have trouble to get by.

W. J. Peveler, one of the oldest settlers of this vicinity, who moved to Spur, Texas, about two years ago, and returned here during the past month in search of another ranch, finally located near Clark's Gap, where he found a place suitable to his wants.

Mr. Peveler claims this country has the Spur country skinned in more ways than a farmer can whip a mule, and is now here to stay. We are very much pleased with his decision and while he may be located some distance from Knowles, at the same time we are glad to have him back among his old friends.

Uncle Charley Eller paid us a most social visit last Tuesday and gave us an account in detail about how the public lands of the state are being handled at will by certain officials higher up. Mr. Eller states he told them so to their teeth and his statement was not disputed. Certain customs, he claims, will no doubt soon be modified to more equitable methods.

Uncle Charley is exceptionally well informed on current topics of the day and we always highly appreciate his pleasant visits.

Tom Bingham went to Carlsbad last week and brought out a bunch of cows, which he recently bought in the valley for which he states he feels confident of finding a ready buyer at

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NEW MEXICO NEWS NOTES.

The scarlet fever quarantine in the Gallup parochial and public schools was lifted last Sunday after being in force two weeks.

Arrangements are under way to provide for the erection and maintenance of a Sisters' hospital in Gallup.

Butter manufactured at the Deming creamery is to be known as the "Deming Special" brand. The creamery's business continues to increase, both in cream purchased and butter sold.

Extensive repairs and improvements are being made to the Hotel Seaberg, in Raton, a whole carload of plumbing fixtures and material being necessary for remodeling that feature of the hotel's equipment.

Settlers are coming into the Estancia valley in numbers. Many are locating in the Otto section, a delegation of Oklahoma people living on land there this week.

Morantly enjoyed a substantial shower Sunday, providing fine moisture for fall plowing.

Cloves police Saturday night found Aurelio M. Campo, a Mexican railroad employee, dead in an adobe house.

Drunk is said to have caused his death, he being reported to have indulged in liquor to excess for several days before the gruesome find.

Curry county's prospects for a record 1916 wheat crop were improved materially Monday by a steady shower, which did the ground much good.

The Oliver Pearson place at Lake Arthur caught fire in some unknown way Friday evening and burned to the ground.

Fred Milenz, a former resident of Dexter, has written friends in that town to say that in a trip to the Pacific coast along the southern edge of the state he has seen no farming community of greater worth than the Pecos valley. Its only possible disadvantage lies in distance to market, he writes.

Material for the new standpipe and water system at Dexter is on the ground and will be put in place at once. This will give the town improved fire protection and a good general water service.

Alamogordo schools have been handicapped severely for the past two weeks because of the illness of a number of teachers. None of the illnesses are serious.

Benjamin Lewis, a pioneer merchant of Las Vegas, died Friday night at his home in that city, after an illness of four months.

If you MUST swear, call at the Current office and do it legally. Notary always in.

EDDY GROVE CAMP W. O. W.

Meets first Thursday night each month at W. O. W. Hall. Visiting sovereigns and members urged to attend.

A. R. O'QUINN, Clerk
BOB HAMBLIN, C. C.

LAKEWOOD ITEMS.

From the Progress.
Mrs. H. P. Lee, mother of M. Lee, of South Seven Rivers, has been in Carlsbad several days taking special medical treatment.

George V. Price, of the Peoples Mercantile Company, of Carlsbad, was here Sunday looking over the company's business at this point.

J. A. Hunt went to Carlsbad last week and was operated on for appendicitis Saturday. He is reported to be getting along fairly well.

Ralph McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald, has been on the sick list this week with the common complaint—bad cold.

Mrs. W. T. Arnold and George Wilcox came in today from the ranch in the Arnold car to meet M. Lee, brother, H. B. Branson, of Kentucky.

Miss Anna Jones, of Lakewood, ate Thanksgiving dinner with the M. Schenck family, and came to Artesia Friday morning to assist the Misses Basdin.

