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The Carlsbad Current

TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR.

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1916.

NUMBER 12.

MORE SHOT IN JAUEREZ

MURDER OF BERT L. AKERS AVENGED BY EXECUTION OF THE YOUTHFUL THIEVES.

Elder of Condemned Men Pleads for
Brother's Life and Declares He
Shot Young Ranchman While De-
fending His Rights.

Shooting of Prisoners in Old Cemetery
at Juarez Witnessed by Small
Crowd From El Paso; Bodies Dis-
played in Public.

Monday's El Paso Times.

With a curse upon their lips against the American people, two young Mexicans—brothers—were shot to death by a military execution squad in the Juarez cemetery at 6:07 Sunday morning for the murder of Bert L. Akers, American rancher of Yaleta. Bernardo and Frederico Duran, the executed men went to their death with a courage worthy of a better cause. Standing shoulder to shoulder against the whitewashed adobe wall of the cemetery death house they faced the firing squad with undaunted bravery, refused to be blindfolded and fell together at the first volley from the executioners' rifles.

Last Words a Challenge.
Almost their last words was this challenge, flung at the group of American newspapermen and friends of the murdered Akers:

"Watch and see how Mexicans die, you American—!"

The only plea of any sort was made by Bernardo Duran, the elder brother, a few minutes before the end. Standing beside his cemetery cage, he said, in his own tongue, to the Times reporter, the only American who talked with the prisoners:

"We are dying for you Americans. Tell the world that. I shot the American because he was trying to force entrance to my home. I was defending my rights, as any man would have done."

"My brother here is entirely innocent. He did not fire a shot. But they are going to kill him, too. Tell me, is that justice? He is being sacrificed to your American public opinion. We are not afraid to die but why should an innocent man be killed? He is only 22 years old. I am 24. Some day we will be avenged. They are killing two for one."

While the elder talked, the younger brother stood beside him, hands pocketed and lips quivering slightly, but saying no word. The prisoners were bound together by ropes.

Dreary March to Death.

The Juarez cemetery is one and one-half miles from the jail where the condemned men spent their last night. The morning air was cold, but the prisoners were no coats when they emerged at 5:30 a. m. from the prison and took their places between six silent guards and set out, afoot, for the place of death. Beside the firing squad rode its commander, Captain Alfredo Ortiz, of the Twenty-seventh battalion.

Moonlight obscured by dull gray clouds, was the only light along the way. Heads bent the brothers strode along, talking softly to each other. Their guards muffled in gaudy-colored blankets, shuffled beside them, rifles slung across their backs. Once or twice the elder brother's arm went caressingly over the younger's shoulder and he whispered a word of comfort.

The road to the place of death is a gloomy one even by day. It leads over a plain dotted with sickly mesquite and cactus. The last half mile before the cemetery gate is reached the road straightens out and the white gravestones are visible long before the gate is reached. Neglect has made the burying ground even more desolate than usual. The crosses stand away over many graves; none are straight. Standing thus, at grotesque angles, they make weird shadows upon the weed-covered turf and marble slabs.

Slowly the little procession of death approached the gate, which stands at the crest of a gentle rise. Through that gate have gone hundreds of prisoners sentenced to death, most of them war captives. The Americans, among who were a number of women, waiting at the entrance, involuntarily shrank back at the prisoners and their guards arrived at the gate, which was swung open by the dead old sexton who has guarded it for years. It is of iron and it creaked upon its hinges.

"Halt!" said Captain Ortiz when the squad had advanced about ten feet within. The gate was closed behind him and the spectators hung over it. Then the Times representative was permitted to enter and interview the prisoners. When Bernardo Duran had finished talking he turned to Captain Ortiz and asked "Did the general come?" The answer was no. There was no tremor in the prisoner's voice and despite the cold morning air he did not shiver.

The order to advance once more was given and the little group marched toward the "death house" in the center of the graveyard, 400 yards away. The white walls of this one-room hut shone in the moonlight. The gate was opened to admit the witnesses, who crowded close to the executioners.

It was nearly daylight now. The moon hanging low in the west, threw full upon the west wall of the death house, against which the prisoners

took their stand. All about them were the wooden crosses of the dead. Twenty feet in front of them stood five soldiers with rifles ready.

Decline to be Blindfolded.

Six o'clock whistles blew in El Paso and the noise echoed over the plains. Faintly then, but clear, came the sound of bugles in the camps of the American regiments along the border and at Fort Bliss. Reveille! Suddenly the dawn broke. The eastern sky-line behind the condemned men changed in a moment from gray to light red, as though a bloody brush had been wiped against it.

Captain Ortiz advanced and placed a soiled handkerchief over the younger boy's eyes, but as soon as the officer stepped away he slipped it to his forehead and muttered: "I will die like Bernardo, with my eyes open." Bernardo, who had stood quietly until now broke out into a torrent of abuse, directed at the American spectators.

"Oh, for a carbine now in my hands," he shouted. "I'd show you American something. Ah! Watch and see how Mexicans die, you—!"

A Mexican police officer who had accompanied the Americans to the cemetery walked to the prisoners and said a word or two. The younger handed him a cheap little picture of himself and asked that it be sent to his parents in Santa Rita, N. M. The elder gave him his hat as a present. Then the policeman embraced them both and Bernardo said: "Por la causa!" (For the cause!).

Too softly spoken were the words the brothers said to each other as they embraced. From that brief goodbye scene the spectators turned away their eyes.

Face Death Bravely.
"Ready!" said the captain. The clicking of the shells being pressed into barrels followed. The brothers straightened and faced defiantly the five executioners.

"Take aim!" Five rifles swung to rest on five shoulders. A second's awful silence. Church bells in the ancient cathedral of Juarez began calling the early mass. The first bell chime had hardly died away before—

"FIRE!"

Like sand bags dropped into space, the brothers crumpled to the ground. Bernardo's arm, even in his death agony, lay across his brother's breast, as though trying to protect him from death.

A groan came from the writhing figure of the elder. With his dying breath he said clearly: "Oh, God, wait a minute!"

The Mercy Shot.
Captain Ortiz drew his revolver and advanced to the fallen men. Quickly he sent a bullet into the brain of each—the mercy shot. In less than thirty seconds both men were dead. The Americans who had witnessed the scene turned and almost fled to waiting automobiles. The machines swung out over the road to Juarez and El Paso, and the lights met the rising sun as they flashed along. Morning had come.

The bodies were displayed during the day in Juarez and several hundred Americans viewed them. The crime for which the brothers were shot was committed Friday afternoon on the Mexico side of the line, twelve miles east of Juarez. Bert L. Akers, a ranchman, was shot to death while looking for some cows which had been stolen by the Durans from a dairy on the American side. The Durans were arrested Friday evening, their trial was held Saturday afternoon and they were shot Sunday morning—a record for swift justice.

Similar Fate for Murderers.

General Gabriel Gavira, commander of the Juarez garrison, has announced that he will punish summarily all others who murder.

The story of the killing of Bert Akers, for which the young Mexicans were shot, will be found on the seventh page of this paper.

PAT MIDDLETON'S HOUSEBURNS

Last Friday morning the ranch house of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Middleton and about all it contained, were burned. Vernon Middleton, their son, and Geo. McCollum were at home. They had built a fire in the heater and one in the cook stove, cooked their breakfast but had not eaten. The boys had gone to the pens to feed some bucks and smelt pine burning and the roof was blazing when they saw it first. They ran to the house, got out some of the bedding, it was only seven minutes in burning the roof off and falling. The walls were made of hewed pine logs. Some of the things the boys carried from the house burned, the fire was so hot and the wind so high. Mr. Middleton had just hauled out a load of provisions, such as a sack of sugar, prunes, box of coffee, several hundred pounds of flour, new shoes and many other things, namely a load of salt and grain. Mrs. Middleton was here in Carlsbad, coming down the Friday before with a sick baby, and Mr. Middleton came down the Tuesday after to help nurse the baby. They got the news the same evening and Pat left Saturday with Dolph Shattuck for Queen. Nothing was saved from the kitchen, the heavy logs mashing the stove to bits and ruining the pans. They lost all their clothes, only a few dresses for the children that she brought with her were left, all the trunks also burned. This was a very unfortunate loss, happening in winter, the family all having been ill, with the busy sea-

son, the goats to be sheared and kidding on hand.

Mr. Middleton came down yesterday with two wagons to take out lumber. Ed. Robinson being a carpenter, will help him put up the house. No doubt all the neighbors will help a day with the house-building. Will Purdy gave them a nice bedstead and others have given them things that will come in good use.

HORSE RACE MONDAY.

Monday a very exciting race occurred on the track near the Felix Miller place three miles west of town. The race was matched by Bob Burns' mare and a sorrel horse of Walter McGonagill's, and was gotten up by Mr. Newman, of Pecos, and John Warren, both of whom backed their favorites to quite a sum. The mare won, the race being for 300 yards.

FULL TEXT OF 640 ACRE BILL-PASSED HOUSE

FEDERAL CONTROL OF GRAZING LANDS.

American National Livestock Association Informed Bill Has Passed House of Representatives.

One of the most important matters to be considered by the American National Livestock association, now in convention in El Paso, is federal regulation and control of grazing lands and various modifications of the homestead laws such as will permit the lease of certain of the government lands for range purposes.

This matter was considered at length and a session of the executive committee of the association held Tuesday afternoon and also during the meeting of the association's standing committee on forest reserves and grazing land.

President Heard of the association yesterday afternoon received a telegram stating that the bill covering the matter had passed the house of representatives, was now pending before a committee of the senate which would afford the amplest opportunity for the cattlemen and also the sheep industry interests to be heard in the matter.

The bill in question as adopted by the house of representatives follows:

"To provide for stockraising homesteads, and for other purposes.
"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States, of America in congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act it shall be lawful for any person qualified to make entry under the homestead laws of the United States to make a stock-raising homestead entry for not exceeding 640 acres of unappropriated unreserved public land in reasonably compact

ANDERSON SANITARIUM.

Chas. Sawyer, of Loving, underwent an operation the first of the week and returned home yesterday.

Otto Holwell, of Malaga, son of Mrs. John Hartshorn, underwent an operation on the 27th for hernia and other complications. He is getting along nicely.

Serapio Medrano, a Mexican, who was brought to the Sanitarium ten days ago in a critical condition, died on the 26th of pneumonia.

G. E. Donaldson who has been ill with pneumonia, has recovered and will return to his home in Kemp, Texas.

Jose Carralles, the aged Mexican who had his right side paralyzed as a result of a blow on the head, one month ago, returns home tomorrow fully recovered after the operation.

in described, who has not submitted final proof upon his existing entry, shall have the right to enter, subject to the provisions of this act, such amount of contiguous lands designated for entry under the provisions of this act as shall not, together with the amount embraced in his original entry, exceed 640 acres, and residence upon the original entry shall be credited on both entries, but improvements must be placed on the additional entry equal to \$1.25 for each acre thereof.
"Sec. 5. That persons who have submitted final proof upon, or received patent for, lands of the character herein described under the homestead laws and who own and reside upon the land so required, may, subject to the provisions of this act, make additional entry for and obtain patent to contiguous lands designated for entry under the provisions of this act, which, together with the area heretofore acquired under the homestead laws, shall not exceed 640 acres, on proof of the expenditure required by this act, on account of permanent improvements upon the additional entry.

"Sec. 7. That any person who is the head of a family, or who has arrived at the age of 21 years and is a citizen of the United States, who has entered or acquired under the homestead laws, prior to the passage of this act, lands of the character described in this act, the area of which is less than 640 acres, and who is unable to exercise the right of additional entry herein conferred because no lands subject to entry under this act adjoin the tract so entered or acquired may, upon submitting proof that he resides upon and has not sold the land so entered or acquired, relinquish or convey to the United States the land so occupied, entered, or acquired, and in

CATTLEMEN MEETING

exercise preferential rights, such division to be in tracts of not less than 40 acres, and so made as to equalize as nearly as possible the area which such entrymen and patentees will acquire by adding the tracts embraced in additional entries to the lands originally held or owned by them; provided further that where but one 40-acre tract of vacant land may adjoin the lands of two or more entrymen or patentees entitled to exercise preferential rights hereunder, the tract in question may be entered by the person who first submits to the local land office his application to exercise said preferential right.

"Sec. 10. That any person who has heretofore acquired title to land of the character designated in this act under any of the homestead laws of the United States and who is the owner and occupant of the land so acquired may purchase from the United States not exceeding 320 acres of stock-raising lands, as designated by this act, or unappropriated and unreserved lands valuable only for grazing contiguous to his said homestead, upon paying to the United States the sum of \$1.25 per acre for such lands, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the secretary of the interior which said land, together with the area heretofore acquired under the homestead laws, shall not exceed 640 acres.

"Sec. 11. That all entries made and patents issued under the provisions of this act shall be subject to and contain a reservation to the United States of all the coal and other minerals in the lands so entered and patented, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same. The coal and other mineral deposits in such lands shall be subject to disposal by the United States in accordance with the provisions of the coal and mineral land laws in force at the time of such disposal. Any person qualified to locate and enter the coal or other mineral deposits, or having the right to mine and remove the same under the laws of the United States, shall have the right at all times to enter upon the lands entered or patented, as provided by this act, for the purposes of prospecting for coal or other mineral therein, provided he shall not injure, damage, or destroy the permanent improvements of the entryman or patentee, and shall be liable to and shall compensate the entryman or patentee for all damages to the crops on such lands by reason of such prospecting. Any person who has acquired from the United States the coal or other mineral deposits in any such land, or the right to mine and remove the same, may re-enter and occupy so much of the surface thereof as may be required for all purposes reasonably incident to the mining or removing of the coal or other minerals, first, upon securing the written consent or waiver of the homestead entryman, or patentee; second, upon payment of the damages to crops or other tangible improvements to the owner thereof; or, third, in lieu of either of the foregoing provisions, upon the execution of a good and sufficient bond or undertaking to the United States for the use and benefit of the entryman or owner of the land, to secure the payment of such damages to the crops or tangible improvements of the entryman or owner, as may be determined and fixed in an action brought upon the bond or undertaking in a court of competent jurisdiction against the principal and sureties thereon, such bond or undertaking to be in form and in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the secretary of the interior and to be filed with and approved by the register and receiver of the local land office of the district wherein the land is situated, subject to appeal to the commissioner of the general land office, provided, that all patents issued for the coal or other mineral deposits herein reserved shall contain appropriate notations declaring them to be subject to the provisions of this act with reference to the disposition, occupancy and use of the surface of the land.

"Sec. 12. That the secretary of the interior is hereby authorized to make all necessary rules and regulations in harmony with the provisions and purposes of this act for the purpose of carrying the same into effect.

EDDY COUNTY HOSPITAL NEWS.

Master John Roberts was operated on Sunday and is getting along very well.

Little Walter Smith, of Otis, was operated on Monday and taken home the same day.

Mrs. T. E. Williams was removed to her home Saturday.

Mrs. R. Berry, who had a severe case of pneumonia, and her little daughter, who had the lagrippe will be able to leave for Jackson, Mississippi, in a few days.

Mr. Von DeWitt, of Artesia, is still improving and is able to be up and around.

Miss Anna Klauder is recovering fast from her recent operation.

Miss May Harroun was operated on Thursday and is doing nicely.

Mrs. John W. Moore and baby will be able to return home in a few days.

Mrs. M. Williams, of Nadine, left the hospital Monday, but will remain in town for a few weeks.

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

CATTLEMEN ASK GOVERNMENT TO PATROL BORDER AND POLICE MEXICAN STATES.

American National Livestock Association Goes on Record as Favoring Federal Police in Southern Republic.

OBJECT IS PROTECTION OF AMERICAN INTERESTS.

Appointment of Tariff Commission and Protective Duties on Imports of Meat Also Are Recommended.

During the past week the stockmen from all over the United States have met in El Paso and as many went from Carlsbad, and nearly all are interested in the following proceedings of the meeting will be read with interest:

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 26.—A resolution requesting the government of the United States to establish an adequate patrol in northern Mexico to protect the lives and property of American citizens was adopted today by delegates to the nineteenth annual convention of the American Livestock association. On the ground that neither the president of the United States nor congress has been fully informed relative to conditions in Mexico the resolution also provided for the appointment of a committee of three members to go to Washington and lay before government officials additional facts concerning treatment of Americans in Mexico.

