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The Carlsbad Current

TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR.

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1919.

NUMBER 2.

IRRIGATION EXTENSION IS PLANNED

Pecos Water Users Ask Dry Landers to Form Two Irrigation Districts and Prepare Estimates for Future Action.

An important meeting of the directors of Pecos Water Users Association was held last Saturday and another Tuesday, to consider matters relative to the saving of water and the construction of the third reservoir. At this meeting were representatives of the dry land interests which would benefit, were the third reservoir built, and also representatives of the Reclamation Service. In continuation of work already done, President Francis G. Tracy made a report concerning the status of the work, and presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, on September 29th, by resolution unanimously passed by the board of directors of Pecos Water Users Association, the secretary and chairman were "instructed to write, asking the United States Reclamation Service to make a thorough investigation of the third reservoir site to determine whether or not it is feasible to build a dam; also to get the views of the department regarding the availability of funds for cementing the distributing system of the project;" and

Whereas, on October second the following reply was received from Director A. P. Davis, "In view of the acute shortage of money in the reclamation fund and the likelihood that this condition will continue for years, the only suggestion that I can make is that you consider the desirability of financing yourself any additional investigations that may be needed—A district organization would be helpful also in connection with what you now propose;" and

Whereas, The proposed third reservoir with a sixty-five foot dam would have a storage capacity of 110,000 acre-feet, which is practically double the storage capacity of McMillan reservoir and

Whereas, The cementing of the distributing system will very largely increase the efficiency and extend the use of the present storage and

Whereas, The water records of the Reclamation Service for the last fifteen years show ample water supply with this storage and a carry-over from flush to short and with cemented canals to justify a large increase in irrigable area, amply sufficient to bear the whole expense of increasing the storage and cementing the canals as aforesaid and the lands are available for that purpose, and

Whereas, The director of the Reclamation Service has indicated that this extended project should finance itself, through the formation of an irrigation district;

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved, That the directors of this association recommend that the settlers under the proposed high line canal organize themselves into an irrigation district, and those living under the old canal line south of Malaga organize a similar district and that each district prepare its own plans, specifications and estimates at its own expense in cooperation with the project manager and the state engineer for the purpose of confirming by contract with the Pecos Water Users Association the United States and the state of New Mexico the right to the use of this water, and by the placing of irrigation districts bonds provide

the funds to build the necessary storage and distributing system to make the same available; subject, however, to the full rights of the present shareholders of the association and, be it

Resolved, That the president and secretary of this association take the necessary steps to invite the full cooperation on this undertaking by the state engineer and the state land commissioner with a view of enlisting their active cooperation toward the completion of this project and the inclusion of the state lands within the boundary of the proposed districts.

On Tuesday, another meeting of the directors was held, at which a committee composed of Directors C. P. Pardue, A. W. Dallman, J. L. Williams and W. E. Rose, previously appointed to view and confer concerning the cementing of a portion of the lower district unanimously reported in favor of the construction, and the sum of ten thousand dollars was voted by the directors toward the construction of this work.

MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS OF EDDY COUNTY.

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Eddy county, Monday, December 29th, 1919, at 3 p. m., at Commercial Club rooms at Carlsbad, for the purpose of electing members of the board of directors for Eddy County Hospital. As this hospital is a county institution and receives aid from the state, citizens of the entire county are interested and eligible to vote at this election. At present the hospital has several patients who do not pay, and it is hoped that citizens from all over the county will attend and help name these directors.

MRS. E. S. KIRKPATRICK, Sec. Eddy County Hospital Association.

PANDOLFO CONVICTED.

After a sensational trial lasting several weeks, held before the federal court in Chicago, S. C. Pandolfo, promoter of the Pan Motor Company of St. Cloud, Minn., which sold stock throughout the country, and some of whose stockholders live in Eddy county, was convicted Saturday of using the mails to defraud. Pandolfo formerly lived in New Mexico and also at El Paso. Stock sales are alleged to have approximated \$5,000,000. It was alleged at the trial that Pandolfo retained 59 per cent of stock sales as commission for promoting the company. But few motor cars ever were put on the market, stories of big production and a large plant being mythical.

The Elks' charity ball was a huge success, both from a financial standpoint, and from the fun had at the affair. It cleared three hundred dollars for charitable purposes. "Judge" Roy Waller assessed various offenders brought before him by Chief of Police Heckett the sum of thirty-five dollars for convictions against the peace and order of the community. Bevo and cigars were served from booths, as were also hot dogs from the stage. Seventy-five couples danced, and the music was by the Morgan Jazz band of Roswell.

The ladies of Otis gave a box supper last week at the school house to pay for the hot lunches dispensed. One hot dish is served each day to the students in attendance at the school. The proceeds from the supper were quite satisfactory. Charley Ellsworth was the most determined bidder of the evening, and spent eight dollars for the privilege of eating the particular luncheon that he desired.

HALLEY SELLS TO WERTHEIM

Will Give Possession Soon After First of Year.—Consideration Around Twelve Thousand.

R. L. Halley has sold his merchandise stock and fixtures to Joe Wertheim, and will give possession the first of the year. The consideration is not fixed, but is thought to be in the neighborhood of twelve thousand dollars. It will not be known until stock is taken.

Wertheim, who already conducts the Boston store, has not yet decided how he will conduct the business but will retain both buildings.

Bob Halley, who has become quite a cotton grower, and who made a good crop this year, is also undecided as to his future plans, but thinks it liable that he will put on another cotton crop, in 1920.

In connection with this sale, Joe Wertheim announces that he has taken over the interest formerly owned by S. Vorenburg of Wagon Mound in the Boston Store, and now is in complete ownership of the stock. Mr. Vorenburg, his father-in-law, formerly owned a fifty per cent interest in the business.

SOUTHWEST IN GRIP OF COLDEST WEATHER OF SEASON.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—With zero weather prevailing and the mercury steadily dropping, the southwest shivered tonight in a vain attempt to keep warm with its depleted supply of fuel. Actual suffering was reported from sections of western Kansas where roads have been made almost impassable by drifting snow and where wood obtained by tearing down fences and small buildings is the only available fuel.

Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and northern Texas are in the grip of the most severe cold spell of the winter, according to reports to the weather bureau here, and temperatures today ranged from 29 degrees below zero in northwestern Kansas, to a few degrees above zero in Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle.

NEW AUTO LICENSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

Attention is called to the fact that 1920 automobile license tags will be available between now and the first of the year, the secretary of the state at Santa Fe, who issues the license tags, having announced their receipt from the manufacturer.

In seeking a license the applicant is required to state the name, year, model, motor number, number of cylinders, as well as the bore and stroke of his car. The question of horsepower should also be given. This data is checked up with the A. L. A. M. rating chart, the accepted record for determining the horsepower.

Last year, due to the late arrival of tags from the manufacturer, the period of time which the licensees for the coming year could be procured was extended for more than a month. This year there will be no days of grace.

License tags under a law enacted by the last state legislature will cost approximately 50 per cent more this year. All applications for license tags must be accompanied by money order, certified check or draft, personal checks not being accepted by the state licensing department.

COTTON REPORT.

Bales ginned to date—	533
Carlsbad	1805
Otis	710
Loving	740
Malaga	740
Total	3308

The Elks floor committee for the grand ball announce that they were so flustered by the galaxy of youth and beauty Wednesday night that they neglected to announce the prize winners for the best costumes worn. However this morning it was decided that Miss Myrtle Harkey, who wore a costume emblematic of the evening, in that it was decorated with Elks heads in a very fetching manner, and Mrs. Glasier, who wore some filmy gown that otherwise defied description, were the most beautifully attired and will, in due time, receive their award.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Melvain and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Melvain left Thursday night for Albuquerque, where Miss Helen Melvain is studying. R. W. Melvain is a brother of the local booster, and has his home at Columbus, Ohio, where he is an officer in a big oil and gas development company.

Mrs. Weeks of the Cabbage Patch Crawford Theatre, Monday night.

Contractor Davis has the specification of a house to be built for Arthur Horton, on the latter's forty acres near the canal in the Otis district.

SPECIAL DRIVE AGAINST TAX DODGERS BY REVENUE COLLECTOR.

Phoenix, Arizona.—A special drive to locate merchants and manufacturers who have followed erroneous methods in making their inventories for the taxable years 1917 and 1918—such methods tending to reduce tax liability—is about to be made by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, it has been announced.

In cases of voluntary disclosures before investigations of failure to make proper return and payment, the policy of the Bureau, it was stated, will be to forego penalties except where there is intentional evasion of the tax. Where discovery is made by government officers heavy penalties will apply.

In some cases inventories have been found to have been taken on the basis of average costs, though it was possible to identify the articles remaining on hand at the inventory period, and so determine their exact cost. In other's because of conservative accounting methods, flat percentages have been deducted after determining inventory values. Others use a fixed average, based upon costs of prior years, or fail to include all merchandise to which they have title in their inventory.

All of these methods, which have the effect of reducing tax liability, are contrary to the regulations of the Bureau and are illustrative, it was said, of numerous irregularities which have been found.

A warning issued by the Bureau advises taxpayers who have followed such methods to file correct returns without notice and without investigation. Some taxpayers have voluntarily notified the Bureau of the employment of incorrect methods, and are filing amended returns. It is only fair to these taxpayers, the Bureau states, that their competitors who have made similar errors should be located.

ARIZONA'S LEAD IN GETTING PROPERTY ON TAX ROLLS DUE TO TEAMWORK.

It Is Found That Sister State Is Favored by Not Restricting Tenure of Assessors and Giving Expense Accounts.

The fact that Arizona, having a smaller area than New Mexico and sparser population, has a far higher tax roll aroused laudable curiosity on the part of J. E. Saint, chairman of the state tax commission. He decided to find out the reason for the sister state's bigger tax roll, so he and John Joerns, secretary of the commission went to Phoenix. They found out, Mr. Saint announced today, following his return.

True Arizona has far richer mines than New Mexico, but, deducting the mines valuation from the Arizona tax roll and including New Mexico mines valuation in the New Mexico tax roll still gave Arizona a commanding lead of from 125 to 150 million dollars. The Arizona mines, it included, would raise Arizona's distance out in front between 100 and 500 millions.

The thing that worried Mr. Saint most was that Arizona's lead, after the mines valuation had been excluded. The difference appeared to him to be "awful," and it was to find out how Arizona got the lead, leaving the mines out of consideration, that took him and Mr. Joerns to Phoenix. New Mexico has 15 millions more in livestock than Arizona and that was another thing that stirred Mr. Saint's curiosity.

