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LASSETTER KILLS LANE

Chas. Lassetter Kills Ira Lane—Disagreement in Business Said to be Cause of the Homicide.

Last Friday afternoon about four o'clock, Doc Coates drove into Carlsbad in his auto with the dead body of Ira Lane, formerly of Brownwood, Texas. Doc was accompanied by Bryan Lane, a brother of the deceased and Tom Tiner, L. E. Burt and Al Williamson. Buck Gholson, deputy sheriff followed with Chas. Lassetter, who gave up to Gholson Thursday evening about seven o'clock, saying he had killed a man. Also A. L. Woodley and J. R. Moore were in the auto of Bill Hudson the killing having occurred three miles north of the headquarters ranch of Hudson at a well owned by Al Woodley.

Neither the accused nor his attorneys, Messrs. Osburn & Robinson, would talk of the homicide and all that could be learned was gleaned from the evidence taken at the coroner's inquest which was commenced as soon as the justice of the peace, F. H. Richards, could impanel a jury. The jury was composed of the following: W. R. Owen, Jno. Merchant, J. F. Flowers, Sam B. Smith, H. C. Sands, L. E. Hyatt.

After viewing the body, the jury was excused until Saturday morning when the following witnesses were examined: Bryan Lane, A. L. Woodley, L. E. Burt, J. R. Moore, Buck Gholson, Al Williamson, Tom Tiner and Doc Coates.

The principal evidence was given by Bryan Lane, the brother of the deceased, who testified that he and his brother drove into camp from a point at which they were making preparations to drill a well having hauled an engine and load of tools, etc., about three and one-half miles from the Woodley ranch at which the party were camped, as they were stopping at the Woodley camp where they had leased the right to water a herd of horses. When they drove into the Woodley camp at which is located a tent and well with wind mill, Mr. Ira and Bryan Lane started to unhitch the mules. Lassetter came out of the tent and conversed some with the Lanes.

Ira was in the act of placing a rope over the neck of one of the mules when Lassetter, who had an automatic shot gun, shot Ira Lane apparently killing him instantly. Bryan started to run after the first shot of which four were fired, but Lassetter shot at him as he ran. Mr. Woodley then came out of the tent and said to Lassetter: "What the hell are you doing?" Lassetter answered: "I have killed them both, and am glad of it."

Woodley then left to go to the neighbors for assistance and Lassetter after Woodley departed, went out to where Bryan Lane was lying wounded and threw down on the ground a Colt's six shooter that was the property of Bryan Lane. Bryan then raised up and begged Lassetter not to shoot him again and as Bryan remarked in his testimony: "I talked him out of it." Bryan Lane then said: "What did you do it for?" and Lassetter answered: "You know that you and your brother had framed up to be me out of my interest in the horses and three years' hard work."

Bryan then told Lassetter that he had never talked or heard of such a plan. Then Lassetter helped Bryan into the tent and dressed his wound. It developed that Lassetter had a contract with Lane to care for a number of horses for a period of five years and had looked after them for three years and the last two of which he held the horses in a pasture in Texas about forty miles south of where the tragedy occurred and the contract was of record in Texas. The grass becoming scarce in the pasture, it was decided to move the horses to where there was more grass and water was secured from Mr. Woodley and the horses were running around the camp of Woodley. Ira Lane, who from all reports, was some of a practical joker, is said to have told Lassetter that as the contract was recorded in Texas he intended to take the horses from Lassetter as he now had no right to them. Lassetter believed he was to be disappointed and it is believed by many rather than lose his three years labor he shot Ira Lane. This is the report that is now prevalent and as near the facts as is possible to obtain at present for the accused will not talk and his attorneys refuse to allow any statement to originate from him or any one of his family. Mrs. Lassetter was interviewed and said it would be best to see the attorneys. However, she stated that her husband had cared for the horses in Texas some forty miles south for the past two years. The coroner's jury, after listening to all evidence that could be elicited from the witnesses by the attorney for the state, Mr. Atwood, who was here in place of the district attorney, at once brought the following verdict:

We, the undersigned, justice of the peace of precinct No. 1, and jury, who sat upon the inquest held the 14th and 15th days of April, 1916, on the body of Ira Lane, found in precinct No. 17 of the county of Eddy, find that the deceased came to his death by reason of a gun shot wound inflicted upon him by Charles Lassetter.

The body of Ira Lane laid where it fell from about 7:30 Thursday evening until Woodley returned with the other men who came in with the party, during which time a heavy rain was falling. When the parties arrived they wrapped the body in a tarpaulin and all started for Carlsbad at about ten a. m. Friday, arriving here about four p. m. After Lassetter had dressed the wound of Bryan

Lane he went to the Hudson headquarters ranch and gave up to Buck Gholson. The killing to many is a mystery as the men had never been known to have words or quarrel in any way and there seems to be no apparent cause for the homicide. Some think that Lassetter is insane and others that more evidence will develop at the preliminary hearing which will take place next Tuesday. In the meantime, Lassetter is in jail awaiting his hearing which is set for April 25th.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ENTERTAINMENT.

The program given by the Home and School Association Friday evening proved to be one of the best given. The characters from the various countries were well represented, the customs and ways being well demonstrated by various ladies. Carry Nations was there from the court of Heaven and as the Current and Argus reporters passed to their places she made war on them with her hatchet knocking one of their cigarettes to the floor.

The maid from Japan favored the audience with the song, "A Little Maid From Japan."

The representative from Africa with Snow Ball was one of the pleasing features of the evening. Snow Ball did some good dancing and her fond mother cheered her with loving words and claps.

The suffragette convention ended by the ladies fussing about the men. "Here's a Fly," by Gloria Jackson, and Bob McCollum, was suitable for the occasion as was the two fly swat drills by the small girls of the grammar grades. They were perfect in their drills and very pretty and attractive in their costumes and each girl carried a fly swat.

The bunch orchestra furnished the two or three numbers and the music was of the very choicest selections. The addresses given by Messrs. Grantham and Armstrong were very encouraging to the ladies who are entering the combat with the fly. The solos, one by Miss Inez Hatfield, Mrs. Ralph and Bert Rawlins, were exceptionally good and being heartily enjoyed.

The male quartet gave a number and were called again.

WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Woman's club met Tuesday afternoon and various items of interest were discussed. Mrs. Will Kocher resigned as recording secretary and Mrs. Durham was elected to fill her place. The club decided to have a picnic two weeks from Tuesday. An arrangement committee is to co-operate with the social committee to select a place and decide on the refreshments.

Home and School Association will co-operate with the Woman's club in the fly campaign. The Home and School Association voted \$10 and received \$11 from the entertainment, making \$21 they gave toward the fly campaign. The club voted \$54 more making a total of \$75 toward this work. More funds will be needed if Carlsbad is to be a flyless town. Why not everyone help these two organizations in their enterprise by swatting flies—and begin now!

Mrs. Hemenway had charge of the program which consisted of a number of very interesting papers on Mexico and the poems by Mesdames Snow, Kocher, Rarey and Durham.

DANCE AT THE CLUBROOM.

Wednesday evening Edward Lamb and wife dined and entertained with a dancing party at the club room about fifteen couples. The young folk say this was one of the best dances they have had for a long time. The music was fine, furnished by the new orchestra, and the time was passed pleasantly.

Those enjoying the evening were the Misses Campbell of Oklahoma, who are the guests of the Bates, and were here a number of months last summer, Lucile McKneely, Jayne Simpson, Thelma Hyatt, Jewel Hubbard, Minnie and Lennie Jones, Mildred Richie, Mildred Neveger, Willie Matheson, Ada Gordon, Messrs. Guy Orr, Joe Livingston, Carl Livingston, Dallas Jones, Will Billingsley, Babe Cooper, Jack Hines, Harry McKim, Frank Kindel, Pete Craft, Rex Freeman, Chas. Lyons, Bill Swedak, Milton Smith, and wife, also the host and hostess.

PICNIC TO BLACK RIVER.

Sunday Marvin Livingston, wife, Ed. Lamb and wife, Joe Livingston, Misses Jewel Hubbard, Lucy Jones, Mr. Dresher, and Jack Hines motored to Black River where they spent the day and enjoyed a picnic spread. The day was fine and the drive to the river was just long enough to make them enjoy a good dinner.

EASTER DEVOTIONS KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Elsewhere in this issue announcement and invitation is given by display advertisement of the Easter Services to be held at the Masonic Temple at 3:30 p. m., Sunday April 23rd, 1916. The public, all Masons, resident and visiting, and their friends, and all interested, are cordially invited to attend this service.

E. Hendricks is having the front porch of his residence remodeled and extending same across the north at the extreme end of the porch. Mr. Hendricks will have a sleeping porch built for himself on the end of the north porch.

ODD FELLOWS TO CELEBRATE.

The ninety-seventh anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be celebrated at Hope, New Mexico, on Wednesday, April 26, 1916, under the auspices of Hope Lodge No. 43, I. O. O. F.

The anniversary of this order is observed annually by the Pecos Valley Odd Fellow's Association, which is composed of lodges between Carlsbad and Roswell and between Lovington and Hope.

An excellent program has been arranged by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, of Hope, and it is expected that not less than 100 automobiles from the various valley towns, will make the trip.

The anniversary program will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon; the annual meeting of the Association will be held at four o'clock and in the evening special programs have been provided for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, respectively. The band from Hagerman will be in attendance and furnish music throughout the day.

All Odd Fellows who propose going to Hope from Carlsbad, are urged to be present at the regular meeting of Eddy Lodge No. 21; next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

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

PRIMARY DATE MAY 9

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF CANDIDATES AT COMMITTEE MEETING.

All Favor Changing Date to May 9th Instead of June 17th, for County Primaries, Except One.

After the convention last Saturday at four p. m., the called meeting of the Eddy county Democratic central committee, met to consider the changing of the date for the holding of the county primaries which have been advertised for June 17th. This was brought up as per the following call published for the past two weeks:

At, and upon the requests of a goodly number of the members of the Democratic Central Committee of Eddy county, New Mexico, and the requests of some of the leading democrats of said county, and also the requests of some of the candidates now running for County Offices of said county, I the undersigned chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of said Eddy county, New Mexico, by virtue of the authority in me vested, and in compliance with the requests made, do hereby call a meeting of the

THE TOWN TRUSTEES

MEETING OF NEW BOARD. COMMITTEE APPOINTED. LISTEN TO MUCH HOT AIR ABOUT FRANCHISE.

The town board of trustees met last Monday evening at the county judge's office in the court house.

The new board consisting of Mayor Grantham and Trustees M. R. Smith, Julian Smith, F. G. Snow, and W. A. Poore were all present.

The mayor appointed Julian Smith on streets, W. A. Poore water, F. G. Snow, finance, and health, and M. R. Smith sewer and fire.

All claims against the town were allowed.

After the routine business was disposed of the board listened to discussions pro and con on the subject of the granting of the franchise for electric light and power to Mary E. Tansill. Messrs. C. H. McLenathen, S. I. Roberts, and A. J. Muzzy of the Public Utilities Company, addressed the board on the subject, contending that it was against the interest of the town to allow the franchise. They were answered by Attorney E. P. Bujae for Mrs. Tansill and the discussion is said to have waxed warm and personal. After listening patiently for

an hour or more, the board decided to grant the franchise with some alterations from the original draft and set Monday the 1st day of May as the date for the final passing on the matter.

OLIVER'S SALESROOMS.

J. S. Oliver has leased the Pendleton garage and has converted it into a salesroom for the Franklin, Chalmers and Dodge cars, also a service station for the above cars where he will do light repair work, electrical adjustments and tube repairs, but no general repair business either in casings or work on old cars, leaving the general repair work to the other garages. During the past week Mr. Oliver sold a fine Dodge roadster to M. C. Stewart and last week one each to Dr. Culpepper and Bert Leck. He will spare no pains in keeping an up-to-date service station for these cars just as either in the electrical or mechanical parts of the cars made in short order. As all know, Mr. Oliver has made a record as an expert in his line with both the Carlsbad Auto Co. and Ohnmus "Can Fix It" garages and has been a citizen of Carlsbad for the past four years. He is a family man, but knows how to teach the ladies how to drive his cars, which is one of his chief accomplishments.

Simon Gomez a son of the great republic of Mexico was arraigned before Judge F. H. Richards Monday charged with entering the open door at the rear of the Shelby Co. last Saturday afternoon about four o'clock and abstracting therefrom 100 pounds of flour and a case of chili pepper. The evidence of his compadres convicted him, as he was accompanied by Antonio Hernandez and Susano Baca who both swore that Gomez asked them to stop a wagon in the alley while he went into the store and carried out a sack of flour and went back and put a case of chili. Gomez was detected by Officers Duncan and Gordon who landed him before the judge Saturday night. Monday the other Mexicans were to what they knew and Gomez was placed in jail in default of bond to await the action of the grand jury, as the theft of articles from a building is a felony in New Mexico.

put to a vote it was found to have carried unanimously for the change.

EDDY COUNTY DEMOCRATS MET TO ELECT DELEGATES TO REPRESENT COUNTY IN STATE CONVENTION.

DIED.

Miss Lillian Kirkpatrick, aged twenty years, died at the Anderson Sanitarium Sunday, April 16th, after an operation for appendicitis. She was the youngest child of R. W. and Mary Kirkpatrick, was born at Tolar, Hood county, Texas. Miss Kirkpatrick had been ill for the last seven weeks often not well enough to get around. She was brought in from her home to the sanitarium two weeks ago today, and was operated on for appendicitis on Wednesday before she died on Sunday. She was the youngest of twelve children, three boys and nine girls, only five of the children now living—two boys and three girls. Her father and mother are both living. She was a fine young woman and a good Christian, having united with the Baptist church in 1908, at Lapan, Texas. The family came to Carlsbad about a year ago, from Stephenville, Texas, and have made many friends who mourn with the aged father and mother in the loss of their baby girl. Funeral services were held at the Thorne undertakers parlors Monday morning, Rev. E. J. Barb, pastor of the local Baptist church, officiating and was laid to rest in the Carlsbad cemetery April 17th, 1916.

NO IMMEDIATE DECISION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF U. S. TROOPS FROM MEXICO IS LOOKED FOR.

With Pursuit of Villa at Standstill Washington Proposes to Allow Punitive Expedition to Mark Time Unless Anti-American Outbreak Compels Action.

Washington, April 19.—No decision as to the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico is expected for a week or ten days, unless there are new outbreaks against the forces in Mexico to compel immediate action. This was made clear today when Secretary Baker, dispatched Maj. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, to the border as his personal representative to make a complete report on the military problems confronting General Funston.

The administration's final action on General Carranza's suggestion that the expedition be recalled, probably will be based largely on what is shown in this report. General Scott, who left Washington tonight hardly will be able to make the round trip and complete his observations in less than ten days.

Secretary Baker said General Scott's mission would be to assemble complete information as to the border situation for the use of the department. He also will establish a personal touch with the situation which Secretary Baker has felt the need of in advising the administration as to the military aspects of the Mexican question.

General Scott himself explained that he would be "the eyes of the secretary on the border." Accompanied by his aide, Lieut. Col. Robert E. L. Michie, of the general staff, he will reach General Funston's headquarters at San Antonio next Friday evening.

Mr. Baker laid stress in his announcement on the fact that General Funston is in supreme command of the border situation and expeditionary forces at the border and will remain so. He said the department fully approved every step General Funston had taken, and that General Scott was going only because it had seemed desirable to get a clearer view than was possible by means of official reports.

In the meantime, state department officials will take up consideration of what reply they shall make to the Carranza note urging the withdrawal of the American forces. Some questions involved in that note can be worked out before the military situation finally is reported.

Dispatches from the border or from Mexico today contained no word of developments changing the situation. The expedition seeking Villa is at a standstill, apparently concentrated at points where General Pershing and General Funston believe they are best protected against whatever may come.

The only message received, the substance of which was made public, were of a reassuring nature. A consular dispatch said General Pershing's desire to change the location of his most advanced base near Parral had met with no opposition by the Carranza military authorities. General Pershing is understood to have desired to establish his new base at such a point that communication with the rear would be less difficult.

State department officials pointed out that while the site of this new base was not revealed, it was said to be nearer than the old one to Parral the town where the Americans were fired on last week by Carranza soldiers and civilians.

General Gutierrez, Carranza commander of the district, was said to have sanctioned the change.

State department reports from Chihuahua told of the movement of Carranza troops from that section toward Parral. No explanation was given. It was noted, too, here, however, that these forces were under the direct command of General Gutierrez, whose friendliness to the Americans has been consistent. Some officials thought it possible the Carranza commander intended to replace the Parral forces said to have been involved in the attack on the Americans with those in which he had more confidence.

There was no change during the day in the diplomatic situation. No additional communications from Mexico City reached the state department either from Special Agent Rodgers or through Eliseo Arredondo, ambassador designate.