Miss H. M. Gage, of Hope, was a Lakewood visitor a short time last Friday, having come down in the car to meet Mr. Gage, who arrived that evening from El Paso with a shipment of cattle.

H. B. Branson, of Indian Bottom, Kentucky, came in this morning to visit his sister, Mrs. W. T. Arnold, west of town. The brother and sister had not seen each other for thirty-four years.

S. M. Wilber, who spent last week in Artesia, has returned to Lakewood. While in Artesia he sold his property holdings there. We are sorry to report that Mr. Wilber is somewhat sick this week.

Mrs. Stroud, Mrs. Pate, and Miss Anna Jones and Lorna Johnson, of Lakewood, were doing some Christmas shopping in Artesia last Saturday. They came up in the car with Bryan and Gertrude Runyan who visited with their relatives, the Dave Runyan family.

Have you noticed the deep silence that prevails about town? Moe McAleer shipped the upper set of his false teeth to Artesia last night for repairs, and consequently he can't talk that is, very plain. So he stayed at home today.

W. T. Arnold, of Seven Rivers, is now a pleased owner of a five passenger Ford car, which he purchased from the Auto Service Station, Monday.

Albuquerque Journal.

When a gambler and dive-keeper believes himself secure enough in his lawlessness to pursue one of his victims across the dead line from the underworld into a respectable business house, and, with the aid of an officer of the law, tries to collect a gambling debt by strong-arm methods, it is time for decent people to take measures for their own protection.

The maintenance of a gambling house is in itself violation of the law. But we might as well every the matter a bit further and ask something about the "invisible government" by which the gambler is protected in Bernalillo county.

Saturday afternoon we had the spectacle of two gamblers and dive-keepers, with a deputy sheriff, appearing in a business house for the collection of a gambling debt of \$15 from a youthful employee, who not only had spent all of his money at the gambling table but had given a check for \$15 to cover additional losses.

The deputy sheriff, who had a warrant for the arrest of the boy on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, stated that he was there under orders not from the court that issued the warrant but of the gamblers, to make the arrest unless the \$15 and costs were paid. If the gambler said make the arrest, the officer was to make it, and if the gambler said not to make the arrest he was not to make it. When told that he was laying himself quite as liable to criminal prosecution as the gamblers, the deputy sheriff laughed.

Isn't it well for the people of Albuquerque, the people of Bernalillo county, the people of New Mexico, to inquire just how it comes that an officer of the law is at the beck and call of a gambler and dive-keeper? How is it that warrants are issued for the enforcement of gambling debts? Since when has some power arisen by which a man can be imprisoned, contrary to the constitutions of both state and nation, for any kind of debt, to say nothing of a debt incurred in an outlawed cause of chance in a house maintained in violation of the laws of the state?

Investigation of this sort of thing may well take up some of the time of the next grand jury. Should the grand jury find no violation of it, it might well command the attention of an investigating committee of the next state legislature. Lawyers at least know what is meant when an outraged public demands and secured an investigation of exactly this sort of condition under the rotten rule of Tammany in New York City.

The population of Sing Sing and Blackwell's Island were increased materially and the more caught, many of whom are serving terms in those prisons today, were by no means all gamblers and dive-keepers.

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MEN'S GARTER AND SUSPENDER SET IN GIFT BOX.....	75C.
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MEN'S TIE, SOCKS AND HANDKERCHIEF IN GIFT BOX.....	\$1.25 TO \$1.75
MEN'S SUITS.....	\$12.50 TO \$30
MEN'S OVERCOATS.....	\$12.50 TO \$25
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BOY'S RAIN COATS.....	\$3.50
BOY'S SUITS.....	\$3.50 TO \$10
BOY'S OVERCOATS.....	\$5 TO \$8.50
BOY'S HATS.....	\$1 TO \$2

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LADIES' BATH ROBES AT.....	\$3.50 TO \$5
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LADIES' SILK WAISTS.....	\$3 TO \$6.50
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STOCK NOTES

Paul Ares was here Monday ordering 1000 doses of vaccine to use at his ranches. J. W. Knorr, the county agriculturist, left with him for the Queen country Wednesday to assist him. Mr. Ares having lost about ten head of his fine cattle with black leg.