It was found that Arizona's bigger tax rolls were due primarily to the county assessors of the state, working under the assessors and the state tax commission—the result of seven or eight years of cooperation. The Arizona assessors are not restricted as to their tenure of office. The state has no law that bars them from re-election after they have held office for four years or any other period, and Mr. Saint found the result to be that the best assessors had practically life-time jobs. They are held in office when they are found to be competent whether they are democrats or republicans, and in many cases they are given no opposition for re-election.

Expense Accounts. The Arizona assessors also are favored by having expense accounts. Their expenses are paid for going to all parts of their counties and assessing lands on the ground. New Mexico assessors have no expense accounts and the result is that they virtually assess outlying property in their precincts in which the land is located, but the difference between that and staying in their offices and assessing it is practically nil. They do not visit the property assessed. They can't afford to and neither can they afford to hire deputies to do the work for them.

Of course, Arizona has a big advantage in agricultural lands. The state's agricultural lands far exceed New Mexico's in area and value. For instance, Mr. Saint found that cotton lands in the Salt River valley were renting for \$60 a month an acre cash in advance. Governor Campbell of Arizona was characterized by Mr. Saint as father of the successful Arizona taxation system which he praised as "getting the property on the tax rolls." He was assessor of

COST OF LIVING HIGHEST EVER KNOWN IN ALL HISTORY.

But Prices in United States Have Not Advanced As Rapidly As in England Since Armistice.

New York, Dec. 9.—The cost of living as based on ninety staple commodities advanced 1.3 per cent during the last month, and now stands at 131 per cent above the prewar level, or the highest ever known, according to figures made public today by Bradstreet.

Textiles, provisions and groceries constitute the bulk of the commodities.

The basis of the computation is the total wholesale price of a pound of each of the articles included. This total was \$29,176.56 on December 1, which was eight-tenths of 1 per cent above the previous high level of August last.

It is an advance of 6.1 per cent over December 1, 1918, three weeks after the armistice was signed; 14 per cent over December 1, 1917, and 131 per cent over August 1, 1914.

There were increases from November 1 to December 1 last in forty-six of the commodities. Building materials reached new high price levels December 1.

Price advances in England have been much greater than those in the United States, however, for at the close of November they were 2.8 per cent over those for the end of October, 12.4 per cent above those of a year ago, and 172 per cent above August 1, 1914.

FINLAY-WILLIAMS.

Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. George Williams, Miss Catherine Finlay and Edgar W. Williams were quietly married by the Rev. George H. Givan, the Episcopal service being used. Miss Mona Heard and Fred Wilson were attendants to the bride and groom. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present. Immediately after the ceremony, the bride and groom left for the Williams ranch which is located about thirty miles north west of Lovington.

Williams is a cowboy exceedingly well spoken of by his friends of whom he numbers many. He is a brother of Jack Williams of Loving, and of Mrs. Bond, of Lone Tree Draw, who is living on the Bond and Williams ranch there. He is thirty-nine years old.

Miss Catherine is, of course, too well known to need any eulogiums from the Current. She was born twenty-five years ago in Carlsbad, when it was only Eddy, and except for intervals spent in studying away from Carlsbad, has spent her entire life in the vicinity. She is a well known musician, and is active in church work. The Current extends its felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Yesterday morning there occurred at the Crawford the death of a young girl, Mary Virginia Dellonbaugh, eighteen years of age, who had but a few days before arrived in Carlsbad from Cleveland, Ohio, for the benefit of the climate. She was a cousin of C. T. Adams, and the funeral services will be held at the Adams home this afternoon, at 2:30, the Rev. H. W. Lowry officiating. Interment will be at City cemetery.

J. F. Madera, who has a big stock ranch twenty miles from Carlsbad, came in this week for news and supplies, and says that his range is in excellent condition. Madera formerly ran steers but is now handling stock cattle.

Yavapai county for years, and later a member of the state tax commission. He also aided in getting favorable legislation on taxation from the Arizona legislature.

Teamwork Emphasized.

The teamwork between the assessors and the Arizona tax commission was stressed by Mr. Saint as one of the factors in Arizona's success in getting full valuation, as early as possible, on the state's tax rolls and the conference called for December 17, 18 and 19 by the New Mexico state tax commission, he said, would be used to bring about the same kind of teamwork in this state. Similar conferences are held in Arizona every year.

Mr. Saint and other members of the state tax commission plan to launch at the conference, which county assessors and county board members have been asked to attend, a campaign of teamwork which, he is confident, will be successful in bringing New Mexico's tax rolls to the point where they will compare favorably with Arizona's. He declared he felt sure the plan would win.

F. G. Tracy, Vice-Pres. Anne L. Dalton, 2nd Vice-Pres. Lewis E. Alexander, Secty.-Treas.

ABSTRACTS AND CERTIFICATES OF TITLE

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UNITED AMERICANS ORGANIZE

Have Raised County Quota and Now Await Further Instructions from Headquarters.

The American Legion has a big brother in the field. Perhaps it is a little brother, or a twin brother or some sort of relative not definitely established, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that United Americans last June to combat radicalism, revolution and violence, is a powerful and rapidly growing organization. Last week the first attempt to organize Eddy county was made, Francis G. Tracy having been named by the state committeemen as organizer for Eddy and the quota for Eddy county has been practically subscribed.

Alonso B. McMillan of Albuquerque is state committeeman, and Arthur Seligman is treasurer for New Mexico. Mr. Tracy, on his return from the irrigation convention at Salt Lake City, immediately set at work in organizing his workers, and the following letters and telegrams are explanatory. H. F. Christian and District Attorney R. M. Dow assisted in getting up the Carlsbad list. The letters follow: Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 13, '19. Mr. Francis G. Tracy, Carlsbad, N. M.

Dear Mr. Tracy:

An important group of men throughout the nation, including President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, Thomas W. Lamont, Daniel Willard, A. H. Muliken, Rector of California, Judge of Utah, H. P. Davidson and others, are forming a National organization to offset the present dangerous trend of radicalism, revolution and violence, with a strong constructive campaign to educate the nation in Americanism and unite the people in preserving constitutional government and liberties.

It is the desire that every state shall cooperate in this momentous cause and have a strong organization. Meetings are being held throughout the country for this purpose. It is unnecessary to urge upon you the threatened dangers nor the necessity for prompt action.

Frederick Vinson Fisher, in behalf of the national organization will be in Albuquerque on the 18th and 19th of this month for the purposes of conferences and state organization.

A meeting is hereby called, to be held at the Chamber of Commerce, Albuquerque, N. M., on November 18th, 1919. The meeting will be called to order at two o'clock in the afternoon, and continued until organization is completed.

You have been selected as one of the leaders of your part of the state and it is of the utmost importance that you attend and take part in the discussion and organization. No question of greater importance has ever been presented to the American people.

Please write your acceptance. Sincerely yours truly,

(SIGNED) A. B. McMILLAN, Committeeman.

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 22, '19. Hon. Francis G. Tracy, Carlsbad, N. M.

You are appointed to raise your county quota foundation fund United Americans of New Mexico. Quota ten thousand dollars. One half goes to National, one half to state organization. Your county quota three hundred dollars. New Mexico's quota must be paid in by December third. Please act promptly. Select your own assistants. Secure paid subscriptions from banks, corporations and citizens, twenty-five dollars and up. Use letter from A. B. McMillan explaining purposes. Remit immediately to me by bank draft. The welfare and safety of the nation depends upon prompt action in perfecting this organization. We rely upon you to raise your quota before December third.

Treasurer United Americans of New Mexico.

Call Made by Mr. Tracy.

Sunday, Nov. 10th, 1919. Messrs. Hugh George Hones, Albert Blake, Artesia; G. H. Sellmeyer, Lakewood; W. W. Galton, Otis; C. P. Pardue, Loving; G. S. Williams, Malaga, City Chairmen of the "United Americans."

Gentlemen: You should have heard from me sooner, or from the State or

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UNITED AMERICANS ORGANIZE. (Continued from Page One.)

Organization of "United Americans", but I have only just returned from Salt Lake to find you unprepared and an imperative call by wire from the State Treasurer for this county's quota of the foundation fund and as large a membership as possible before December third.

The call for true Americanism is so urgent these days and comes straight to the heart of each of us, that I feel it is only necessary for me to pass the message along through you selected men to get an immediate and hearty response from every citizen of your community.

Every one joining by December 3rd, will be a charter member. There is only one class of membership, 100 per cent, but there are three classes of dues to meet the financial ability of the individual to sustain the work, one dollar, ten dollars, one hundred dollars, annual dues payable in advance. Urge no men to give more than he can afford. Get members; but let us get as many ten dollar charter members as possible.

The foundation fund is separate and distinct from memberships. It calls for \$10,000 from the state by Dec. 3rd, half to remain in the state. Eddy County's quota is only three hundred dollars. There are six of you. Each one can find enough men to donate \$5 or \$10 or even less, to raise \$50. Let none of you drop below this. Let each go as much above as he thinks necessary to put this community 100 per cent American. Make your remittance of dues and foundation fund direct to Mr. Arthur Seligman, Treasurer, United Americans, Santa Fe, N. M., on Dec. 3rd. Please telephone me the evening of the second what you will do that I may wire him that old Eddy is where she belongs, at the top.

The pledge existing the purpose of United Americans, the need is in the air we breathe. It is a civil organization of patriots to work shoulder to shoulder with the American Legion to preserve the Republic. Members must sign the pledge. This is a nation wide organization started by such men as President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, Thomas W. Lamont, Roubert Willard, A. N. Mullan, Roster of California, Rader of Utah, Henry P. Davidson and others. If you wish further information call me by phone.

Yours earnestly for our Country,
FRANCIS G. TRACY.

Calling Cards at Current office.

A PATRIARCH IN MASONRY.

Last Saturday Frank Henderson of Malaga celebrated a unique anniversary. Sixty-four years before he had been made a Mason. Eddy Lodge 21 A. F. and A. M. had planned to celebrate the day with him, by raising a candidate to the sublime degree of Master Mason, but circumstances were such as to require the postponement of the ceremony.

Thought of the unique anniversary, however, still lingered in the minds of many men and Masons, who have pondered on the long life of usefulness to which this honored member of the lodge has dedicated himself. It is not given to every man to reach even that long life of years which he has spent in Masonry. But Henderson early knocked at the door of the fraternity. And now he is reaping the reward of his long years of usefulness in the respect and affection of his fellowmen, both in and out of the order.

The Greeks sang of the lives of their great men in songs that have echoed through the centuries, but surely an epic might be as fittingly woven about the career of Henderson, who, since his mustering-out as a fighter in The War of Sections, has helped to build a great empire in the southwest. He was, until time shortened his stride, a pioneer, and he carried the voice of his church and the councils of his lodge into the wild and free places of the west.