Christian & Co. INSURANCE

EDDY COUNTY DEMOCRATS MET TO ELECT DELEGATES TO REPRESENT COUNTY IN STATE CONVENTION.

Resolutions Endorsing Administration and Section Homestead. Albert Blake Endorsed as Eddy County Choice as Delegate to National Convention.

The democrats of Eddy county met at the court house in Carlsbad April 15th, 1916, at ten a. m. On account of the closing of business houses as a mark of respect during the funeral of John R. Joyce, the convention adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. D. G. Grantham the county chairman, called the convention to order and explained the matter.

At 1:30 p. m., the convention met again and the chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to elect ten delegates to the state convention to be held at Albuquerque May 24th, called to elect six delegates and six alternates to the National Democratic convention to be held at St. Louis, Missouri, on the 11th day of June, 1916.

On motion D. G. Grantham was elected temporary chairman and Joe Cunningham, temporary secretary. On motion made and seconded the temporary organization was made the permanent organization.

On motion a credentials committee on proxies consisting of W. B. Wilcox, of Otis, Jim Baker, of Carlsbad, and Albert Blake, of Artesia, was appointed by the chair.

While the committee was out the convention invited E. P. Bujae to tell what the Bull Moosers were going to do in New Mexico this season. The captain then arose and walked up in front and delivered a very eulogistic talk on the chief bull mooser, Mr. T. Roosevelt.

The credentials committee on proxies then reported the following as entitled to seats in the convention:

Albert Blake, for W. B. Pistole, S. D. Stennis for G. M. Cooke, C. N. Jones, of Precinct No. 1 and C. T. Burk, and Whit Knowles of Precinct No. 5. D. G. Grantham for T. P. Bingham, B. Stephenson for Nelson Boering and T. J. Stagner for E. M. Bigler.

The roll call showed the following as entitled to seats in the convention: D. G. Grantham, Wm. H. Mullane, Jim Baker and J. M. Cunningham from Precinct No. 1. J. F. Heuderson from Precinct No. 2. Estol Snyder from Precinct No. 16 besides the proxies above stated.

T. J. Stagner, S. D. Stennis and J. F. Henderson were appointed as a committee on resolutions.

While waiting for the committee to report the convention listened to a speech by Chas. Gilbert, candidate for district attorney, who stated among other things, that he hoped the republicans would nominate Roosevelt just to make certain that he would be shelved for all time. He also gave the democrats present a very welcome and wholesome lecture on the principle of standing by the ticket for state officials no matter whether a Spanish-American was nominated or not for said the speaker, the men of the stamp of Lieutenant Governor Baca and Antonio Lucero, secretary of state, are an honor to the party and all democrats would be proud of them if they only were to have the pleasure of being acquainted with them and also that New Mexico contains hundreds of good democrats, among the Spanish speaking people, men who have fought the fight and won against odds for years gone by. He urged the democrats to get out and vote at the general election and roll up a big majority for the state ticket.

Mr. Gilbert made a fine impression on those present and showed that he was a democrat first and a candidate for district attorney second. He then told something of himself and asked for the good wishes of all at the primary.

The resolutions committee then reported as follows:

1. We, the Democrats of Eddy county, New Mexico, in convention assembled, do hereby resolve as follows:

2. We indorse the administration of President Woodrow Wilson and commend him to the people of the United States for a second term as president, believing that the best interests of the people of the United States a prepared and peace loving nation will thereby be served.

3. We indorse the administration of all state Democratic officials and indorse the officials of Eddy county.

4. We disapprove the action of certain citizens of the United States who are apparently seeking to involve this country in war with Mexico, either for their own special interests or for glory and declare them to be obstructionists—not in real sympathy with preparedness and not in real sympathy with honorable peace.

5. We would solicit Hon. A. A. Jones to become a candidate for the United States Senate at the coming election.

6. We would indorse the Section Homestead Bill pending in the United States Senate at this time and that a copy of those resolutions indorsing this bill be furnished Hon. A. A. Jones with the request that he be filed with the secretary of the United States Senate.

Albert Blake, Estol Snyder and Wm. H. Mullane were then on motion appointed by the chair to select a list of names for delegates to the state convention for approval or rejection by the convention. While the committee was out the meeting was favored by a speech from Judge McGill of La Lande who is the latest out for district attorney.

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AUCTION SALE

Saturday, April 29th,

1916, beginning at 1 P. M., without reserve, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, the following described property at the rear of my store in

MALAGA, N. M.

Horses

- 1 BLACK HORSE MULE, 17 hands high, weight 1250, smooth mouth.
- 1 BROWN HORSE MULE, 17 hands high, weight 1200.
- 1 BLACK HORSE, 16 1-2 hands high, 1350 pounds.
- 1 BROWN HORSE MULE, 15 hands high, 1100 pounds, smooth mouth.
- 1 BROWN MARE MULE, 15 hands high, 1050 pounds, smooth mouth.
- 1 GRAY HORSE, 15 hands high, 1000 pounds, about ten years old.
- 1 BAY HORSE, 15 hands high, 1000 pounds, 9 years old.
- 1 BAY HORSE, 15 hands high, 1100 pounds, 12 years old.
- 1 BAY HORSE, 15 1-2 hands high, 1100 pounds, eleven years old.

Farm Machinery

- 1 ORCHARD DISC.
- 1 TWELVE FOOT DISC.
- 1 TWO ROW LISTER, practically new.
- 1 TWO HORSE CULTIVATOR.
- 1 THREE SECTION HARROW.
- 1 GANG PLOW, 14 inch.

The above machinery is in good working order.

Other property may be listed with J. L. Williams up to the hour of sale.

NO BY-BIDDING PERMITTED.

TERMS ALL SUMS OF TEN DOLLARS OR LESS, CASH IN HAND. ALL SUMS OVER TEN DOLLARS A CREDIT OF SIX MONTHS WILL BE GIVEN WITH APPROVED SECURITY AT TEN PER CENT INTEREST PER ANNUM OR FIVE PER CENT DISCOUNT FOR CASH. NO PROPERTY REMOVED UNTIL SETTLED FOR.

J. L. WILLIAMS, W. McILVAIN, W. F. GERLACH,
Proprietor Auctioneer Clerk

ENGLAND GETS HELP

OUR ULTIMATUM GIVEN GERMAN—MUST STOP INHUMANITY OR SEVERE RELATIONS.

America's Last Word is Given to Berlin, and Speaks in no Uncertain Terms. President Wilson Informs Congress as to His Latest Step in Controversy With Teutons.

KAISER MUST ANSWER PRONTO OR LOSE YANKEE FRIENDSHIP

Address to the Joint Session at Same Time as Gerard Delivers Note at German Capital.

President Wilson sent a note to Germany Wednesday which he holds is his ultimatum concerning the use of the submarines against British merchant ships, on account of the destruction of American lives on the ships. How different he treats Germany than Mexico. While Americans are murdered on our own soil by Mexicans, does he send an ultimatum? Oh, no for England has no interest in the Mexican situation. The following are the views of various members of congress on the ultimatum.

Washington, April 29.—President Wilson told congress, assembled in joint session, shortly after one o'clock this afternoon, he had given Germany irrevocable notification that the United States will break off diplomatic relations if her illegal submarine campaign is continued.

A note, America's last word, practically an ultimatum, and demanding an immediate reply, presumably was in the Berlin foreign office as the president was speaking. It was dispatched last night, in accordance with the president's plan to have it before the German government at the same moment he was addressing the American congress.

The president asked no action whatever of congress. He simply informed it of the accumulation of facts proving that Germany's assurances to the United States are being violated that the submarine campaign, despite the earnest protests of the United States, is being conducted with renewed vigor in contravention of all the laws of nations and humanity, and that he means to sever relations unless it is brought within the law. Diplomatic history of the world shows that such a course is almost certain to be followed by war.

The president's note and his address to congress are final. They mark the end of diplomatic exchanges. A continuation of the long-standing friendly relations, the president made clear, depends alone on Germany's conduct.

The president said: "Gentlemen of the congress: "A situation has arisen in the foreign relations of the country, of which it is my plain duty to inform you very frankly."

"It will be recalled that in February, 1915, the imperial German government announced its intention to treat the waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland as embraced within the zone of war, and to destroy all merchant ships owned by its enemies that might be found within any part of that portion of the high seas and that it warned all vessels of neutral as well as of belligerent ownership to keep out of the waters it had thus proscribed or else enter them at their peril. The government of the United States earnestly protested. It took position that such a policy could not be pursued without the practical certainty of gross and palpable violation of the law of nations, particularly if submarine craft were to be employed as its instruments, inasmuch as the rules prescribed by that law rules founded upon principles of humanity and established for the protection of the lives of non-combatants at sea, could not, in the nature of the case, be observed by such vessels. It based its protest on the ground that persons of neutral nationality and vessels of neutral ownership would be exposed to extreme and intolerable risks, and that no right to close any part of the high seas against their use or to expose them to such risks could lawfully be asserted by any belligerent government.

"The law of nations in these matters, upon which the government of the United States based its protest, is not of recent origin, or founded upon merely arbitrary principles set up by convention. It is based, on the contrary, upon manifest and imperative principles of humanity and has long been established with the approval and by the express assent of all civilized nations.

"Notwithstanding the earnest protest of our government, the imperial German government at once proceeded to carry out the policy it had announced. It expressed the hope that the dangers involved, at any rate the dangers to neutral vessels, would be reduced to a minimum by the instructions which it had issued to its submarine commanders and assured the government of the United States that it would take every possible precaution both to respect the rights of neutrals and to safeguard the lives of non-combatants.

"What has actually happened in the year which has since elapsed has shown that those hopes were not justified, those assurances inacceptable of being fulfilled. In pursuance of the policy of submarine warfare against the commerce of its adversaries, thus announced and entered upon by the imperial German government in spite of the solemn protest of this government, the commanders of German undersea vessels have attacked merchant ships with greater and greater activity, not only upon the high seas surrounding Great Britain and Ireland, but wherever they could encounter them in a way that has grown more and more ruthless, more and more indiscriminate as the months have gone by, less and less observant of restraints of any kind; and have delivered their attacks without compunction against vessels of every nationality and belligerent bound on every sort of errand. Vessels of neutral ownership, even vessels of neutral

ownership bound from neutral port to neutral port, have been destroyed along with vessels of belligerent ownership in constantly increasing numbers. Sometimes the merchantman attacked has been warned and summoned to surrender before being fired on or torpedoed; sometimes passengers or crews have been vouchsafed the poor security of being allowed to take to the ships boats before she was sent to the bottom. But again and again no warning has been given; no escape even to the ship's boats allowed to those on board.

"What this government foresaw must happen, has happened. Tragedy has followed tragedy on the seas in such fashion, with such attendant circumstances, as to make it grossly evident that warfare of such a sort if warfare it be, cannot be carried on without the most palpable violation of the dictates alike of right and humanity. Whatever the disposition and intention of the imperial German government, it has manifestly proved impossible for it to keep such methods of attack upon the commerce of its enemies within the bounds set by either the reason or the heart of mankind.

"In February of the present year, the imperial German government informed this government and the other neutral governments of the world that it had reason to believe that the government of Great Britain had armed all merchant vessels of British ownership and had given them secret orders to attack any submarine of the enemy they might encounter upon the seas, and that the imperial German government felt justified in the circumstances in treating all merchantmen of belligerent ownership as auxiliary vessels of war, which it would have the right to destroy without warning.

"The law of nations has long recognized the right of merchantmen to carry arms for protection and to use them to repel attack though to use them in such circumstances at their own risk; but the imperial German government claimed the right to set these understandings aside under circumstances which it deemed extraordinary. Even the terms in which it announced its purpose thus still further to relax the restraints it had previously professed its willingness and desire to put upon the operations of its submarines, carried the plain implication that at least vessels which were not armed would still be exempt from destruction without warning, that the personal safety would be accorded their passengers and crews; but even that limitation, if it was ever practicable to observe it, has in fact constituted no check at all upon the destruction of ships of every sort.

"Again and again the imperial German government has given this government its solemn assurances that at least passenger ships would not be thus dealt with, and yet it has again and again permitted its undersea commanders to disregard those assurances with entire impunity. Great liners like the Lusitania and the Arabic and mere ferry boats like the Sussex, have been attacked without warning, sometimes before they had even become aware that they were in the presence of an armed vessel of the enemy, and the lives of non-combatants, passengers and the crew have been sacrificed wholesale in a manner which the government of the United States cannot but regard as wanton and without the slightest color of justification. No limit of any kind has, in fact, been set to the indiscriminate pursuit and destruction of merchantmen of all kinds and nationalities, within the waters constantly extending in area, where these operations have been carried on; and the roll of Americans who have lost their lives on ships thus attacked and destroyed has grown month by month until the ominous toll has mounted into the hundreds.

"One of the latest and most shocking instances of this method of warfare was that of the destruction of the French cross-channel steamer Sussex. It must stand forth as the sinking of the steamer Lusitania did, as so singularly tragical and unjustifiable as to constitute a truly terrible example of the inhumanity of submarine warfare as the commanders of German vessels have for the past twelve months been conducting it.

"If this incident stood alone, some explanation, some disavowal by the German government some evidence of criminal mistake or willful disobedience on the part of the commander of the vessel, that fired the torpedo might be sought or entertained; but unhappily it does not stand alone. Recent events make the conclusion inevitable that it is only one instance, even though it be one of the most extreme and distressing instances of the spirit and method of warfare which the imperial German government has mistakenly adopted and which from the first exposed that government to the reproach of thrusting all neutral rights aside in pursuit of its immediate objects.

"The government of the United States has been very patient. At every stage of this distressing experience of tragedy after tragedy in which its own citizens were involved, it has sought to be restrained from any extreme course of action or of protest by a thoughtful consideration of the extraordinary circumstances of this unprecedented war, and actuated in all that is said or did by the sentiments of genuine friendship which the people of the United States always have entertained and continue to entertain toward the German nation. It has, of course, accepted the successive explanations and assurances of the imperial German government as given, in entire sincerity and good faith, and has hoped, even against hope, that it would prove to be possible for the German government so to order and control the acts of its naval commanders as to square its policy with the principles of humanity as embodied in the law of the nations. It has been willing to wait until the significance of the facts become absolutely unmistakable and susceptible of but one interpretation.

"That point has now unhappily been reached. The facts are susceptible of but one interpretation, the imperial German government has not been able to put any limits or restraints upon its warfare against either freight or passenger ships. It has, therefore, become painfully evident that the position which this government took at the very outset is inevitably, namely, that the use of submarines for the

destruction of any enemy's commerce is of necessary because of the character of the vessels employed, and the very methods of attack, which their employment, of course, involves, incompatible with the principles of humanity the long established and incontrovertible rights of neutrals, and the sacred immunities of non-combatants.

"It has deemed it my duty, therefore, to say to the imperial German government that if it is still its purpose to prosecute relentless and indiscriminate warfare against vessels of commerce by the use of submarines, notwithstanding the new demands, treated impossibility of conducting that warfare in accordance with what the government of the United States must consider the sacred and indisputable rules of international law and the universally recognized dictates of humanity, the government of the United States is at least forced to the conclusion that there is but one course it can pursue; and that unless the imperial German government should now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of warfare against passenger and freight carrying vessels, this government can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the government of the German empire altogether.

"This decision, I have arrived at with the keenest regret; the possibility of the action contemplated, I am sure, all thoughtful Americans will look forward to with unaffected reluctance. But we cannot forget that we are in some sort and by the force of circumstances the responsible spokesmen of the rights of humanity, and that we cannot remain silent while these rights seem in process of being swept utterly away in the maelstrom of this terrible war. We owe it to a due regard for our own rights as a nation, to our sense of duty as a representative of the rights of neutrals, the world over, and to a just conception of the rights of mankind to take this stand now with the utmost solemnity and firmness.

"I have taken it, and taken it in the confidence that it will meet with your approval and support. All sober minded men must unite in hoping that the imperial German government which has in other circumstances stood as the champions of all that we are now contending for in the interest of humanity, may recognize the justice of our demands and meet them in the spirit in which they are made.

Representatives of the allied countries filled the diplomatic galleries of the house. Women ruled in the public galleries, less than twenty men finding places in the six hundred seats. Mrs. Wilson was in the executive gallery.

In the cabinet party were Secretaries Lansing, Baker, Houston and Wilson, Attorney General Gregory and Postmaster General Burleson. The vice-president and secretaries arrived at 12:50 and marched in double file down the center aisle, members of the house rising and remaining standing until they were seated. While the secretaries were taking their seats, Mr. Wilson reached the capitol and waited in Speaker Clark's office, just outside the chamber. As the president entered the chamber, just before 1 o'clock, senators, representatives, cabinet and galleries arose. An outburst of applause followed. During this demonstration the president shook hands with the speaker and the vice-president, and then bowed to the assembly.