The convention also adopted resolutions favoring the appointment of a tariff commission, and demanding that when the tariff is next revised that all meats and similar products from foreign countries be subjected to import duties. Having meals on the free list has not reduced prices or benefited consumers and producers have been injured, it was declared.

Another resolution called upon the government of the United States to place an embargo on imports of livestock or dressed beef from countries where contagious diseases exist to prevent the spread in this country of such live stock scourges as the foot and mouth disease.

The resolution relative to Mexico as presented on the floor of the convention today was a compromise resulting from a conference last night between members of various committees who wished to criticize severely the administration's policy, with reference to Mexico and those who were determined to combat any effort to attack President Wilson or to demand an armed intervention which might lead to conquest.

Governor John B. Kendrick, of Wyoming, led the forces opposing an attack on the president, and the resolution as presented states that "by this resolution it is not proposed and intended to seek intervention in the republic of Mexico but only that a sufficient patrol be established as will insure safety for life, person and property of American citizens in the northern portion of the republic of Mexico, who are justly entitled to the same."

A movement favoring the re-election of Dwight B. Heard of Phoenix, Ariz., as president of the American National Livestock association gained such proportions today that it was deemed almost certain to prevail at the election tomorrow. I. W. Pryor, of San Antonio, who was slated to succeed, probably will withdraw and take the honor in 1917. It was also regarded as certain that Chyenne would be chosen for the next convention of the organization.

The second day's session of the nineteenth annual convention of the American Livestock association was to consist mainly of entertainment for the visitors.

Only the business session was held, in the forenoon. At 3 o'clock an automobile ride was planned, ending at Fort Bliss, where a grand drill and exhibition had been arranged with the Eighth cavalry, Sixth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Twentieth infantry regiments and the Fourth field artillery participating. In the evening there was to be a ball given in one of the principal hotels.

A reception and musical were given last night for the visiting ladies.

Last night's program consisted of illustrated lectures by Dr. C. C. Young on "Hybrids in Central Asia," and a discussion of the losses sustained by stockmen from poisonous plants by Dr. C. D. Marsh, physiologist on poisonous plants in the United States department of agriculture. Tomorrow will be devoted principally to discussion affecting the stockmen.

DEMAND PROTECTION FOR AMERICANS.

Except for a slight amendment proposed by Ed. E. Lasater and accepted without debate, resolutions demanding protection for American lives and property in Mexico and asking for a patrol of the northern region of Mexico, were unanimously adopted shortly after the American National Livestock association convened for the second day's session of its nineteenth annual convention yesterday morning. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, during the last five years in the republic of Mexico, by reasons of dissensions therein prevailing many American citizens who were in the republic of Mexico upon lawful pursuits

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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 3rd day of January, A. D., 1916, the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County, met in regular session, at which meeting the following proceedings were had:

Present:
C. W. Beeman, chairman.
V. H. Lusk, Commissioner from District No. 1.
Whit Wright, Commissioner from District No. 2.

R. B. Armstrong, deputy sheriff.
A. R. O'Quinn, county clerk.
It was moved and carried that John H. Ball, be, and he hereby is appointed as Bee inspector for the year 1916.

Now comes Guy A. Reed, and requests the Board that the Board appropriate from the Eddy county funds the sum of \$1000.00 for the purpose of deferring the expenses of maintaining the New Mexico building at the San Diego Exposition, for the year 1916 which request is by the board rejected.

It was moved and carried that the New Mexico state fair association committee heretofore appointed by this board be and they hereby are requested to pay all of their outstanding bills, and make a report to this board.

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

ORDER.

It is ordered that no vouchers or warrants shall be honored by the county superintendent or county treasurer for the maintenance of the schools in this county in each of the several districts thereof to an amount greater than that allowed for maintenance of schools to August 31, 1916, as set forth in the general order to the treasurer for the apportionment of funds.

A petition having been presented to the board signed by more than ten free holders living within three miles of the proposed road, accompanied by a check of \$250.00 to defray the expenses of viewing the same, requesting the opening of a road beginning at a point on Blue Springs and Carlsbad public road, at a point in the center of section 30, township 22, South, Range 27 East, N. M. P. M., at the point where the SW 1-4 and NW 1-4 of said section 30, and the SE 1-4 and NE 1-4 of section 25, township 22 south range 26 east, N. M. P. M. corner, thence east one mile along the line between the N 1-2 of said section 30, township 22 South, range 27 east, N. M. P. M., and the south half thereof to the intersection of Carlsbad and Black River public road.

It was moved and carried that said petition be granted, it is hereby made the order of this Board that F. E. Little, Justus Beach, and J. F. Fulbright, be, and they hereby are appointed viewers to view said road and that the date set for the viewing of said road to be February 5th, 1916.

The following report having been submitted, it is hereby made the order of this board that the road in accordance with the following report be and the same is hereby declared to be a public road by this Board.

"In compliance with your letter of July 21st, we posted notices and on July 31st, we proceeded to the City limits of Artesia, between Sections 9 and 16, township 17 south range 26 east, N. M. P. M., and there we viewed and marked out the proposed change to be made in the public road between Artesia, and Lovington, by setting stakes and erecting appropriate monuments to the terminus as indicated by the plat of the proposed road which your honorable body furnished us.

"The road has already been established, at an expense of approximately \$1,000.00 which was borne by citizens of Artesia, we as viewers recommend that the county accept the same and designate it as a public road as shown by blue prints submitted by surveyor.

"No persons appearing before us, therefore, no damages were assessed.

"Respectfully,
"E. B. KEMP,
"J. E. ROBERTSON,
"REX WHEATLEY."

Whereupon the Board adjourned until January 4th, 1916.

Attest:
C. W. BEEMAN, Chairman.
A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 4th day of January, 1916, the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County, met in pursuant to an adjournment had yesterday, present and presiding as then.

It having been shown to the Board the amount of money received in the Artesian Well fund had not been sufficient to pay the Artesian well supervisor and that the money heretofore temporarily transferred from the Index fund to the Artesian well fund is not needed at the present time for the purpose same was collected. It was moved and carried that the treasurer be and he hereby is, instructed to extend the time of the re-payment of said money in the said index fund to the last day of January, 1917, and he is hereby authorized to place all collections received by him from the Artesian well fund in the Artesian well fund until January 1st, 1917, and at which time the receipts from said fund is to be placed in the index fund until the amount of \$1,500.00 is repaid from the Artesian well fund to said index fund.

It was moved by Mr. Wright that this board re-district the county of Eddy as to commissioners districts and that the boundary of the three commissioners districts be as follows:

Precinct No. 1.

Commencing at closing corner of township 26 and ranges 29 and 30 east on south boundary of Eddy county, thence north on said range line 29 miles East about 32 chains to the corner of townships 21 and 22 south, ranges 29 and 30 east, N. M. P. M., thence north along township lines between townships 21 and 22 south, ranges 29 and 28 east 12 miles to the corner of townships 21 and 22 south ranges 27 and 28 east, thence north on range line between ranges 27 and 28 east, through township 21

south, 6 miles and about 34 chains to the closing corner of said township 21 south ranges 27 and 28 east, on the 4th Standard Parallel south, thence east on said fourth standard parallel south 53.96 chains to the standard corner of townships 20 south ranges 28 and 29 East, thence north along said range line between ranges 28 and 29 east, 8 miles to the corner of sections 19, 24, 25 and 30, of township 19 south range 28 and 29 east, thence west on section line 48 miles to the north boundary of Eddy county for section corner of sections 19, 24, 25, and 30 on range line between ranges 20 and 21 east, thence south on Chaves county line 8 miles to the corner of townships 20 south range 20 and 21 east on fourth standard parallel south. Thence west on said standard parallel south about 60 chains to a point for closing corner of townships 21 south range 20 and 21 east, which is also the northeast corner of Otero county, thence south along the range line between ranges 21 and east boundary of Otero county, about 36 chains to the south west corner of Eddy county, which is also the southeast corner of Otero county.

Precinct No. 2.

Commencing at the closing corner of township 16 south ranges 28 and 29 east on third standard parallel which is also the boundary of Chaves county. Thence south along range line between ranges 28 and 29 east 22 miles east about 30.00 chains to the corner of section 19, 24, 25 and 30, township 19 south ranges 28 and 29 east. Thence west on section lines 48 miles to a point for corner of sections 19, 24, 25, and 30, in township 19, south ranges 20 and 21 east, which is also the west boundary of Eddy county. Thence north of said west boundary of Eddy county 48 miles to the closing corner of township 16 south, ranges 20 and 21 east, on third standard parallel south which is also the northwest corner of Eddy county. Thence east on said third standard parallel south 48 miles to the place of beginning. Thence east along the south boundary of Eddy county and north boundary of the state of Texas, 56 miles to the place of beginning.

Precinct No. 3.

Commencing at the closing corner of township 26 south range 29 and 30 on the intersections of Eddy county line and state of Texas. Thence north on range line between said range 29 and 30 east 29 miles east about 32.00 chains to the corner of townships 21 and 22 south ranges 28 and 30 east. Thence west on township line between townships 21 and 22 south 12 miles to the corner of townships 21 and 22 south ranges 27 and 28 east. Thence north on range line between ranges 28 and 27 south 6 miles east about 34 chains closing corner of said township 21 south, ranges 27 and 28 on the fourth standard parallel south. Thence east on said fourth standard parallel south about 53.96 chains to the Standard corner of township 20 south ranges 28 and 29, east on said fourth standard parallel south. Thence north of range line between said ranges 28 and 29 east 30 miles and about 30.00 chains to the closing corner of townships 16, south, ranges 28 and 29 east on the third standard parallel south, which is also the south boundary of Chaves county. Thence east along said third standard parallel south and south boundary of Chaves county about 61 miles and 50 chains the intersections thereof N 17 1-2 the boundary line of New Mexico and state of Texas, which is also the North east corner of Eddy county, New Mexico, and the state of Texas about 66 miles and 6.00 chains to the south east corner of Eddy county. Thence west along the south boundary of Eddy county and north boundary of state of Texas, about 50 1-2 miles to place of beginning.

The above motion was lost for the want of a second.

It was moved by Mr. Lusk that the motion to redistrict the county of Eddy, as to commissioners districts, be tabled until the regular meeting to be held the first Monday in February which motion was lost for want of a second.

Moved and carried that the clerk be and he is hereby instructed to draw warrants No. 2262 to No. 2272 inclusive as per the clerk's warrant record.

Whereupon the Board adjourned until January 7th, 1916.

Attest:
C. W. BEEMAN, Chairman.
A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 7th day of January, A. D., 1916, the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County, met in pursuant to an adjournment had January 4th, 1916, at which meeting the following proceedings were had:

Present:
C. W. Beeman, chairman.
V. H. Lusk, Commissioner from District No. 1.
Whit Wright, Commissioner from District No. 2.

R. B. Armstrong, deputy sheriff.
A. R. O'Quinn, county clerk.

The Board met for the purpose of hearing the matter for the correction and reduction of taxes of Mary E. Tansill and the District Attorney not being present, the Board adjourned.

Attest:
C. W. BEEMAN, Chairman.
A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 10th day of January, A. D., 1916, the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County, met in pursuant to an adjournment had on the 7th day of January, 1916, at which meeting the following were present:

Present:
C. W. Beeman, chairman.
District No. 1.
Whit Wright, Commissioner from District No. 2.

R. B. Armstrong, deputy sheriff.
E. M. Kearney, deputy county clerk.

There being no business, the board adjourned until January 15th, 1916.

Attest:
C. W. BEEMAN, Chairman.
A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.

County Clerk.
By E. M. KEARNEY, Deputy.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 15th day of January, A. D., 1916, the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy county met in pursuant to an adjournment had on the 10th, day of January, 1916, at which meeting the following were present:

Present:
C. W. Beeman, chairman.
Whit Wright, Commissioner from District No. 2.
R. B. Armstrong, deputy sheriff.
E. M. Kearney, Deputy county clerk.

Attest:
C. W. Lusk, Commissioner from District No. 1.

There being no business before the board they adjourned until January 18th, 1916.

Attest:
C. W. BEEMAN, Chairman.

A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.
By E. M. KEARNEY, Deputy.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 18th day of January, A. D., 1916, the Board of county commissioners of Eddy county, met in pursuant to an adjournment had on the 10th, 1916, at which meeting the following were present:

Present:
C. W. Beeman, chairman.
Whit Wright, Commissioner from District No. 2.
R. B. Armstrong, deputy sheriff.
E. M. Kearney, deputy county clerk.

Attest:
V. H. Lusk, Commissioner from District No. 1.

There being no business before the Board they adjourned until January 18th, 1916.

Attest:
C. W. BEEMAN, Chairman.

A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.
By E. M. KEARNEY, deputy.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 18th day of January, A. D., 1916, the Board of county commissioners of Eddy county met in pursuant to an adjournment had on the 15th day of January, 1916, at which meeting the following proceedings were had:

Present:
C. W. Beeman, chairman.
V. H. Lusk, Commissioner from District No. 1.
Whit Wright, Commissioner from District No. 2.

R. B. Armstrong, deputy sheriff.
By E. M. KEARNEY, deputy.

Claims No. 2200 and 2201 were on motion duly passed referred to the District Attorney.

It appearing to the Board that Byron O. Beal under his contract of October 4, 1916, has completed the checking system for Eddy county, and the same is delivered as of this date, and it appears to the Board that said checking system is in all things complete and that the said Byron O. Beal has complied with his contract of that date. It is hereby ORDERED by the Board that the said system made by said Byron O. Beal consisting of seven books, showing a full and complete list of all assessable lands with a ten year arrangement properly indexed and plats of all irregular land, be the same is hereby accepted by Eddy county, and the same will be paid for as provided by contract, as soon as funds are available in the general county fund.

Pursuant to the provisions of a contract entered into between the Board of county commissioners of Eddy county and Byron O. Beal, in the preparation of the Beal checking system, a list for the correction of errors on the tax rolls of Eddy county for the years 1912, '13, '14 and '15, has been submitted to the Board and in view of the fact that the assessor of Eddy county has not yet delivered the books of the assessment of Eddy county for the year 1915 to the treasurer of Eddy county and to avoid the filing of a tax suit to make the necessary corrections for the taxes. It is hereby ordered by the Board that the assessor of Eddy county, together with the assistance of C. D. Rickman, whose services are to be paid for by Eddy county, correct the tax roll for the year 1915, in accordance with the report of Byron O. Beal, showing the errors for that year, before said tax rolls for the year 1915 are turned over to the Treasurer of Eddy county.

It is further ordered by the Board that the District Attorney be furnished with a report of the said Byron O. Beal, showing the corrections, and to cancel all tax sale certificates growing out of said erroneous assessment, as may be necessary on the tax rolls of Eddy county for the years 1912, '13, '14 and '15 and that he be directed to file suit for the correction of said errors for said year at his earliest convenience.

In the matter of obtaining a public crossing on the A. T. & S. F. Ry. right of way the Board refers said matters to the District Attorney and requests him to take up his proposition of obtaining said crossing with the state corporation commission and to obtain said crossing if possible.

The board having heretofore passed an order requesting the district attorney to bring suit against W. H. Woodwell for overpaid salary as county commissioner and said District Attorney having written a letter to the Board under date of January 13, 1916, informing this Board that he had complied with their request and had filed said suit and that the same is now pending in the District court and upon motion duly made and passed said letter is ordered filed with the clerk of this board.

The recommendation of the Grand Jury of Eddy county in its final report to the court on the 13th day of January, 1916, in which this Board was requested to install the county treasurer in the office now occupied by this Board and to remove the probate judge from his office and place a vault therein for the benefit of the county treasurer and said recommendation having been fully considered we are of the unanimous opinion that said recommendation cannot be complied with for the following reasons:

Because there is no vault in the office now occupied by this Board and

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to remove the Probate judge and place a vault in his office would work a hardship upon said probate judge and would curtail considerable cost to the county, to install said vault.

Because the county treasurer has a vault in his present office and this office was given the treasurer, at his own choice and he has never requested this Board to change him to any other office.

Because we believe the grand jury failed to call before it either the county treasurer or any member of this Board and must have acted upon this recommendation without being fully advised upon this matter and we further believe if this Board is to change the offices of the various county officials upon the recommendations of each grand jury that same might occur every six months and thereby cripple the efficiency of our officials.

We recognize that the law places this responsibility upon this board and we intend to handle this in the very best way possible.