It is inspiring to contemplate that long career and to know a man who, in his youth, associated with a firm grip, and made it

yield to him Honor and Service spent in years of fighting for his country, who, later, wrung from the world many years of devotion and usefulness, and who now has numbered himself in days lived as a peer of the patriarchs of old, for modern science has shown us that Noah and Methuselah lived only in years that correspond to our lunar month.

The oldest Mason in the lodge, and perhaps the oldest Mason in the state in years of membership, he may always feel assured of his welcome in Eddy Lodge 21 A. F. and A. M., whenever he may choose to make his appearance on the floor.

Closing Schools Should Be Last Resort in Control of Diseases.

Closing schools as a means of controlling epidemics of measles, whooping cough, scarlet fever, diphtheria, smallpox and poliomyelitis should be considered as a last resort, to be used only when thorough and systematic application of other measures fails to effect control. As a method it is clumsy, unsatisfactory, and unsatisfactory, for it fails to control and results in the loss of school time and money. The modern method of careful daily inspection of infected schools, isolation of sick children, and quarantine of contacts, is both more effective and economical.

Such is the summary or report made by a committee of the Bureau of Education cooperating with a similar committee of the American Public Health Association.

There has been a progressive abandonment of faith in, and practice of, closing schools as a means of controlling epidemics affecting school children. Such exceptions as occur relate to the following special conditions. Inadequate medical supervision of schools; severity of epidemics that defies all efforts at control; and epidemics in which the etiology of the disease is unknown, such as infantile paralysis, epidemic meningitis, and possibly few others.

The successful control of epidemic disease among school children requires—

1. Keeping the schools open, with the possible exception of sparsely settled districts when medical inspection cannot be obtained and where aggregation takes place only in the schools.
2. Careful daily or frequent periodical inspection of schools.
3. Careful provision for exclusion of cases and contacts, emphasis being placed on clinical data rather than upon fixed periods of exclusion.
4. Systematic home visitation.
5. Reliance upon natural and physical cleansing rather than upon chemical disinfectants, or fumigation.

"The carrying out of such a program," states Dr. C. P. Waller, State Commissioner of Health, "necessitates, of course, the providing by the community of an active, trained health officer, who should, together with an adequate staff, devote his entire time to health work."

TAX SALE ON JANUARY SECOND.

Certain persons who didn't pay their taxes in 1918, and the property on which they didn't pay, and other property listed unknown, have been made defendants in a suit, and judgment has been entered against them. The property will be sold at the south door of the court house, on the second day of January 1920, and all persons who are interested are warned, hereby, County Treasurer Sikes, who was commanded by the court order to sell the property, will advertise the court sale elsewhere in issues of the paper. This sale covers only property on which the taxes amount to more than twenty-five dollars.

Fred Leck and family spent the week end in town with relatives, returning Monday to his home at Kermit, Texas.

HUNS WON'T SIGN PROTOCOL AS IT IS

Germany Boldly Proclaims That Document Must Be Changed Before She Signs.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Embodied by the attitude of the United States senate on the peace treaty, the Germans have come to the point of open defiance of the allies.

Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of their delegation here, has informed the peace conference, thru Paul Dutasta, its secretary, that Germany will not sign the protocol concerning the fulfillment of the armistice clauses which has been demanded by the allies before putting the treaty into effect.

Germany, Lersner said, refuses to consider indemnities for the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow.

She also demands concessions on the matter of giving up Germans accused of crimes in the war, holding they should face German courts in Germany.

She rejects the clause giving the allied powers the right to take military action in case she does not fulfill the terms of the armistice.

Expect A Revised Treaty.

Information coming to the American delegation at the Hotel Crillon from official sources in Germany shows that the action of the senate has had a marked effect, not only in political circles in Germany but also among the people.

The same arrogant spirit that existed before the war is said to have been shown lately.

Hope of a split among the allies is making the Germans bolder. They now openly expect a revision of the peace treaty and do not hide their belief that if the allied negotiations continue as at present an excellent opportunity will be afforded to slip out of the pincers.

Unless some drastic action is taken, such as the blockade advocated by Marshal Foch, it is felt here that matters will grow worse and German arrogance will increase.

So far the American peace delegation is concerned, treaty making is rapidly nearing its end. Under Secretary Polk, on account of the delay in the arrival of the steamship America, leaves Paris early next week instead of Friday. Who his successor will be or whether he is to have a successor is not yet known. This matter rests with the state department. The report published in the French press that Henry White would stay on after Polk's departure is not confirmed at the Hotel Crillon. It is deemed more likely that America, because of the republican opposition to the treaty, will have no representative accredited to the supreme council or whatever body succeeds it. But any question which would need Washington's approval or even advice could be transmitted through Ambassador Wallace.

Work About Over.

In this way France will not altogether feel as if America had left her completely alone. But little remains for the conference to do. The Hungarian treaty, which is practically ready, only

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needing the insertion of reparation clauses, is of little interest to the United States. The Turkish treaty has yet to be framed, but since there is strong opposition to America taking a mandate over part of the Ottoman empire there will be little in the treaty to warrant the presence of a big American delegation in Paris.

As regards Russian affairs it seems to be definitely established that the diplomatic conference to deal with them will not be held in Paris, but probably in London.

All kinds of legal blanks for sale at Current office.

If you are in the market for a new car, don't fail to see the 1919 series new model Studebaker at the Ohmhus Shops and Garage—"Can Fix It."

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NOTICE OF SUIT.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to J. Ethier Small, C. O. Swickard, Annie Wilkerson, Howard C. Kerr, trustee, Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson, Mary C. Wilkinson and Mrs. Jay E. Small, and unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to plaintiff: You and each of you are hereby notified that suit against you by R. N. Stanfield, trustee, plaintiff, and you as defendants in cause No. 3100, has been instituted by said plaintiff

and is now pending in the District Court in and for Eddy County, New Mexico, to quiet title to the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Twp. 23S, Range 27 E., N. M. P. M., and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Twp. 23S, Range 28 E., N. M. P. M., in Eddy County, New Mexico. You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before January 15, 1920, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default. Armstrong & Wilson of Carlsbad, N. M., are attorneys for plaintiff.

Witness the hand and official seal of the county clerk of said county this 26th day of November, 1919. (SEAL) D. M. JACKSON, County Clerk.

NOTICE OF RECEIVER'S SALE.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to an order in cause No. 3928 of the Civil Docket of the District Court, Eddy County, New Mexico, wherein W. J. Gossett is plaintiff and Lee Donald is defendant, which order was made and entered on the 1st day of December 1919.

I will on the 9th day of December 1919 at 2 o'clock P. M. at the place of business of the firm of Gossett & Donald on Canyon street, near Fox street, in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, offer for sale and sell at public auction all of the property in my hands as receiver and belonging to the partnership of Gossett & Donald, consisting of the stock of merchandise on hand, the pool tables, cigar stand, cold drink stand, the barber shop, the chairs and other equipment, the lease of the room now occupied by said business and other goods and chattels connected with said business, said business now being conducted by me as a going concern, the terms of sale to be cash upon the date of sale. Witness my hand this 3rd day of December 1919. ROBERT A. FINLAY, Receiver.

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W. F. M'ILVAIN

—FOR—

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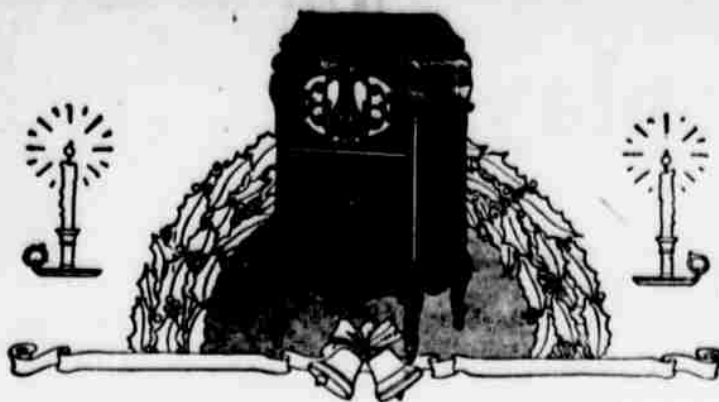
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TRAINS REDUCED ON SANTA FE DUE TO COAL SHORTAGE.

As a coal conservation measure, the Santa Fe railroad has discontinued trains Nos. 807 and 728, on the Lamy branch, according to a message from R. J. Parker, general manager of the western lines. This leaves but two daily trains plying between Albuquerque and El Paso and two on the Lamy branch.

Trains Nos. 21 and 22 which, effective November 29, were put in service between Kansas City and the Pacific coast, running over the Belen cut-off, have been taken off west of Belen. Train No. 21, it is understood, will run to Albuquerque, arriving at 10 p. m., connecting with No. 9. The business hereof handled by No. 22 will be handled by No. 8, arriving at Albuquerque at 8:55 p. m. Connection of this train will leave that city at 10 p. m. for Belen, thence over the cut-off for points east and the Pecos valley. This train will handle the Carlsbad sleeper.

The changes were effective at 12:01 last Monday morning. All extra sections will be run over the Belen cut-off, due to the fact that there are no heavy grades on that route and one engine can handle an ordinary passenger train, whereas it takes three or four big engines to take a train over the Raton pass.

According to information received at Albuquerque, not over 13 cars will be handled with engines of the 3700 class and not over 11 cars will be handled with engines of the 3500 class, between Albuquerque and Meadow City. Heretofore engines of the classes indicated have been handling 12

and 19 cars respectively. The new schedule makes no changes in the mail trains thru Albuquerque.

AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

HAROLD I. JOHNSTON,
Private, First Class, Co. A, 356th
Infantry.

Private Johnston was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous gallantry, near Peulilly, France, November 9, 1918. When information was desired as to the enemy's position on the opposite side of the river Meuse, Private Johnston, with another soldier, volunteered without hesitation, and swam the river to reconnoiter the exact location of the enemy. He succeeded in reaching the opposite bank, despite the evident determination of the enemy to prevent a crossing. Having obtained the information, he again entered the water for his return. This was accomplished after a severe struggle, which so exhausted him that he had to be assisted from the water, after which he rendered his report of the exploit. His mother, Mrs. Belle Renshaw, lives in Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Courtney, abstractor, has lately occupied one of the Dishman cottages.



Verses to Send With Christmas Presents

With Embroidery or Any Needlework.
May all your years be glad and bright,
Deep filled with pleasant days,
And all your hours know sweet delight
Of love that lives and stays!
With some such wishes, true and kind,
Each Christmas should begin.
While some of these must surely bind
Because they've been sewed in!

With a Gift to a Smoker.
When clouds of smoke around you float
Think sometimes of this loving (friend-ly) cordial note.
When pictures in the smoke you see
Wait now and then a thought to me,
But though you never joys evoke,
Don't let our friendship "end in smoke."