The president began his address, speaking slowly and distinctly. His voice was heard throughout the chamber. As the president began the review of the German submarine campaign, there was no demonstration to punctuate the protest of the sacrifice of American lives, not a sound was heard above the president's voice as he said the name Lusitania.

Every head bowed forward as the president indicated that he was approaching the keynote of his message, the announcement of the c he will pursue. His declaration that Germany had made it plain that she intended to continue indiscriminate

warfare in defiance of international law and the protests of the United States, was followed by the statement that this determination had left only one course open to the United States.

When he pronounced the words of the ultimatum saying that unless Germany should immediately withdraw and effect any abandonment of indiscriminate submarine warfare, this government would have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations, there was still no demonstration, only an intense silence and a reflection of the gravity of his words.

When he concluded with the expression of the hope that Germany would so act, to avert a regrettable break with America the assembly broke into cheers.

It was 1:14 o'clock when the president concluded. He had spoke just fifteen minutes. Applause started from the democratic side, and the republican members then joined. Democrats began rising to their feet, and soon the entire assemblage was standing. The applause lasted perhaps a minute, and then, as the president passed out of the chamber, died away.

Speaker Clark declared the joint session at an end, and the senators filed out. The galleries quickly were deserted.

It was the state department's intention to give out the note to Germany for publication tomorrow morning, but later the plan was changed and it was decided to give it out as soon as it could be copied. Officials indicated it might be available about 1 o'clock. Its text is about 5,000 words, including an appendix of 2,500 words.

Speaker Clark referred the address to the foreign relations committee and the house resumed its regular business.

"I do not believe the president's course will lead to war," said Senator Chamberlin, democrat, chairman of the military committee.

"I think the president was fully justified in the course he has taken," said Senator Wadsworth, republican of New York.

"If war comes out of this," declared Senator Kenyon, republican, of Iowa, "I hope the first to enlist will be those who have insisted on riding on armed belligerent ships."

Speaker Clark and democratic Leader Kitchin declined to comment on the address.

"The sending of a note to Germany was as mild a position as the president could take," said Representative Flood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee.

"I think this government should be neutral," said republican leader Mann. "The president has never been neutral. He has been on the English side all the time. What he said about Germany, while it is grossly exaggerated, is a just complaint. But he could say just the same about England and our shipping, substituting 'sinking ships' for 'sinking ships'."

It is a mistake to break off diplomatic relations with Germany. That is simply to quit in a pet. It is perfectly evident that the president, as a campaign political dodge, is trying to work up to a point where he can get into war with Germany during a presidential campaign.

"The president's position is a complete repudiation of his note of January 18, sent through Secretary Lansing regarding the arming of merchant vessels and submarine warfare," said Representative Cooper, ranking republican member of the foreign affairs committee.

"This is a good time for everyone to hold his head and maintain the balance" was the only comment Senator Stone would make.

It was also revealed that the United States has made it clear to Germany that it stands ready to further discuss how submarine warfare properly may be conducted after Germany has declared that her present methods have been abandoned.

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CHAPTER XIII.

Molly's Anxiety Well Founded.

MOLLY'S anxiety was by no means feigned, for the next morning, at 10 o'clock, she called up her father at his office and asked him if he had received an answer to his telegram. In rather a worried tone he replied that he had not, but that he would let her know as soon as he had done so.

She wandered about the house, quite ill at ease; then, unable to content herself, suggested to Fern that they make ready for a drive. When they were ready she hesitated a moment or two in front of the telephone, but conquered that temptation. Instead, she made their first stop at her father's office, and, with a curious degree of consideration, waited in the little red reception room to be announced. She was told to come right in, and found Bert with her father.

Marley silently handed her a telegram. It read:

Our Mr. Goldman will see you in two weeks from today.

"Two weeks," she worried. "Can't you possibly hurry them up?"

Marley handed her another telegram. Impossible to arrange earlier date.

"Hunt's resignation was in my mail this morning," stated Marley, with forced quietness. "He has taken a position as secretary with Sledge's company, and I suppose half my office force will follow him."

"Two weeks," speculated Bert, then he added impatiently: "Confound it, Marley! I'm in a pretty pickle if we can't clear our skirts of this thing! I borrowed the money to buy up Moody's stock from some friends of mine, and on my unsupported note. To lose would mean the absolute end of my social standing, here or anywhere."

"We'll see that you get yours first," offered Marley, whose respect for his son-in-law to be was only superficial.

"I didn't mean to urge my personal

use to take your orders," she calmly informed him, surprised to find in herself an inclination to giggle over her use of that splendidly ringing remark. "Molly will shield you from all harm," she added, and she was smothering when she rejoined Fern.

"What's the joke?" asked that young lady. "I've been dying all morning to hear somebody giggle."

"You're to chaperon me while I go over and make love to Sledge," Molly gayly informed her.

"You're not really," protested Fern.

"I am really," retorted Molly, her eyes flashing a trifle more than a mere jest would seem to warrant. "I must, Fern. I plunged both father and Bert into this trouble, and Bert seems to think it's up to yours truly Molly to fool Sledge along until they have time to get out of it. Besides that, it's a sort of a game between Sledge and myself, and I'm not going to have that big duffer win it."

"This is too delightful for anything," applauded Fern. "I'm perfectly mad about it, Molly. I hope Sledge is in."

Sledge was in. He was closeted with Senator Allerton and Governor Waver on a most important conference, one involving the welfare and prosperity of half the voters in the state; but, nevertheless, he promptly stifled his conscience and allowed the interests of the sovereign people to suffer when Davis whispered in his ear that Molly Marley wanted to see him.

"Bring her right in," said Sledge.

"Men, you'll have to go. It's a lady," and he opened the rear door for them.

"Just one moment," parleyed Governor Waver, his hand on the door-knob. "I'm returning to the capital this afternoon, and—"

"I'll see you up there," interrupted Sledge, pushing the door and the governor with it.

"By the way, my coat," called the senator from the rear corridor.

The knob of the other door rattled.

"All right," grunted Sledge, closing them out in the draft just as Molly and Fern came in. "Hello, girls!" said Sledge.

"Sit down. Excuse me a minute till I poke a guy's Benny out to him."

Sledge walked into Marley's office with his parlor smile, the recently out-lived one which belonged of right to the red rose he wore, and he sat down before he began to speak. His usual method was to deliver his messages standing.

"We ought to figure a consolidation," he suggested.

Marley considered that statement carefully. He was beginning to learn that he really needed caution in dealing with Sledge.

"One of us might be gobbled up," he sagely concluded. "As I understand it, you own 75 per cent of the new company, while I only hold a bare majority of the old one. It would scarcely be possible that in a consolidation I would still have control."

"We'd have to pool our stock for either one to hold it," agreed Sledge.

Marley looked at him wonderingly.

"I don't quite understand the advantage to you in this," he puzzled. "Frankly, Mr. Sledge, I'd have to see that advantage before I could consider the matter."

"There ain't any," Sledge confessed.

"I want to protect you if everything's all right. Molly was just over."

"Yes; she said she was going to see you," replied Marley, clutching eagerly at the straw.

"I thought she'd get enough," stated Sledge, and he chuckled. "She's a smart girl."

"Yes; she is," assented Marley, wondering just how much she had said to make such a remarkable change in Sledge. "A consolidation would probably be a very sensible thing. It would enable me to plan extension, lines and loops which would increase our revenues tremendously, with no possibility of dividing the patronage. Moreover, a mere announcement of such a move would add immediately to the market value of the stock in both companies."

"We consolidate after the marriage," amended Sledge. "We got all ready now."

"Any time you say," readily consented Marley. "I'll meet with you and arrange the details tonight."

"Naw!" refused Sledge. "Theater tonight."

"With Molly?" inquired Marley, wanting to smile.

"Molly and Fern. Fern's a nice kid."

"All right; tomorrow night, then," suggested Marley, his mind firmly fixed on the commercial opportunity.

"Daytime," corrected Sledge. "I'm busy nights. Say, Marley, is that game between Molly and Bert called clear off?"

"Did Molly say so?" evaded Marley.

"No," Sledge hesitated. "Is it?"

"That's entirely Molly's affair."

"I believe you," coincided Sledge, and again he chuckled as he arose to go.

"Is there any objection to giving out a hint of this consolidation?" asked Marley, with an instant thought that at the very least this new turn would enhance his price with the syndicate which had proposed to buy him out.

"Huh-uh!" assented Sledge. "You better see Davis about your mortgage. He won't extend, but he'll hold off."

"I'll go over right away," answered Marley, anxious to take advantage of that offer also as quickly as possible.

"Wait till tomorrow," ordered Sledge and stalked out, having but very little time to waste.

His way lay directly past the Grand Opera House, and he stopped at the ticket window.

"Give me a box for tonight," he grunted.

"Thanks," grunted Sledge and snuffed the tickets in his pocket.

"Don't mention it," returned the treasurer as mechanically and walked back to the manager of the company.

"What kind of a show is this?" asked Sledge.

"Rotten," the ticket man informed him. "It's highbrow stuff, Hamlet."

"Huh-uh!" grunted Sledge. "Any music?"

"Orchestra. Ophelia sings, but you'd think she was having her teeth fixed."

"Huh-uh!" observed Sledge again, and walked out.

Two blocks up the street, on his way to the Occident, he stopped at an automobile salesroom.

"This working?" he inquired, pointing to the shining big limousine which occupied the center of the floor.

"All it needs is gasoline," replied the salesman.

"Put some red roses in that flower thing, and send it up," Sledge directed.

"About dinner time?" surmised the salesman. "Possibly I'd better send it up before, Mr. Sledge. It has some improvements your man might want to look into."

"I'll send Billy down," decided Sledge.

He turned to go when, in the adjoining window, he caught sight of a little, low, colonial coupe, with seating capacity for three. It was of an exquisitely beautiful shape, with small, latticed window panes and dainty lace curtains. He walked slowly toward it, his habitually cold gray eyes brightening, and as he stood before it he thrust his hands deep in his pockets and positively laughed aloud.

"That's our newest ladies' car," explained the salesman, following him.

"The women are crazy about them. Self starting, electric lights inside, shopping bags everywhere, adjustable satin seat coverings and all the latest boudoir improvements."

Sledge scarcely heard him. He was still laughing. Nothing he had ever seen had struck him so humorously as the "cuteness" of this car.

"It's swell!" he chuckled. "Got a red one?"

"No, they're only made in black," the salesman told him. "The color effects are obtained by the cushion coverings and silk curtains."

"Put red ones in this. Got another one?"

"There's one just being set up in the shop," stated the overjoyed salesman.

"It's an order."

"Make that one blue."

"Do you want them this afternoon?" asked the clerk, figuring that it was worth while to put off the other customer.

"Sure!" said Sledge. "Right away."

"I'll get busy immediately," promised the salesman, delicious with happiness.

"Where do they go?"

"Molly Marley gets the red one. The blue one's for her friend Fern. Nix on who sent 'em."

"They'll want to know," the salesman insisted.

"Aw, tell 'em Frank Marley."

Just across the street was the largest jewelry shop in town, and the display in its windows gave him an idea. He strode in, asked for the proprietor and got him.

"I want a rock that weighs about a pound," he stated.

"A diamond? Yes, Mr. Sledge. Some thing for an emblem?"

"Naw! Lady's ring—solitaire."

"We have some beauties," bragged the jeweler, immediately aglow with enthusiasm. "Here is a nice little three carat stone which is flawless and perfectly cut."

"Is this the best you got?" inquired Sledge, looking into the case.

"We have some larger ones unsold, but they are not usually mounted in ladies' rings," responded the jeweler, struggling between his artistic conscience and his commercialism.

"Let's see 'em."

Reverently the jeweler produced from his safe a covered and locked tray, in which on white velvet reposed a dozen sparkling white stones.

Sledge poked a stuffy forefinger at the largest one.

"Is this one right?" he wanted to know.

"It's a very good stone," the jeweler told him.

"The next one to it, however, though a trifle smaller, is of much finer quality. In fact, we have not one in the shop of any size which I consider so perfect as this one. It's worth \$500 more than the large one."

"That'll do," Sledge decided. "Put it in a ring."

"Very well," agreed the jeweler, trying to be nonchalant as he consulted a slip of paper in the edge of the tray.

"This one weighs six and three-eighths carats, plus a sixteenth, Mr. Sledge. Have you the size of the ring?"

"Naw!" he returned in disgust at his own thoughtlessness. "I'll take it loose." And he slipped the stone in his waistcoat pocket.

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S. G. Humphreys, Plaintiff

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No. 2329.

WHEREAS, by virtue of a Final Decree, entered in the above cause of action on the 9th day of March, 1916, the above named defendant, E. P. Nellis, was found and adjudged to be indebted to the above named plaintiff in \$14,913.76; and

WHEREAS, a mortgage and vendor's lien notes securing said indebtedness, upon the premises hereinafter described was established, fixed and foreclosed, and said premises ordered sold to satisfy said indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned was appointed, in said order by said Court, Special Master to sell said premises and to make the purchaser thereof a conveyance of the same and report his doings and proceedings back to the Court for his approval.

NOW, therefore, I, Frank H. Richards, special Master, as aforesaid, do hereby give public notice, that on the 10th day of June, 1916, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m., and 12 o'clock M. of said day, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the South front door of the (Old Part of Court House) Court House, in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described lands and premises, situate in Eddy County, New Mexico, to-wit:

320 acres of land in Sections 28 and 29 Township 18 South of Range 26 East Eddy County, New Mexico.

Also the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW 1-4) of the NW 1-4; and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1-4 SW 1-4). Also the South half of the Southwest Quarter (S 1-2, SW 1-4). The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1-4 SE 1-4) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE 1-4, SW 1-4) of Section 28.

Also the east half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1-2, SE 1-4) of Section 29, all in Township 18 South

of Range 26 East N. M. P. M., Eddy County, New Mexico.

Also the North half of the Northwest quarter, (N 1-2, NW 1-4) and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1-4, NE 1-4) and the West half of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter (W 1-2 of the NE 1-4 of the NE 1-4) of Section 31, Township 18 South of Range 26 East, N. M. P. M., Eddy County, New Mexico, together with all improvements thereon situated and appurtenant thereto.

Witness my hand at Carlsbad, New Mexico, this 19th day of April, A. D., 1916.

FRANK H. RICHARDS, Special Master.

21-Apr-4

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Serial No. 021577

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, April 13, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Roseau Lamoreau Dubois, nee Bruguiere, by Bart A. Nymeyer, her attorney in fact, has filed application Serial No. 021577 to locate Sioux Half-Breed Scrip No. 323, letter "D", issued to Roseau Bruguiere under Act of Congress approved July 17, 1864, on Lot 16, Sec. 1, T. 21 S., R. 34 E., N. M. P. M., containing 40 acres.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the land described herein, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for other reasons, to its disposal to applicant, should file his affidavit of protest or contest on or before the 27th day of May, 1916.

EMMETT PATTON, Register.

April 21—May 19

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, March 31, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico, under the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 21, 1898 and June 29, 1916 and acts supplementary and amendatory thereto, has filed in this office selection lists for the following described lands:

List No. 7047. Serial No. 034005 NW 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 21, Tp. 20-S, Range 27-E, N. M. P. M., 40 acres.

List No. 7168. Serial No. 034454 W 1-2 NW 1-4, SW 1-4, Sec. 23, Tp. 21-S, Range 25-E, N. M. P. Mer., 240 acres.

List No. 7167. Serial No. 034455 S 1-4, Sec. 14, NE 1-4, NW 1-4, Sec. 15, N 1-2 NE 1-4, S 1-2 SE 1-4, Sec. 22, Tp. 21-S, Range 25-E, N. M. P. Mer., 640 acres.

List No. 7166. Serial No. 034456 S 1-2, Sec. 13, N 1-2, Sec. 14, Tp. 21-S, Range 25-E, N. M. P. Mer., 640 acres.

List No. 7165. Serial No. 034457 NE 1-4 SW 1-4, S 1-2 SW 1-4, Sec. 16, N 1-2, Sec. 13, Tp. 21-S, Range 25-E, N. M. P. Mer., 600 acres.

Protests or contests against any or all of such selections may be filed in this office during the period of publication hereof, or at any time before final certificate.

EMMETT PATTON, Register.

21-Apr-5

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Flies caught in the market house in Nashville, Tenn., were found to be carrying from 1000 to 10,000 bacteria each. In one speck left by a fly that had been captured on the face of a leper, 1,115 leprosy germs were found.
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Much can be done in the way of avoiding danger from flies by using screens and fly destroyers, by covering food and dishes, and by removing all materials that attract them to the house. A far more easier and more effective way is to remove the breeding places of the fly. Clean up your yards and stables, and have a flyless Carlsbad.

GERMANY DENIES SINKING FRENCH STEAMSHIP SUSSEX.