We further note that the Grand Jury recommends that this board shall keep a permanent record of its proceedings and that if an action of this board is rescinded that an order of such rescission shall be entered and made of record and in reply to said recommendation we desire to say that such has always been the policy of this board and at no time has this board ever destroyed any record of its proceedings and does never intend to do so.

The report of the state fair committee for Eddy county heretofore appointed by this board being duly presented was read and approved and thereupon by motion duly made and carried said state fair committee consisting of T. E. Williams, chairman, O. M. Trotter, of Artesia, and Noel Johnson, of Hope, are hereby duly appointed to serve as such committee for the year 1916, and the balance of \$27.00 as shown by said report to be in the hands of said committee is ordered to remain therein, to be held and used for the year 1916, or so much as may be needed for the same use and purpose as for the past year 1915.

Carlsbad, N. M., Jan. 18, 1916.
To the County Commissioners:
Report of Eddy County State Fair Committee.

Received from county	\$500.00
Received from public subscriptions	500.00
Total receipts	\$1000.00
Total amount expended for all purposes	\$695.50
Amount of fund on hand	\$304.50
Amount received as premiums	522.50
Total on hand	\$827.00

T. E. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Whereupon the Board adjourned until tomorrow, January 19th, 1916.

Attest:
C. W. BEEMAN, Chairman.
A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.
By E. M. KEARNEY, Deputy.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 19th day of January, 1916, the Board of county commissioners of Eddy county met in pursuant to an adjournment had yesterday, at which meeting the following proceedings were had:

Present:
C. W. Beeman, chairman.
V. H. Lusk, Commissioner from District No. 1.

Whit Wright, Commissioner from District No. 2.
R. B. Armstrong, deputy sheriff.

E. M. Kearney, deputy county clerk.
The claims of B. A. Nymeyer, P. C. Getawiller, and Jim Harper were on motion of the board referred to the District attorney, to report at the next meeting.

It is hereby ordered by the Board that claims No. 2274 to No. 2281 inclusive, be paid as per clerk's warrant register.

The Butcher's Bond of Cam Dow, of Hope, New Mexico, is hereby approved by this Board.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

Attest:
C. W. BEEMAN, Chairman.
A. R. O'QUINN, County Clerk.
By E. M. KEARNEY, Deputy.

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TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 27.—Officers of the Taxpayers' Association of New Mexico announced today that the first number of "The New Mexico Tax Review", the association's monthly magazine, or bulletin, will be ready for distribution on February 1st, right on time. The magazine, designed mainly as a regular medium for informing members of the association of work being done by its officers, also will carry a regular allotment of space devoted to educational and informational matter relative to taxation and public finance and administration. The publication promises to be of considerable more than the interest usually found in a magazine with a purpose. It will not be issued for profit, will be sent free to members of the association and to non-members at the cost of the minimum membership fee, or \$1.50 for taxpayers who pay annually \$200 or less in taxes.

The table of contents of the initial number, given out today by Director A. E. James, gives a general idea of the character of the magazine and the field it will cover, and includes: "A review of the 1915 Tax Levies", by Mr. James; also his article on "School Costs in New Mexico", a brief summary of which was made public last week. In this issue, also Mr. James will introduce a series of educational articles on theory, history and practice of taxation, designed to run over a period of a year or more; the opening article being under the title, "Civilization and Taxation".

Other articles include: "An Introductory Statement", by Herbert J. Hagerman, president of the Taxpayer's Association of New Mexico.

"Work of the New Mexico State Tax Commission", by Herbert W. Clark of Las Vegas.

"Taxation Problems Before New Mexico", by Governor William C. McDonald.

"New Mexico's New Tax Laws", by H. O. Bursum, of Socorro county.

"Work of the National Tax Association", by T. S. Adams, of Washington, D. C., Secretary of the Association.

"Public Indebtedness", by L. G. Powers, of Washington, D. C., the famous taxation statistician.

The first number will contain a complete list of members of the Taxpayer's Association and an outline of its working plans for the coming year. The association will not seek subscribers for the magazine. It is designated principally for members, who receive it free; but its purpose is largely educational and those who wish it, but who do not care to join the association, should address the Organization office, Box 601, Albuquerque; or Director A. E. James, at Santa Fe.

BILL PASSES FOR HOMESTEADS OF 640-ACRE TRACTS.

Senate is Expected to Add Its Indorsement of Measure; Lands of Seventeen States Are Involved.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Ferris bill to create a system of 640-acre stock raising homesteads on arid, semi-arid and mountainous lands in seventeen states, was passed late today by the house. All three of the administration conservation measures providing for water, power development, mineral leasing and larger stock raising homesteads now await the action of the senate.

The senate public lands committee already has reported an identical homestead bill and is expected to bring out soon a bill identical with the house measure for water power development. So far the bill of leasing mineral lands has not made any progress in the senate.

The new homestead bill provides that the lands affected cannot be entered until they are designated as subject to entry by the secretary of the interior, but applicants for homesteads are given preferential rights until the lands are so designated. The government reserves all mineral rights on the homesteads.

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CHAPTER XXI.

"Lahoma of Oklahoma."

WILLOCK waited in patience till Bill Atkins had exhausted himself. "I ain't saying nothing," he explained to Wilfred, "because he ain't pious to reason and it does him good to get that out of his system."

"Let me make a suggestion," exclaimed Wilfred suddenly.

Willock looked at him suspiciously. "If it ain't counter to my plans—"

"It isn't. It's this: Suppose we drop the subject till tomorrow. It won't hurt any of us to sleep on it, and I know I'd enjoy another night with you, as in the old days."

"I'm willing to sleep on it out of friendship," Willock conceded unwillingly. "Though I'd rest easier on a bed in the jail. There never was no bird more crazy to get into a cage than I am to be shut up. But as to the old days, they ain't none left. Them depts is in the dugout; they're in the cabin I built for Lahoma; they think they own our cave. Well, they're no place left for me. Life wouldn't be nothing crawling and slinking up here in the rocks. Life wouldn't be nothing to me without Lahoma. I'd give a pretty chance for happiness now wouldn't I, sitting up some where with Bill Atkins? I ain't saying I mightn't get out of this country and find a safe spot where I could live free and disposed with an old renegade like him that nobody ain't after and ain't a-caring whether he's above ground or in kingdom come. But I couldn't be with Lahoma. I'm under ban."

"If you were on my farm near Oklahoma City," Wilfred suggested, "and Lahoma and I lived in the city you could often see her. I'd tell you nobody'd molest you, nobody'd know you. That's what I've been planning. You could look after the farm, and Bill could go back and forth. As soon as the news comes that Red Feather killed Gled were it'll be taken for granted that he killed Red Kimball and attacked the stage. You'll be cleared of all that and nobody will want you arrested."

Willock rose. "Are we going to sleep on this or shall I answer you now?" he demanded fixedly.

Wilfred hastily asked for time. They passed the night in the mountain top. But Willock had spoken true—there were no old days. The one subject forbidden was the only subject in their minds. All attempts at reminiscence, at irrelevant anecdotes, were mere pretense. The fact that Wilfred and Lahoma were now married seemed as if they were years and years in the past.

The next morning they had breakfast in the gray dawn and departed for the town. Brick Willock was determined to yield himself to the power of the law. Lahoma had gone out of his life, and he cared little as to what happened to him.

In oppressive silence they skirted Turtle Hill and emerged from the horizon, finding in a sheltered nook the three ponies that Wilfred had provided at nightfall. He had hoped to the last that Willock could be prevailed on to alter his decision, and even while riding away toward Mangum he argued and coaxed. But it was in vain, and as they clattered up to the hotel veranda Willock was searching the crowd for a glimpse of the sheriff.

The street was unusually full for that time of night. Some topic of engaging interest seemed to engage all minds until Willock's figure was recognized; then, indeed, he held the center of attention. Men gathered eagerly, curiously, but without the hostility they would have displayed had not a message regarding Red Feather reached the town. Brick was still an outlaw, to be sure, but whatever crimes he had committed were unknown, hence unable to react on the imagination. The surviving friend of Red Kimball, giving up his efforts against Willock on the liberation of Bill, had left the country, harmless without his leader.

Conversation which had been loud and excited, eager calls from street corners that had punctuated the many tangled arguments and exposition, died down to silence. There was a forward movement of the men, not a rush, but a visionary swirl of the human tide pushing toward the steps of the hotel. The two policemen hurried side-ward. Lahoma and Willock stepped upon the unpainted floor of the veranda, and

Wilfred had sprung lightly to the floor. "I'll just keep on my horse," muttered Bill, resting one leg stiffly over the pommel. "I can't get up as I used to, and I expect to stay with ya, Brick, to the jail door."

Willock did not turn his shaggy head to answer. He had seen the sheriff at the other end of the piazza, and he made straight for him, not even descending to a grin when the other, mistaking his intentions, whipped out his revolver.

"Put it up, pard," Brick said gruffly. "When you come to me in the cave a few years ago I give you a warm welcome, but now I ain't a-come to you, I'm a-come to the law. Where's that there warrant?"

The crowd that had been listening to the sheriff's discourse before the arrival of the highwayman scattered at sight of the drawn weapon, all except Lahoma.

"Brick!" she cried. "Oh, Brick, Brick!"

There was something in her voice he could not understand, but he dared not turn to examine her face. He could not trust himself if he once looked at her.

"Get out your warrant," he cried savagely, "and get it out quick if you want me!" His great breast heaved with the conflict of powerful emotions. "I'm sure sorry to see you, old man," Mizoo declared. "We know Red Feather done what we was charging up against you, but I guess there's no other course open to me. As my aunt used to say (Miss Sue of Missouri) 'I got a duty—do it I must.' He thrust his hairy hand into his bosom and drew forth the fateful paper.

Lahoma laughed. "Read it, Mizoo; read it aloud—read all of it!" she cried gleefully.

Wilfred looked at her, bewildered. The crowd stared also, knowing her love for Brick, therefore dazed at the sound of mirthful music. Brick turned his head at last. He looked also, not reproachfully, but with a question to his hard, stern eyes.

Mizoo turned red. "Well, yes, I'll read it," he said defiantly. "Sure! I guess as sheriff of Greer county I'll make shift to get through with it alive."

He began to read slowly, doggedly. Brick, without movement save for the heaving of his bosom, facing him with a mingling on his face of supreme defiance for the reader and superstitious awe for the legal instrument.

"That's all," Mizoo at last announced. "You'll have to come with me, Willock."

"Hold on!" came voices from the crowd. During the reading they had been watching Lahoma, and her expression promised more than fruitless laughter. "Hold on, Mizoo! Lahoma's got something up her sleeve!"

Lahoma spoke clearly, that her voice might carry to the confines of the crowd. "Mizoo, I think you read in that warrant 'bonds of Greer state of Texas?' Didn't you?"

"That's what I done. Here's the words."

"But, you see," returned Lahoma, "that warrant's no good!"

Mizoo stared at her, bewildered. He explained, voice low, to confuse the comprehension of his purpose.

The crowd instantly caught her meaning; a shout rose, shrill, tumultuous, broken with laughter. She had reminded them of the subject which a short time ago had engaged all minds.

"It's no good," cried Lahoma triumphantly. She took it from Mizoo's lax fingers and deliberately tore it from top to bottom.

"I guess I'm something old, sure enough," said Bill. "This is beyond me."

Wilfred looked at Lahoma questioningly. Brick, stupefied by violence done that sacred instrument of civilization, stood rooted to the spot.

Mizoo was grinning now. "You see," he explained, "word come today that the supreme court has at last turned in its decision. Prairie Dog Fork is now Red River, and Red River is only the North Fork of Red River—and that means that Greer county don't belong to Texas and never did belong to her, but is a part of Oklahoma."

"And you'll never have an Oklahoma writ served on you," cried Lahoma. "Not while I'm living! And you'll go with us to our farm and live with us, you and Bill and—"

Lahoma had expected to be very calm and logical, for she knew she had all the advantage on her side. But when she saw the change in Brick's eyes she forgot her rights; she forgot all that watching crowd; she forgot even Wilfred, and with a spring she was in Brick's arms, sobbing for joy.

He tried to say something about her Boston kin, but he could not express the thought coherently, for, giant as he was, he was sobbing too.

"If there's ever a meeting," she said between tears and laughter, "the east will have to come to the west."

"Those Boston folks," cried Bill, with a sudden upheaval of unwonted humor, "can simply go to—beans! I'm a-getting down," he added, cautiously lowering himself from his pony. "I guess I'm in this too."

"You're in it," growled Brick, "but you're on the outside. Don't come no nearer." He stroked the head that rested on his breast, his great hand moving with exceeding gentleness. He gazed over her brows glory at the sympathetic crowd.

"Follows," he cried, "just look what I've raised!"

"Boys," exclaimed Mizoo, "what do you say? Let's give them others for Lahoma!"

Wilfred's voice cut across the last word, grand and happy. "Make it Lahoma of Oklahoma!"

J. O. RICHARDS FOR ASSESSOR.

Artesia, N. M., Jan. 26, 1916.
To the Editor, The Carlsbad Current,
Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:
Last week I announced my candidacy for Assessor for Eddy county, New Mexico, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries to be held in this county.

I wish now to make a statement regarding my said announcement.

My friends have insisted upon my running for this office and believing that I can equitably and fairly discharge the duties thereof, I have consented to run and have accordingly announced my said intention in the papers of this county.

I believe that the question of taxation is the most important question concerning the welfare and prosperity of our people. An equitable and just rendition and assessment of all property is necessary to the end that all may be fairly treated and no enemies punished or friends rewarded.

If I am elected I will enter the office of the county assessor with a firm determination to treat everyone fairly and not over tax any one for a show and then rebate, by court decree, their said taxes.

I have given this matter careful and earnest thought and entered this campaign fully realizing the people's needs. But I believe the people should know something of me. Therefore, a brief history of my career may not be out of place.

I was born in San Saba county, Texas, in 1874, where I resided until I moved to Eddy county, New Mexico, county which borders on Mexico a telegram, saying:

seventeen years ago. I was educated in the public schools of San Saba county and married Miss Lela Gage, the daughter of the Reverend J. C. Gage, at Roswell, February 26th, 1902.

I have two children and all of us reside at Artesia.

During my residence in Eddy county, I have lived at Hope and Artesia, but in the latter place for the last eleven years, where I have been engaged in the blacksmithing business and which business I am now engaged in.

So much for the personal side of my career, except that I have always been a loyal Democrat supporting the nominees of the party.

I have been and am now giving the question of taxation careful study and will from time to time furnish the people, through the press, with my views regarding the same.

Any one is at liberty to address me communications, either directly or through the papers, and I will take pleasure in answering the same.

I want to thank you, in advance, for giving this letter space in your valuable paper, and say I am sending a free letter to the other papers of this county in which I have announced my candidacy.

Very truly yours,
J. O. RICHARDS,
Democratic candidate for assessor of
Eddy county, New Mexico.

MISSOURI ADVERTISER
PUTS PAPERS TO TEST.

Some time ago the papers at Bonne Terre, Mo., carried a page advertisement for a local firm that was certainly a novel one, and one that other publishers might well copy—especially those having a competitive paper in their town, yet feeling sure their own paper gives greatest value to the advertiser.

The paper used by the publishers mentioned was gotten up by an advertiser who was determined to ascertain what paper paid best as an advertising medium, and he had worked out a plan that certainly gave him this information in a form that could not be disputed. It was an entire page of coupons—48 in all, each one advertising a certain article and the coupon in which each article was advertised was worth a certain sum toward the purchase of that article.

For instance one of the coupons read: "This coupon is worth \$2.65 in cash. With it you can buy this week a \$15 brass bed for \$12.65." Another: "This coupon is worth 2c in cash. With it you can buy this week 10c dress gingham for 8c per yard," and so on throughout the entire forty-eight coupons, each of which was made by use of brass rule. At the head of the page the advertiser had stated, positively, that the coupons must be clipped, brought to the store, and turned in at their face value when any one of the advertised articles was purchased.

Every coupon carried, down in the lower right-hand corner, an initial indicating the paper it had carried in the Star had an "S" in the corners mentioned, and those in the other papers carried a letter that would show the advertiser from what paper the customer had clipped his coupons. After the sale, it was very easy for the advertiser to sort the coupons and give each paper the credit due it for the returns it had brought.