With a Box of Candy.
"Sweets to the sweet," the wise old saw,
I quote because 'tis fitting.
And tribute pay unto the law
With gladness unmitting.
"Like unto like" is also true.
Therefore these candies haste to you.

With Music or Musical Instrument.
Because the very thought of you,
Makes music in my mind,
Pray let me share the music true,
The sweetest (gayest) (brightest) I could find.

With a Laundry List or Bag.
This gift is clean, as you may see,
So, every time you'd cleaner be
Just send a pleasant thought to me.

To "Her," With a Pair of Gloves.
O little thumbs, and fingers, too,
I can but wish that I were you,
Since you, unchild, may clasp her hand,
Tell her—but no! She'll understand.

With a Book.
I cannot make new worlds for you
Yet these closed covers truly frame
A wondrous world of rapture true—
Be pleased to enter in my name!

To a Lady, With Slippers.
O pretty slippers, small and slight,
Be sure to lead her steps aright,
And when her dainty feet you hold,
Guard them alike from hurt and cold.

With Shaving Materials.
Should you cut yourself in shaving,
Don't—blame—me!
Small effect has bitter raving
When the wound one may not see,
But should your razor smoothly glide,
Include me in your smile so wide.

With Picture of Some Rural Scene.
If your thoughts of town are weary,
Rest your eyes and dream,
Gazing on this picture cheery
Of woodland (rural) (springtime) (ver-nal) vale and stream,
Remember that had I my way,
Such joys would greet you every day.

With Any Christmas Gift.
Here's a thought of joyous cheer
For Christmas and for all the year!

TEACHER SHORTAGE IN STATE

There is a serious teacher shortage in New Mexico, due to the combination of low salaries and the high cost of living. State Superintendent Wagner today said that fully 500 teachers in the rural schools have quit, principally because they could not get better salaries in other positions.

The shortage was brought to the attention of Governor Larrizola at a conference late Friday, attended by John Hille, superintendent of the Albuquerque schools; Miss Elizabeth Eckles, assistant to the president of the Silver City normal; E. W. Boyer, superintendent of the Clovis schools; R. F. D. Rice, superintendent of the Las Cruces schools; Mr. Wagner and other school department officials.

The exodus of teachers can be arrested by giving them more pay Mr. Wagner believed. He strongly advocated the remedy in a resolution by the N. M. E. A. fixing minimum salary for first grade teachers at \$1,200 a year. The shortage has left several of the smaller towns in the state without teachers. Their schools are actually closed and, Mr. Wagner said, he knew of at least one more that probably would have to be closed in a few days.

Among the schools closed are those at Atascue, Valencia county; Monero, Rio Arriba county; and Valleito, Rio Arriba county. One complaint, from a small re-

note town, asked Mr. Wagner how he expected that town to furnish a future governor of the state if the boys had no teacher. He was asked to give permission for the community to select some resident to teach if no teacher could be found.

CATTLE GROWERS MEET NEXT IN CARLSBAD

The next executive board meeting of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' association will be held in Carlsbad February 2 and 3, according to an announcement from the office of Miss Bertha Benson, secretary of the association.

At the Las Cruces meeting early this month the next meeting had been tentatively set for early in January. It was found, however, that the American National association's convention in Spokane, the Western Livestock Show at Denver, and the National Wool Growers' meeting in Salt Lake City all come in January and it was deemed wise by the officers to defer the committee meeting until after these big annual gatherings of stockmen, at which many suggestions of interest to the industry in New Mexico are made.

The American National convention occurs January 27, 28 and 29, 1920. The Western Livestock Show comes in Denver on January 17 to 24 inclusive, and the Wool Growers' meeting at Salt Lake City is January 19, 20 and 21.

COYOTE SKINS.....\$12.00, \$8.00, \$4.50
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ROSWELL TO SPEND NEARLY A MILLION ON PAVED STREETS.

Roswell, Dec. 6.—The city council held its regular meeting this week and one of the features of the meeting was the report of the city engineer in the form of an estimate on the paving which it is expected will be done the coming season. The proposed paving will cover all the principal business streets and according to the recent figures will cost about \$800,000. The plans call for the paving of the entire main street which when completed will be one of the widest streets in the state.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
TO:

Frederick W. Stevens, Alice Caroline Stevens, Alice Caroline, wife of Frederic W. Stevens, Fred W. Stevens, J. D. Raackley, and Unknown claimants of interest in and to Lots 11 and 13 in Block 45 of the Stevens Addition to the Town of Eddy now called Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, adverse to plaintiffs.

You and each of you are hereby notified that a suit is now pending in the District Court of Eddy county, New Mexico, No. 3111 on the Civil Docket thereof, wherein L. A. Swartz and Howard Prater are plaintiffs, and you and each of you are named as defendants.

That the general objects of said suit are to establish the plaintiff's estate against the adverse claims of you the defendants, and each of you, in and to the following described land and appurtenances thereunto belonging situated in Eddy county, New Mexico, to-wit:

Lots 11 and 13 in Block 45 of the Stevens Addition to the town of Eddy, now called Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico;

and to bar and forever estop you and each of you from having or claiming any right or title in and to said premises adverse to plaintiffs, and to forever quiet, and set at rest the plaintiffs' title in and to said premises.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 17th day of January, 1920, judgment will be rendered against you by default; that Dover Phillips is attorney for plaintiffs, and his business and post-office address is Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Witness my hand as Clerk of said court and the seal of said court on this the 28th day of November, 1919.

D. M. JACKSON,
County Clerk
28Nov26Dec

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

State of New Mexico:—Greeting: NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE. Notice is hereby given that in Cause Numbered 3019 on the civil docket of the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, wherein E. P. Bujae is plaintiff and W. D. Mahony is defendant, which is a foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property hereinafter mentioned, and in which cause final judgment and decree was rendered on the 2nd day of October, 1919, in said court, in favor to the plaintiff finding that there was due the plaintiff, the sum of \$1590.00 as principal, with interest thereon from the 2nd day of October, 1919 at 10 per cent per annum and the sum of \$150.00 as attorney's fees, with interest at 6 per cent per annum from October 2nd, 1919 and costs of suit taxed

at \$10.00, and further ordering and decreeing that the property hereinafter described be sold to pay the amounts found due the plaintiff, together with attorney's fees and costs.

The amount of said sums (exclusive of costs and expenses of this sale) with interest as provided in said judgment to the 5th day of January, 1920, the day of sale hereinafter mentioned, including cost of suit is to-wit: The sum of \$1699.75.

The undersigned was, in said judgment and decree, appointed Special Master to sell the following described property and pay the above mentioned judgment, situated in Eddy County, New Mexico, to-wit:

That certain railway right of way running from a point between the Pecos River and the town of Hope, Eddy County, New Mexico, at or near preliminary survey No. 3339 plus 69 to a point at or near preliminary survey No. 16478 plus 50 or the equivalent thereof, in or near the town of Artesia, in Eddy County, New Mexico, making an accurate track mileage of approximately 24 miles, together with yards, terminals and side tracks at the said towns of Hope and Artesia, making an accurate track mileage not exceeding 25 miles in all; said right of way being further described as beginning at the Rio Pecos, at or near the town of Hope, in Eddy County, New Mexico, running in an easterly direction therefrom to and through the town of Artesia, in Eddy County, New Mexico intersecting at the latter named town, the right of way of the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company; the right of way of the said San Diego, El Paso and St. Louis Railway Company being One Hundred (100) feet in width nearly the entire distance; 250 feet width in the town of Hope, 400 ft. in width in the town of Artesia with varying additional width at side tracks and other points along the road, it being the right of way of the San Diego, El Paso and St. Louis Railway Company over what is called the Hope-Artesia Division, running from the town of Artesia to the town of Hope and through portions of both of said towns; it may be further identified by tracing the same on the surface of the earth beginning at or near the north part of the town of Artesia and following the graded roadbed west to the said town of Hope.

Therefore, the undersigned will on the 5th day of January, 1920 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. at the South front door of the Courthouse (old building) at Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, offer for sale at public vendue the above described property, to pay and discharge said principal, interest, Attorney's fees, and costs of suit and costs of this sale, actually accrued and to accrue, to the highest and best bidder for cash and no bid is further given that any surplus received over and above the money to pay said principal, interest, Attorney's fees and costs, will be paid over to the Clerk of the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, to be by him held subject to the further order of this Court.

The terms and conditions of sale are, that the purchase price at such sale shall be paid in cash.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of November, 1919.

CHAS. H. JONES,
Special Master
28Nov19Dec

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A. L. Ferry, Editor and Mgr.

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QUESTIONING THE PRICE.

It is the opinion of many business men that great numbers of people are making purchases very lavishly and not questioning prices as they used to. One man tells of a family that never learned to keep their house clean, yet who all have fur coats, though they are indoor workers.

There are still great masses of people that never had advances in income comparable to the increased cost of living, and who consequently must study economics more carefully than ever before. But a multitude have fared well in the economic upheaval, and are spending money very freely.

This creates a condition that tends still further to promote a high price level. If the producing and distributing trades discover that people are willing to pay any price, they quickly conclude that they can safely stick on a little more. If they find people questioning price advances, they are cautious and inclined to keep old trade by doing business on a small margin.

In so far as people are buying better grades of textiles and other wearing materials, they are making no mistake. But even here they need to study prices and see whether they are paying a fancy figure or not. There are always lessons to be had. Those who keep watch of the newspaper advertisements, find chances to buy a first grade article at the same price which the second brings regularly.

People who have simple tastes can still furnish a home without tremendous outlay. But many people who find themselves suddenly with money in their pocket, can't stand the glitter of diamonds and shimmer of beautiful fabrics.

Lavish purchasing lifts the cost of living all along the line, and leads to emphasis on production of costly articles, rather than the essentials of plain living.

A manager of men is worth far more to a concern than a day laborer. So also is advertising worth far more to a concern than the "hope" of "good luck" and a good trade. The force of good management, organization and advertising combined is nowhere more forcibly brought to mind than in the success of the Baptist 75 million dollar campaign, which has gone "over the top" with hundreds of thousands of dollars to spare. Never before had a church used advertising more liberally than did the Baptists in this big drive and never before did a church raise so large a sum, absolutely on schedule time. Newspapers were the biggest and most profitable forms of publicity used. Other instances of advertising force were seen in the war loan drives.

REGARDING CENSUS APPOINTMENTS.