Berlin, April 19.—The foreign office transmitted today to the American embassy a supplementary note in regard to the Sussex containing affidavits sworn to by a Swiss passenger on the Sussex, that the steamship was not torpedoed and also a statement to the same effect from an American passenger.
Despite the above President Wilson states in his ultimatum that the Sussex was torpedoed by a German submarine, simply because the English minister to this country says so. When the word of the English ambassador and his clique is taken as evidence against Germany it would be absurd to hold that as a nation the United States is neutral.

When Carranza wanted the use of the railways of Texas to transport his troops so he could hem Villa the consent of this government was at once given and thousands of Mexican soldiers with all their plunder were carried from the southern end of Mexico to El Paso and farther on as far as they desired to go and had it not been for the permission given at that time Villa would now be in full control all over the northern end of Mexico. Now that the United States needs the Mexican railways to send food to the army after Villa, Mr. Carranza quietly refuses to allow the bacon and beans to be carried left alone troops. Many who are well posted say Carranza is the enemy of the United States and has mobilized thousands of troops between the Pershing forces and the international line and if the order to move out of Mexico was given it would be the signal for Carranza's forces to if possible destroy the whole of the American army now in Mexico. The United States has trifled with Carranza long enough and while the last man in this country can muster of the regular army has been ordered to Mexico, still, there is danger of our little army having to cut its way out of the country or be annihilated.

Senator Catron has awakened to the fact that he has a fight on hand for the nomination for senator. As long as it appeared that his only opponent for the nomination would be former Delegate Andrews the senator went about his business in Washington perfectly contented that the great politician from Pennsylvania should amuse himself by allowing his fertile imagination to lead him into the belief that he is in the race for the nomination for senator, but when it became apparent that Frank Hubbell who has been piling up dollars at a wonderful rate out of the sheep business, during the present democratic administration, is in the race in earnest, the attitude of Senator Catron changed. He came out to New Mexico to look over the situation and it might be possible that he is sizing up the proportions of the Hubbell bar. We imagine that the senator will discover that it is same bar before the campaign is over.

Frank A. Hubbell, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator from New Mexico, sold about 3000 head of lambs at \$8.75 per head this spring. This is a trifle more than Don Francisco or any of the other sheep raisers in New Mexico ever received for like number of lambs while the sheep industry was "fostered" by the "beneficial" influence of a protective tariff. In the good old days of the protective tariff half the amount received by Mr. Hubbell for his lambs this spring would have been considered a big price. Thus has democratic free trade ruined the sheep business!

The Protective Chorus which sang so sweetly of four cent wool four years ago in New Mexico, ought to make a bit in the coming campaign if any of the warblers can contrive to fit twenty-eight cent wool to that old four cent song. We admit that it would be some job but it would be worth trying.

"PRIEST RIDDEN MEXICO."

To those who are continually repeating the above title and honestly believe that the republic on the south is actually "priest ridden" it may be of interest to read the following statistics from the latest edition of J. D. Kennedy's Catholic Directory of Mexico: Population, 15,000,000. Total number of priests including superannuates, professors and teachers in schools and colleges all told 3,756. This is from the 1914 directory which means the statistics of 1913. Since then Carranza has murdered and driven out nearly all of the priests. However, were it possible that he had not there would be but one priest to 4,000 people. This would give but one clergyman to two towns the size of Carlsbad, which today has five ministers and their families and one priest, the other two being assigned to Artesia and Mexican population of the county there being but three priests in Eddy county. The United States has one priest to 1,000 Catholics which is four times as many priests as has Mexico while we have one minister to 300 other non-Catholic people. If Mexico is priest ridden what do you think of the Baptists with one minister and family to 200 or less people? This, however, is no reflection on the Baptists for they are good people and as a whole would be better off if they had more ministers.

In reality the people are better or worse according to the number of clergymen they support. It would be no disgrace to Mexico if there were one priest to every 100 of the population. There would then be no outlaws, thieves and murderers for they are a product of an irreligious country. Mexico would not now be suffering the scourge of Sodom and Gomorrah were it not for the crimes committed against the priests in 1850 to '60. France is another example of the same disease as well as Germany, Italy, Belgium, England and all other nations now at war. When the people become materialistic and infidel it is the first step toward hate of their neighbors and it is only a short step from the corruption of the social evil and the other evils of drunkenness and gluttony to murder and robbery. All of this breeds war and finally the horrors of the battle field and the starvation and pestilence it breeds destroy the people the remnant fly to their Creator and again become religious, after which comes peace and the world is better than if no war had come.

The president has given Germany five days in which to answer the last ultimatum. However, the word comes from Germany that it will be impossible to formulate a reply in less than ten days. We may, therefore, rest assured that Germany will not commence before May 1st, and even then if congress will listen to reason it is hardly possible that more than the severance of diplomatic relations can occur for the power of the president can go no farther than to break with Germany. This, however, can but lead to war and is all that England wants for then the English plotters and schemers can work with more boldness and will undoubtedly draw the United States into the world war unless Germany can overtake France and force a peace which is as likely as anything judging from the gains made by the Germans at Verdun.

Strange sounds seem to be coming from the political workshop of Secundino Romero. It does not require the acumen of a Sherlock Holmes to "deduce" from the circumstances surrounding the case that Sec is grinding the political scalp of Holm O. Bursum. Perhaps Sec has overheard a point. It is possible that Bursum has resolved to be "vindicated" once more and that he will resist the scalping process at the hands of the great republican boss of San Miguel county. The war dance preparatory to the republican nomination for governor of New Mexico will be worth watching.

Perhaps most interesting of all "preparedness" documents is the special report of the army war college division of the general staff. It presents most thoroughly the possibility of American disaster through aggressive foreign military activity. The picture that the war college division draws is undeniably alarming. It shows the shores of the United States overrun with hostile soldiers while our own army is being organized. It shows a hostile force of 257,000 men and 81,270 horses with full equipment landing here in fifteen days after the defeat of our navy, with monthly additions of 140,000 men. At this rate the country could be conquered before more than a feeble initial resistance could be made. There is a point which must be calculated on in the figuring—the strength of our navy. All the big ships of the war college are based on the foreign foe breaking through our coast defenses. The college will evidently insist on having our strongest barrier in a place where an enemy would be nearly whipped and practically useless if he ever should break through the outer defenses.

LIGHTNING STRUCK RING.

But Missed Weaver, and He's Wondering How He Escaped Death.
Winchester, Va.—Hope Beam's finger ring is in the jeweler's shop because the ruby setting was loosened by lightning. Also he is alive and well after one of the most exciting experiences of his life, having faced death in an instant's time when a bolt of lightning struck in the concrete midway between the Reader's and Empire buildings. Beam was shocked severely, the electricity following the wiring into the office where he was working. Several women in the office of a physician next to where the lightning struck were also shocked.

Phone 191—The Carlsbad Bakery—for Hot Cross Buns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SURVEYOR.

The Current is authorized to announce N. V. Cook as a candidate for the office of county surveyor of Eddy county subject to the decision of the voters at the democratic primaries May 9.

Subject to Democratic Primaries.
REPRESENTATIVE.
CARL B. LIVINGSTON.

STATE SENATE.
DR. M. P. SKEEN.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
K. K. SCOTT.
ROBERT C. DOW.

SHERIFF.
JOHN N. HEWITT.
M. C. STEWART.

COUNTY CLERK.
A. R. O'QUINN.

ASSESSOR.
W. C. HOWARD.
ROY S. WALLER.
J. O. RICHARDS.
JOHN O. McKEEN.

TREASURER.
J. D. WALKER.
WHIT WRIGHT.

SUPERINTENDENT.
W. A. POORE.

SURVEYOR.
JOHN W. LEWIS.
B. A. NYMEYER.

PROBATE JUDGE.
W. B. ROBINSON.

COMMISSIONER, DIST. NO. 1.
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SCOTT ETTER.

COMMISSIONER, DIST. NO. 2.
C. E. MANN.
THOS. F. BLACKMORE.
E. M. TEEL.

COMMISSIONER, DIST. NO. 3.
W. T. MATKINS.

N. V. COOK.

Mr. N. V. Cook of Lakewood announces this week for the office of county surveyor. He will be remembered by the voters as having been a candidate five years ago and received the unanimous vote of his town box, Lakewood, for the office to which he now aspires. He received in the county 728 votes to Nymeyer's 814. His being unacquainted handicapped him in the race but he received the vote of all with whom he was acquainted, and many more.

Mr. Cook has been a resident of the county for about twelve years and is one of the best liked and most popular men in the county besides being a first class surveyor and a life long Democrat. In the event of being chosen at the primaries he will not disappoint those who support him for the office as he is not only a good surveyor but an obliging and accommodating neighbor and citizen.

Fear has been expressed by many that after the European war the United States would become the refuge of people who would find that the mother countries had acquired too many restraining influences to make it worth while to remain any longer. We now learn that we are to be in a way protected against this possible influx of perhaps some desirable but surely much undesirable material. In order to discover the probable amount of immigration to be expected after the European war is ended a nation wide canvass will be taken by the chamber of commerce of the United States. The canvass will be made through the railroad ticket agents of the country, who keep close tabs on the immigration situation and would therefore be in a position to know much of value to the investigators. They also are in touch with the steamship ticket agents who can also give data of value. One of the objects will be to formulate plans to distribute those who are found desirable in order to avoid having them crowd into thickly populated sections. Whether it is found that a large immigration after the war is probable or not, the canvass will evidently yield much valuable information, as the problem of the placing of immigrants under normal conditions has been growing more difficult yearly. The matter of admitting only good assimilating material and barring the undesirable can also be taken under advisement and the necessary precautions taken for the best.

Good roads last year cost \$250,000, 800, and it ought not to be necessary to go hunting for said good roads.

The motto "Better late than never" also applies to the holiday season to the mind of the shopkeeper.

Of all poverty that of the mind is the most deplorable.—Gregory.

OFFICERS: E. Hendricks, Pres. Morgan Livingston, Vice-Pres.
J. N. Livingston, Cashier J. A. May, Asst. Cashier

NATIONAL BANK of CARLSBAD

United States Depository (Postal Savings)

DIRECTORS: E. Hendricks, Morgan Livingston, J. A. Lusk
J. N. Livingston, Carl B. Livingston

CONVENT MEMORIES.

By Ruth L. Skeen, Artesia, N. M.
Sister Sebastian.

Sister Sebastian is the cook
On Saturday she always bakes
And if you're good she'll let you look
In the big oven at the cakes.

Sister Sebastian's very nice
If you're polite and always kind
Her kitchen smells of fruit and spice
On birthdays, too, she's very kind.

She fixes you a birth-day cake
With candles on—a grand surprise
Or ginger cookies full of nuts
Or cunning little saucer pies.

Sister Sebastian used to live—
In Ireland—so she's fond of jokes
She likes to pull our braids and tease
She says she just loves little folks.
—Reprinted from Ava Maria.

Sister Joseph.

They're lots of pretty plants in bloom
In Sister Joseph's music room
Each afternoon at half-past four
I go in there and shut the door
And play my scales—it's very hard
But Sister Joseph smiles at me
When I am counting one-two-three
The time seems short, for soon she'll say
"Now, dear, you may run out to play."
—From Ava Maria.

Sister Claire.

Listen—just every single night
When Sister Claire puts out my light
Altho her face I cannot see
She always comes and kisses me.

And then I hear her light foot fall
Pass swiftly out and down the hall
The clinking of her rosary
Sounds sweet as music—most to me

Her face is very kind and white
As if behind it shone a light
I don't look at her when I'm bad
Because it is so grievous and sad.

But when she smiles, I always trace
The same look on the Virgin's face
Her eyes are very kind and blue
I think they must be like the Virgin's too.

I never tell I love her so
But I keep thinking she must know
Because I lie awake at night
Waiting till she puts out my light.
—From Ava Maria.

MY ROSARY.

There is something in the way it
clings
About my hands, I cannot tell,
I only know sweet peace it brings
A feeling as though all were well.

Ave Marie—one by one
The beads fall down in rhythm sweet
Dear Mediator—ask Thy Son
To hear me pleading at His feet.

For faith to lead me through the gloom
When dark the night comes down
to me
Beyond the shadow of the tomb
With Thee to stand on Cavalry.

Find strength to rise above life's storms
Safe in the shadow of the Cross
Thy prayers shall keep my soul from harm
Ave Marie—Exaudinos.
—Marion Garrigan Hannan.
(May be sung to the music of Nevins Rosary.)

FIRST NUMBER OF FARM PAPER IS PUBLISHED.

Breezy Little Periodical for Eddy County Rural Residents; Object is to Help Farmer in Many Ways.

Agricultural College, N. M., April 18.—The Farmers' Exchange Bulletin, for a long time a project contemplated by County Agent J. W. Knorr of Eddy county is now an assured fact. The first number of volume one is off the press and copies have been distributed to every part of the county. The bulletin is a neatly printed paper, magazine size, with regulation newspaper columns for the news matter. The first number contains a number of timely articles, which may be read with interest and profit by all who are tilling the soil and raising livestock and produce in the Pecos valley. The primary object of the bulletin is to get the farmers acquainted with each other's wants.

Any farmer has the privilege of inserting one or more advertisements in each issue, telling of hogs, sheep, poultry, eggs, bees or any other animal or article he may have for sale; or advertising for a trade in farm machinery or anything he may have about the farm regarded as of no immediate use, but which may be of use to some one else.

The editorial policy of the bulletin will be to encourage farmers to energetic action along success lines; to suggest modern methods of farm management and to give publicity to mistakes which have been made in various farm projects in Eddy county.

The above mentioned paper which is said to be neatly printed was gotten out in the Current office and as is all printing done here, very well up as regards its appearance. Moral: If you want good printing call at the Current office.

N. M. REPUBLICANS HOLD CONVENTION.

Endorse Senator Catron to Succeed Himself and Denounce Present Administration.

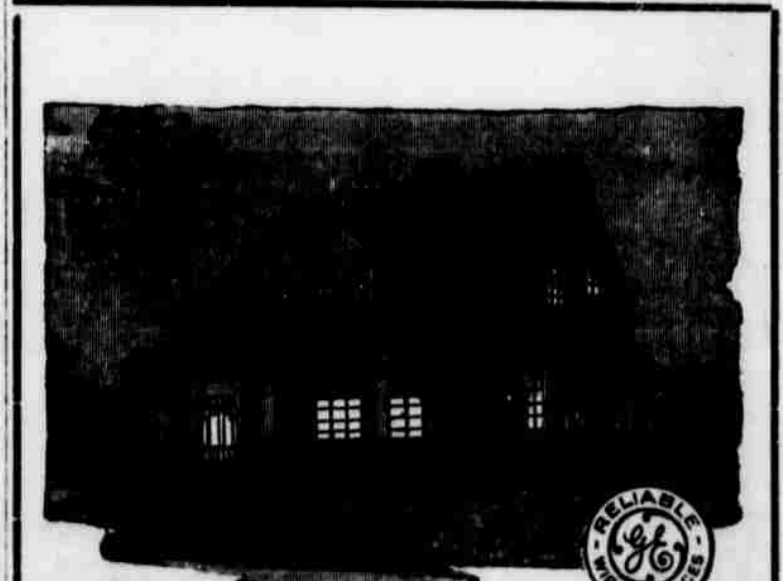
Santa Fe, N. M., April 19.—The Santa Fe county Republican convention last night endorsed the candidacy of United States Senator T. B. Catron to succeed himself; named eighteen delegates to the state convention in Albuquerque, on April 25, and passed resolutions condemning the Democratic state and federal administrations as corrupt, extravagant, reckless, lawless and without regard to the best interests of the welfare of people, calling for a strong protective tariff, and a stronger army and navy.

THE YEAR BOOK.

Washington, D. C., April 12, 1916. To the Editor:
The Agricultural Yearbook, 1915, edition, is now ready for distribution. I will be glad to answer all calls for copies of same until my supply is exhausted. I wish you would give notice of this in your newspaper.
Very truly yours,
T. B. CATRON.

EASTER FLOWERS.

Among those enjoying Easter flowers, and roses in profusion, is John Bolton and wife. Their pot plants are beautiful. The foliage in itself is luxuriant and they have a variety of colors. The red and white honeysuckle are in full bloom and putting on small lemons. This alone is worth going to see. The rose arbor where Mrs. Bolton sits and enjoys her flowers and embroideries is now very pretty, but will be more profusely covered with flowers or rose blossoms in a few days. They will decorate a number of halls for Easter and place a number in their church and have some at home, also.



Is Your Home Really Modern?

Perhaps you have a new house, with strictly modern plumbing and heating. Do you realize that, unless it is wired for electricity, you have neglected the most valuable and up-to-date feature of all?