Promoted from 5A to 6B: Elizabeth Albritton, Stanley Blocker, Thelma Beckett, Roy Cox, Edward Crocie, Francis Etter, Goldie Grubaugh, Glenwood Jackson, Elsie Kircher, Nine Thirty Lovejoy, Virgil McCollum, Velma Pipkin, Christine Peterson, Ethel Pipkin, John Lewis, Paul Redmon, John Rackley, Mitchell Stetson, George Thomas, Martha Williams, Christine Walterscheid, Ruth Wersell.

Promoted from 6B to 6A: William Wheeler, William Redmon, Catherine Purdy, Barney Jenkins, Beulah Nixon, Viola Simpson, Lois Little, Vern Winzenread, Diberrell Pate, Claude Brown, Dudley Usery, Donald Dudley, Wilfrid Brockman, Ruth Farrell, Leola Robinson, Ned White, Mildred Hall, Helene Moritz.

Promoted from 6A to 7B: August Boeglin, Clemmie Mae Chilcoat, Connis Mae Chilcoat, Isora Pus, Clyde Duncan.

The classes in the seventh and eighth grades were divided each into an A and B division to give better facilities for instruction and to reduce the size of the classes in these grades which had become too large for best results in instruction. One new teacher has been employed to meet the needs of these two grades and the prospects for the second semester are most encouraging. By the plan as now being worked out, students who fail in his or her grade at the end of a year, need only to lose one semester's work instead of being held back a whole year as was the case before these classes were divided. In the high school, most of the subjects began at the beginning of the year were whole year subjects, consequently no promotions will take place until at the end of the school year.

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PUPILS PROMOTED.

List of promotions for the Carlsbad schools at the beginning of the second semester, January 17, 1916:

Pupils entering the first grade: Wayne Beckett, Harvey Cobb, Leola Crawford, Clarence Cooper, Leland Reeve, Marguerite Pickens, James Schultz, Robert Hunsick, Allen Jordan, Horace Tomlinson, Evelyn Pitchford, Gladys Seavey.

Pupils promoted from 1st A to 2B: Vernon Acree, Bernice Adkins, Mary E. Bartlett, Pauline Campbell, Helen Clark, Lyndall Cudd, Harold Dickson, Delbert Hubbard, Tom Kindel, Florence Mitchell, Hirschel McCullough, Katie Pope, John Roberts, Bessie Shannon, Vera Sizemore, Joe Srone, Lola Taylor, Garrett Thomas, Bernice White, Hart Wright.

Pupils promoted from 1B to 1A: Leola Crawford, Lena Dickson, Dorothy Dillard, Josephine Fealer, Dorothy Flaherty, Cecile Gordon, Irma Linn Grantham, Edith Herring, Ruth Hoose, Mariel Hutchings, Dorothy Merchant, Lucile Morris, Alma Nixon, Louise Oliver, Marguerite Pickens, Gertrude Slesse, Agnes Thorne, Louise Weldon, Robert Bell, Elmer Brockman, Dick Campbell, Harvey Cobb, Wallace Duke, Glenn Hamblen, Francis Horne, Douglas Jones, Leland Reeve, Preston Robb, Richard Sands, George Williams, Herbert Ziegler, Paul Barkley, Ledger Beckett, Charles Butcher, John Zimmerman, Billie Zimmerman.

Pupils promoted from grade 2B to 2A: Edna Calvani, Mattie Cobb, Jim Craft, John Crozier, Douglas Duncan, Evelyn Farrell, Brantley Hamblin, Clifford Hiler, Jasper Jones, Lillian Kirkpatrick, Newton Lamb, Wardie Leck, Gertrude Larton, Crvest Ohnemus, Inez Pipkin, William Polk, Wesley Puc, Alice Quirey, Max Rackley, Hersall Simpson, Luch Slesse, Jean Smith, Barbara Smith, Frankie Stetson, Ardle Mae Stokes, Joe Toffelmire, Carlos Tomlinson, Jove Weaver, Fred Weldon, Christine Ziegler.

Pupils promoted from 2A to 3B: Wilfred Atkins, Lucile Bell, Opal Birntrough, Sibyl Campbell, Julia Clark, Kenneth Davis, Katherine Dean, Virginia Dudley, Frances Jay Foster, Hazel Hamilton, Ira Kluths, David Knott, Kate Love, Daisy Mitchell, Louise Moore, Aileen Reeve, Florence Seavey, Mary Simpson, Harvey Shannon, Marjorie Snow, W. C. Stevenson, William Stone, Otto Warren, Wesley Wheeler.

Pupils promoted from 3B to 3A: Myrtle Adkins, Callie Bartlett, Noel Besing, Gladys Carder, William Dean, Fern Foote, Eddie Harrison, Marian Hoose, Ruby Huts, Caroline Kircher, Sam Love, Wathan McCollum, Lawler Nelson, Thelma Nevinger, Fred Ohnemus, Preston Oliver, Robert Pond, Edith Roberts, Mildred Roscoe, Boyd Sizemore, Ivy Stetson, James Wallace, Paul Wersell, Mary Whitehead, Josephine Williams.

Pupils promoted from 3A to 4B: Boeglin, Nellie Chilcoat, Yula Crawford, Le Roy Crozier, John Eaker, Floyd Everett, Tat Farrell, Katherine Fealer, Laverna Hiler, Jay B. Luck, Virginia Mitchell, Randle Pipkin, Thomas Pope, William Ralph, Glen Shannon, Jenkins Stetson, Alice Walter, Inez Warren, Frances Weaver, Billy Weldon, Avanel Wright.

Pupils promoted from 4B to 4A: James Collins, Juanita Cudd, Mita Crawford, Mary Jane Dean, Carl Gordon, Lewis Gordon, Tom Farrell, Eunice Herring, Patsey Higgins, Willis Moore, William Mudgett, Mildred Rackley, Alta Simpson, Eva Thomas, Sue Usery, Wallace Vest, Gladys Summerfield, Robert Ohnemus, Velma Nixon, Evelyn McIntosh, Jasper Everett, Orville Bell, Fletcher Rascoe.

Pupils promoted from 4A to 5B: Sylvester Bell, Hazel Anderson, Grace Bearup, Bonnie Bell, Pearl Butcher, Walter Beach, Gerald Carder, Henrietta Dilley, Marian Fuller, Donna Harrison, Wilford Rohmer, Mary Thayer, Isabelle Smith, Wallace Thorne, Eugene Ward, Corinne Weldon, Mildred Ziegler, Leona Brockman, Harold Toffelmire, Noel Everett, Russell Crawford, Dorothy Dudley.

Pupils promoted from 5B to 5A: John Armstrong, Chester Burch, Mary Causey, Eleanore Flowers, Lyman Hyatt, Boon Kindel, F. E. Little, Ida Pearl Morris, Adele Ohnemus, Lucile Pond, Arthur Pus, Garry Steinbaugh, Millard Spurluck, Grace Whitehead, Zeta Willis.

Pupils promoted from 5A to 6B: Elizabeth Albritton, Stanley Blocker, Thelma Beckett, Roy Cox, Edward Crocie, Francis Etter, Goldie Grubaugh, Glenwood Jackson, Elsie Kircher, Nine Thirty Lovejoy, Virgil McCollum, Velma Pipkin, Christine Peterson, Ethel Pipkin, John Lewis, Paul Redmon, John Rackley, Mitchell Stetson, George Thomas, Martha Williams, Christine Walterscheid, Ruth Wersell.

Pupils promoted from 6B to 6A: William Wheeler, William Redmon, Catherine Purdy, Barney Jenkins, Beulah Nixon, Viola Simpson, Lois Little, Vern Winzenread, Diberrell Pate, Claude Brown, Dudley Usery, Donald Dudley, Wilfrid Brockman, Ruth Farrell, Leola Robinson, Ned White, Mildred Hall, Helene Moritz.

Pupils promoted from 6A to 7B: August Boeglin, Clemmie Mae Chilcoat, Connis Mae Chilcoat, Isora Pus, Clyde Duncan.

The classes in the seventh and eighth grades were divided each into an A and B division to give better facilities for instruction and to reduce the size of the classes in these grades which had become too large for best results in instruction. One new teacher has been employed to meet the needs of these two grades and the prospects for the second semester are most encouraging. By the plan as now being worked out, students who fail in his or her grade at the end of a year, need only to lose one semester's work instead of being held back a whole year as was the case before these classes were divided. In the high school, most of the subjects began at the beginning of the year were whole year subjects, consequently no promotions will take place until at the end of the school year.

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Albuquerque, New Mexico
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STOCKMEN'S LOAN COMPANY.

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 26.—At one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of the kind ever held in New Mexico, the Stockmen's Guaranty Loan company perfected its organization and announced the company ready for business, at a meeting of the stockholders held in the company's building here on Saturday and attended by prominent stock growers from almost every county in the state. Leading stockmen all over New Mexico have become interested in the new company and more than \$350,000 of its authorized capital stock of \$500,000 was represented at the organization meeting. W. C. Oestreich, head of the organizing forces, was unanimously elected president, and in fact every action of both stockholders and directors, was a unanimous one.

In announcing the result of the stockholders' meeting, it was stated that the meeting marked the close of the company's stock selling operations. No more treasury stock will be sold and the stock books were ordered closed. This means that organization of one of the most important co-operative associations of stockmen over perfected in the west is complete and the concern ready for business.

In addition to Mr. Oestreich, the following officers were chosen: First vice president, E. T. Chase, Albuquerque; second vice president, C. W. Walker, Roswell; third vice president, J. C. Neafus, Las Vegas; secretary and treasurer, N. M. Bryant, Albuquerque.

Following is the first board of directors: W. L. Batson, Endee; C. W. Walker, Roswell; G. T. Littlefield, Ken na; Hugh Anderson, Willard; G. Z. Finley, Carrizozo; W. J. Wamel, Deming; August Kihne, Reserve; F. W. Nations, Ima; J. O. Neafus, Las Vegas; W. C. Oestreich, N. M. Bryant, E. T. Chase, V. P. Harrington, Pedro Arrese and L. J. Oestreich, Albuquerque.

The following, including stock growers from almost every county in New Mexico, were elected as an advisory council to the board of directors, whose aid will be enlisted in the company's operations in their respective districts:

John C. Ealy, Puerto; Malecio Apodaca, San Antonio; Perry C. Brite, Las Vegas; C. M. Bruton, Duncan, Arizona; A. W. Colbaugh, Corona; J. N. Childers, Thoreau; Frank G. Casados, Clayton; Henry Cady, Dunden; J. V. Causey, Albuquerque; M. U. Finley, Roswell; Charles W. Fairweather, Lovington; S. M. Fambrough, Ancho; G. T. George, Maxwell; C. B. Gonzales, Clap ham; A. T. Hyatt, Deming; George Lutz, Ranger Lake; Willie Elgin, Estancia; A. A. Sedillo, Albuquerque; Julius Meyers, Lucia; V. A. Lyles, Ft. Sumner; Geo. O. Owsley, Magdalena; M. E. Sewalt, Lovington; Eugenio Perez, Encino; Chas. A. Miller, Knowles.

The main purpose of the new company, that of securing money in eastern financial centers on favorable terms for stockmen of New Mexico, will be realized immediately, it is announced; plans for going ahead with its operations having been perfected by the company's organizing heads for some time past.

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

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The famous turkey case from Artesia wherein the state was prosecuting McKinney and Mann, of Artesia, charged with larceny of sixty-one turkeys, is a fair sample of the bungling sometimes that sets thieves loose upon an innocent and unsuspecting public. It seems the turkeys were quite small when stolen and as a matter of course their value entered into the case to quite an extent as the law provides if the amount stolen is not over \$20.00 the crime is defined as petty larceny and punishable by jail sentence or fine. If the amount is over \$20, then the crime is punishable by a pen sentence and is defined as a felony. In this case it was proved that the turkeys were stolen when small and the aggregate sum of their worth was contended to be less than \$20.00 which was left to the jury, which under its instructions from the court could not find for a felony after deciding that the young turkeys of only a couple of months were not worth an amount large enough to make the theft constitute a felony. The lesson, however, was a dear one for the thieves, who, if the people of Artesia know, will watch and make the next affair more costly. In this case the members of the jury were convinced the turkeys were stolen.

The announcement of L. G. Ryan for county commissioner in district No. 3 came in too late to give Mr. Ryan a write-up but his full pedigree will be given next week without reserve. Watch for it.

M. C. STEWART.

Miles Cleo Stewart, the present sheriff of Eddy county, as will be seen announces this week for re-election to the office he has so ably filled for several years and his many friends all over the county will be glad to learn that he has decided to again announce for the office. There are few men in this, or any other, state who can point to a record of efficiency to compare with that of C. Stewart; few who have made less mistakes in the conduct of the office, which is probably the most important to the average tax paying citizen of any in the county. The name of Stewart has been a terror to the thieves and a reliance of the honest citizen for years and even among those who are not personal friends it is conceded that as an executive officer he has no superior and few equals. On account of the amendment to the constitution repealing the clause that prohibited a county official from succeeding himself all county officers may be elected again after having served two terms and until after they have been out a term.

B. A. NYMEYER.

B. A. Nymeyer, whose announcement appears elsewhere for the office of surveyor of Eddy county, is, no doubt, the oldest surveyor in New Mexico of continuous residence in the state. He has been a surveyor in what is now Eddy county since 1885, long years before there was an Eddy county. He planted the stakes on every section of surveyed land in this county for the government of the United States long years before men were born who look aged today. Mr. Nymeyer surveyed what is now the town of Carlsbad for C. B. Eddy in 1888 and he surveyed nearly all the other towns of the county. As for competency, one has only to go to the records of the government to find that his work has been approved by government engineers for work in his line all over the state. He has held the office of surveyor ever since we can remember and was beaten only once and that was by Joe Cunningham when Joe slipped one over B. A. by announcing a few days before the primaries that B. A. was away and not thinking of any one running against him. The voters seemed to think B. A. allowed he had the office by inheritance but he has been more cautious since.

Roy DeWitt, who is a cousin of Will and Sam Campbell and Mesdames Killgore and Frank and Wm. Jones, is here on a visit. Mr. DeWitt spent the past few months at Cutter, this state, the guest of George Curry. He reports he ex-governor as being in good health and conducting one of the most pleasant resorts in the state. His place is near the Elephant Butte dam and consists of a first class hotel which is patronized by hundreds of tourists who are loath to leave once they encounter the governor in his natural element, that of a high class host to a class of customers such as the average auto tourist. George sent his best regards to all his Carlsbad friends, who will rejoice to know that he is well and doing well.

MR. ELY.

Santa Fe New Mexican.
Chairman Ralph C. Ely, of the state Republican central committee, in a letter to various Republicans in various parts of the state, asks for information about the general Republican sentiment. From portions of his letter, published yesterday, it may easily be inferred that Mr. Ely, among other things, would like to get a line on how his own candidacy for the governorship would strike the rank and file of the Republicans. It is possible that the idea might

SAYS PEOPLE ALONG BORDER ARE OPPOSED TO HASTY ACTION IN MEXICO; UPHOLD PRESIDENT.

People along the border are not clamoring for hasty action in the present Mexican troubles, according to the First Assistant Secretary Jones of the Department of the Interior, who today issued the following statement concerning the feeling of the people there:
"The people of New Mexico, as well as all Americans, deeply deplore the recent crime committed in old Mexico against American citizens. They do not in any degree feel that there is any justification for those outrages or that there should be any mitigation in the punishment to be meted out to the offenders. Yet even in that border state I am convinced there is no general demand that our government should rush headlong into Mexican affairs. This is no time for a stampede."

"A strong arm moves slowly but effectively. Important action such as intervention should not be taken until after full information is obtained, and not then unless it be found that there is no other means for securing adequate reparation. I believe these sentiments are almost universally entertained by the people of New Mexico. Only this morning I received from one of the most prominent citizens of a 'Irrespective of what sensationalists may say, my observation leads me to the belief that here along the border, where people have in a way a better opportunity to understand things, the administration's handling of Mexican matters has heretofore met with real approval, and, therefore, in present emergency whatever action may finally be taken should be determined upon only after the same kind of mature deliberation heretofore exercised.'"