American Legion, State Headquarters, Santa Fe, New Mexico, has been divided into two districts. Mr. Byron O. Reed, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, being in charge of one district, and Mr. Juan J. Duran, of Clayton, New Mexico, being in charge of the other district. In the taking of the census it is necessary that there be employed about 250 persons. This work will last for a period of a month or so, and each man will get six dollars a day, but there is no provision for any expenses. The members of the American Legion have the first preference. The only requirements necessary to fill the position of census taker is that the man has an ordinary education and can write a fairly legible hand, as he simply has to take the names, ages, occupations, etc., of every person in a certain precinct or district to which he is assigned.

To get one of these positions each man has to make a written application to the man in charge of the district and the man will be interviewed before he is put to work to see that he is the proper person.

I am writing you this letter with the hope and expectation that you will call a meeting of your local post and put the proposition before the members so that if there is a returned soldier who is out of a job he can take advantage of this opportunity. I am assured by the men in charge of the census office that every consideration will be shown the soldier provided he can deliver the goods.

Each post should recommend at least from eight to fifteen persons and if you desire you may get the men to write a request for the position and forward it to me and I will present it personally to the officials. The work is very easy as each man would be assigned to a district where he would probably be acquainted.

As you know, it is up to the officers of a post to do everything they possibly can to assist soldiers who are out of jobs and I know you will not lose a minute in putting this proposition up to your men. This is the first opportunity

we have had of offering a proposition of this sort to the soldiers and I trust if the soldiers are out of jobs they will not hesitate to make the application. The application is simply a short letter requesting the job, stating residence clearly and any qualifications which they may think necessary.

I would appreciate it if you would call a meeting of your post at the earliest possible time and advise me of the number of applicants who desire this work in order that I may advise the officials and get ahead of the slackers and bench-warmers who will try to get these positions.

Yours very truly,
E. L. SAFFORD,
Post Adjutant and Finance Officer.

SANTA BANNED BY PURITAN FATHERS

No Christmas Festivities or Gifts for Children in Massachusetts in Early Days

DAY JUST LIKE ANY OTHER

Condition Somewhat Better for Youngsters in New Amsterdam—Holiday Observance Toyless in the Colonies in Seventeenth Century

In the early days of this country's history Christmas festivities were not generally observed and poor old "Santa Claus" and all he represents, had a hard time of it.

In Massachusetts the observance of Christmas was utterly denounced as an evil, ungodly and pernicious custom, and any child daring to think of as much as a plum pudding on that day would make herself liable to reproof by the authorities. All along the stern and rock-bound coast, Geraldine Ames writes in the Churchman, the only Christmas trees in the days of the Puritan domination were those that nature had planted there and had adorned with fleecy snow. The fires burned brightly on the open hearths, but as far as the children knew Christmas was just like any other day in the calendar. Even after the Puritan reaction against the forms and customs of the old church had spent itself to some extent the children of the seventeenth century still expected no gifts in honor of the birth of Christ.

In New Amsterdam the outlook was a little better for the children. The Hollanders had brought with them their St. Nicholas, and his birthday was celebrated joyously by young and old just before Christmas, but Christmas was also observed. Of course, they had not many real toys as we know them today, but in the shoes that the little Hollanders set by the fireplace in the shining kitchen, which was also the living room, were home-made gifts. Many of these were of a useful character, such as handkerchiefs and mittens, but now and then a skillful Hollander would carve a model of a boat such as that which had brought them to New Amsterdam, or a miniature chest of drawers, and one can fancy the recipients showing these with pride to the wondering little Indian boys and girls when they came to be on terms of sufficient intimacy with them for such conferences.

In Virginia, where the church of England was strong and its adherents steadfastly observed the holidays as in the home country, there was always more of the Christmas spirit and abundant cheer and merrymaking than elsewhere at this season. Here the Yule log held its place and here were the games and the feasting that made it indeed the merry season of the year. Later when New Amsterdam became New York and the English came in to power the character of the Christmas holiday was changed somewhat, although the Dutch influence continued dominant for many years.

Throughout the colonies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries toys were an almost unknown factor, but wherever Christmas observations were not frowned upon by religion, feasting and good cheer were abundant, and bond and free, rich and poor, old and young, shared in the games, abundant food and genial atmosphere. In the eighteenth century toys began to make their appearance in the colonies. Some of them were brought from over seas and had the enchanting quality of novelty. Little girls who had helped to mother their young brothers and sisters were delighted with dolls that were all their own, to fondle and cuddle. A toy was a thing to be cherished in those days. Some of the gifts were of real intrinsic value, for the shipping and trading were growing to be important factors in the colonies, and men brought treasures of all kinds from the far East to the seaports, whence they were distributed to other parts of the colonies. The war for independence interrupted this and the children shared in the self-sacrifices and deprivations that were undergone by all the families living in the colonies at that time. When soldiers were starving at Valley Forge there was little thought in their homes of Christmas merrymakings and little out of which to provide it.

After the war there were still lean years, but by the opening of the nineteenth century peace and plenty smiled upon the land and Santa Claus found it safe to resume his visits and make his distributions.

Santa Claus' Display of HOLIDAY GOODS



Each day brings something new and attractive for the Christmas remembrance. We never before offered such an assortment of novelty toys and at such moderate prices. It will surely pay you to walk through our exhibition before making your purchases, for it will suggest something you had not thought of.

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME AND SEE
"SANTA'S" DISPLAY.

—Mail orders solicited.—

J. F. Flowers

Elephant Trampled on Constable's Hat and Ate Attachment Papers.

The circus paraded and the happy crowd lined the sidewalks in a town near Youngstown, O. At the corner stood the village constable directing traffic. It was a great day until a puff of wind flipped the constable's hat under the elephant's foot. Squish!

Injured official dignity sped the constable to the circus tent. He'd get revenge, by gum! He carried attachment papers and laid them down near the elephant, which he was going to attach. Then he went to hunt the keeper. While he was gone the elephant ate the papers.

And the circus left the town that night.

What Makes Thunder Rumble.

Why does thunder rumble? The path of a lightning flash through the air may be several miles in length. All along this path the sudden expansion of the heated air—a true explosion—sets up an atmospheric wave, which spreads in all directions, and eventually registers upon our ears as thunder. Since the lightning discharge is almost instantaneous the sound wave is produced at very nearly the same time along the whole path. But the sound wave travels slowly through the air. Its speed is approximately 1,090 feet per second. Thus the sound from the part of the lightning's path that is nearest to us reaches us first, and that from the other parts of the path afterward, according to their distance. Intermittent crashes and booming effects are due chiefly to irregularities in the shape of the path.—Popular Science Monthly.

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This is the poster selected by the the National Tuberculosis Association officials for the Red Cross Christmas Seal sale. It will appear throughout the country on the eve of the seal sale—Dec. 1-10.

WANT ADS

(Ads are inserted in this column for a minimum charge of 25c. On ads having more than 25 words a charge of 1c. per word is made.)

FOR SALE CHEAP:—Big Percheron horses, blocky kind, 4 and 5 years old. May be seen at my farm southeast of town.

W. C. BINDEL,
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FOR SALE:—9 Acres 1/4 mile South of Artesia. 4 acres in bearing apple orchard. Water right. Price \$1000.00 or will trade for good automobile.

FRED BRAINARD,
6Dec27 Artesia, N.M.

WANTED:—Agents for Carlsbad and vicinity. Good proposition. Previous experience unnecessary. Free School of Instruction. Address Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, Accident and Health Department, Saginaw, Michigan. Capital \$1,500,000.

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H. C. PENIKETT,
26Decp Malaga, N. M.

FOR SALE:—One new, rebuilt typewriter, No. 5 in excellent condition. Inquire at Eddy County Abstract Company office, east of Hall of Records.

FOR QUICK SALE, 120 acres choice irrigated land and two houses and lots in Carlsbad.
V. L. SULLIVAN,
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19Decp

WANTED:—To buy any kind of old books or magazines. Highest market price paid. SAM MOSKIN.

FARMS FOR SALE.
I have for sale three small farms in Carlsbad Project.
40 acres well located near Otis for \$6,000.
15 acres well located near Otis for \$2,900.
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NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

The State of New Mexico, to: Frederick W. Stevens, Alice Caroline Stevens, Alice Caroline, wife of Frederick W. Stevens, Fred W. Stevens, J. D. Rackley, and Unknown claimants of interest in and to Lots 11 and 13 in Block 45 of the Stevens Addition to the town of Eddy, now called Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, adverse to plaintiffs.
You and each of you are hereby notified that a suit is now pending in the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, No. 3111 on the Civil Docket thereof, wherein L. A. Swigart and Howard Prater are plaintiffs, and you and each of you are named as defendants.

That the general objects of said suit are to establish the plaintiff's estate against the adverse claims of you the defendants, and each of you, in and to the following described land and appurtenances thereunto belonging situated in Eddy County, New Mexico, to-wit: Lots 11 and 13 in Block 45 of the Stevens Addition to the town of Eddy, now called Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico;

and to bar and forever estop you and each of you from having or claiming any right or title in and to said premises adverse to plaintiffs, and to forever quiet, and set at rest the plaintiff's title in and to said premises.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 17th day of January 1920, judgment will be rendered against you by default; that Dover Phillips is attorney for Plaintiffs, and his business address and post-office address is Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Witness my hand and seal of said court on this 28 day of November, 1919.

(SEAL) D. M. JACKSON,
County Clerk.



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URGE RED CROSS SEAL DAY IN ALL SCHOOLS

Surgeon General Blue Asks That Churches Also Join in Movement to Further Sale

Surgeon General Rupert Blue has issued an appeal to observe Christmas Seal Day in the schools and in all places of worship in the United States, December 5, 6 and 7. The appeal follows:

"Over one hundred and fifty thousand Americans die annually from tuberculosis. This is an appalling waste of life when we consider that tuberculosis is classed as a preventable disease. Moreover, because this loss of life occurs almost entirely in the ranks of the young adult population, health authorities the world over have come to consider the control of tuberculosis as still the most pressing health problem confronting them. Every year the National Tuberculosis Association, by selling Red Cross Christmas seals, raises a considerable sum of money to be used in a nation wide campaign to combat tuberculosis. This year a special effort is being made to interest school children in this work and December fifth, sixth and seventh have been designated as days on which the seals are to be sold in the public schools, synagogues and churches. Because of the seriousness of the situation, I trust that the campaign this year will be particularly successful.

"RUPERT BLUE, Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service"

CHRISTMAS SEAL FUNDS

Within two weeks over a billion Red Cross Christmas Seals will be on sale in every nook and corner of the United States. These seals are sold to finance the campaign against tuberculosis in this country. Of every dollar received from the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals, \$1.70 remains in the state where the seals are sold for the benefit of the organized anti-tuberculosis campaign in that state.

Out of the remaining 83%, the expenses of running the campaign are first deducted, and whatever is left is then divided between the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis Association.