Wire Your Home This Month

You can, at comparatively small cost, remedy this serious defect. Without doing any damage to your house we can put at your constant disposal all the wonderful, modern conveniences of electric lighting and household labor saving appliances. Heat, light and power at the turn of a switch transform the simplest home to a veritable Alladin's palace of wonders.

Let us tell you what comforts electricity can bring to your home

The Public Utilities Co

Do It Electrically

CARLSBAD LOCAL ITEMS

Paul Ares came down from his ranch yesterday.

W. A. Wright, of Lovington, was here Tuesday.

Mrs. Oscar Weaver, of Loving, was in town Friday.

Miss Estes, court stenographer, was here Saturday.

J. B. Michener was here Monday from Lakewood.

C. W. Merchant was registered at the Bates' hotel Monday.

Mr. Hall, the florist, was up and on the streets yesterday.

S. N. Lee came in from Kansas City and is at the ranch now.

Fred Phelin was in from the James ranch the first of the week.

Ed. Hicks and wife of Lakewood motored to Carlsbad yesterday.

Mrs. Arlie Nichols and little Alace were up from Otis Wednesday.

Mrs. R. C. Barnes is a week-end visitor at the J. R. Boyd home.

M. C. Stewart purchased from J. S. Oliver, Monday, a Dodge roadster.

W. L. Bishop, well known in the Valley, and in Artesia is in town.

Henry Williams, of Lovington, was a guest of the Rightway hotel Monday.

L. O. Cunningham, of Lovington, was here looking after business Friday.

A. M. Cobb and Fred Nymeyer, both of Eunice, were in Carlsbad over Sunday.

A. S. Brister, from the Queen country, spent the first of the week in Carlsbad.

Mrs. Belle Pendleton left Tuesday for an extended visit in various parts of Texas.

H. M. Dow, of Roswell, brother of Robert Dow of this place was a visitor here Friday.

Jim Simpson, the ranchman from Chalk Bluff, has been in town most of the week.

Tom Gray and son, Paul, were in town Friday from their ranch on Black River.

Leslie Barber returned Friday from the Coad ranch where he had a very pleasant stay.

C. A. Gaffney, traveling auditor for this branch of the Santa Fe, was here over Saturday.

Wiley Franklin, the steer buyer, from El Paso, was here the first of the week, Monday.

C. M. Botts, attorney for this end of the Santa Fe division, was at the Bates hotel yesterday.

R. H. Carter, state bank examiner, was in this locality and passed thru the plains section Thursday.

A. G. Rushing one of the well to do cowmen from the Pearl country, was in town the first of the week.

W. F. Cummins a friend of Prof. Jos. C. Bunch, and family, has been in the valley most of the week.

W. S. Johnson, foreman from the Tom Ross ranch, at Pecos, was here Friday on business for Mrs. Ross.

Misses Beulah and Grace Harbert came in from the ranch Tuesday and are guests of the Bates' hotel.

Joe Richards, the candidate for assessor from Artesia, also John Ball, from that section were here the first of the week.

Will Mageby and family, also B. M. Rayborn, daughter, Alace, and son, Elmer, were in the county seat trading Tuesday.

U. S. Hamilton returned yesterday from Illinois where he was called by the illness and death of his mother at the old home.

Miss Naomi Matney came up from her home at the lower power dam Wednesday afternoon making the trip on her saddle pony.

Tonight there will be a special communion of the Blue Lodge to Masons to confer the fellow craft degree on E. H. Weaver.

J. D. Hart and family from Lovington are expected today at the home of her parents, E. S. Sprong and wife, at the Missouri hotel.

Guy Benson, wife and daughter, Thelma, left Friday night for the Pacific coast, where they expect to spend the summer.

Mrs. Rube Knowles and little son, Buster, came down from Artesia yesterday. She will be here for a few days looking after business.

L. A. Swigart and family are enjoying their new residence, having moved there this week. This is a beautiful home and has every convenience.

Dannie Sands the baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sands, was very ill today, Wednesday, having one convulsion after another until he had five. The physician said it was from his teeth. He is much better now.

Judge McGill from Lalande was here Saturday. He was hobnobbing with the politicians to see if he has a chance to win the race for district attorney.

MISS NEELEY AT KIDD KEY.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic audiences of the season greeted Mr. Louis Versel as he presented his pupils, Miss Leona Kimble; concert organist, Miss Belle Neely; lyric soprano, and Mr. Taylor, tenor, baritone, in their graduating recitation last Thursday evening. Miss Leona Kimble is an organist of unusual ability, and she played her heavy classical program to the delight of the audience and to the satisfaction of her teacher.

Miss Belle Neely has a charming clear lyric soprano voice and sang herself right into the hearts of her audience. Miss Neely has a pleasing stage presence, as well as being the possessor of a melodious and beautiful voice.

The above clipping from the Sherman Democrat will assure Miss Neely's many friends in Carlsbad that she has made good in the graduating recital at the Kidd Key auditorium on the 13th. A number of friends here received programs and are much interested in her career.

Red Smith spent the week end with his family. He has been very busy hauling piping from Van Horn, Texas, to the D ranch. Mr. Smith says Van Horn is getting to be some town, that he had not been there for a long time and he was surprised to see the many new and well equipped buildings, the good roads, good school buildings, automobiles, and good ranches. He seemed to be especially impressed with their good roads. He loaded out Monday with supplies for the D.

Vin Smith's mother, Mrs. Dora Smith, came down last week from Clovis for a visit with her children. Mrs. Smith has been a resident of Carlsbad for many years, and likes to live here. She thinks her health is better here than in Clovis, but the grandchildren, her daughter's, Mrs. Bill McEldon, call her home to them. She has many pleasant things to say about little Bill, the grandson.

Burford Polk came down from the Ward ranch Sunday for a load of cake and grain for the ranch. Mr. Polk says the cattle are doing fine, that range is very good where it cannot be tramped out with too many cattle. They are only feeding a few thin cattle and the mounts.

Mrs. J. J. S. Smith and her husband's niece, Miss Lucile Jackson, of Mississippi, came in Monday from the ranch on Rocky to spend a few days in town. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muldrow.

John O. McKeen has spent most of this week in town meeting his many friends and securing his election.

Mrs. Thos. Stokes was very ill Saturday and Sunday. A runner was sent for Tom Stokes who was drilling a well at the Sam B. Smith ranch. Mrs. Stokes is much improved but Tom has spent most of the week in town.

W. L. Mugerage, of Loving, one of the early settlers of the Valley, blew into town with the high wind Wednesday and spent a few hours socially with old friends.

J. W. Armstrong this week received a commission from Governor McDonald to represent the state at the World's Court Congress which convenes at New York May 2nd. On account of pressing law business he will not be able to attend.

J. W. Armstrong left Wednesday for Andrews county to try a case for John Townsend.

J. L. Williams and wife, also her sister, were up from Malaga Wednesday, shopping.

Mrs. Fred Nymeyer was moved from the Eddy County Hospital Saturday to the home of her parents, Wm. Leck and wife, and is doing nicely, with promises that she may sit up today or tomorrow.

Will Barber and wife made a hurried trip to town this morning for a few needed articles on the ranch. Mr. Barber states the baby daughter, Annie Lee, has whooping cough, but is doing fairly well.

Harmon West and wife returned to El Paso Wednesday. They are changing their place of residence from that place to Bisbee, Arizona, and came over for a ten days stay to see Mother West, the sister, Mrs. Henry Smith, and the boys before getting farther away.

Miss Mabel and Lillian Bearup returned yesterday from a two weeks stay at the Ares ranch where they enjoyed a horse back riding and had a very pleasant stay. They were entertained with a dance at Queen while in that vicinity.

Will Howell was brought in from the Holly Benson ranch Saturday and was operated on the same day. He will return to the ranch today.

W. G. Woerner, of Knowles, was here on urgent business Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Woerner was just getting up from a siege of fever from which he lost 10 or 12 pounds. He seemed to be improving while here.

W. R. Stubbs came in from the D ranch and returned to Lawrence, Kas., Tuesday.

The many friends of Mrs. Wisdom who was operated on at the Eddy County Hospital, will be pleased to know she is getting along fine. Mr. Wisdom is much stronger than usual. It is rumored in our town that Miss Louise Westaway has tendered her resignation to the school board to take effect at the close of this term of school. Miss Westaway has been one of the thoroughly educated teachers of the Carlsbad high school for a number of years, having finished the term three years ago vacated by Miss Beattie Johnson, and reelected for the past two years.

Last week, while roping a horse, at Artesia, Dallas Jones got the rope around his waist in a way that the arm was badly bruised and burned, and blood poison seemed evident. Tuesday the family went up to Artesia and brought Dallas home. Mr. Jones stayed with the cattle. The arm is so much improved they may return to Artesia today and Dallas will resume his duties of looking after the cattle and horses they are pasturing in that part of the Valley.

H. R. Basing and son, Jim, left Tuesday for Roswell where they hope to get rock work of some kind to do. Mr. Basing is a splendid rock mason and has had much experience along that line.

Mrs. Richard Smith and little sons left for Amarillo, Texas, Monday night where she will make her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardcastle, and family, a visit.

J. H. Tulk came in from the sheep and cattle ranch Tuesday. Mr. Tulk called at the Current office and had this religious sheet sent to his daughter, Mrs. George Tracy, at San Diego, Cal. Mr. Tulk came in for a car load of Mexicans to help through the lambing season. The good rain that fell in that vicinity and the already fine turf of grass in his pasture, almost insures him safely through the spring work. He says they are not feeding and cattle, sheep and horses are doing fine.

C. G. Smith, of Washington, D. C., chief examiner of accounts for the Reclamation Service, arrived Monday coming by way of El Paso and will be here a few days.

John Stephens, a telegraph operator now of Clovis, was a visitor in Carlsbad over Sunday when he is the guest of W. G. Brown. He is a social and cultured young man and has many friends among the young people here.

Ira Taylor, one of the angora goat men of the mountains, who are making every effort to improve his herd, was in from the ranch Monday with a load of mohair. Mr. Taylor said the rain was very much needed and he hoped it would not be so long again between showers.

J. N. Bales and wife and children arrived Saturday and have rooms with J. J. Beals. Mr. Bales will fill Mr. Johnson's place as operator at the depot.

John Barrymore—Peoples Tonight.

Buck Gholsen, foreman of the Hudson range, was here for court purposes two or three days the early part of the week.

Green McComb and family, also Mrs. Love, and son, Jack, of Pecos came in from the ranch near that point Friday and Mrs. Love and Jack returned to Pecos Saturday. Mrs. Love will be remembered as the mother of Mrs. McComb, and she spent some time at the ranch last year during the fruit season.

Mrs. Sophia Blocker, mother of Ray and Miss Alice, is still at the Anderson sanitarium. She is a victim of typhoid fever and is doing as well as can be expected.

Henry Roquemore, the expert minstrel, is here now. He came yesterday from Galveston, Texas. He needs no introduction as he has put on two good minstrel sets here before and will begin rehearsing tonight and will have a minstrel worthy of your patronage ready in ten days.

Phone 191—The Carlsbad Bakery—for Hot Cross Buns.

Chas. Gerlach and wife of Malaga were the guests of the Bates' hotel Monday. Mr. Gerlach left last night for Montana, where they expect to make their home in the future.

Mrs. Rule has been nursing the son and heir at the Walker home this week. The young man was not very strong. She returned yesterday saying he is getting along nicely.

Dee Jernigan and family came down from the Jernigan home yesterday and will return today taking their four-year-old son who has been at the Anderson sanitarium with them. Mrs. Taylor the nurse will accompany them to the ranch for a visit and rest. The Jernigans are fine people and we regret they live so far from Carlsbad. But possibly the lovely climate may lure them from the Sacramento mountains this winter.

For first class blacksmithing and wood work, call at the Ohnemus Shops—"Can Fix It".

Arthur Mayes came to town yesterday in his car. Its easy to return the same day when you own a new Ford!

LET A BOX OF
Johnsons
BE YOUR
Easter Greeting
TO
SWEET SHOP

Dr. Boatman departed Wednesday evening for St. Louis, there to attend a reunion of all the graduates of Washington Medical University. This university represents the consolidation of the Missouri Medical and St. Louis Medical schools and is one of the oldest in the country and the number of graduates who have promised to be present at the reunion is 600. Dr. Boatman is also a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he graduated in 1880, Missouri Medical in 1886 and Barnes Medical in 1892. He is getting well along in years and is certainly entitled to the recreation he will get on this trip.

Earl Matheson returned home Sunday afternoon after an absence of six months coming from Higgins, Texas. Earl is looking anxious to come home. He thinks now he will only be here a few weeks.

E. M. Hall, the florist, is quite ill this week at the Sisters' Sanitarium. The ladies of the Guild are conducting the Easter flower sale for him at the Peoples Dry Goods store.

The Black river school, under the care of Miss Pattie Witt, is closing the term for this year Friday (today) with an all-day picnic and dinner on the ground. Miss Witt has proven herself a very successful and thorough instructor.

Mrs. B. A. Carder and little daughter, Gladys, expect to go to Pecos, tomorrow and spend a few days there with her husband, who is doing some contract work.

Homer Smathers, wife and little daughter, Millicent, left Tuesday night for Michigan. Mrs. Smathers is a sister of Mrs. George Frederick and they have spent the winter in Carlsbad for the benefit of a mild climate, and we certainly have had an ideal winter in every way.

Mrs. Jim Baker, and two of the children have been ill all week; first the little baby boy, Joe Lane, had a long sliver in his foot just under the big toe which was very painful and threatened blood poisoning, after this seemed checked Jim, the oldest little girl that had such a time with her throat in January, had another siege of sore throat. When she was better Mrs. Baker herself was ill for a few days with lagrippe.

John Newenger has closed a deal for the ranch of T. R. Quirey. It is a good location and they have about fourteen sections of land there. The family will return to Colorado Springs Colorado, as they think the change will be better for the doctor's health just now.

The Current regrets to learn that Will Koche, wife and little daughter Mary Louise, also her auntie, Miss Rose Hinchey are returning to Indianapolis where they expect to reside in the future. Mrs. Koche has been advised by her physician to return to her old home where her mother now is. They are a fine family and will be greatly missed by all who have been fortunate enough to know them. They are closing out most of their furniture at a sacrifice.

Phone 191—The Carlsbad Bakery—for Hot Cross Buns.

The Presbyterian ladies will hold a market and Easter sale at Thorne's store Saturday afternoon, April 22.

Jack Lucas, son of Dan Lucas, came in last Monday and spent several days in town. Jack is now located with his parents about fifty miles east of Roswell.

John Barrymore—Peoples Tonight.

J. D. Forehand, wife, Barney Beach Warren Crowder motored in from the ranch on Black River Wednesday. Warren has been visiting with his aunt, Mrs. J. D., and family while his finger has been healing. He met Mr. Skidmore here the same day and left for the D ranch that afternoon. Mr. Forehand was taking out a few sacks of cake to feed to two or three poor cows. He stated the rain that fell there was a blessing to them, that at the ranch ten miles south they had a fine rain and the grass was getting good, cattle fat and shedding off.

Ed. Lamb and Dallas Jones went to Artesia yesterday, where Mr. Jones is pasturing some stock. Dallas remained with the cattle and C. N., his father, came back with Mr. Lamb.

Joe Andrews is out at the Thayer ranch this week building three nice sleeping porches on the west of the large and comfortable dwelling for the occupancy of the family this summer.

Notice to Sheep Owners. Do you want alfalfa pasture? If so, call and see J. F. HUNICK at Bates Hotel, Carlsbad, N. M.

Monday evening Arthur Linn and bride returned from a bride trip to El Paso where they spent a few days very pleasantly. They are at home to their many friends at Myron K. Clark's home where they have lovely rooms.

John Barrymore—Peoples Tonight.

Miss Naomi Wallis, of Loving, a sister of Miss Elsie Wallis, saleslady with Joyce-Pruit company, has accepted a position with that firm. Miss Wallis was saleslady here through the Christmas rush and frequently visits her sister here and has made many friends in Carlsbad.

G. V. Smith, the successful window dresser and a splendid salesman, with the Peoples Dry Goods Company, left Monday for Santa Fe where he accepted a similar place, but possibly with some advantages. Mr. and Mrs. Smith's going will be felt by many warm friends in Carlsbad. Mrs. Smith did not go direct to Santa Fe, as she was planning to make her parents a visit in her home town at Decatur, Texas.

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—APRIL 25—

Les James came in from the ranch Monday, and tarried over night. His father, Joe James, accompanied him to the ranch the next day.

R. C. Kraft the operator at Oriental, came down on the late train Saturday and spent the night at the Palace hotel, returning next morning early to his duties.

J. D. Briscoe an uncle of Chas. Lassetter, came in Monday from Comanche, Texas, also his father, C. D. Lassetter and his wife arrived Monday from Texas. The father found that the trial was set for next week and having a son at home in the hospital that was to be operated on, he returned to his home in Comanche. The uncle and wife are at the Palace hotel.