From the above it would seem that there is but little opposition to the plan of allowing the Mexicans to kill all who go over in that country to attend to their affairs. The National Stockmen's convention, now in session in El Paso, composed of the leading minds of the border states, have expressed a different sentiment. It has been the contention of this paper all along that it would not cost a cent or scarcely the life of a soldier to police Mexico and that ninety per cent of the people would welcome the protection of the United States from the bandits of the Carranza-Villa type. The large share of the people want protection and would pay the bill for it without a murmur. Carranza will be fighting bandits for as long as he lives and it is probable he will be defeated by Zapata before sixty days. It is to be hoped that the people of the East may learn the actual conditions in Mexico some day. It is not necessary to make a war of conquest, or for that matter, any other kind of a war to pacify Mexico in the same manner Haiti was recently quieted down. What is good for Haiti will do for Mexico. Even Cuba must be treated to a little discipline once and awhile. Is it not better to take to Mexico in the same manner?

be received with favor by a good many of the rank and file. It is, however, hardly likely that Mr. Ely will be nominated by the Republican convention for governor. It isn't the rank and file who do these things. Mr. Ely is something else again from the men who are running the Republican party in this state. His nomination would mean a new deal in the party; and it is unnecessary to state that the present kind of a deal is vastly satisfactory to the G. O. P. general managers. Mr. Ely is entirely too advanced in his ideas as to education, development, political methods and so forth to be considered safe and sane. Mr. Ely isn't going to be nominated.

In which case, if we were Mr. Ely, we should conclude that it was time for a well organized effort to do a little house cleaning with the Republican party; either with a vacuum cleaner from the inside or with a fire hose from the outside. We don't know what his plans are; but we have a hunch he has a deep conviction that his brand of Republicanism is just as good or better than that of Mr. Bursum, Mr. Springer, Mr. Spiess, Mr. Romero and others. If that conviction is strong enough there is a possibility that Mr. Ely may prove a most useful agent in remodeling the political situation in this state.

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GOOD ROADS SOMETIME.

Good Roads Committee, of Carlsbad Commercial Club, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

The following letter has been received from District Forester, Arthur C. Ringland, in reference to proposed road improvements in the Guadalupe Forest:

"I am glad to inform you that the State Highway Commission, through Mr. French, the State Engineer, has drafted a bill to permit the development of a comprehensive road plan in the National Forests of this State. In brief this bill provides that for a period of ten years, 50 per cent of the National Forest receipts shall constitute a fund for road construction and that funds so created shall be liquidated through the annual 10 per cent fund now given the Service for road building, and 1-5 of the 25 per cent fund now given to the State for roads and schools."

"It is estimated that these provisions will give a fund of \$1,000,000.00 to draw upon for road work during the next ten years, and that the indebtedness will be liquidated in thirty years."

The bill also sets forth the most important roads which it is proposed to build, and I am glad to tell you that one of the projects mentioned is the Queen project.

"Very sincerely yours,
ARTHUR C. RINGLAND,
District Forester."

BE A STUDENT.

President David Ross Boyd, of the University of New Mexico was in Washington, D. C., on New Year's day, attending the Pan American Scientific congress. He sent a message of greeting to the University students which was read at an assembly and which carried a message which perhaps has value to many of us who have done our school days and have entered into the sterner school of every day life. He said:

"Get all the education from the life of each of the 365 days you possibly can. Strain every nerve, endure all poverty and even suffer, if it be a condition of securing the best possible training for meeting the great problems of the coming years in which you will be privileged to live. Take time, work, save and spend your savings in getting this schooling—go on through college, if you can, not for a special calling, but for any calling that undoubtedly will be addressed to you. Count no hour or year wasted that is spent in helping you to get possession of yourself and your faculties. Deeply realize that what you will need to win success in any kind of work is a trained mind—the ability to think quickly, steadily, accurately and broadly."

"With all this your life will be inadequate and incomplete, even disastrous, unless you with alertness attend to the things of the spirit—grow in love of truth, peace, temperance, home, neighbor—in love of your country and thus to the love of God."

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

The office of markets of the United States department of agriculture reports \$2,500 market associations, 2,700 co-operative and farmers elevators, 2,500 co-operative and farmers creameries and more than 1,000 co-operative fruit and produce associations in this country. It is estimated that more than a billion dollars worth of agricultural products is sold in this way every year. Cooperation is on the increase every year, according to the report, and has given better results to both the producer and the consumer than private handling has. Farmers have been encouraged to improve the quality and standardize the packing of their products. The discovery of the best daily market has been advantageous to both the farmer and his city customer.

CURRENTS AND GOOSEBERRIES

Period of Year in Which They Should Be Pruned.

Both of these fruits have stood with out injury the extremes of low temperature and drying winds which prevail in the northern great plains region. These fruits therefore need no protection against the cold or wind of winter. Sometimes, however, in regions having a heavy snowfall branches of the currant are broken down by the weight of snow and sleet. This danger may be easily avoided by drawing the branches together and tying them with coarse string. The tying may be done at any time after the leaves fall, but it is better to do this about the time the ground begins to freeze.

This period between the falling of the leaves in autumn and the starting of growth in spring is the season in which currants and gooseberries are pruned. The ideal currant bush at which the pruner should aim has six to eight main branches, while the gooseberry has eight to twelve. None of these branches should be over three years old. Two or three of the main branches of the currant and three to four main branches of the gooseberry should be removed each season, the older branches being cut out and a like number of the most vigorous canes of the currant season's growth left to take their place. All other young canes and all canes bent to or near the ground should also be removed. If this system is followed each year after the bushes reach the age of three years pruning will be relatively simple and the plantation kept in good condition.

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.

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.

M. C. Stewart requests the Current to present his name to the electors of Eddy county as a candidate for sheriff subject to the will of the democratic voters at the primaries.

COUNTY CLERK.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk of Eddy county, subject to the will of the democracy expressed at the primaries. I wish to thank all my friends for their support in the past and hope to merit a continuance of same.

A. R. O'QUINN.

ASSESSOR.

The Current is authorized to present the name of W. C. Howard as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Eddy county, subject to the decision of the democrats at the coming primaries to nominate county officials.

The Carlsbad Current: You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for assessor of Eddy county, subject to the democratic primaries.

ROY S. WALLER.

I hereby announce as a candidate for Assessor of Eddy county, subject to the Democratic primaries.

J. O. RICHARDS.

SUPERINTENDENT.

I desire to present my name through the Current as a candidate for the office of county school superintendent, subject to the action of the voters at the democratic primaries.

W. A. POORE.

SURVEYOR.

I hereby announce for the office of county surveyor subject to the action of the democratic county primaries.

JOHN W. LEWIS.

I hereby announce as a candidate for surveyor of Eddy county, subject to the democratic primaries.

B. A. NYMEYER.

TREASURER.

The Current is authorized by Mr. J. D. Walker to present his name to the voters at the coming Democratic primaries as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer subject to their decision and votes therein.

PROBATE JUDGE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of probate judge of Eddy County, subject to the democratic primaries.

W. B. ROBINSON.

Whit Wright authorizes the Current to present his name to the voters of Eddy county as a candidate for county treasurer subject to the democratic primaries.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

The Current is hereby authorized to publish my announcement for the office of county commissioner from the second district, subject to the decision of the voters at the Democratic primaries of Eddy county.

C. E. MANN.

We are authorized to announce the name of Scott Etter, of Carlsbad, as a candidate for County Commissioner from District Number One, subject to the action of the democratic primaries of Eddy county.

I hereby announce my candidacy for election to the office of County Commissioner, district number one, Eddy county, New Mexico, subject to the coming Democratic primary.

L. A. SWIGART.

The Current is authorized to announce L. G. Ryan as a candidate for county commissioner from District No. 3, subject to the result of the democratic primaries.

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GEORGE O'CONNOR'S PLACE

THE HOME OF THE COW BOY

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.

Sunday, January 30, at the Methodist church:
Morning hour, the subject will be: "One Thing Thou Lackest".
So many questions have arisen concerning God and his relation to war that the pastor will preach a series of three sermons on "God and War", "God and Suffering" and "God and Punishment".
The first "God and War", Sunday January 30th, at 7:30 p. m.
You are invited.

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.

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.

At the Presbyterian church next day the morning sermon will be on the subject of "The Spiritual Sense". In the evening there will be the third number on "The Main Epochs of Life" and will deal particularly with "Lightening Ship".

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 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.

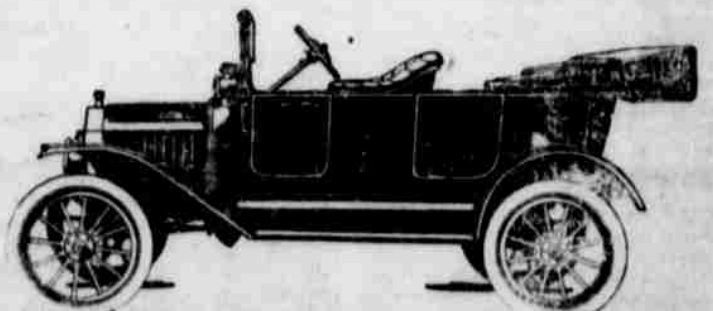
The week's interest with the Scout troop is drill, and the meeting will be held Saturday at two thirty in the afternoon. There is appeal for a full attendance with a view to allowing for the best practice. The drill will be conducted on the lawn of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Cleveland and daughter, Miss Cleveland, returned to their home in Malaga yesterday after spending the past four months in Chicago.

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CARLSBAD LOCAL ITEMS

Punk Ward was in town Saturday.

L. F. Snell, of Lovington, was here over Wednesday.

Julian Smith sold his Buick to Whit Wright this week.

A. W. Dallman was up from Lovington last Wednesday.

R. J. Burns, of Artesia, is here today as a witness at court.

P. S. Eaves, of Lovington, came in on the mail car yesterday.

Miles Stone was up from his ranch spending Saturday in town.

Mrs. T. O. Wyman and Mary Sue were up from Lovington Monday.

Florence Thayer has been very ill this week but is much improved today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. S. Smith, of Rocky, are ill with lagrippe this week.

Mrs. Frank Wesley and daughter, Alice, were visitors in the county seat Saturday.

Tom McKinney was in town from the Farrel ranch the early part of the week.

Bill Ward, the cowman from the foot of the mountains, was in Carlsbad Monday.

Mrs. Oscar Weaver, of Loving, was attending the white sale at Horne's last Saturday.

Gus Dean is hauling head maize to the Thayer ranch taking out the second load Monday.

Lell Brown and John Pollard were registered at the stockmen's headquarters this week.

Will McBryde and wife left Wednesday for a visit with D. D. Dumont and family in El Paso.

J. S. Eaves and C. L. Creighton returned to their home in Lovington yesterday in Sim's car.

J. S. Oliver went to Roswell yesterday to drive down a new Franklin for Captain C. D. Church.

S. C. Pruitt and family were in from their home on the Plains coming Tuesday and returned yesterday.

Tom Runyan and Henry Laman were in from Lakewood this week, shaking hands with friends.

Tom Pendleton and Oscar Thompson motored to Santa Fe last week and returned yesterday about noon.

Henry Besing is in from the Haskay ranch on Black river, spending a few days with his wife and boys.

Frank Ross purchased a new Ford roadster this week. Guess we will get the mail in a hurry now.

D. L. Martin, Hiram and Chas. Martin, also J. B. Randolph, all of Dayton, were in town this week.

T. Love is building a new house at the oil claim west of town and expects to move his family there.

Ben Wheeler is moving his family to the Ohnemus farm today where he will have charge of the farm work.

Miss Flora Smith from the point was a visitor in Carlsbad the first of the week, coming in the Tom Gray car.

J. S. Eaves, C. L. Creighton and L. F. Snell, of Lovington, came in Wednesday evening on a business trip.

Don't forget the charity ball tonight at the club rooms. The bunch orchestra will furnish the best of music.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston of Loving spent Wednesday in Carlsbad visiting their daughter and family Mrs. Claud Wright.

Messrs. Wilson and Tipton motored to Carlsbad Saturday. Mr. Wilson gave the Current office a very pleasant call.

Mrs. Vallye Owen leaves tomorrow for Clovis to spend a week or ten days with her brother, Johnnie Higgins and wife.

G. M. Cooke this week purchased a Saxon runabout and is accused of appropriating his wife's nice chicken coop for a garage.

A. M. Hove and son, William, have been quite ill with lagrippe this week. Mr. Hove is up and around now and William is some better.

Tom Harrison, son of the sheriff at Pecos was here over night this week enroute home for a visit. He has been employed at Clovis.

Mrs. Ed. Burleson came down on the mail car Friday from Queen to be here as a witness in court this week in the case of Hamilton vs. Burleson.

Miss Leona Glascock came in on the mail car Monday from Eunice to be with her sister, Mrs. Jim Baker, while the children were both very ill.

Messrs. Lige and Will Merchant were passengers to El Paso last Saturday morning to attend the annual meeting of the National Cattlemen.

Miss Elsie Wallis has for guests this week her sister, Miss Maloma Wallis and Hazel Flemming, of Lovington. They came up last Monday.

Dave McCollum came down from the Queen country last Monday suffering with his eye. He was struck across the eye some months ago by the end of a small limb while riding in the forest. The eye has looked red and swollen at times and he has had it looked after, but this time the pain was so severe as to cause high fever. He is here this week for treatment.

Mrs. J. E. Couch, who has been the guest of her brother and family, Dr. Bearup, spending the holidays here, has joined her husband in St. Petersburg, Florida, to spend the next few months there, going from here Monday morning. She expressed herself as being well pleased with Carlsbad and the climate.

This week, loading out Tuesday with supplies. He had his broad tired Studebaker and four good mules and said he was getting ready for spring work and to feed any thing that needed feeding.

H. R. Besing and wife are at the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Cantrell, at the Byrne place eleven miles southwest. They arrived last week from Amarillo and are here for Mrs. Besing's health, she having had lagrippe and has not recovered from its effects. She is very feeble and is taking treatment.

Tuesday afternoon the Public Utilities Company held their annual meeting, the following were elected as directors for the year: A. J. Muzzy, president; S. I. Roberts, secretary and treasurer; C. H. McLenathan; Clarence Bell; L. O. Fullen; W. T. Cook.

Mrs. H. I. Braden and Mrs. Emma Welpton are expected here from Roswell today with Margaret, who has been very ill this week from a weak heart. If Margaret improves, they will make this their home, if not, they may return to Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Acree were here Monday. Mrs. Acree's brother Will Cook, returned with her to the ranch to stay until his hand is well enough to go to work.

Mrs. John Acree came in from the ranch Wednesday to do some shopping.

The case of Francisco Alzugaray vs. Guadalupe Sheep Company, involving title to sheep, suit in replevin, was up before the court without a jury Monday and Tuesday. The judge has the case under advisement.

Grant, the little son of Mrs. Sallie Coleman, who was so badly burned, some time ago by slipping out of a chair, and both feet going into a pail of boiling water, is doing very well, but the little fellow cannot walk yet.

Mr. Spencer, who has been on Rocky for some time for his health, is not getting over the effects of his recent illness as fast as it was hoped he would.

Miss Edna Kuykendall is spending this week with Mrs. Acree at the ranch.

Bob Burns, who was down Monday from his ranch with his little race mare is talking of running for sheriff. If his many friends have their way, he will have his hat in the ring within a month. Bob is very popular and would make an ideal sheriff.

Joe James bought a five passenger Ford to use to go and come from the ranch. He went out to the ranch in the new car Wednesday.

Mrs. E. Hendricks and her mother, Mrs. Mary James, are up and around but have not been well enough to leave the house.

Joe Livingston is attending the National cattlemen's convention in El Paso this week, going Tuesday.

J. Gray, Jr., of El Paso, was in Carlsbad Wednesday.

S. N. Lee and Monroe Lee from the D ranch were here two or three days, the early part of the week.

R. W. Willard, from the state highway commission arrived yesterday and is busy today getting things ready to begin the survey of the new road between here and Lakewood. He will establish a camp, and it is thought now he will look over the old route and possibly survey both routes.

First class blacksmithing and wood work, the Ohnemus Shops—"Can Fix It."

Mrs. Bert Rawlins received a phone message yesterday that Mrs. John T. Garrett, of Lovington, had died in Midland on the 27th. Mrs. Garrett was operated on there in a hospital Monday. They will bury her in Lovington Saturday.

Mrs. T. O. Wyman and little daughter, Mary Sue, came up from Lovington last evening and are at the Carlsbad Springs hotel today. Mrs. Wyman is getting some dental work done today.

Miss Willie Harmon had her throat operated on yesterday at the Eddy County hospital. She is now at her home.

The English were defeated in Meopotamia.

The Austrians have taken Montenegro and from present indications will soon have Italy.

PROGRAM FOR HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Friday, February 4, at three p. m. Talk by Rev. Mr. Beatty. Vocal solo, Mrs. Dilley. The Credit System in the Home, Miss Smith.