CATTLE SALES AND SHIPMENTS.

—Lakewood Progress.
Rowland Brothers this week purchased thirteen Jersey heifers from Harry McCarty, and a good white faced bull from G. H. Sellmeyer. Harry McCarty bought fifteen white faced heifers from G. H. Sellmeyer this week.
A shipment of six cars of cattle from El Paso, Texas, consigned to Hugh Gage, of Hope, were unloaded at the pens here last Friday night. Mr. Gage accompanied the shipment from the Pass City.

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Taking Things Literally.
Foreigner pointing to sign in store window is that announcement correct, yes? Storekeeper. Certainly. It says "favors for Germans." Foreigner. Then do me one, please. Lend me five dollars, yes? Philadelphia Ledger.

IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE.

Kalamazoo (Mich.) Chamber of Commerce M. p. Out Civic Reform Work.
That the recent reorganization of the Kalamazoo Commercial club, whose name in the process was changed to Chamber of Commerce, resulted in an awakened civic consciousness upon the part of the membership is indicated by the program of work for this year which has recently been decided upon. A few of the items in the program are quoted below.

Promote a higher sense of citizenship by holding before the people of Kalamazoo an ideal the best accomplishment of the most advanced cities.
Study the manager form of city government and promulgate information concerning the results of this study.
Assist in coordinating the various charitable and relief agencies of the city and county with a view to increasing efficiency and preventing duplication.

Help to devise ways and means for providing a home for the Y. W. C. A. that will enable it properly to care for the young women transients and employees of the city.
Promote the cultivation of vacant lots and waste places to increase self help among the needy.

Co-operate with the authorities to increase efficiency in public administration.

Urge the repair of dirt streets.
Assist in securing full registration and vote in municipal and school elections.

Secure public comfort stations.
Cleaner streets and sidewalks.
Extension of ornamental light system.

City water service extension.
Improvement in fire protection.
Improve and beautify the river front and plan for its permanent utilization for park purposes.

Establish and improve parks and playgrounds.
Conserve our trees.

Prepare data on the establishment of a public market, farmers' headquarters and women's rest room.

Prepare and submit data on a modern system of garbage collection and disposal.

Make a study and analysis, for general information, of property assessments.

Efficient and public taxation, scope and proper expenditure of public funds.

Fire Protection in Hotels.

The guests of Raleigh (N. C.) Hotels are given exceptional protection against fire hazard by the arrangement which the Raleigh chamber of commerce has made with the city commissioners for one of the city's paid firemen to inspect the hotels of the city hourly between 10 p. m. and 7 a. m. This protection is in addition to that provided by the hotels themselves.

PROTECTION.

The chamber of commerce of Raleigh has arranged with the city commissioners of Raleigh for one of the city's paid firemen to inspect this hotel hourly from 10 o'clock p. m. to 1 o'clock a. m.

This fireman carries a watch clock, and the watch clock stations are located at the end of each corridor on each floor, including basement, dining room and kitchen. The watch clock records are filed with the secretary of the chamber of commerce and are open to inspection.

This protection is arranged by the chamber of commerce in addition to that provided by this hotel that the guests may feel safely protected against hazard of fire.

Protecting Shade Trees.

Governor Walsh of Massachusetts has recently signed an act defining the powers and duties of tree wardens and their deputies and providing for the better protection of public shade trees. It includes a jail sentence for not more than six months or a fine of not more than \$50 for any one who willfully, maliciously or wantonly injures a tree, shrub or growth which does not belong to him and which serves a useful purpose. The same penalty applies to cutting down a tree or shrub within the limits of a state highway without authority. Another section carries a \$50 fine for attaching advertisements upon or painting or marking any tree located in a public place or highway except for the purpose of protecting it or the public.

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