The Red Cross Christmas Seal campaign is not for the purpose of financing the work of the American Red Cross or its chapters. It is for the purpose of financing the National Tuberculosis Association and the various state tuberculosis associations. The Red Cross Christmas Seal, launched in 1908 by the American Red Cross, has been issued in the same of the Red Cross since that date. In March 1919 the American Red Cross agreed to allow the National Tuberculosis Association to use its name and emblem on the usual Christmas seal. This year the Red Cross has no other part in the Tuberculosis Seal Campaign. The Red Cross Seal is a Tuberculosis Seal. Those who buy it are supporting the tuberculosis work in their own communities.

To support the programs of work outlined in the forty-eight states and insular possessions for 1920 in such a manner that results in the saving of thousands of lives may be realized, will demand the sale of at least 550,000,000 Red Cross Seals at one cent each. Tuberculosis can be suppressed. The Red Cross Seal offers an opportunity for the widow's mite or the rich man's thousands. Do your share today.

Charity at Christmas.

There can be no holier sentiment attached to a gift on Christmas day than charity, for charity combines all that is good and tender in human ideal, impulse and emotion. There is a double joy in charity, for it blesses two. It not only gives happiness in the act itself, but it quickens and develops, for all after life, pure, precious qualities of mind and heart that are a well-spring of peace. Charity comes nearer to spanning the immeasurable space between the sin of this world and the holiness of heaven than any other blessing that mankind knows.

An ideal Christmas which would really mean genuine good will among men is one in which none should be cold, hungry, shelterless or friendless—one in which they who have would think first of them who have not.—Christian Herald.

Boxing Day in England.

Boxing day is little known in America, but its observance is general in Great Britain. It is the day after Christmas day, and is observed as a holiday, Christmas being reserved for religious observation. A feature of the day is the giving of gifts by employers to employees. These are called Christmas boxes.

Christmas Joys.

We get most of the enjoyment of Christmas out of the dreams that come before and after. Oh, to dream of it before it comes, to enjoy it while it is here, and to appreciate it when it has gone!

Power Wasted on Roads.

The difference in power required between good roads and poor is power wasted. The loss is borne not alone by the farmer but by all of us who consume farm products and who pay to have them hauled to us.

AUCTION SALE

Wednesday, December 17, 1919

I, A. G. FLEMMING, HAVING LEASED MY FARM, WE WILL OFFER FOR SALE AND SELL TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WITHOUT RESERVE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, ON THE FLEMMING FARM ONE MILE NORTH AND A QUARTER EAST OF LOVING, NEW MEXICO:

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- 1 MAIRE MULE, 6 months old.
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- 1 BLACK HORSE, 2 years old, weight 1150 lbs.
- 1 TEAM SORREL GELDINGS, age 3 and 4 years, weight 2450 lbs.
- 1 BROWN MARE, 8 years old, weight 1350 lbs.
- 1 SORREL GELDING, 2 years old, weight 1150 lbs.
- 1 BAY MARE, 3 years old, weight 1200 lbs.
- 1 GRAY PONY MARE AND COLT, Child's Pony.

- 1 GRAY MARE, gentle, broke 4 years old.
- 1 BROWN FILLY, 2 years old.
- 1 RED POLLED COW, 4 years old.
- 1 TWO-YEAR-OLD RED POLLED COW, good milker.
- 1 RED 5-YEAR-OLD COW.
- 2 SPRING CALVES, 1 heifer and 1 steer.
- 12 HEAD OF SHEEP.
- 1 FAT HOG, weight about 250 lbs.
- SEVERAL DOZEN HENS AND PULLETS, White Wyandottes.
- 1 MCCORMICK MOWER, 6 foot cut.
- 2 HAY RAKES.
- 1 DISC HARROW.
- 2 RIDING CULTIVATORS.
- 1 TWO-SECTION SMOOTHING HARROW.
- 1 MOWER.
- 3 STACKS ALFALFA HAY, about 12 tons.
- 2 STACKS CANE in the bundle.
- 1 ROAD CART.
- 1 SET SINGLE HARNESS.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

- 1 KITCHEN RANGE.
- 1 KITCHEN CABINET.
- 1 CUPBOARD.
- 1 DINING TABLE.
- 7 DINING CHAIRS.
- 2 ROCKING CHAIRS.
- 3 BEDSTEDS with Springs.
- 1 CENTER TABLE.
- 2 CHIFFONNIERS.
- 1 WRITING TABLE.
- 1 REFRIGERATOR.

Sale to commence at 10:30 A. M. Lunch served on the ground by the Ladies Aid. TERMS: Sums of \$10.00 or less, Cash. Sums over \$10.00 Nine Months time will be given with approved security and 10 per cent Interest or 5 per cent discount for cash.

THIS IS A BIG SALE, come early so that we can finish before anyone has to leave for home.

A. G. FLEMMING, and
W. W. GALTON, Owners.

W. F. McILVAIN, Auctioneer.
C. P. PARDUE, Clerk.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS OPENS DEC. 1

Army of Volunteer Salespeople Await Call to Their Posts in Nearly Every City and Town in the Country.

\$6,500,000 IS THE GOAL

Fund Needed to Meet Expenses of the National Tuberculosis Association and its Allied Societies During 1920 Educational and Preventive Campaign

The 1919 sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals will begin on the first day of December. With the opening of business on that day an army of volunteer salespeople will sound—"Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals!"—the call to arms in the war of extermination against tuberculosis. The sale will extend through December 10th.

The annual Red Cross Christmas Seal sale provides the chief income of the National Tuberculosis Association and its one thousand affiliated associations which are in the very forefront of anti-tuberculosis organizations. The 1920 programme of the allied organizations calls for greatly increased activities. To meet this extension of effort a combined budget of more than \$6,500,000 is required and with this goal in view the intensive sales appeals will be made. A recent health survey resulted in startling disclosures. Until the survey tuberculosis experts were, to a large degree, in the dark as to the real extent of the ravages of the disease in this country. All doubt on this point has been cleared up and the estimated total of active cases is placed above the 1,000,000 mark. To search out every case of tuberculosis in the country is the ultimate aim of the National Tuberculosis Association and its allies.

Teams are being formed in every community. Business men are forming sales organizations and similar bodies are being organized by former service men.

DISTINCTIVE Printing

Printing that will attract attention and put your advertising in a class by itself—printing that contains originality in conception and excellence in its execution—this quality of originality and individuality characterizes all the printed work we turn out.

MAKING HOME BREW IS AGAINST LAW.

Numerous concerns are advertising and selling formulas for making intoxicating liquor in the home, and in some cases are advertising and selling packages containing recipes and the necessary ingredients, says a statement from the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Prohibition enforcement officers have been directed to visit all persons, firms and corporations engaged in such business and advise them that they will be subject to prosecution if their formulas are used in the manufacture of liquor by the purchasers thereof. The acts of August 19, 1917, and November 21, 1918, forbade the manufacture of distilled spirits and malt and vinous liquors for beverage purposes "until the conclusion of the present war, and thereafter until the termination of demobilization." Persons manufacturing in their homes for private consumption such liquors are subject to the penalties of these acts and are liable also to penalties and taxes imposed by internal revenue laws. Two or more persons who en-

gaged in the home manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and who, by conspiracy defrauded a government of tax would each be subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for one year or both. These penalties are fixed by the United States criminal code, which provides also that "whenever directly or indirectly any act constituting an offense defined in any law of the United States, or act, abet, counsel, commands, induces or procures its commission is a principal." The bureau of internal revenue holds that persons who sell or advertise formulas and ingredients for the manufacture of intoxicating liquors are influencing others to violate the law and are subject, therefore, to prosecution under the criminal code. The national prohibition act expressly forbids the advertising or sale of formulas and ingredients for the manufacture of intoxicating liquors after January 16, the date on which the constitutional amendment becomes effective, and provides heavy penalties for the offense.

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MEN'S, LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S
READY-TO-WEAR

Everything at
Reduced Prices For One Week

COME AND SEE US. SEEING IS BELIEVING
OPPOSITE TOWN HALL.

NEW RULES TO GOVERN SHIPMENTS OF LIVESTOCK.

On May 19, 1919, the Division of Trade of the United States Railroad Administration issued certain tentative rules and regulations governing the handling and transportation of live stock. These had been prepared by a special committee, of which James L. Harris was chairman, after exhaustive investigation and lengthy hearings at which all interested were given an opportunity to present their views, and were submitted to the various traffic committees and shipping organizations for further suggestions or criticisms. A summary of these rules and regulations follows:

A charge of \$2.50 per single-deck and \$4 per double-deck car is allowed for cleaning and disinfecting.

A charge of \$1 per car for unloading, feeding, watering, and re-loading live stock at feeding points is authorized. When shipments are fed and watered without unloading, the charge is 50 cents per car. These charges are in addition to the feed expense.

Amount of feed prescribed at railroad feeding-yards, when live stock is in transit more than 36 hours, per car: horses, mules, and cattle, 200 pounds of hay; sheep or goats, 100 pounds of hay per deck; hogs, 2 bushels of grain per single-deck and 2 1/2 bushels per double-deck. When more than this amount is fed, an additional charge

of 25 cents will be made on each 100 pounds of hay or bushel of grain. On live stock stopped at private yards the actual expense will be charged.

One attendant will be allowed with 1 car, but no return transportation with 2 to 10 cars; 2 attendants with 11 to 20 cars; 3 attendants with 21 to 30 cars; 4 attendants with 31 to 40 cars; and 5 attendants with 41 to 50 cars.

Carload shipments of other than ordinary live stock will not be accepted without an attendant.

The single-deck cars will be furnished in lieu of one double-deck car at primary markets where carrier is unable to furnish double-deck cars.

The forwarding of live stock from directly intermediate markets at through rate is authorized, but stipulation is made that there must be no change of ownership or substitution of stock.

Stoppage in transit to complete loading is cancelled.

Carriers are permitted to absorb 50 cents per single-deck and 75 cents per double-deck car for the receipt and delivery of live stock at public stock-yards.

Shippers are permitted to bed their own cars. When this service is performed by the carrier, the charge shall be \$1 per single-deck and \$1.50 per double-deck car. When live stock is transferred en route, carrier will furnish bedding.

Use of hoof weights at stock-yards is authorized where proper facilities are provided, with full allowance; subject, however, to the carload minimum weights. In other cases track scale weights, loaded and empty, will obtain. Hoof weights can be used on live stock shipped from market to country points, with deduction for all.

Minimum carload weights, on cattle, in single-deck cars 36 ft. 7 in. and under, 22,000 pounds; between 36 ft. 7 in. and 49 ft., 24,000 pounds; over 49 ft., 26,000 pounds; on sheep, double-deck, 22,000 pounds, 23,000 pounds, and 24,000 pounds, respectively.