The Three Kittens, play by pupils of the first and fourth grades. Kelly Vest, wife and son, Glen, from eighteen miles west of Silver City, are visiting relatives and friends in the valley, arriving Tuesday evening. They are spending this week with her sister and family, Mrs. Doc Vest. Kelly said the snow was 18 inches in Silver City and it was too cold to work, so they, like the swallows, were looking for a warmer climate. They will return within a month, Kelly having employment on a ranch.

E. M. Hall has not been so well since Christmas, having taken cold, but is feeling some better this week, and was out in town once more, ventured to walk down but was tired out and decided to ride back.

Mrs. Tom Pendleton and little daughter, Hazel Marie, are visiting Hazel's grandparents, Ed. Basa and wife, and aunts, in the Guadalupe mountains, while her dad makes a run by auto to Santa Fe.

Jack Horn, of Angeles, has been in town the last few days, coming up Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook, of Roswell were registered at the Bates hotel last night.

Don't fail to see the new Studebaker cars, the best value for the money ever offered in Carlsbad, at the Ohnemus Shops—"Can Fix It."

B. P. Williams and Dr. M. B. Culpepper both of Artesia were here yesterday the guests of the Bates hotel.

J. D. Atwood and J. B. Atkinson, of Artesia, were here Wednesday.

Wednesday at eleven a. m. Rev. E. J. Brab and wife were made happy by the arrival of a fine nine pound baby boy. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Friday night John O. McKeen did the jury a service that will not be soon forgotten by waking the Judge and reporting to him that the boys in the jury room were suffering from cold. The Judge got busy and ordered that the room be warmed up right now.

Mrs. Mabel Przybylowicz, who was in the St. Joe, Mo., hospital for the past few weeks, is with her parents, J. F. Hart and wife of Dark Canyon, wells, coming last Saturday. She is gaining strength rapidly.

Saturday night while turning out for a buggy, and team, belonging to Mr. McClelland, W. H. Laidlow managed in some way to upset his car, near the Riggs' residence on the road to Loving. Mr. Davis, the agent at Loving, was in the car with Mr. Laidlow. Neither were badly hurt, but sustained some bruises.

Chas. Slaughter returned to Noble, La., Tuesday where he went to look after his property. He expects to return to Carlsbad shortly.

Quince Leatherman and wife came in from the ranch Saturday. Mrs. Leatherman visited with Mrs. Green Osery, while Mr. Leatherman was busy shipping cattle. They returned to the ranch Tuesday.

Mrs. Jim Baker took her little girl, Jim, home from the Anderson sanitarium Saturday much improved. On reaching home she found the baby, Joe Lane, very sick with lagrippe and threatened pneumonia. They are all much improved today.

Mrs. Elsie A. Moore, who dresses and does any kind of fancy work returned to her homestead northwest of Artesia, this week, going Wednesday night.

Mrs. H. H. Harrison and daughter, Miss Zula, came up from Black river, Monday and were the guests of Mrs. Sam B. Smith, for a few days. Mrs. Harrison is a sister of Mrs. Smith.

H. I. Braden and wife were called to Roswell Monday night, little Margaret Welpton being very ill. Mr. Braden returned Tuesday night and Mrs. Braden expects to come down today and bring Margaret home with her, the child being some better.

For first class auto and machine work, stop at the Ohnemus Shops—"Can Fix It."

Chas. Grammer, who was here all of last week, attending court, was in a rush to get out of town Saturday before they should change their minds and hold him another week.

Mrs. Fred Nymeyer, who has been in Carlsbad with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leck, since October, for treatment, is doing so nicely she expects to return with Fred to the ranch today, to spend a month. She says she is much improved and has gained five pounds this week. Mrs. Marshall came in with Mr. Nymeyer to see her daughter who has been ill at the Eddy County Hospital.

If John W. Moore has renewed the acquaintance of any of his old friends since his arrival in Carlsbad, please let it be known—seems one wee bit of a girl keeps him busy at the Eddy County Hospital.

The G. S. T. Club will meet with Mary Lee Newton tomorrow afternoon. This will be the first meeting this year.

J. A. Hardy and wife are going to visit Granvil Hardy at the N. M. M. I. at Roswell over Sunday.

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Frank Moritz at the Ohnemus Shops has turned out several fine jobs of finished painting on cars for T. E. Williams, W. J. Barber, Wm. Jones, R. M. Thorne, C. N. Jones, E. T. Carter, C. C. Harbert, Dr. Bearup and others. The cars show for themselves the class of finishing Moritz does. The facts are the cars are impossible to tell from the real, shiny, new ones that are unloaded from the train every few days.

Elfege Baca was acquitted in El Paso Tuesday for the murder of Celestino Otero.

For up to date auto or carriage painting see Frank Moritz at the Ohnemus Shops. "Can Fix It."

Wednesday Mrs. Harry Christian and Mr. and Mrs. George Dusen were passengers south. Mrs. Christian will visit with her brother, Monroe Kerr, in Pecos, while Mr. and Mrs. Dusen will visit in Alpine with friends and relatives, they having lived there at one time.

Christian & Co. INSURANCE.

Saturday closed the season for the cotton gin it having ginned 219 bales of cotton. During the months the gin will be standing idle they will put all machinery in thorough repair. No cotton has been sold. All farmers are holding their cotton.

T. J. Reeves and wife moved in yesterday from Pearl and will make their home in Carlsbad.

Will McBride and wife left for El Paso Wednesday morning where the children are attending school. They are to be there for a few weeks visiting with them and Mrs. McBryde's mother, Mr. D. Dumont.

J. R. Yates, of Dayton was here yesterday and this forenoon.

C. C. Harbert came in from his ranch east of Roswell Sunday. He has been in town a week and is having his car looked over.

H. Brockman has rented the A. J. Hitchcock farm and moved his family to the place last week. This is a well equipped farm with a good house cistern, barn and orchard, and many other conveniences among other things several fine Holstein milk cows that are the best of the kind in the valley.

Dr. T. E. Presley, of the firm of Drs. Presley & Swearingin, specialist eye, ear nose and throat, will be in Carlsbad 8th to 12th and from 5 to 10 of each month, in the office with Dr. Lauer. 10ct-Dec17

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CHAPTER I.

The Dawning of a Tender Passion.

A COAL wagon, naturally choosing the main thoroughfare for its route, came down in front of an extra crowded car, and traffic was promptly knotted for three blocks. A shining big automobile, following on the tail, came so close behind that the glare of the street car's shining with unimpeded brightness on the occupants, a smiling red checked girl at the wheel, by her side a gray haired man with sinister lines running down his forehead from his down pointing nose in the tenuous a plaidly dress and modestly pretty black hair, and a smaller golden haired girl whose first of life, from her expression, would have been taken to be a schoolmate.

"Hello, Bert," called the girl at the wheel. "Can you uncrush yourself?" The rather large young man in the nearby sitting blue suit who had been jammed against the rail of the rear platform, had already begun to worm his way out of the ill humored throng on the street car.

"I'll try it," he laughed, "although I don't expect to have a button left." The crowd, its clothing still clammy from the recent rain, made way for him reluctantly, even though it needed the space he occupied, for the pompous looking, vandyked man in the car was Frank Marley, by all odds the most unpopular man in the city. He was the president of the street car company.

The young man in the neat blue suit, whose cheeks were flawlessly pink and whose luxuriant black mustache was curled in two amazingly perfect ringlets, picked his way daintily through the slush.

"Bert, this is the treat I promised you," said the girl at the wheel. "Miss Fern Burbank," he guessed, clasping the blond visitor's hand, and at the same time he gave his left hand commendingly to little Jessie Peters. "Welcome to our merry city."

"Thank you," smiled the golden haired young lady. "Of course this is handsome Bert Glider."

"Molly's been telling on me," he lightly answered as he took the folding seat just behind Mr. Marley, sitting sideways so that he could address the two girls in the tenuous and still on the close cut profile of Ethelva Marley, known to her intimates as Molly, for no better reason than that he was a handier name.

The lights in the car ahead suddenly went out, and a groan arose from the miserable passengers on that suffocating vehicle. A roughly breathed man, who had been cutting his elbow in the vestibule of gray whiskered little Henry Peters, reached the point of heroic defiance.

He cursed the street car company and demanded, "Why don't they put on more cars?"

Little Henry Peters, who admitted he was a stockholder, took the company's part.

The conductor crowded back through the slushy packed aisle and the complaining passengers to look hopefully at the street car, and little Henry Peters, who admitted he was a stockholder, took the company's part.

promptly, consulting his slip of paper. "He shifts everything before it gets to the big boy, and you don't need any introductions. The best plan is to go right to his office and give him the straight story."

"How about Marley?" "A bluff," returned Timbers contemptuously. "Because he's the president of the street car company, I think he invented electricity, and his noodle is swollen so that it cracks his scalp."

"You'd better lead me to this head person," suggested Rozzani, rising. "Come on, Moodson."

Very automatically the silent man arose and accompanied Rozzani from the room with the air of being just as willing to do that as anything else. Just as automatically he followed into the office of Tom Bendix five minutes later and stood silently by, so oppressed in his inertia that he removed to himself all speculation about any one who was in his company.

"I want to talk electrical transportation with you," began Mr. Rozzani cheerfully as he laid the cards of Mr. Moodson and himself on the desk. "I am Charles W. Rozzani of New York, and this is Mr. Alvin Moodson of Philadelphia."

Bendix shook hands noncommittally with the two gentlemen and invited them to have seats.

"I don't know that I care to talk electrical transportation, but I'm willing to listen," he smiled.

"There isn't much to say," Rozzani stated. "We think your city needs new and better street car facilities, and we are here to give them to you if you will let us. The company I propose to form will be bona fide and will be incorporated for a million dollars in regular money. Mr. Moodson will take a quarter of a million of the stock himself. It might be some satisfaction to you to secure a report on Mr. Moodson from Dunn or Bradstreet."

Mr. Bendix grinned. "It sounds like a high grade proposition," he acknowledged. "I'll speak to some friends of mine about it this noon."

When Tom Bendix walked into the Occident saloon he paused a moment at the bar, but even though his wish was as potent here as those of omnipotence, since he represented the omnipotent Sledge, he had to wait, for both the choice bartenders were in delighted attendance on a careless fat man.

"Who's the entertainment committee?" asked Bendix, a trifle sharply.

"A total stranger by the name of Timbers," rejoined Phil, vigorously.

"I want to get acquainted with her," ordered Sledge.

mopping up an almost imaginary splash. "He's so full of new ones that every time he opens his mouth he spills a good laugh."

"What's his business?" demanded Bendix, who was an earnest collector of defunct information.

"Carrying hot ones as far as I can get it," answered Phil, laughing, reminiscently. "Say, this guy tells 'em so fast you can't remember 'em. Moody just asked him to stop so he could write 'em down. He slipped in a fun ny knock or two about the street car service here."

Bendix walked thoughtfully into the little back room, the bareness of which, kept to its former crudeness by the wish of the boss, was in strange contrast to the elaborately mirrored and mahogany carved Occident. Here, at an extremely plain round table, he found the huge and impassive Sledge gazing moodily out the dusty window while Frank Marley, with a half emptied whisky glass in his hand, sat regarding him with a puzzled expression.

Marley turned with relief when he saw Bendix.

"I've just been suggesting that we build the proposed Ridgewood avenue extension out of the company funds, rather than make a new issue of stock," he explained. "By adding slightly to our bonded indebtedness we can do this and keep the additional net earnings among the present stockholders," and he stroked his neat, cropped gray whiskers, with the almost smug complacency of a man who is sure he is making a reputation for superior judgment.

Bendix looked at him a moment in aggrieved wonder.

"I don't suppose you remember the we first decided on the Ridgewood avenue extension for the express purpose of reorganization, new issue of stock and readjustment of shares," he challengingly reminded Marley.

"I know," persisted Marley. "But after mature deliberation, it seems that to make the extension from the company's earnings is the more legitimate business method. I am not in favor of the modern practice of watering stock. The earnings, after all, are not increased by stock juggling."

Sledge turned ponderously from his inspection of the dingy little alleyway as Bendix left the room.

"Your girl's a peach," he delicately hinted.

"Molly?" smiled Marley's nose. "She is a beauty. Isn't she? The boys are crazy about her. It looks like a college convention out at my house all the time."

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A shade of annoyance passed over Marley's brow.

"That is a matter which is entirely up to Molly," he stated, with a trace of stiffness.

"All right. Put it up to Molly," said Sledge and looked out of the window again.

Marley hesitated and half arose. He knew that his call was over, and yet he had something else on his mind.

"By the way, Sledge," he observed, trying to speak as if the matter had just occurred to him. "That note of mine at the First National—it falls due next week. I am afraid I shall have to have an extension."

Sledge nodded imperceptibly.

"Tell Davis I said it was all right," he directed.

Bendix returned, and with him was Bert Glider, redolent of the odor of barber shop and with his curly black mustache waxed and brilliantined until it was filled with almost painful reflections. He greeted Mr. Marley with much more effusiveness than that gentleman did him.

"Hello, Marley," he said, grasping the street car magnate's hand with tremendous man to man heartiness. "You are just the one I want to see. I've been trying to get Molly on the phone, and they tell me she'll be in at your office some time this afternoon. Will you carry her the happy news that Dicky Reynolds is in town and that I invited him to her taffy pulling tomorrow night? Tell her to invite Jessie Peters."

Sledge turned slow questioning eyes on Marley.

"You going to be home tonight?" he inquired.

"Well, yes, I rather think so," faltered Marley.

"I'm coming out to see you," decided Sledge.

"I'll be glad to have you," admitted Marley. "I suppose I may see Davis tomorrow."

Sledge nodded assent, looking stonily out meanwhile at the hand hole in the high board gate at the end of the area way.

"Well, Glider, tell us about it," invited Bendix as Marley went out.

"I want you to tell me," laughed Glider, in happy unconsciousness that he was a deadly offense to Sledge, who called him "pretty." "Is the Ridgewood avenue extension a sure go?"

"Why do you want to know?" inquired Bendix.

"I have a little speculation in mind which depends on it," confessed Glider. "Subdivision at the end of the line I suppose," guessed Bendix.

"Well, yes," acknowledged Glider.

"Foxy of you to think of it," applauded Bendix. "Your only fault is that you don't guess those things first. Who do you suppose would acquire a deed to that land before the extension was publicly announced?"

"I know the answer," returned Glider, crestfallen, but still handsome. "You fellows."

"Certainly not," denied Bendix. "But some friend of the family—yes, maybe. How much will you give for the land?"

"I'm not at liberty to state," replied Glider uncomfortably. "The owner made me a price on it this morning, but it was confidential."

"The owner didn't know he was tagged," retorted Bendix dryly. "You may have the land, I think, for twenty thousand, Glider, but you'll have to speak quick."

"Twenty thousand!" gasped Glider. "Why, old fellow offered it to me for eight."

"That's what we intend to pay him," "Give me a day or two to think it over," begged Glider.

"All right; you're on," agreed Bendix and hurried out of the room.

Bert was about to follow him when Sledge called.

"Glider," was his peremptory summons. "What kind of flowers does Molly Marley like?"

Bert Glider almost stuck the ash end of his cigar in his mouth, then suddenly upbraided himself for a fool as he mentally complimented Sledge on degrading his reputation of being the most astute politician in the state.

"Red roses," he promptly returned, and twisted the right hand curl of his mustache. He stopped that process abruptly and felt of the curl with deep concern. One of the hairs was disarranged, and he fixed it with the aid of a vest pocket mirror.

"Thanks," said Sledge and resumed his interested inspection of the hand hole in the gate.

Sledge looked out of the window for long moments of thick silence, and then he expressed his thoughts on a plot in hand in this fashion:

"Say, Bendix, send a load of roses out to Molly Marley for her party tomorrow night. The reddest ones they've got."

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COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

**ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE NEWS
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MUSINGS FROM KNOWLES.

Paul Wenzelcraft, one of Seminole's most popular young men, was a visitor in Knowles last week.

F. E. Beckwith former manager of the phone office was a business caller in Knowles during last week.

Will Taylor, from the cap rock was a business visitor in our town a few days ago.

J. I. Lowery went to Midland last Saturday and will bring back a load of ranch supplies.

Tom Dwyer returned from Lamesa last week. Tom has been at that point for several months, but will now proceed to live on his claim northwest of town.

Charley Elam, a former resident here, now living at Seminole, was among us visiting last week.