John Barrymore—Peoples Tonight.

A new street crossing is being laid between the Ellen Bryne property on the north and the Methodist church on the south that will favor many people if a muddy time should come and who knows? We sometimes have a wet time.

Late Tuesday J. S. Oliver, Less Barber, and Y. R. Allen motored to Roswell and drove down two new cars the following morning.

H. J. Durst, wife and son, Paul, came home yesterday from a two-weeks stay at Mayhill, where they journeyed with their little son, Clyde, to place him near his father there. The Dursts have a host of friends here that are glad to know they are home again.

Oliver Shattuck of Queen has been in town a few days getting dental work done. He returned to his home today.

L. N. Hogg moved to his farm at Malaga Monday.

E. O. Olds of Angeles, Texas, spent Sunday at the Springs hotel.

The Upper Black river school closed last week and the teacher, R. Robinson, returned to his home in Missouri. Hazel Harrison aged eleven years, made the best grade in school but there were four others that crowded her very close.

Mrs. D. Shelby returned to El Paso Friday. She had been visiting in Roswell.

Mrs. D. G. Grantham is reported on the sick list this week.

Do your swearing at the Current office. Notary always in.

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AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE, 3:30 P. M., SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD, 1916. RIO PECOS COMMANDERY.

C. K. Egbert of Malaga was in town Tuesday and delivered a nice young cow to Mrs. Chaytor on trial.

Pat Morrison and wife of Lakewood, were well pleased last week when their son and daughter came down from Oklahoma to make their home in the Sunshine State.

Wm. Leck has been confined to his room the past week with a second attack of lagrippe but is much better today.

Mrs. Mabel E. Polk of Viblen, South Dakota, a sister of Clarence Fosmark, and Miss Luella Fosmark, is expected to arrive today for an extended visit. Miss Luella is improving now and hopes to be at home soon.

Mrs. Courtney and her daughter, Miss Lyla Courtney, have rooms for dressmaking just east of Mrs. Wm. H. Mullane. Miss Courtney has had two years at a training school in dressmaking and one year at the Art College at Denton, and comes well recommended as a dressmaker from her home town.

Harry Hubbard was kicked by a horse Wednesday at noon at the Hubbard home and was unconscious for two hours. Two ribs or more were broken. He is doing nicely today.

Dave McCollum of Queen, N. M., has accepted the commission as deputy game warden, for the purpose of protecting the mountain sheep of the Guadalupe. The Game Protective Association may consider themselves fortunate in securing this co-operation.

Mr. Tidwell, of Dog Canyon, left home Sunday afternoon and drove all night getting here early Monday. He was driving a trusty mule team he bought of Ed. Bass and after he got to the Hess ranch he tied up his reins and the mules kept the road. Mr. Tidwell slept peacefully until the mules would wake him up and he would then get out and open the gate. He rushed in to meet some relatives but they were not in such a hurry so he had to wait until Wednesday. His wife and three boys went out by auto Wednesday week ago and within thirty minutes after she reached the new home a new son arrived.

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Dr. P. J. Smith, graduate veterinarian, resides in the first house south of the Metropolitan hotel. He does not travel about and solicits patronage. He is not the Smith who exhibited some bones and made a speech on the street in Carlsbad recently.

E. H. Baldwin, assistant chief of constructions United States Reclamation Service, of Denver, Colorado, arrived on the project this afternoon. He was met at Lakewood by Project Manager L. E. Foster and together they inspected the two reservoirs on their trip to Carlsbad. Mr. Baldwin will probably remain several days, going over the various matters in connection with the local works of the Reclamation Service.

Rube Knowles has been in Peabody, Kansas, with a car load of mules, going last week. He wired for his son, Wesley, to bring another car load of mules which started Tuesday.

Dolph Shattuck and Tom Middleton came down from the Queen country Wednesday in Dolph's Ford roadster and looked after some urgent business deal, and left next day for home.

A. T. Kruse, of Roswell, a one time resident of Carlsbad, came down Wednesday and knowing this locality of old, still lingers at the Bates hotel.

Dr. and Mrs. Doepp returned Saturday from Mineral Wells, Texas. They came by auto and by way of Lovington.

Mark Coad arrived Monday from Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Coad and their guest, Miss Latenser, drove in from the ranch Tuesday and his brother, Mark, went out to the ranch with them.

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DOUBLE SHOOTING MAY HAVE FATAL ENDING.

Clovis, N. M., April 18.—Julio Gonzalez was slightly wounded here Sunday afternoon by Manuel Zoteytenche, who shot them with a .38 caliber revolver. The woman was shot twice, one ball entering her body on either side just below the nipple. She is in a precarious condition and but little hope is held out for her recovery. The man was shot through the left hand, the bullet lodging in the right cheek, he apparently having thrown up his hands to protect his face.

The man who did the shooting was formerly a sweetheart of the woman's, but it is said that they had become estranged. Last week the woman married Gonzalez, and this is thought to have caused Zoteytenche to become enraged. He went to the house today and commenced firing at them without warning while they were lying in bed. Five shots in all

were fired. Zoteytenche then deliberately threw out the empty cartridges and reloaded the revolver and would have shot Officer Sadler, who hastened to the scene when the first alarm was sounded, had it not been for another Mexican who grappled with Zoteytenche and held him firmly until he was placed under arrest and taken to jail.

NOTICE—ICE CUSTOMERS.

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SECOND GRADE.—Bernice Atkins, Mary Bartlett, Helen Clark, John Crozier, Evelyn Farrell, Brantley Hamblin, Clifford Hiler, Jasper Jones, Lillian Kirkpatrick, Wardie Lock, Ernest Ohnemus, Inez Pipkin, Katie Pope, Hersel Simpson, Lucy Sleaze, Joe Stone, Jean Smith, Frankie Stetson, Joe Toffelmire.

THIRD GRADE.—Kenneth Davis, Alethea Fisher, Alva Hotchkiss, Ira Klutts, Walter Ralph, W. C. Stetson, William Stone, Wesley Wheeler, William Dean, Eddie Harrison, Wathar McCollum, Robert Pond, Marjorie Snow, Louise Moore, Flossie Hotchkiss, Hazel Hamilton, Katherine Dean, Julia Clark, Winifred Adkins, Gladys Carder, Thelma Nevegger, Edith Roberts, Mildred Roscoe, Evy Stetson.

FOURTH GRADE.—John Eaker, Tat Farrell, Jay B. Lock, Randall Pipkin, Tom Pope, William Ralph, Glen Shannon, Jenkins Stetson, Francis Weaver, Billy Weldon, Orville Bell, James Collins, Tom Farrell, Lewis Gordon, Patsey Higgin, Willis Moore, Fletcher Rascoe, Wallace Vest, Nellie Chilcoat, Eula May Crawford, Lovern Hiler, Avanel Wright, Juanita Cudd, Jane Dean, Eunice Herring, Gladys Summerfield, Eva Thomas, Sue

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FIFTH GRADE.—Hazel Anderson, Pearl Butcher, Grace Bearup, Bonnie Bell, Henrietta Dille, Dorothy Dudley, Miriam Fuller, Muriel Fuller, Esabelle Smith, Mary Thayer, Corinne Weldon, Ida Pearl Morris, Ray Bessing, Walter Beach, Sylvester Bell, Gerald Carder, Russell Crawford, Harold Toffelmire, John Armstrong, Chester Burch, Lyman Hyatt, Garry Steinbaugh.

SIXTH GRADE.—Catherine Purdy, Lois Little, Thelma Beckett, Frances Etter, Goldie Grubaugh, Christine Peterson, Ethel Pipkin, Velma Pipkin, Martha Williams, Ruth Wersell, Claude Brown, Ned White, Barney Jenkins, Dibrell Pate, Dudley Ussery, Vern Winsenread, William Redmon, Donald Dudley, Edward Crozier, Glenwood Jackson, John Lewis, Virgin McCollum, Paul Redmon.

SEVENTH GRADE.—Myra Albert, Stuart Armstrong, Fancher Bell, Luther Bell, Mary Calvani, Vera Calvani, R. L. Collins, Relda Freeman, Ruth Greene, Edna Herzog, Jewelle Moore, Mary Lee Pond, George Simpson, Frank Smith, Roy Vest, Edwin West, Annie Lee Anlauf.

EIGHTH GRADE.—Ova Butcher, Roscoe Etter, John Nutt, Fred Winsenread, Hattie Smith, Vera Vest.

HIGH SCHOOL.—Lola Anderson, Ida Mae Barnes, Wardie Bates, Eliza Breeding, Emma Brockman, Madge Brown, David Bush, Emily Calvani, Frances Cooke, Ruth Duncan, Jim Farrell, Roy Forehand, Everett Grantham, Inez Hatfield, Charles Hodi-burgh, Lucile Johnson, Clifford Lewis, Willie Matheson, Gladys Nevegger, Theo Pate, Leanna Peterson, Edward Pardy, Flossie Roberts, Dorothy Ryan, Frank Simpson, Lee Simpson, Nettie Smith, Elva Stokes, James Stokes, Donald Swigart, Dorothy Swigart, Norma Toffelmire, Mildred Walter.

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TWO RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO KILLED.

Douglas, Ariz., April 18.—The bodies of J. Whitt Stanfield, aged 44 years, and Mrs. Joe Collins, aged 29, former residents of Cloverdale, N. M., sixty-five miles east, were brought here today following their death Monday as a result of an automobile accident last Wednesday while they were enroute to Douglas.

The engine of their automobile died as they were going up a hill and the car turned turtle in a deep arroyo, pinning them underneath in such a manner that they were unable to move. For more than twenty-two hours they lay in this position, praying for death to come to their release. A detachment of First cavalrymen on border patrol duty discovered and released them. Both were injured internally.

Mrs. Collins' body will be sent to Deming, N. M., for interment. That of Stanfield will be sent to Globe tomorrow.

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC PAYS.

The public can not strike. In the pending controversy between all the American railroads and their train service employees, the American public, the real first party in interest, has no direct voice. Its opinion carries no direct weight in reaching some conclusion; be it a general strike, a compromise settlement, or a victory for either side. The following editorial from the New Orleans Times-Picayune is in point:

"There are usually two sides to every controversy, but in this case there are three. The railroads will plead for the security-holders and the unions for the men. That the pleas on both sides will be careful and cogent may be taken for granted. But who will plead for the general public, whose interest, rightfully considered, overshadows the rest?"

"For a strike would bring incalculable inconvenience and loss to the entire people and would in truth, be an absolute disaster in such times as these. Per contra, concession of the demand put forward by the unions might bring bankruptcy to the roads, unless they were permitted to shift the extra burden to the public's shoulders, through drastic revision of rates. And the Interstate Commerce Commission could hardly veto a drastic revision of rates, since the tribunal of last resort has repeatedly held that common carriers are entitled to a fair return upon the capital devoted to public use."

"Putting all technicalities aside, one is bound to believe that the government would intervene, to avert a nation-wide strike. Would a hundred million Americans look idly on, while all business perished? Could the gov-

BRIEF REVIEW OF VERDUN CAMPAIGN.

Most Gigantic Conflict in History of World Enters Upon Ninth Week of Carnage.

The most gigantic conflict in the history of the world, the battle of Verdun, has entered upon its ninth week. It is in many respects without precedent. The enormous scale of the German preparations and execution of the attack, the unparalleled concentration of artillery and the sustained ferocity of fighting make the battle as one of the greatest efforts of the war.

Verdun has been rated as one of the strongest fortresses of Europe, a cornerstone of the French defenses against Germany. The evolution of military tactics during the war, however, and particularly the employment of the Germans of long range howitzers capable of reducing the greatest forts, have done much to change the character of the Verdun campaign as compared with the earlier conception of what such a struggle might be. Before the battle opened, the French partly dismantled their forts around Verdun and here, as elsewhere on the various fronts, their chief reliance for resistance was placed on an elaborate system of trenches.

In no previous battle were the losses so high as in the fighting around Verdun. The French war office has declared the Germans have lost 200,000 in killed, wounded and captured. The Germans state semi-officially that the French casualties number 150,000 killed and wounded and that 36,000 unwounded French prisoners have been taken. If these estimates are approximately correct, nearly 400,000 men have been eliminated as fighting units.

The ground occupied by the Germans after fifty-six days of offensive operations may be roughly calculated as 100 square miles. They have forced back the French from their outlying positions to their definite line of resistance along the semi-circular front from the edge of the Argonne eastward across the Meuse and southward into the Woivre. For the most part, this has been taken by successive attacks. The Germans captured Fort Douaumont early in the campaign and have bitten into French defenses at Dead Man's hill and elsewhere, but at no point have they succeeded in breaking through.

The Verdun drive was begun on February 24 by the German army, under Crown Prince Frederick William.

The Germans are reported to have brought up about 280,000 men to reinforce the troops which had been in service there. After an unparalleled artillery bombardment by way of preparation the infantry attack was launched. The French place the number of attacking Germans in some sectors at 17,600 men to the line mile.

Within the first ten days the French lost Haumont, Samogneux, Brabant, Ornes, Beaumont, Chambray, Marmont, Cottelle, Champeville and the fortified works of Haraumont; and Dieppe, Fromezey, Abaucourt and, most important of all, Fort Douaumont. These positions lie east of the Meuse and north, northeast and east of Verdun.

Fighting continued intermittently northeast of Verdun during the third week, centering in the struggle for Fort Vaux.

Meanwhile, a new phase of the battle had developed west of the Meuse. With batteries 100 yards apart, violent artillery attacks were made against Dead Man's Hill, preceding the long-expected offensive from the northwest. Forges, near Dead Man's Hill, was captured early in the third week. Positions south of Forges changed hands frequently during the following days.

On March 31, the capture of Malancourt, was accomplished after fierce night attacks. The Germans now had occupied all the French positions north of Forges between Haucourt and Bethincourt and had materially advanced and strengthened their battle line in the northwest.

On the forty-sixth day of the battle, the Germans announced the capture of Haucourt, a supporting point of the French left wing. From it, a large section of the French line and fortifications could be taken under German fire, including Bethincourt. This village then became the objective point. The French admitted the evacuation of the Bethincourt salient two days later, stating it was a premeditated move designed to straighten out the battle line.

On Sunday of last week the Germans undertook a general onslaught along a thirteen-mile front. The Germans announced that within a few hours after it was begun that Bethincourt and two fortified positions to the southwest were isolated. Trenches near Dead Man's Hill were carried but at no point was the French line broken through. Toward the end of last week this attack subsided and there came another pause followed by French counter-attacks.

The failure of the Germans to break the French line in their general offensive of last week led French correspondents to assert that the German offensive had broken down. Dispatches from the German front, however, state that the operations are being carried forward methodically in accordance with the preconceived plan and with a full measure of the expected success for the Germans' arms.

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ernment look idly on, while the masses suffered? Congress alone has the right to declare war and a general strike would be worse than war to the masses, whose names appear neither on the stock ledgers, nor on the pay-rolls of the roads."

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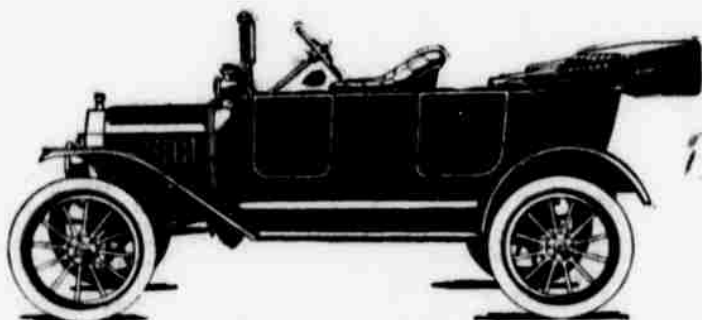


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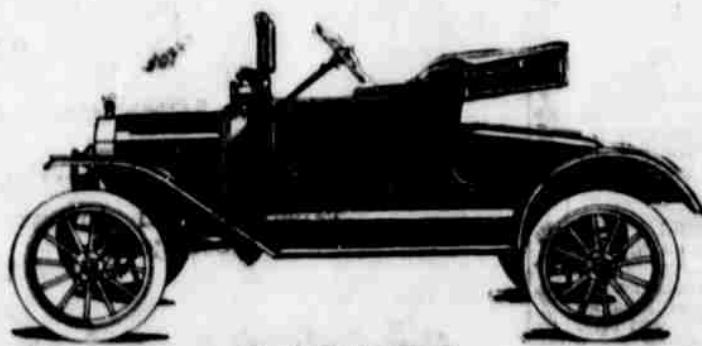
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COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

KNOWLES.
Dr. M. Miller and T. M. Kerr, of Lamesa Delegation were visitors in Knowles and remained for the night the other day.

R. F. Love, of Lovington, who has a bunch of horses and mules in this vicinity, was here looking after them a few days ago.