Full instructions are given regarding handling of mixed carloads of live stock.

Orders for cars must be made in writing and within a reasonable time. If cars are ordered by telephone, the order must be confirmed.

Shipping instructions must be in writing.

Cattle or sheep that have been dipped will not be accepted unless dry.

Feed placed in cars by shippers for feeding live stock in transit will be transported free.

The Railroad Administration has just issued its Freight Rate Authority No. 15,766, dated October 16, authorizing the carriers under federal control to put into effect the finally approved rules and regulations as soon as they can be published.

ASIA BIRTHPLACE OF ST. NICHOLAS

Contrary to General Belief in This Country, He Was Not of German Origin

BORN IN SIXTH CENTURY

Worshipped by Italian Sea Traders as Their Special Protector—Played Double Role in This Country in Early Days.

Just why so many Americans think of the good Saint Nicholas as a German saint, and on second guess accredited him with Dutch ancestry, is not known. But it is undoubtedly the general belief in our country that the saint, whose birthday, December 6, is celebrated in some countries as the "gift festival" of the year, was of Teutonic extraction.

The Christmas saint really was born in Asia Minor, in Panthera, in the province of Lycia, some time in the sixth century. St. Nicholas of Bari, he is often called by Europeans, but only the bones of St. Nicholas reposing for eight centuries in the crypt of a handsome cathedral at Bari, Italy, have given him that title. He never lived in Bari. Italian sea traders, who worshipped him as their special protector, stole his body from its resting place in Myra in the twelfth century and brought it to the Italian seaport. Since that time the celebration held there in the saint's honor is unique.

The Eastern world knew and loved him first, but it is from Western Europe that we learn of many of the quaint customs connected with the celebration of his birth. In Lycia he lived to a good old age, filling his days even in childhood by doing good deeds and giving lavishly to the poor of the fortune he inherited. It was Christlike to give, so, as a steward of God, his wealth belonged to God's children, Nicholas believed. Finally he was made bishop of Myra, where he went to live after a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

It was not strange that after such a life of charity he should become a saint of the common people, even as St. George was a saint of knighthood. He was invoked by the laborer toiling for his daily bread, by mariners, by merchants. He was protector of the weak against the strong, the poor against the rich, the captive, the prisoner, the slave. He was especial guardian of maidens, schoolboys, the orphan poor. Throughout all Catholic Europe children are taught to reverence him, and to believe if they are docile and attentive to their duties he will fill the cap or stocking with dainties; if they are naughty or idle, he certainly has a rod in pickle to bring along for them.

Saint Nicholas has found his way to America in double role of benefactor and bugaboo. Among the Pennsylvania Dutch parents still admonish children: "Be good, Peleznickel will get you!"—Peleznickel being a species of unkind Santa Claus and closely related to the "Old Nick." In some sections Kris Kringle appears in combined role of Santa Claus and Christchild. He has other names—Samelaus, Clawes Niglo, Nikolo.

Although strangely little is known of St. Nicholas in America, a few churches scattered over the country bear his name. No saint of the calendar has as many churches, altars and chapels erected in his honor. Most towns in England boast churches bearing St. Nicholas' name. There are more than a hundred in Belgium and thousands scattered over Europe. But wherever he is worshipped and his birthday observed it is always in remembrance of the fact that he is a follower and disciple of the Christ, whose coming was the greatest gift of all.

lished. The only important modification in the rules as announced on May 10 is the elimination of the clause prohibiting the protection of the through rate on shipments of live stock which has changed ownership at the market. This elimination was made at the earnest request of the Denver Union Stock Yards company and the Denver Live Stock Exchange, for the purpose of maintaining that market on a rate parity with the Missouri river points. The necessity for this action arose from the fact that the rates on live stock into and out of Denver were unreasonably adjusted, compared with the Missouri river; and the continuance of the old basis of protecting the through rate regardless of change in ownership or substitution at Denver measurably corrects that inequality.

Heretofore different sections had varying rules governing the transportation of live stock. The rules are now made uniform throughout the country.

See "The Roof of the World." Stereopticon lecture at the Christian church Sunday night. Bring a silver offering for this great work.

Bible school at 10 a. m. Chalk talk, communion and preaching at 11 a. m. Junior C. E. at 3 p. m. Do not fail to visit "The Roof of the World" at the night service. D. F. SELLARDS, Pastor.

FOR SALE—A few Rhode Island Red chickens, for breeding purposes. Phone 329. Mrs. W. H. Mullane.

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Conserve Sugar

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XMAS CANDY

Buy Candy with the same care you would buy any other foodstuffs. KNOW that your Xmas Candy is pure and wholesome by buying it from

The Sweet Shop

DON'T CRY "WOLF."

An oil news item, characteristic of many sent out of the valley, lately appeared in the Texas Oil News, printed at Fort Worth. The squib says the well is north of Artesia, and that upwards of a hundred barrels of oil was wasted at its recent blow-out. Aside from locating the well about fourteen miles away from its true location, and overstating by about ten times the amount of oil wasted, the item tells the story about as it happened. An experienced Kansas operator visited the well the same day of the explosion, thence coming down to Carlsbad and talking to a Current man the same night, said

that the amount of oil wasted could not possibly exceed fifteen barrels and probably was closer to ten. Of course there's oil there, but why not tell the truth? The little boy who always cried "Wolf" finally had his whole flock eaten up, and nobody cared when he cried "Wolf" then.

The Baptist bazaar held at Purdy's store last Saturday, was an unqualified success. Mrs. Leck, who was in charge of the affair, reports that \$181.00 was received as the proceeds of the day's work. But few of the fancy articles which were placed on sale were left at noon, and the entire stock was sold out in short order.



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GENERAL HARDWARE

MATTERS AT SANTA FE.
 Special Session of State Legislature
 Is Set for January 13.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 8.—Governor O. A. Larrazolo announced today that the call for the special session of the New Mexico legislature would bring that body together on January 13. Aside from the matter of the ratification of the federal equal suffrage constitutional amendment, it is not known what subjects of legislation will be included in the official call, which, the governor said today, would not be issued before next week.

Took Hay To Save Cattle.
 Governor Larrazolo today pardoned Guy Bassett, a San Miguel county ranchman, sent up for seven to nine months for larceny on June 24 last, having been convicted of stealing hay. The pardon states the governor is convinced Bassett took the hay only under pressing necessity to save his cattle from starving during the drought. Since conviction, Bassett, it is said, had paid the owners of the hay.

Pardon Made Complete.
 Andreas A. Bell of Mora county was given a full pardon and restored to citizenship. He was given a conditional pardon by former Governor W. E. Lindsey on November 25, 1918, and has complied with the conditions. He was sentenced in the district court from Mora county on April 26, 1918, to serve from five to six years for rape.


Fortunate Town Finds Coal.
 Magdalena has located a supply of coal sufficient for its need near town. In response to an appeal for means of transportation Governor Larrazolo has taken steps to see that motor trucks are furnished the citizens.

Ray Davis purchased eighty acres of land through H. F. Christian, it being the Uhlen tract across the road from the school house block at Otis. Experts consider that Davis made an excellent buy at the price given. The land was in cotton this year, being farmed by the Tipton interests.

All kinds of legal blanks for sale at Current office.

NOTICE

Call and see the latest Vogue in
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By REV. F. B. FITZWATER, D. D.,
 Teacher of English Bible in the Moody
 Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 14

AT THE TRIAL, CRUCIFIXION AND
 RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

LESSON TEXTS—John 18:15-27; 19:25-27;
 20:1-10, 21:15-19.

GOLDEN TEXT—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

Since the lessons of the quarter center in the lives of Peter and John it will be well to include in the day's lesson the incidents in their lives from the trial of Jesus to his resurrection. This will enable us to use the committee's alternative lesson, "The Prince of Peace," for a Christmas lesson next Sunday.

I. Peter Denies the Lord (18:15-18, 25-27).

1. Before the servant maid (vv. 15-18). Peter's first blunder was to attempt to follow Jesus at this time. Christ had told him that he could not follow now (13:36). Presumptuous boldness oftentimes places one in an embarrassing position. In such cases compromise or cowardly denial usually follows. Wisdom as to our weaknesses should move one to avoid unnecessary trials. John, seeing Peter standing at the door, introduced him to the house of the high priest. Here under the taunt of a Jewish maid he openly denied his Lord.

2. Before the servant and officers (v. 25). Peter had not only ventured where it was not necessary, but was warning himself at the enemies' fire. Having quailed before the sarcastic impudence of a servant maid he openly denied his relationship with the Lord when questioned by the officers and servants at whose fire he was warming himself. To have a clear and independent testimony, one should be separate from sinners (II Cor. 6:14-18).

3. Before the kinsman of Malchus (vv. 26, 27). This man had seen Peter with Jesus in Gethsemane when Peter in his rashness smote off the ear of Malchus (see verse 10). Hearing Peter's denial, this servant of the high priest put the question, "Did I not see thee in the garden with him?" When Peter uttered the third denial the cock crew, bringing to his attention the warning words of Jesus (Mark 14:72). This is an example of what a disciple of Jesus may do in the hour of great temptation.

II. Jesus Commits His Mother to John (19:25-27).

Though suffering the indescribable anguish of the cross he tenderly remembered his grief-stricken mother and charged John to care for her. Mary had other sons who should have cared for her, but they were unbelievers till after Jesus' resurrection. He knew that his mother would have better care at the hands of the beloved disciples than at the hands of her own children who did not believe in and love Jesus. Love to Jesus is stronger than human affection.

III. Peter and John at Jesus' Tomb (20:1-10).

When Mary came in breathless haste, announcing the fact of the empty tomb, Peter and John ran to investigate. When John came to the tomb he gazed into it, but when Peter came he went in. John with holy reverence hesitated to enter, but Peter through his impulsiveness entered at once. The difference does not lie in the fact that one loves more than the other, but in their different temperaments. One should not expect the same behavior from all. This investigation was convincing (v. 8).

IV. Peter's Restoration and Commission (21:15-19).

Peter had thrice denied the Lord, so before he again entered the service he had thrice to confess his love for Jesus. In this commission to Peter is set forth the motive and nature of service which is incumbent upon all Christian ministers and teachers.

1. His motive—love for Christ. Love is the supreme qualification for service for Christ; it is the very spring from which all activity flows. It is not learning and eloquence, but love that makes a pastor. (1) "Feed my lambs." The word for "feed" as well as "lambs," signifies that the work here is that of nurturing the babes in Christ. (2) "Feed my sheep." The word here means to feed, guide, correct, and lead the maturer class of Christians. It carries with it not only the responsibility of feeding, but correction and discipline. If this be attempted without love, failure will inevitably ensue. (3) "Feed my sheep." This relates to the care of the aged Christians. The word "feed" returns somewhat to the meaning in the first instance where he says, "feed my lambs," so that the ministers' responsibility to care for the aged is equivalent to that of the young.