Lee Roy McCravy ranching northeast of us, was a business caller in town a few days ago.

Major W. J. Eller was in town the other day, and stated he came in, just because he wanted to.

Jess Whitley of Lovington drove over in his new Ford roadster and claimed he was only joy-riding.

Several of the sons of the southern sun-set were among the visitors in Knowles last week, buying what they wanted the most.

Our old friend Sam Cain, of Hobbs, N. M., was a social caller among the citizens last week.

J. T. Brown, of Plains, Texas, had important business in Knowles town a few days ago.

Mrs. H. V. Wright has been very sick during the past week at the O'Neal place.

Mrs. B. H. Turner returned from Tennessee last week; Mrs. Turner has been visiting relatives in Tenn., for some weeks.

P. W. Cook was in town during the past week on a horse trading expedition.

D. H. Coleman made a business trip to Lovington for a couple of days, during the past week.

Seems just like old times to see "Pooligan" among the bunch on the streets.

Top Heard the ambitious commission-man from Seminole, Texas, was a business visitor in town the other day.

Jack Teague went to Lamesa last Saturday and will bring back a big load of lumber for the Lowery ranch.

Dr. H. J. Coburn, of Warren, N. M., was in this vicinity looking out for the welfare of his patients.

Mrs. Johnson Graham was among the merchants last Saturday, doing a little necessary shopping.

C. A. Miller was in Lovington several days last week, attending to a matter of business.

Cleve Arnold, the "infant" was in town the other day attending to his own affairs.

Mr. George Shepard the young stock man from Lovington, was a business visitor here last week.

J. M. Moran (Slats) made a flying trip to Lovington attending to business last Friday.

Major Wells made a business trip to Carlsbad on a matter of business and returned home last Monday.

Bob Trowbridge of the Monument section was a glad caller in Knowles a few days ago.

Rudolph Russell was a visitor in town for the very first time in many days, last week.

Henry Teague who has been suffering with the grippe for several weeks again on his pins.

A. J. Heard was a business caller in Knowles last week and saved as long as he keeps the car he now drives he will have but very little carburetor trouble.

Frank Pittsford was considerably troubled last Saturday when his car broke down, in the salt lake district.

The writer has received threats or appeals, (call it what you will) on several different occasions, with the chain prayer, we are at a loss, what remarks or comments to make on this matter, but have noted numerous comments by some of our lending periodicals, and naturally suppose they know what they are talking about and will only say if the writer gains any satisfaction by sending out such dope, let 'em take it.

Homer Smith returned to his home last week from El Paso where he has been visiting for several weeks past, and stated he was in El Paso when the bodies of the men who were murdered by the Mexicans were brought point to a degree that can't be told, in and matters were at the boiling without seeing the hot excitement which prevailed, and the happenings which were not published.

The mountain boomer has been some unlucky in having two wheels, and two radius rods broken off, and turned over once, all in a month's time, and even at that no one was hurt sufficiently to induce them to renig, when they have an invitation.

We sometimes scratch our heads and study as to what can be done with all the fire pumps that are so often borrowed out of cars, without the knowledge of the real owner, the latter of course never has any use for anything of the kind. Of course it may be quite honorable, we don't know.

Clarence Howard the plains candidate for assessor stopped off in Knowles for an hour last week, feeling the public pulse in a political way, and wended his joyful way towards Monument.

Professor Wyatt went to Lovington last Thursday evening with a roll of films and lectured there on his trip around the world, and seemed to please quite a considerable audience very much, gaining considerable information from the lecture, and was invited to come again, whenever possible.

W. C. Ostreich, president of the stockmen's guaranty loan company, of

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its appreciation of the generous liberality of Manager Patterson.

The Otis children are looking eagerly forward to the treat promised for next month, which is to be a George and Martha Washington party.

PLEASANT VALLEY LOCALS.

Pleasant Valley, Jan. 23.—Mrs. W. C. Cooley and daughter, of Knowles, is down visiting with kinfolk this week. She expects to return home next Tuesday.

J. W. Thomas sold his ranch to H. S. Record for \$4,500 and will soon leave for the San Juan country.

Mr. Russian has bought a Ford car and is riding around just to show his car.

We have some new-comers just in from Texas. They are prospecting for homes.

T. J. Lesley is drilling a well for Mr. Russian this week.

S. P. Jordan is building fence for the Buckeye Sheep Company.

J. W. Worrall is plowing for Mr. G. M. Tritt this week.

S. M. Eakin is drilling a well for Chas. Pruitt.

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NADINE.

L. R. Darnell and Chas. Thompson made a trip to Midland this week.

Mrs. Frank Gaines has been very ill of laryngitis which came near developing into pneumonia. She is better at this writing.

P. C. Dunbar had business in Lovington several days this week, having his Ford repaired.

B. H. Turner passed through Nadine Tuesday enroute to Midland with a carload of live-stock.

J. W. Fletcher attended a meeting of teachers at Monument Saturday and it was agreed to have an association meeting at Lovington on February 27.

Many of our people will attend the Fifth Sunday meeting at Monument.

Bob Williams and J. H. Hughes were called to Carlsbad Thursday to the bedside of Mrs. Bob Williams, who will have to undergo the second operation appendicitis. We are sorry to hear of her serious illness, and hope for her speedy recovery.

Bob White and family have all entertained the laryngitis.

Lum Daugherty had business in Monument Wednesday.

More prospectors and then some more is the way to tell it around Nadine.

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HOME CREDITS IN THE OTIS SCHOOL.

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In the Pecos Valley the Otis district took the initiative and introduced the home credit system in their school last year. This year the Parent-Teachers' association, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Allen Hardy, has perfected its credit system and it has received the endorsement of the county superintendent, who has had the Otis schedule printed and distributed to all the schools in the county in hopes that others may profit by the example of Otis.

The Otis Parent-Teachers' association provides each month a treat for the children who have earned 600 credits. A few of the tasks for which credits are given are: sleeping with windows open, brushing teeth, politeness, running errands, sweeping, dusting, bringing in wood or coal, hitching or unhitching, field work, feeding calves, gathering eggs and the hundred and one tasks which make up chores.

The treat this month was a visit to the movies and 21 children earned the necessary credits.

The highest number of credits were earned by Erna Grandi, Charles Ellsworth and Allen Hardy.

In the primary department the highest credits were earned by Emmet Tibbets, Hubert Grandi, and Claude Cunningham.

The children were chaperoned by Mrs. Allen Hardy, president of the Parent-Teachers' association, and thanks to the kindness of Dr. Elliot, Mr. Ashcraft, Mr. Tipton and Mr. Galton, the journey to Carlsbad and return was made by automobile.

The association wishes to express

the drains had been larger. The open drain work in the Jenkins' area is proceeding slowly, while the ditch concreting with the exception of the Black River ditch, is not making much progress. The work at Dark Canyon syphon is nearly completed.

The work in the Water Users' office has been more varied and laborious than usual. The revaluation of the project, the realignment of the work in the office under the 20-year extension act, and the rulings of the Secretary of the Interior, the taking over of the fiscal agency and the recent campaign for selling land.

Making the Water Users' Association the fiscal agent is an incalculable advantage to our share holders. All differences or misunderstandings of accounts are settled here, our treasurer gives a receipt for the money and the farmer is at ease. On the other hand, take those projects where there are no local fiscal agent; each farmer must get his draft or postal order and remit to Denver or Washington. He must be exact to a cent or it will be sent back to him, to do all that is required he must know as much about accounts and the rulings of the Secretary of the Interior as the treasurer of our Water Users' Association. To a large number of our share holders this would be a source of infinite trouble.

The report of the majority members of the local board of revaluation and its recommendations with which you are all familiar, forms an important chapter in the history of the Carlsbad project. The report will be reviewed by the Washington board of which Dr. Elwood Mead, is chairman.

Dr. Mead spent two days on the project in December, looking over the dams, reservoirs, canal, concrete work and the drainage system. He seemed especially interested in the farms and home of the settler and diversification of interests on the farms. Dr. Mead had wide and successful experience in building irrigation works but these he views only as a means to an end, the ultimate end, happy and prosperous homes for men of small means.

The paramount need of the Carlsbad project is settlers; satisfied home builders. The campaign in which the Water Users' Association has become the local selling agent, cutting out high commissions, has opened out auspiciously and we anticipate large results.

In retiring from the Board after serving as president for five years, on the various subjects which have come before us on which there has often been much difference of opinion, I have always found the sole question actuating each member of the board to be: What is for the best interests of the Carlsbad project? I thank you for your uniform courtesies to me as presiding officer.

W. B. WILSON,
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FIVE INJURED BY AUTO WRECK.

Entire Cole Family in Hospital as Result of Accident Yesterday—Two Will Die.

Monday's Roswell Record.

The most serious automobile accident that ever occurred in this county took place yesterday eleven miles south of this city. As a result today five persons are seriously injured, two of them perhaps fatally and an automobile broken into many pieces.

Mrs. J. J. Cole and Miss Pearl Cole are the most seriously injured. Miss Cole is not expected to live.

This afternoon an operation was performed on her as a last resort, and her injuries were found to be even more serious than feared at first.

Her mother has a fighting chance, but is in a most serious condition. The other three members of the party, while bruised broken and cut, will live.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cole, two sons and a daughter were on their way to the Cole farm near Greenfield when the accident happened. On the way down the car was not working well and it had been adjusted many times. As they were nearing a culvert one mile north of Orchard Park the car was speeded in order to get over the culvert.

The Cole car coming behind did not have time to stop and the driver had his option of either striking the Howell car, or missing the culvert. He did both. The fender of the Howell car was carried away and the front wheel of the Cole car missed the bridge on the west.

The heavy Moon car driven by the Cole's was going at least thirty-five miles an hour. When the wheel left the culvert the axle snapped and the car mounted in the air. The machine turned completely over landing upright thirty-five feet away, facing east. The occupants were pinned beneath and were later rescued by those passing.

The accident happened at 2 o'clock Medical aid was at once summoned. Mrs. Cole and her daughter were brought to the city in an ambulance the others in automobiles.

The accident seems to be the fault of no one, just the result of an unfortunate set of circumstances. The Coles live at the corner of Seventh and Richardson. Two brothers arrived today at noon.

The Injured.

Miss Pearl Cole—Fatally injured. Internal wounds and ruptures.

Mrs. J. J. Cole—Fracture of the left forearm and probable fracture of the right hip. Slight cuts about the face. In a most serious condition.

J. J. Cole—Bad bruise of arm, probable fracture of the wrist, cuts and bruises about the face.

Archie Cole—Bad bruises of right shoulder and hip.

Albert Cole—Fracture of left collar bone, multiple fracture of lower jaw, bad wound on left knee and numerous cuts and bruises about the body.

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TRAGEDY SEQUEL TO RUSTLING OF MRS. MURPHY'S DAIRY AN- IMALS SEIZED LAST SUNDAY.

Dairy Cattle Stolen That Night From Ranch About Eight Miles East of El Paso.

The following account of the crime for which the Duran brothers were executed in Juarez, Mexico, is from the El Paso Morning Times of Jan. 22nd:

Bert L. Akers, an American ranchman living near Ysleta, where he has a wife and three children, was shot to death yesterday afternoon by Mexican cattle thieves on the Mexico side of the river eleven miles east of Juarez, and Douglas Lawrence, a 17-year-old American boy who accompanied him, narrowly escaped with his life to bring the story to Ysleta.

Two Texas rangers arrived in El Paso early this morning with the story of the killing, which they had heard from Lawrence's lips at his home in Ysleta. A Mexican police officer of the Juarez force, who was with the Americans also had a remarkable escape from death.

According to Lawrence's narrative, the theft of two cows last Sunday night from the little ranch of a Mrs. Murphy, living on the north loop road between El Paso and Ysleta, was the origin of the tragedy. Mexican cattle thieves crossed the river that night from a point about ten miles east of Juarez, it is related, and stole the two cows. The matter was reported to American Consul Edwards at Juarez, and he brought it to the attention of the Mexican military and civil authorities. Yesterday the civil branch detailed an officer to accompany anyone who wished to hunt the cattle.

Crossed at Ysleta.

Akers and Lawrence were selected—probably voluntarily—for the mission, as they knew where the thieves had their headquarters. They crossed the river at Ysleta yesterday morning in company with the Mexican officer, the only one of the trio who was armed, so far as is known. About three o'clock in the afternoon they arrived at a Mexican hut near the village of San Lorenzo, whose church roof, on a clear day, can be seen from the mesa north of El Paso. In this hut, it was thought, the cattle rustlers were living.

When one of the Americans knocked at the door, after tying their horses nearby, four Mexicans appeared and demanded to know their business. Before any reply could be made, eight other Mexicans, with revolvers and rifles in their grasp, appeared on the roof of the hut. They opened fire at once upon the unsuspecting Americans and their companion. The Mexican officer, according to Lawrence, spun as though he had been struck.

Saw Akers Fall.

The two Americans, without waiting to see what had happened to their companion, ran for their horses and mounted. As they galloped away a storm of bullets followed them. Two miles away was the river and safety. The Mexicans, though, followed after and continued firing as they ran after the horses. Before they had gone far, Lawrence's horse stumbled in a small ditch and he was thrown to the ground where he lay still. As he lay, he could see a Mexican firing at Akers, who toppled from his horse.

Cautiously the youthful American waited until the pursuit had died down and then made his way, crawling sometimes on his hands and knees, to the river, where he crossed at Ysleta and gave the alarm.

Duran Confesses to Killing.

Meanwhile, according to stories secured from police officials in Juarez, the Mexican officer who was with the Americans escaped unhurt and set out for Juarez on horseback. Before arriving there he encountered a patrol of Carranza troops and informed them of the tragedy. This detachment rode at once toward the scene and quietly surrounded the house where the shooting began. There was no resistance from the inmates when a demand for surrender was made, and the soldiers captured several men, among them Bernardo Duran, Federico Duran and Baltasar Arroyos. Bernardo Duran confessed to the killing, it was said last night, at the Juarez police station, where the prisoners were brought. They are now in the Juarez jail.

General Gabriel Gavira's aide, at 1 o'clock this morning, announced that "there was no information for the public" regarding the killing, though the general himself issued a statement earlier in the night announcing the capture of the murderers. He added that they "would receive the punishment they deserve."

To Take Body to Juarez.

About midnight the judge of letters in Juarez left for the scene of the killing in an automobile to gather evidence and bring the body of Akers to Juarez. The corpse lay where it had fallen and will do so until the judge's arrival. As the roads are muddy, it is expected that he will not return much before daylight. A guard of soldiers escorted him.

General Gavira Issues Statement.

General Gabriel Gavira, jefe de las armas at Juarez, last night issued the following statement concerning the tragedy, based upon the official report of the Mexican police officer concerned and the sergeant of the squad of soldiers that made the arrest of the murderer and his brother.

Mexican Official Detailed in Case.

Three days ago two Americans appeared at the office of the mayor and

requested the aid of an officer of police to look for six or seven cows that had been stolen from them. One officer of the secret service was furnished by the mayor.

"This officer, with the Americans, were employed all day before yesterday and part of today looking for the cows. They went to Saragosa and searched the neighborhood without result.

Hidden Cows Located.

About three o'clock this (Friday) afternoon they went toward the place named San Lorenzo, where they learned through a party at the milking house that a place nearby some cows were hidden, and that perhaps these were the ones being sought for. They were also told that some of the cows had been offered for sale.

Began Shooting From Roof.

From the milking house the Americans and the secret service officers went to the place where they were told the cows were to be found. Arriving there, one of the Americans, looking through a fence, saw two of the cows inside. All three men went to the door of the house and knocked. One of the Durans answered. He asked what they wanted. They told him they wanted to go in and see the cows. Duran requested them to show their authority.

"The Mexican officer of police said that he did not have an order for search, but showed his star. Duran then said that he would go in the house and see what his brother thought of it, but in a few moments the two Durans appeared on the roof and began shooting at the men below. The two Americans and the Mexican officer of course, returned the fire, at the same time backing away in order to get their horses and flee. The Mexican officer ran to the left and the Americans to the right. The Duran brothers rushed down to the door and started in pursuit. Federico Duran after the Mexican officer and Bernardo after the two Americans. One American reached a horse, but the Mexican officer could not get to his mount. The mounted American took the other American on his horse.

Mexican Officer Disarmed.