A. Jackson, the Lovington commission man was in Knowles last week, looking after business to his interest.

Capt. John L. Toole, of the Gaines county sand hills, accidentally dropped into town last week.

John B. Grant, the young cowman from near the Texas line, was in town looking around last week.

Mrs. and Mrs. Turner Boswell of Hobbs town were visitors in this town the other day.

Ace Brecken came in from his ranch a few miles south of us the other day, doing some trading.

Creed Thorp, whose farm is a few miles southwest of us, was in town with a load of produce last week.

George Shepard, of Lovington, was among the folks here a short time, on his return trip to the Valley. Walt was out looking up some long green on the plains.

Michael E. Sidebottom of Lubbock, Texas, was a visitor in Knowles the other day and claimed his trip to be a success.

Arthur H. Evans from the Armstrong ranch in Goines county, Texas, was a business caller in town the other day.

Joe Addington the Lovington ge-giger, was a casual visitor in this vicinity last Saturday.

W. W. O'Neal went to Odessa, Texas, last Thursday, to look at a bunch of cows worth the money and returned home Saturday evening and stated that he bought about one hundred head on which he proposed to clean up a little bean money.

Bronc Spearman, the dead-game-sport, who has been visiting in Garden City and Big Springs, Texas, returned here last Friday and is again about ready to go to work. At any rate, that is his statement. Bronc claims to have located an old friend of his, namely Archibald Asington Crawford.

Steve Taylor of the Hobbs district was in Knowles doing some trading last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hallmark, from their farm a few miles southeast of here, were in town trading last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hardin came in from the ranch about fifteen miles northeast of us, were in town among the merchants last Friday, doing some shopping.

Ships and Mosley made a flying trip to Lamesa, and Lubbock, Texas, in the mountain boomer last week. Remained several days. Elbert purchased a new Buick 6 while on the trip, and is showing his friends what he can do with a good car.

Frank Tomlinson returned from Bisbee, Arizona, where he has been for several months past, trying to interest himself in the mining business, but it seems it did not suit him as well as he had hoped for, and besides he says the looks of the Mexicans in that country does not at all suit him—hence his return.

The big rain last Thursday night was a most welcome visitor on the plains—it began to fall about 8:30 and continued all the night and when daylight came, the entire face of the earth seemed to be an ocean of water, but we heard of no one making any complaint, for it came at a most opportune time, and pleased everybody.

We being more fortunate than the stock men of Midland, Big Springs and San Angelo, Texas, for the report from those sections are a tremendous loss in cattle and sheep for the rain at those points seemed to be very cold.

Allen Stewart, the deputy sheriff, from Carlsbad, was out on the plains last Thursday on official business. Allen met with lots of bad luck in the way of tire trouble and suffered considerable with broken springs.

Paul Cunnie decided to take in the Monument dance at a moment's notice last Wednesday and report a most enjoyable time all the night long. J. M. Hamilton from the north of us, was a business visitor in town last Friday and carried off the long green.

A bunch of Midland, Texas, preachers are expected on the plains the latter part of the week and they state they intend to wake up the natives—take it from me. Bo, some of them need waking up, in more ways than one.

Young Holloway did a little trading on his own hook last week, thereby acquiring unto himself a Ford and will now be able to mope about.

Frank Tomlinson brought a load of prospectors to town the other day.

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as to the result, we are not informed.

Professor Odonnell and Major Starr the principal railroad promoters, of the Seminole road were in this vicinity a couple of days looking after the interest of their proposition last week.

Very nearly all the old "dead falls" that have been used to do business in, have been moved to Lovington, and of course since they are really useless here it is much better for them to be put where they will be of some use—if nothing else they will at least help the town grow, and can be used for storage.

Gus Phillips, an old resident from the Valley, who moved to Midland, some months ago, is returning from that point and claims that New Mexico is just "good enough" for him and the next time he leaves he hopes some one will knock him in the head.

Presley Cook who has been suffering for several weeks with blood poisoning caused by a cut from a rusty barbed wire is reported to be improving.

The ladies of our town pulled off a most pleasing entertainment at the Hall last Saturday night. Mrs. W. W. O'Neal and Mrs. H. V. Wright being the head of the order who were ably assisted by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Cooley; the corn and venison were simply beyond compare and every one seemed anxious to delay matters as much as possible so as not to be able to get away at twelve. Oh, how nice it would be if—but the matter is too well known for comment.

When your friend is over anxious to let you in on the ground floor, in a good thing, you will find it a far better thing to view the whole thing with a grave suspicion and shy off all same run-shy-mule, and not saying much of anything either.

Drew Todd and the bunch of folks who went to the Sacramento mountains some time ago returned home last week. Drew stated he went to that section looking for a good ranching proposition and says the grass in that section is all any one could expect in fact seems it never has been bit off by a cow brute but he states that going straight down for from nine to eighteen hundred feet after water and then chances against you, about getting water, he really feels like staying on the plains for the present and let the other fellow hunt for water—for there is too much water here close to the top of the ground to leave it.

Our version of renegade in the Indian language has always been a "traitor in camp" and when any one knows he is a renegade and has fallen to a depth so he won't acknowledge it, we take it, there is but very little chance for such cattle—for it makes it so much plainer to every one else.

Glenn and Boon Hardin, Paul Cunningham and Perry Andrews went to Midland this week to look over the thoroughbred white face bull proposition in that vicinity—they want good ones, or none at all.

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MALAGA NEWS.

Mr. Mayes and family were in from Upper Black River Saturday, and took in the negro minstrel that same night. Every one said it was fine and quite a bit of money was realized by the faithful. The minstrel will be given at Loving next Saturday night.

Geary Barrett was in town over Sunday. He is from the mountains beyond Queen.

C. C. Keller and son, Lee, returned from the mountains Sunday where they are improving and fencing a cattle ranch.

John Moritzky took a car load of people to Carlsbad Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tunnel left Monday for Oklahoma where they will make their home with their son.

Born, last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Moore, a fine baby boy.

Mr. Franklin and family left for Oklahoma this week, where they will make their future home.

37 1-2C. FOR MOHAIR.
A report from Brackett furnished some of the most cheerful news that came to Rocksprings this week. To the effect that 37 1-2c. a pound was being offered in that market for mohair.

We did not hear from the other markets but they probably do as well as Brackett—Rocksprings, (Tex.) Leader.

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WHITE.
The people of this community are grieved at the serious illness of Wesley Paddock.

Rev. Ralph J. Hall filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning, but as he had to be in Barstow, Monday morning, in order to preach at El Paso Monday night, for the first service of the Presbytery, he did not preach here Sunday night but left directly after dinner for Barstow.

The Speeds of Shafter Lake Sunday with Mr. John Speed on the ranch.

The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. Roll Sims and left them a ten pound boy baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Byers returned from Midland, Texas, Thursday via Andrews and Jal. Mr. Byers' mother came with them for a prolonged visit.

Mrs. Milton Sharp went to Eunice Tuesday.

Several from here attended choir practice at Cooper Sunday.

Messrs. Cotton and Banosque went to Poyote Monday.

Mr. Belcher, of Nadine, has bought Mr. Cal Sharp's place. We are sorry to lose the Sharps.

Mr. Paddock went to Monument after medical aid for Wesley Saturday night.

Mr. King had business in Eunice Monday.

Clyde Dorris had business in Eunice Saturday.

Marion Stevens from above Eunice, was down Monday after a bunch of cattle that he bought from Mr. Byers.

Dewey Hardesty, Cory Walden and Iva Baker, went to Eunice Monday after school.

Messrs. Dorris and Livingston returned Saturday afternoon from Poyote, Texas, where they went after household goods.

Miss Beattie Drinkard went to Eunice Wednesday.

Messrs. John Speed and Roy Wright went to Jal Monday.

EUNICE.
—From the Democrat.

Bill Matkins is said to make a fine impression wherever he goes and will make a strong race if the women get to vote, but this don't go if Bill's wife sees this.

Charley Mann and a Mr. Borders of Artesia, were making the rounds where their car could be made to travel in the Jal, Cooper and Eunice country the past few days.

That railroad boom moved up a notch Wednesday when the C ranch agreed to meet their assessment of three townships of 160 acres each, a right-of-way across their holdings and \$50,000 in cash.

E. C. Carter has a new wagon, cultivator and planter which he got at Pecos last week.

If you are in favor of increasing the maximum weight of the parcels post from fifty to one hundred pounds, write a postal to your senators and congressmen asking them to vote for the bill which is to come up soon. Direct your request to B. C. Hernandez, M. C., Washington, D. C. Also write to Senator A. B. Fall and Senator T. B. Catron, both of Washington, D. C.

A new school house is to be erected near Dinwiddie's southwest of Cooper.

Mims, English and Craft are the new school board for the district.

Isaac Curry is to put in a gin in the Cooper settlement.

The grip seems to be epidemic since the cold, wet spell.

T. S. Clendenin, D. R. Cotton and Coy Patten went to Pecos after supplies, a windmill and furniture.

Mrs. W. D. Boyd is yet on the sick list being bedridden with the grip for several days.

Oakley Dinwiddie was up to see the court and pay a fine Tuesday. Oakley and Bob Withers of Cooper had a fistie exercise over a tank dam last week.

Dr. Black was called to Carlsbad Thursday and could not get here as promised.

Dr. Foster has been nursing at the Stephens home at Jal the past week. Vol Stephens, who has been failing all winter, is in a critical condition.

Hugh King has been fencing for Jules Baker the past week.

Curtis Crenshaw is working at the Jal ranch.

Paddock, Dorris and Rogers are the members of the newly elected school board at White.

The officials at Monument refused to accept a fine from Calvin Cobb Monday since the maximum penalty is a fine of two hundred dollars and thirty days in jail, and is beyond the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace, as defined in Art. 1067 of the revised code of 1915. The case will probably go to the next grand jury of the September term.

A ten young boy was born to Ral Sims and wife the 2nd inst.

Bill Harrison started to Poyote Saturday after the household effects of his sisters who expect to move to their claims in the Crenshaw pasture soon.

A. L. Brooks and son of Big Springs have been looking over the country southwest of here the past week with a view of locating.

The Jal postoffice is now located at the Mule Shoe Wells and the name of the wells will take the place of Jal. The new town has two stores now and a large outfit backed by the Midland men is to go in soon if present plans mature.

Farmers are getting ready to plant corn.

A heavy cattle loss is reported from the Midland country during the recent cold spell. No loss is known in this section.

E. D. Howse lost most of his feed by fire of unknown origin one windy day last week. Some corn was saved by covering with dirt. Mr. Howse is a prosperous stock-farmer of near Nadine.

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LAKEWOOD.
—From the Progress.

Miss Anna M. Jones visited at Artesia Saturday and Sunday.

J. T. Cooper of Carlsbad, was with his friends here Monday.

Hugh Gage, of Hope, paid a short visit to friends here yesterday.

S. D. Stennis, Jr., a leading Carlsbad attorney, was a visitor in Lakewood yesterday.

Miss Helen Brown visited home-folks at Hagerman Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Caldwell and Bryan Runyan moved to Hagerman and Dexter Sunday.

John N. Hewitt candidate for sheriff, was talking to the voters here Monday.

Mrs. W. W. Snyder was a passenger on the south bound train Wednesday for a visit in Carlsbad.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Arnold, and Miss Flora Hogg were in from their ranch visiting and shopping Wednesday.

Prof. W. A. Poore, candidate for county superintendent of schools, was a visitor in Lakewood yesterday.

What have you done during the past week toward preventing the spread of flies and typhus fever?

Rev. F. M. Logan, pastor of the Baptist church, filled his regular appointment here Sunday, preaching both morning and evening.

Mrs. J. L. Fanning, has been quite sick at her home west of town during the week, but we are glad to state is now better.

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Price and two children motored up from Carlsbad Wednesday and spent the day visiting with friends.

Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, Mrs. M. H. Campbell, and Miss Rinda Cunningham visited at Carlsbad Monday.

Mrs. Geo. McDonald, daughter, Miss Grace, son, Gerald, and Mrs. B. L. McAleer, visited friends at Artesia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Runyan and son, Bryan, visited relatives and friends at Artesia one day during the past week.

Bertram Wood visited Mrs. Wood and friends at Carlsbad Friday night, remaining until Tuesday morning.

Mrs. George McDonald gave a dance at her home just south west of town last Saturday night in honor of the 17th birthday of her daughter, Miss Grace. There was a good crowd present, the music was splendid, and the dancers enjoyed themselves immensely until the midnight hour, which came all too soon for them. Before leaving they all wished Miss Grace many happy returns of her joyous birthday.

Seth Mills and family came in from Stanton, Texas, during the past week, and are visiting at the home of Tom Runyan. Mr. Mills recently sold his ranch and cattle in Texas, and is now seeking a location, and his heart naturally turned back to the Pecos Valley—his first love. He thinks of locating somewhere west of herer probably near the foot hills.

Dr. W. W. Lewis, of Atlanta, Ga., came in last Saturday for a visit of indefinite duration. The doctor is an old friend of the Boyd family, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Millar Boyd, five miles west of town. In addition to the pleasure of visiting with old friends, the doctor is resting and recuperating from confinement and overwork.

Misses Ruby and Marie Knowles of Artesia, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday, the guests of Miss Grace McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shorett went to Artesia Wednesday to attend the wedding of Mrs. Shorett's niece, Miss Maud Laing, who was married to Mr. M. Fleming, of Alva, Okla.

Miss Catherine Walterscheid, of Carlsbad, was a visitor in Lakewood a part of last week—the guest of the Misses Truitt.

Dr. E. S. Furry reports a fine 8 1-2 pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Phillips, five miles west of town, last Friday. All are doing well.

Master Robert Wilcox, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Allen Nelson, at Portales, returned home Sunday. Robert said when the train arrived in sight of the stock pens, north of town, it sure looked good to him.

Announcement was received here yesterday of the arrival of Miss Eldridge Dolores Riley, into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Riley at Gainesville, Texas. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Riley here send congratulations.

Miss Renda Cunningham went to the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins yesterday to spend a few days.

Will Caldwell, the handsome, polite and accommodating manager of the Lakewood Lumber Company is preparing to make himself solid with the young ladies this summer by growing flowers to be given to suit his fancy. He has wired in a flower garden in front of the store and planted in it the choicest and most delicately flavored flowers to be had, and he expects to reap a golden harvest of smiles by and by. Well, if Will isn't a ladies' man, he's nothing.

Tom Runyan came in the latter part of last week from Lower Pecos, where he had been visiting with R. R. Segrist and Creed Laremore, and also looking after business matters for two or three weeks. He reports fine rains and more than six inches of snow while he was there.

Jeff Bolt, who has been visiting in Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois, and Missouri, for the past three months, returned to his home here Monday. We haven't had an opportunity to talk to Mr. Bolt, but we'll bet the cheroots that he was tickled to get back.

Charlie Abernathy and Taylor Ross have been busily engaged this week in changing the Carlsbad road. As the wagon bridge is down, the road is being changed so as to run over the old dam, and cross the river over the head gates.

Mrs. M. H. Campbell, who has been visiting here during the past week, departed for her home in Portales. She will stop off for a few days visit with relatives and friends in Roswell.

Will Swope and Alex McGonagill came down from Dexter Saturday, where they have been working on an artesian well.

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CHURCH NEWS

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.
Enderavor meeting at 6:45 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m.

Easter will be observed in the Presbyterian church. At the morning hour there will be special song and the communion. In the evening the sermon will have "The Easter Gospel" for its subject, and the Episcopal Rector and people will join the worship, completing the series of joint meetings with Holy Week. The anthems will be Jules Granier's "Rosanna" with the solo part sung by Mrs. Rackley and John E. West's "The Lord is Exalted".

The Scouts will meet Saturday evening with Mr. Pratt. The interest at present is fine, and the enthusiasm over the prospective exhibition and camp life is beginning to boil.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching service, 11 to 12 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.
Preaching service 7:30 p. m.
Choir practice 7:30 p. m., Tuesday.
Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m., Wednesday.

Services at the Baptist church next Sunday, April 23, 1916:
24. "Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works."
25. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is."

Sunday school 9:45 to 11 a. m.
Special Easter service, 11 a. m., to 11 m.
Special music by the choir.
Subject of discourse "Seeking the Living Among the Dead."
B. Y. P. U., 7 to 8 p. m.
Preaching service 8 to 9 p. m.
E. J. BARR, Pastor.

GRACE CHURCH (EPISCOPAL)

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

Easter Service at the Christian Church:

Song, "He is Risen."
Scripture reading.
Song, "Spread the Tidings all Abroad."
Prayer.
Song, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."
Communion service.
Song, "Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today."
Sermon, subject: "Risen With Christ."
Song, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."
Benediction.

Dusty Velvet.

Dry salt and a brush will take down off from velvet, plush and heavy materials that cannot be washed.