The Mexican officer was overtaken by his pursuer and relieved of his arms and badge. Duran exacted a pledge not to report the matter and was taking the officer back to the house when a detachment of soldiers, detailed on duty in the neighborhood to take care of some horses, and who heard the shooting, appeared to investigate. The sergeant in command apprehended Federico Duran and the Mexican officer. They told him what had occurred.

Murderer Pleads Self-Defense.

"Two soldiers, whom the sergeant had detailed to make a detour and investigate, thereupon appeared with Bernardo Duran, who had pursued the two Americans mounted on a single horse. Duran was on horseback and was leading another horse. The sergeant asked him what had occurred.

"Duran replied that he had just killed one American in self-defense. He said he had pursued the two Americans about three miles when he saw one of the Americans fall down. The other American jumped off the horse, and, running on foot, disappeared.

Found Victim Was American.

"Duran said that when he approached the dead body he noticed that it was that of an American, something of which he had not been aware before. Duran also declared that the other American was not hurt.

The sergeant then brought to general headquarters, here in Juarez, the whole party. They arrived about five o'clock this evening.

Gavira Orders Investigation.

"General Gavira ordered an investigation at once. The Duran brothers have not satisfied the authorities as to how they obtained the cows. They said a friend had left them at the ranch to be taken care of. Therefore General Gavira thinks that the men were thieves and that the cows were stolen.

"The names of the men are Bernardo Duran, who killed the American, and his brother, Federico Duran, who pursued and captured the policeman. The police officer was Juan Barrios.

"General Gavira sent a party of police to bring the body of the American in. The shooting occurred at the rancho San Lorenzo.

Will Receive Punishment They Deserve.

"General Gavira has asked General Garcia, of El Paso, to request the penitentiary officials at Santa Fe, N. M., to look up the record of Bernardo Duran, who is reported to have been a prisoner there on account of cattle stealing and who escaped.

"General Gavira announced that if the Durans are found guilty they will receive the punishment they deserve."

CATTLEMEN'S CONVENTION

Account Panhandle and Southwestern Cattlemen's Convention at Albuquerque, March 7th to 10th, 1916, the Albuquerque Commercial Club will be glad to handle all requests for advance reservations in hotels during the above convention. Parties who may desire to arrange advance reservations should write the secretary of the Albuquerque Commercial Club advising in detail their requirements. Present indications are, there will be a large crowd in attendance at this meeting.

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STOCK NOTES

Ned Shattuck of Queen Monday closed a deal with Wilbert Sewall and John Stavley, of Lovington, whereby Mr. Shattuck sold his sheep, about 875 head, receiving \$6.50 for ewes \$4.50 for last spring lambs and \$15.00 for bucks. The sheep will be counted out and moved as soon as possible and are at present in Dog canyon about twenty miles west of Queen.

Dr. Smith, the veterinarian, was called to the Grandi farm Monday where he probably saved one of the fine mares which would have died from malpresentation and a dead foal. The veterinarian has been busy every day and is much needed here. He has been meeting with such success in his work that he has definitely decided to become a permanent resident of Carlsbad. This bears out the prediction of some time ago that he could be recommended to the stock owners of this community, as competent in his line.

Monday R. Q. Leatherman shipped 156 head of cattle to the Fort Worth, Texas, market. Six cars in all, five cars of three year old steers and one old steer and one car of cows and bulls last Sunday. The cattle will be put on feed by Mr. Reynolds one of the partners of Mr. Leatherman.

John Plowman returned Saturday from Dallas, Texas, where he left part of his car of horses and mules he shipped to Straun, Texas, which he did not sell readily, so reshipped to Dallas and left them with J. B. Sewell to close out. John was in Carlsbad Tuesday.

P. V. Hollebeke was up from his Screw Bean ranch fifty miles south Monday. He went up in the Guadalupe to purchase some stock cattle, his 100 sections not being full yet.

For the finest sign work ever done in Carlsbad, see Frank Moritz at the Ohnemus Shops—"Can Fix It."

After the jury came in Saturday morning with the verdict in the turkey case the court excused the members from further attendance at this term of court.

The dance given by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Duke at their home for the young people last Friday night was a very enjoyable affair. Piano and violin music. Ten or fifteen couples enjoyed the dance until an early hour. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Billy Hegler came in Sunday with Tom Gray and daughter, Miss Ida Belle and was here Monday with some folk and getting some dental work done. This visit to Carlsbad is Mrs. Hegler's first since last May. She likes the ranch fine and has been real well.

Virgil Allbritton came down from Lakewood yesterday with Quince Cummings, of Roswell. They were here only a few hours.

Mrs. B. A. Carder and the three children visited with Mrs. Arlie Nichols, of Otis, over Sunday.

Mrs. Rose McCloskey, of Durango, Colorado, a sister of Mrs. Muzzy, is expected shortly for a visit with her sisters, Mrs. Barbour and Mrs. Muzzy. Mrs. McCloskey is in California at present.

Hart & Mullane received Tuesday from Oklahoma City, a prize winning cockerel which will head their pen of thoroughbred R. C. R. I. Reds this season. He is of the best and a good score card accompanies him.

C. N. Jones is having his house repainted this week, only changing the shade of brown. John White, the painter, has the job.

DANCING.

Miss Willie Matheson was the guest of honor at a dance last Friday night, given by the hostess, Mrs. O. J. Cudd. Many enjoyed dancing to numbers on the graphophone, while others played the game "bunce" and two tables served candy. Home-made candy was served throughout the evening. Charlie Brown (colored) presided at the punch bowl and served dainty refreshments at twelve o'clock.

The following guests were present: Misses Mary and Jewel Hubbard, Mary Mize, Minnie and Grace Jones, Sweetie Bunch, Thelma Hyatt, Helen McIlvain, Winnie Dismann, Harriette Vaughn, Mildred Richy, Mammie Lowenbruck, Madge Brown, Ruth Pendleton, Juanita and Lyndall; Messrs. Bernard Brown, Charlie Witt, Russell Richy, Charlie Walker, Bill Lusk, Harry Hubbard, Allen Stewart, Babe Cooper, Pete Craft, Huling and Oscar Ussery, Robt. Toffelmire, Arthur O'Quinn, Harold Richy, Dallas Jones, O. J. Cudd, Bill Swedek, Walter Pendleton.

AN EVENING AT BRIDGE.

J. A. Hardy and wife entertained at their pleasant home Tuesday evening eight tables playing bridge. Mrs. Wm. W. Dean won the ladies' first prize, a handsome cut glass bowl. Mrs. H. H. Dilly won second prize, a jar of Missouri cherries. Scott Etter won the gent's first prize, five pounds of homemade sausage. C. C. Sikes won gent's second prize, a pair of white silk half hose. Ice cream and cake were daintily served at the card tables.

FRESHMEN ENTERTAIN.

There were about forty seniors and freshmen at the John Lucas home Friday night, when the freshmen royally entertained the senior class with dancing and cards, some playing buncce, while others enjoyed rook. Punch and some made candy were served throughout the evening. When asked if they enjoyed the affair all were loud in their praise and said: "Well, if you had been any where near you would not have asked that." Ambrosia and cake were served at the close of the evening.

L. G. SEWING CLUB.

The L. G. Sewing Club met last Saturday with Adele Ohnemus, and elected officers for the year, as follows: Laura Breeding, president. Mary Lee Pond, vice president. Lillie Mae Nelson, secretary. The following are the members enrolled: Adele Ohnemus, Mary Calvani, Edna Calvani, Vera Calvani, Ruth Farrel, Helen Moritz, Relda Freeman, Margaret Pickens, Lucile Pond, Mary Lee Pond, Laura Breeding, Lillie Mae Nelson, Jane Dean. After spending an hour busily applying the needle or crochet hook, the girls were refreshed with lemonade and cake and played various games. They are to meet every Saturday afternoon.

TRIP TO LOVINGTON.

Walter Pendleton took a crowd of Carlsbad girls to the plains country going last Friday. They were the Misses Mary and Jewel Hubbard, Janie Kindel and Mrs. Pete Lowenbruck. They had dinner with Mrs. Rob Richards Friday and said they were a hungry crowd. The night was spent at the Weir ranch and all enjoyed a dance at the hall in Monument. Saturday they made it to Lovington, where a dance was arranged in honor of their coming. As to tire trouble and blow-outs, they had a share, but none to mention. They had a splendid time and liked the plains people very much.

Arlie Nichols near Otis has built a new house on his forty acre farm. He built the house on a knoll which gives them a good view of the field and for a long distance. Everything is nice and new and they are well pleased with their new home.

DANCE.

The young folk gathered at the home of C. N. Jones Monday night, honoring the visiting guest, Miss Madie Lucas, and spent the evening tripping the light fantastic to selected measures on the victrola and playing cards. This was one of the pleasant affairs of the week and all expressed themselves as having had an enjoyable time. The guests were: Misses Willie Matheson, Mildred Richy, Janie Kindel, Ada Gordon, Minnie, Grace and Barbara Jones, and the guest of honor, Madie Lucas; Messrs. Harold Richy, Rex Freeman, Will Miller, John Dickson, Joe Cunningham, Babe Cooper, Walter Pendleton.

WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Woman's Club met Tuesday afternoon at the club room with Mrs. F. M. Hatfield in charge. Roll call of members was responded to by current events. A very interesting program was rendered consisting of music and readings:

Miss Katherine Finlay, piano solo. Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, reading. Mrs. Robert Dow, solo. Mrs. J. A. Hardy, piano solo. Mrs. A. J. Muzzy, and her sister, Mrs. Barbour, met with the club and Mrs. Muzzy favored the ladies with a very interesting talk and touching on what the clubs in her town were doing.

The club spends an hour, from 2:30 to 3:30, on their study lesson and "Mexico" being the topic chosen for the year. Mrs. Hemenway having charge. The remainder of the afternoon is given over to a literary and social program.

Chicken salad, pickles, wafers and coffee were daintily served, and a vote of thanks extended to all who contributed to the pleasures of the afternoon.

TWELVE O'CLOCK DINNER.

Mrs. Sam Hughes entertained Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick, Robbie Furgeson, Naomi Wallis, Claud Jenkins and Mr. Tipton with one of those splendid 12 o'clock dinners Sunday at their pleasant home in Lovington.

Mrs. C. W. Miller and little daughter, Dorothy, came to Carlsbad last Sunday from Illinois to join Mr. Miller, who has been here for some months. He is employed by the government and works with Dr. Durham. Mrs. Miller is well pleased with the country and they have rooms with Carl Herring and family.

C. H. Sawyer, who was bitten on the hand in December by a small spider, has suffered so much lately with the member that he returned to town Wednesday and the hand was operated on and dressed by a physician. Mr. Sawyer lives near Malaga and said the hand was better some days and others worse and lately it had been decidedly worse.

C. R. Brice returned to Houston, Texas, Monday in response to a wire that he was needed there in a case in court. However, Mr. Brice and family expect to return to Carlsbad about the first of the month and make their home with us again. This, no doubt, will be good news to their many friends at this place.

Dr. Kernodle, of Skitook, Oklahoma, a brother of the Misses Kernodles, so well and favorably known here, returned to Carlsbad Wednesday, accompanied by a nephew, Oliver Kernodle. The young man will only be here a few days, but Dr. Kernodle expects to spend several months here, as he feels he was wonderfully benefitted while here last fall.

John Tate, road master between Belin cut-off and Clovis, a long time friend of our agent, T. C. Johnson, very pleasantly spent Sunday with Mr. Johnson and wife and enjoyed a car ride through the valley.

Mrs. Frank Ferrel was in Carlsbad Sunday and Monday, a guest at the Palace hotel.

Mrs. Leona Morgan left Thursday for El Paso. She has spent two weeks or more in Carlsbad working in behalf of the Maccabees installing new members.

Mr. Rubaker, a new Forest ranger, is now stationed on the Forest reserve on the Guadalupe mountains, at Carson Seep.

Don't forget the valentine tea, given by the Baptist ladies February 14th at the home of Mrs. W. C. Sellers.

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CATALEMEN MEETING

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have been seized and held for ransom, and, in many instances, foully dealt with, and property of American citizens there situated has been seized, confiscated and destroyed, and

"Whereas, it is the sense of this organization that neither the president of the United States, nor congress, nor the foreign relations committee are fully informed of the wrongs and insults and injustices that have been inflicted upon the persons and property of American citizens.

"Therefore, Be it Resolved, that it is the sense of this organization that a committee of three be appointed to go to Washington and there lay before the president which has accrued from the presence in this of the United States, before congress and the foreign relations committee such further information as to the true situation now existing in the republic of Mexico, and which, we believe, has existed for the past five years, in reference to the lives and property of American citizens.

"Be it further resolved, that it is the sense of this organization that the northern portion of the republic of Mexico should be properly patrolled to the end that further depredations, indignities and injuries be not done to the lives and persons and property of American citizens, and that this patrol be maintained until stable conditions be restored in the northern portion of the republic of Mexico.

"Be it further resolved, That by this resolution it is not purposed and intended to seek nor to ask upon the part of the United States intervention in the republic of Mexico, but only that a sufficient patrol be established as will insure safety for life and persons and property of American citizens within the northern portion of the republic of Mexico, who are justly entitled to the same.

"Be it further resolved, That the president of the American National Livestock association appoint three members of this association to compose such committee of three, with full power and authority to act, who shall be furnished with a certified copy of this resolution."

Amendment Adopted. Ed. C. Lassater moved to strike out the first paragraph of the resolution, the speaker remarking sarcastically that it takes a long time for news to travel from the border to Washington. The amendment was accepted and on motion of Governor John B. Kendrick, of Wyoming, chairman of the resolutions committee, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

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John Stewart, wife and little son, returned to their home in the Guadalupe mountains Wednesday accompanied by Hod James and wife. Mr. James expects to return by the first of the month.

Johnnie Lusk, Delph Lusk and wife are attending the Cattlemen's convention in El Paso this week, going last Saturday.

The turkey case which was on trial when the Current went to press last Friday, was given to the jury that night which was out all night and in the morning brought in a verdict of "not guilty."

Claud De Moss and wife have been detained in town about a week now witnesses in court. They will leave for the mountains today with lumber to put up a new house. While here they bought some hams and Belgian hares and are taking them out with them.

C. C. Harbert and daughter, Grace, came in from the ranch Saturday. Miss Grace will remain in Carlsbad and attend the private school of Miss Kernodles. She has a room with Mrs. Doc Vest.

Miss Courtney, from Rock Springs, came Wednesday of last week. She is visiting Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, of Dark Canyon, who has spent the past two weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pickins, here in Carlsbad.

Mrs. William P. Brady and little daughter, Elizabeth, are visiting Mrs. Brady's parents, J. F. Rarey, coming from their home in El Paso and arriving in Carlsbad last Wednesday evening.

Rev. A. A. Davis and wife returned Monday to their home in Pecos after a very pleasant visit with their daughter, Mrs. Myron K. Clark, and old neighbors and friends in Carlsbad.

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WELL CASE.

The district court has been busy the present week in the trial of the Hamilton-Burleson well case. This is a case wherein J. W. Hamilton, of Dark Canyon contracted with Ed. Burleson to drill a well 400 feet deep and when down 275 feet Burleson ordered him to quit, holding that Hamilton had forfeited his contract and refused to pay for the drilling down to the depth it had gone. Hamilton then, through his attorneys, Messrs. Stennis and Jones, brought suit to recover payment for his work. The case was defended by E. P. Bujac and the right of trial by jury was waived by both the contending parties. The case brought in a large number of the mountain people as witnesses and the hearing of the evidence required two days, the judge taking the matter under advisement Wednesday evening. The chances are he will render his decision sometime today.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

Whereas, the death angel has invaded the home of Sovereign Sallie Tomlinson, taking her beloved husband, L. A. Tomlinson, and Whereas, his family and friends, also this community, have suffered a distinct loss, by his death, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Carlsbad Grove No. 9, Woodmen Circle, extend its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and daughter, and further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Grove, and a copy of the same be sent to the bereaved family.

FANNIE BAIRD, DELIA S. MULLANE, EDNA TOFFELMIRE, Committee.

Jack Greenlee made a night run to Queen Tuesday, bringing back with him three of Mr. and Mrs. Burleson's children, Dolly, Leaty and J. D., as witnesses in a case their father, Ed. Burleson had in court.

Red Smith loaded out Tuesday for the D ranch taking out two big wagons and a trailer equipped for camping, making it look like a train, six horses pulling the load of wire and supplies. They are getting ready to do something and later will drill some wells.

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