Columbia Records

THE COLUMBIA MAY RECORDS WILL BE ON HAND IN A FEW DAYS. Come in and hear them on the Grafonola.

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EASTER AT ST. EDWARD'S.

Easter musical program at St. Edward's church (Catholic):
Vidi Aquam

Kyrie—Peters celebrated mass in D.
Gloria—Leonard's third mass in Bb.
Veni Creator—(Monti) Alto solo.
Mrs. H. E. James.
Credo—Rosewig's third mass in Eb.
Offeratory.
Regina Coeli—A. Werner.
Sanctus—Leonard's third mass in Bb.
Benedictus—Leonard's third mass in Bb.
Agnus Dei—Rosewig's third mass in Eb.
Communion Hymn—"Hymn to the Sacred Heart".
Benediction of Blessed Sacrament.
O Salutaris.
Tantum Ergo.
Laudate Dominum.

FIFTH SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

To be held at Loving, New Mexico, April 30, 1916.
The following is the program:
11 to 11 Study of Sunday School Lesson.
11 to 12, short talks on Sunday School Lesson led by superintendent.
Basket Dinner.
1:30, appointment of nominating committee.
Devotional exercises and song service.
Election of officers.
"That Class With a Purpose," Prof. H. G. Howard.
Reading, "The Eye Gate," Mrs. J. F. Allison.
"Organization," Rev. J. M. Wilson.
Male quartette, Bert Rawlins, Walter Ralph, Claude Wright, and Mr. Hollis.
"The Social Phase," Miss Effie Rudeen.
Music.
"The Objective of the Sunday School," Rev. H. W. Lowry.
Duet, Misses Pearl Smith and Effie Rudeen.
"Temperance in the Pecos Valley," Mrs. F. G. Snow.
Round table.
Officers: president, Mr. B. H. Ellisworth; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. E. Nutt, Mr. F. W. Ross, Mrs. E. E. Hartshorn, Mrs. F. G. Snow, Mr. C. L. White, Mr. J. L. Williams, Mr. Ira Stockwell, Mrs. Wm. Jones, and Mr. Tom Middleton; secretary and treasurer, J. B. Leck.

KENT—ROBBINS.

Monday, the 17th of April, at Roswell, occurred the marriage of Miss Mabel Robinson and Mr. Fred Kent. Mrs. Kent is a niece of Mrs. J. F. Hunick and came here last Friday from Louisville, Ky., where she had been visiting. Mr. Kent came here a few days ago looking after Mr. Hunick's 320 acres of recently acquired land of original Tansill farm. The young couple were well acquainted as they had been sweethearts in Medford for a number of years, where the young lady had made her home with her aunt, and Mr. Kent had assisted Mr. Hunick with his various duties and had always proven himself very reliable. He is a young man of good habits and is very ambitious. The wedding was a very quiet one only a few friends being present. The aunt did not accompany the bride to Roswell. After the ceremony the bride changed the lovely white organdie for black silk traveling suit and the happy couple returned to Carlsbad where they will make their home for the present. The many readers of the Current will join their friends at

BIRTHS.

Born, a fine little eight pound daughter Wednesday night at ten o'clock to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Sewalt, who will bear the sweet name of Marjorie Mirth Sewalt, and the proud parents ordered one of those beautiful birth announcement cabinets consisting of fifty inside and outside envelopes and fifty each of the large and small cards, with the exquisite blue borders and dainty blue ribbons, from the Current office where they are always kept in stock. Grandad Creighton came along to O. K. the job. He said they had to keep watch over grandmother as this was their first grandchild and he was now seventy years old.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William Jasper Thomas Pope a ten pound boy Thursday evening at 7:30. Mr. Pope is the efficient foreman of the Reclamation service.

Born, to Jack Horn, and wife Tuesday evening at nine o'clock, a wee baby girl, who came to their home to keep little Miss Evelyn company. They gave her the name of Jessie. Her grandmother, Mrs. Wallace, came down from Roswell last week. This is the first grandchild for Mrs. Walker, also Mrs. Wallace.

Marion Walker and wife are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, who came Tuesday morning to their home west of town at two a. m. The fond father and the doting granddad were on the plains closing a deal for a cattle ranch. When the phone message was received Marion headed the big Studebaker for home and the nearer home he came the faster he drove. J. D. says he had some trouble keeping his seat and Marion was so excited he burned up two bearings in his car. His grandmother, Mrs. Wallace, came down from Roswell last week. This is the first grandchild for Mrs. Walker, also for Mrs. Wallace.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Whereas, Sovereign Lige Mitchell has been called upon to mourn the loss of his mother who died April 11, 1916, and

Whereas, we as his brethren of the Woodmen of the World realize that one of the greatest blessings of earth is a good mother, such as was Mrs. Mitchell, and

Whereas, the loss of her who guided his steps while young, counseled him through youth and sympathized with him in later years is a loss such as only those who have been called upon to bear can realize,

Resolved, that Eddy Grove Camp Woodmen of the World do hereby tender as a body to our fellow sovereign the sympathy and condolence of one brother to another.

Resolved, that we tender our sympathy to the other members of the family of our brother sovereign.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent our fellow sovereign and a copy be placed of record in the archives of this camp.

Wm. H. MULLANE,
R. B. HAMBLEN,
J. W. IRBY,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of thanking the many kind friends and neighbors, who came to our assistance and to the physician, and nurse, during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister.

R. W. KIRKPATRICK
AND FAMILY.

Mrs. Casper Fosmark and little son, Lloyd, left last night for Portales, for an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. W. H. C. Smith. Lloyd has had the whooping cough and seems to be losing strength and Mr. and Mrs. Fosmark are going to place the baby in the care of its grandmother, Mrs. Smith, for awhile. Every one who knows her will feel that the baby is in good hands, as one or more babies have been sent from here to that lady for health and care.

home in wishing the man long and happy married life in the Sunshine state and may they never have cause to change their place of abode, is the wish of the Current.

Farm and Garden

COTTONTAIL RABBITS.

They Frequently Kill Trees and Shrubs by Gnawing the Bark.

(Prepared by United States department of agriculture.)

Cottontail rabbits breed rapidly, and in spite of the inroads made upon their numbers by predatory animals, such as the larger hawks and owls, cats and dogs, and the excellent sport they furnish hunters, they sometimes become so abundant as to occasion serious losses. They eat all sorts of herbage, preferring such succulent foods as vegetables, clover or alfalfa, fallen fruits, etc. When snow cuts off the supply of their favorite food they frequently kill trees and shrubs by gnawing the bark. In this way they often cause serious financial losses to nurserymen and orchardists.

The majority of eastern states protect rabbits during the greater part of the year, although half of these states



APPLE TREE KILLED BY RABBIT.

have provisions enabling farmers and fruit growers to destroy the animals in order to protect their crops and trees.

In localities where cottontails are sufficiently abundant to be a continual menace the safest and most nearly permanent method of securing immunity from their ravages is to fence against them. It has been found that woven wire netting of one and one-half inch mesh and thirty inches high will exclude rabbits, provided that the lower border of the fence is buried five or six inches below the surface of the ground. In cases where a small number of trees are concerned a cylinder of similar wire netting around each tree, if so fastened that it cannot be pushed up close against the tree, serves the purpose more economically.

When the law permits poison can often be used to advantage, especially at times when the natural food of the rabbit is scarce. The following formulas have been employed with considerable success:

Poisoned Oats.—Mix together an ounce of powdered strychnine (alka loid), an ounce of baking soda, one eighth ounce of saccharin and three heaping tablespoonsful of flour. Stir with enough cold water to make a creamy paste and apply to twelve quarts of good clean oats, mixing thoroughly. This same creamy paste can also be applied to orchard prunings. The smaller twigs should be cut up into two or three inch lengths and the poison applied in the same way as with oats.

Poisoned Green Baits.—Cut up a supply of carrots, parsnips, apples or other similar baits into cubes one-half to an inch in diameter. Insert in each a small quantity of powdered strychnine or a small strychnine crystal. When a larger quantity is to be prepared the powdered strychnine can be dusted over the bait by means of a salt shaker in the proportion of one-eighth ounce of strychnine to two quarts of the baits.

The poisoned oats, prunings or green baits are dropped along rabbit trails or in places frequented by the rabbits, care being exercised in placing them to prevent any possible injury to live stock.

The following poisoned wash has proved highly satisfactory in the west and promises to be one of the most popular methods of protecting trees from rabbits:

Poisoned Tree Wash.—Dissolve an ounce of strychnine sulphate in three quarts of boiling water and add one half pint of laundry starch previously dissolved in a pint of cold water. Boil this mixture until it becomes a clear paste. Add an ounce of glycerin and stir thoroughly. When sufficiently cool apply to the trunks of trees with a paint brush. Rabbits that gnaw the bark will be killed before the tree is injured.

Many other repellent tree washes have been used with varying success. Other means of controlling cottontail rabbits, such as trapping and driving are usually too slow and laborious to warrant their use.

Earnest Harrison and sister, Carry, are in town today. They will return to Black River this afternoon and spend the night with their sister, Mrs. Barney Beach. They will attend a dance tonight at the home of Arthur Forehand.

COUNTY CONVENTION STOCK NOTES

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The committee on delegates to the state convention reported as follows: W. G. Woerner, Knowles; J. C. Estlack, Eunice; J. H. Graham, Lovington; Hugh Gage, Hope; Wright, Artesia; J. D. Atwood, Artesia; C. W. Beeman, Malaga; Daniel Elpper, Cottonwood; W. R. Owen, Carlsbad; J. G. Osburn, Carlsbad.

We, your committee, have the honor to present the above list for approval or rejection as delegates to the state convention to nominate delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Wm. H. MULLANE,
ALBERT BLAKE,
ESTOL SNYDER.

On motion the names as selected were chosen by the convention as delegates to the state convention.

On motion of Stephenson seconded by Stagner, Albert Blake was endorsed as the choice of Eddy county for delegate to the National convention.

On motion the delegates from this county to the state convention were instructed to vote for an instructed delegation to the National convention for Woodrow Wilson for president.

On motion the convention adjourned.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Miss Nettie Tullius celebrated her eighth birthday Saturday afternoon at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John Lucas. The rooms were lovely with cut flowers and the color scheme of pink and white was carried out in the decorations and in the refreshments. Easter greetings peeped here and there, and a large Easter white egg was placed on the table that was slightly torn at one end and from which protruded long pink and white ribbons tied around pink and white Easter eggs, which the merry group of boys and girls lovingly and carefully selected the color of streamer they wished, and drew it forth with the party favor. A large pink birthday cake, with name and age was served with delicious white brick ice cream. Those that enjoyed games from two until four o'clock, were Bobby Hunick, Bobby Dean, Frances Horne, Hershel McCollum, Howard Johns, Jim and Brantley Hamblin, Charles Butcher, Sue Catheryn Ussery, Kathryn Dean, Josephine Williams, Marjorie Walte, Dorothy Flowers, Dorothy and Leila Dillard, Gloria Jackson, Mildred Hutchins, Edith Herring, Florence Thayer, Evelyn Farrell, Lucile Morris, Virginia Gray, and the hostess, Nettie Tullius.

Only Nation Without Budget.

We are the only civilized nation that hasn't a budget system. France, Germany, Russia, Japan, England, Italy, Spain, Rumania, Serbia, Portugal, Bulgaria and Venezuela—all these countries and many more have budgets. In each country, that is, certain responsible officers prepare a definite plan for doing things, estimate the cost of executing it and suggest means for raising the money. There is only one important nation that has no business plan, and that is the one that has chiefly distinguished itself as a nation of business men—the United States.—World's Work.

Human Mystery.

Almost every man believes in the mystery of woman. I do not. For men are also mysterious to women; women are quite as puzzled by our stupidity as by our subtlety. I do not believe that there is either a male or a female mystery; there is only the mystery of mankind.—W. L. George in Atlantic Monthly

Luck

Jack—Congratulate me, old man. Tom—What's up? Are you engaged? Jack—No. Miss Roxleigh refused me the day before her father made an assignment.—Boston Transcript.

J. F. Hart got one of his best calves bitten by a rattlesnake in the hay barn Monday night or early Tuesday morning. Monday night when Mr. Hart was feeding the calves he heard a snake rattle, and he ran to the house and got a lantern and as he came back with the lantern, he picked up a piece of iron which he used later to kill the snake. Some of the calves were not in the lot at that time so he drove all into another pen that were up remarking to his wife there was another snake close around. Next morning when he went out to the pen he saw one of the big calves acting funny and on looking he saw its head was swelling and could tell it had been bitten on the nose, being near Dr. Lackey he found out what to do for the calf and after a day or so it seems to be getting well. He found and killed this snake also, making two of the reptiles less on earth and in a very short time.

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Mrs. Chaytor purchased a cow this week of some good breed for milk. While the cow is small, she has every mark of a fine milker and is young—about two years old.

Benton Stone and wife passed thru to Roswell last night. He is changing his ranching place and moving the cattle to that section of the country.

Willard Bates was here this week delivering and getting his steers on deck at Lakewood. Six cars of cattle left Lakewood Tuesday.

A. J. Crawford and Dean Smith left Wednesday morning with about 1,000 sheep they have fed on alfalfa. They will hold and feed the sheep at Emporia, Kansas, until the market price suits them then they will be placed on the market at Chicago.

FISHING PARTY.

Sunday morning two Ford cars rushed out of town to spend the day and night on the river at the state line. J. F. Hart and Wm. H. Mullane took their cars and the other men of the party were U. G. Williams, Ben Christian, and Boyd Eaker. They left here about eight o'clock and reached the fishing ground in about two hours, and after fishing a few hours before noon without any luck, decided to enjoy a broiled steak, which they took with them, fishing then most of the afternoon they decided to come to the Delaware where they caught three big, nice cat fish, the three weighing about twenty pounds. Ben Christian was the lucky sport, and proved to be as generous as he was lucky, as he did not take any of the fish home. The Current editor and family enjoyed one of them which was one of the best fish we have ever enjoyed. The fishermen returned to town early Monday morning and all hands got busy with their various duties, but they had a fine trip and are planning to go again soon.

LEGAL BLANKS FOR SALE AT CURRENT OFFICE.

Contract to sell real estate of all kinds on installment, 5c.; 40c. pr. doz. Warranty Deeds, 5c.; 40c. doz. Mortgage Deeds, or Real estate mortgages, 5c.; 40c. per doz. Bills of Sale in books of fifty, 25c. Bills of Sale, single, half size blank 5c.; 25c. doz. All Justice blanks 5c.; 25c. doz. Contract to Sell Live Stock 5c.; 40c. doz. Placer Claim Notices 5c.; 30c. doz. Lode Mineral Claim Notices 5c.; 40c. doz. Release Chattel Mfg. 5c.; 40c. doz. All other blanks, too numerous to mention at 5c. each and 40c. per dozen. Blanks sold in quantities 500 to 1,000 at \$10 to \$15 per 1,000.

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WANTED.—Men to sell nursery stock. Steady employment; paid weekly. All stock guaranteed. Ottawa Star Nurseries—Established 40 years. Ottawa, Kans.

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Parties desiring to phone Knowledge, please call Lusk ranch to be certain to reach Knowledge over this line upon which no charge for overtime is allowed.

EDDY GROVE CAMP W. O. W.

Meets first Thursday night each month at W. O. W. Hall. Visiting sovereigns and members urged to attend. A. R. O'QUINN, Clerk. JOHN W. IRBY, C. C.

FOR SALE.—20 head of grain fed horses, good sized and suitable for army use. RUDE KNOWLES, Artesia, N. M.

FOR SALE.—A practically new refrigerator. Only been used a few months. Two small for my use. See MRS. Wm. H. Mullane or phone 259.

FOR SALE.—Cabbage plants of good variety. See Mrs. Chaytor at the Carlsbad Springs hotel. John Barrymore—Peoples Tonight.

FOR SALE.—Fryers and two week old chicks. No leghorns. F. G. SNOW

FOR RENT.—A four room house, well finished and wired. Fifteen dollars per month. See MRS. A. MOORE or this office.

WANTED.—To lease improved farm or ranch near Carlsbad. Will pay cash for lease or share crops. I have plenty of good teams and implements. Address L. G. JACKSON, Box 116 21-April 2 Stratford, Texas.

For dressmaking and fancy work, call on Miss Lyla Courtney, next door to the Mullane residence. 21-A-2

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Bed room suit of birdeye maple. Dining set consisting of table, six chairs and buffet. Two leather rocking chairs. One leather davenport. One library table. Two porch chairs. One ice box. One invalid chair. JAMES LITTLE.

DRAYING AND TRANSFER.—Will do all kinds of heavy and light dray work and all kinds of hauling on short notice. PECOS VALLEY TRANSFER. Phone No. 12. Can be found at Corner Drug Store.

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. 10Oct-Dec17