Will Punish Wrong.
 No fallacy can hide wrong, no subterfuge cover it so shrewdly but that the All-Seeing One will discover and punish it.—Rivarol.

Like Hewing Blocks With Razor.
 To endeavor to work upon the vulgar with fine sense is like attempting to hew blocks with a razor.—Pope.

Seek and Ye Shall Find.
 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—Matt. 7:7.

Christmas Will Soon Be Here

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Carlsbad Loving

PLANNING NEW CITY HALL.
 The City administration announces that it is hoping for a new home, and that at the next election it is likely to present to the people of the town a concrete proposition looking toward the erection of a modern, two-story fire proof structure.

There is no doubt but one is needed, as the present structure will either fall down, or be torn down in the near future. It is not good business to house expensive fire apparatus in a tumble-down structure and for that reason alone, if not for town pride, the city is needful of a proper fire hall.

Carlsbad will get out of the small town class, yet.

CHRISTIAN & CO.

INSURANCE

FIRE, AUTOMOBILE AND SURETY

FOR SALE.—Choice of two good Jersey Cows for \$100 each. See W. B. WORLEY, Carlsbad, N. M.

Phone 43 A.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS.
 The State of New Mexico, To: James D. Ludlam, C. L. Higday, and Unknown Claimants of interest in and to the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, N. M. P. M. adverse to plaintiff. You and each of you are hereby notified that a suit is now pending in the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, No. 3113 on the Civil Docket thereof, wherein C. W. Heenan is plaintiff and you and each of you are named as defendants.

That the general objects of said suit are to establish the plaintiff's estate against the adverse claims of you the defendants, and each of you, in and to the following described land and appurtenances thereunto belonging situated in Eddy County, New Mexico, to-wit: E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section thirty three (33), Township twenty three (23) South, Range twenty eight (28) East, N. M. P. M.

and to bar and forever estop you and each of you from having or claiming any right or title in and to said premises adverse to plaintiff, and to forever quiet, and set at rest the plaintiff's title in and to said premises.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 17th day of January, 1920, judgment will be rendered against you by default; that Dover Phillips is attorney for plaintiff and his business and post-office address is Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Witness my hand as Clerk of said court and the seal of said court on this the 5 day of December, 1919.

D. M. JACKSON,
 County Clerk.
 By THELMA TOFFELMIRE,
 Deputy.

CERTIFICATE OF FILING.
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO, State Corporation of New Mexico, Certificate of Filing.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO—

It is hereby Certified, that there was filed for record in the office of the State Corporation Commission of the State of New Mexico, on the twenty-eighth day of November A. D. 1919; at 9:39 A. M. by THE BLACK RIVER LAND & CATTLE COMPANY (No Stockholders' Liability) a corporation organized under the laws of New Mexico, a duly executed consent in writing that said corporation be dissolved; and that Commission being satisfied that all of the requirements of Section 919, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, Codification 1915, relating to the voluntary dissolution of corporations have been duly complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon the filing with this Commission of an affidavit showing that this certificate has been published as required by law, the said corporation shall be dissolved.

The principal office of the said corporation in this state is at Carlsbad, New Mexico, and the name of the agent in charge thereof and upon whom service may be made is D. R. HARVEY.
 (No. 5986.)

In Testimony Whereof, the State Corporation Commission of the State of New Mexico has caused this certificate to be signed by its Chairman and the seal of said Commission, to be affixed at the City of Santa Fe on this 28th day of November A. D. 1919.

(SEAL) HUGH H. WILLIAMS,
 Chairman.

ATTEST:
 A. L. MORRISON,
 Clerk.

G. M. COOKE, President. TOM RUNYAN, Vice-President
 W. A. CRAIG, Cashier

The State National Bank

OF CARLSBAD

Capital and Surplus
 \$100,000

DIRECTORS:
 G. M. COOKE TOM RUNYAN W. R. FENTON
 F. F. DOEPP H. C. KERR C. R. BRICE
 J. G. USSERY L. A. SWIGART W. A. CRAIG

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

LOST!

A Large Number of One-time, Somewhere very Faithful Methodist People. A Great Many of them are Lost to the Sunday School and the Epworth League. Some seem to Have Lost Interest in Religion, in the Church and even in God. Others seem to Have Lost Interest in Themselves and in the Great Hereafter.

WILL YOU NOT HELP US FIND THE LOST THAT THE LORD MAY RECEIVE HIS OWN?

Electrical Gifts

SERVE BEST—
THEREFORE ARE
MOST APPRECIATED.

We have Electrical Gifts
for every purse, person
and purpose.

Public Utilities Co.

MAIL ORDER HOUSE CREED.

Twelve commandments make up the decalogue of the retail mail order house.

These commandments were not written on a stone by Moses, but they are thoroughly understood and frequently bumped into by any one who deals with the catalogue mail order concerns:

Following are the twelve commandments, which thoroughly indicate the business side of these concerns:

1. You shall sell your farm produce for cash wherever you can, but not to us; we do not buy from you.

2. You shall believe our statements and buy all you need from us because we want to be good to you, although we are not acquainted with you.

3. You shall send the money in advance to give us a chance to get the goods from the factory with your money; meanwhile you will have to wait patiently for a few weeks because that is our business method.

4. Send us your money and we will skin you on the quality of the goods.

5. You shall buy your church bells and interior church fixtures from us and forward the money in advance for that is our business method.

6. You shall collect from the business men in your vicinity as much money as you can for the benefit of your churches. Although we get more money from you than they do, still it is against our rules to donate money for building country churches.

7. You shall buy your tools from us and be your own mechanic in order to drive the mechanic from your vicinity, for we wish it so.

8. You will induce your neighbor to buy everything from us as we have room for more money.

9. You shall look often at the beautiful pictures in our catalogue so your wishes will increase and

you will send in a big order, although you are not in immediate need of the goods; otherwise, you might have some money left to buy necessary goods from your local merchant.

10. You shall have the mechanics that repair the goods that you buy from us book the bill so that you can send the money for his labor to us for new goods. Otherwise he will not notice our influence.

11. You shall believe in us in preference to your local dealers.

12. You shall, in case of accident, sickness or need, apply to local dealers for aid and credit as we do not know you.—Dallas Trade League Journal.

COL. DE BREMOND DIES AS RESULT GAS ATTACK

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 3.—Lieut. Col. Charles De Bremond died Sunday as the direct result of a gas attack in the Chateau-Thierry offensive in the spring of 1918. Colonel De Bremond has been in a serious condition since last spring. He was 55 years of age and was the commander of Battery A, the organization in which all New Mexico took so much interest, even before the beginning of the European war.

He came to Carlsbad in 1891 direct from Switzerland, where he was a captain in the Swiss army. He moved to Roswell in 1895 and started to develop a 500-acre farm east of Roswell as well as entering the sheep industry. The farm later came to be one of the show places of the Pecos Valley. He was not only successful in his farming but his livestock interests were equally profitable.

He is survived by a widow and two daughters. The funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon by the Masons, with the American Legion as a guard of honor, and the cadets at the New Mexico Military institute performing the military ceremonies.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

In the Arctic Circle.



Wherever American soldiers went during the war and after, there also went the American Red Cross. This policy carried Red Cross workers to far corners of the globe and here they are seen near the rim of everlasting ice and snow in North Russia. Automobiles were used whenever possible but on many journeys the reindeer pictured here proved most effective.

BIG STEP FOR NAVY PROPOSED

Washington, Dec. 5.—Two battleships, one battle cruiser, twelve scout cruisers, five submarine "flotilla leaders," and six submarines are recommended by the navy general board in a report made public today in the program to make the navy of the United States "equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation in the world," not later than 1925.

The statement of policy as to the ultimate strength of the navy and the time when it should be achieved is a reiteration of the board's position as carried in its report to Secretary Daniels each year since 1915.

Contrary to his custom for the last few years, Mr. Daniels did not make public the board's recommendations when his own annual report was released, although it was attached to that document as it went to the president. Mr. Daniels did not himself recommend any building program, withholding this for later presentation.

In its recommendations the general board urged a policy of naval expansion that will guarantee protection of coast lines and the rapidly expanding merchant marine against any naval power in the world. Such protection, the board declared, can be had only by increasing American sea power to a point where it is "second to none" and maintaining it at that level.

All kinds of formal blanks for sale at current office.

TEXANS HERE TO SEE IF WATER IS USED.

Visitors of a good deal of interest to Carlsbad people last week were the state engineer and the assistant attorney general of Texas, who were registered at the Crawford. Messrs. John Maxwell and W. T. Potter have been deputized by the Texas legislature to see if New Mexico uses all the water going down the Pecos. The distinguished Texans know a good thing when they see it, and are looking very hard to find what they want, flowing past Carlsbad lands.

OIL PROSPECTS GOOD.

John E. Coffey, who is now in the Tucumcari section, where oil drilling is in progress, writes that great interest is being manifested as the result of operations around Tucumcari. He reports that McGee well down about 3,000 feet with every indication of striking an oil pool. The Endeavor, San Jon and Rana wells are about ready to spud in and several wells are being drilled around Genario, all in Quay county, in eastern New Mexico. Leases of land are selling at good prices.

AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Carlsbad, N. M., Dec. 4.—The house of Mr. Buckner at Jicarilla, was burned to the ground and Mrs. Charles Hamilton, a sister of the late C. L. Kennedy, was burned with the building. She had been bed-ridden the past five years from a stroke of paralysis.

Charter No. 6884 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

E NATIONAL BANK OF CARLSBAD

at Carlsbad, in the State of New Mexico, at the close of business November 17th, 1919.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, including rediscounts	\$682,883.18
Deduct: Notes and bills rediscounted	213,669.78
Overdrafts, unsecured	\$623.15
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	12,500.00
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	18,500.00
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged	4,263.39
War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	208.76
Total U. S. bonds and certificates	35,472.06
Bonds (other than U. S. bonds) pledged to secure postal savings deposits	6,000.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	4,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,000.00
Lawful Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	28,905.47
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	122,761.19
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	3,910.89
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	86.09
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	950.00
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	7,284.09
Other Assets, if any—Unearned Discounts Paid	1,982.41
TOTAL	\$685,688.57

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	11,595.04
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	19,061.48
Circulating notes outstanding	13,100.00
Net amounts due to National banks	2,263.99
Certified checks outstanding	321.95
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding	16,191.44
Individual deposits subject to check	292,979.19
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	18,030.07
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve	311,069.26
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	91,587.85
Postal savings deposits	1,078.09
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve	92,665.94
War loan deposits account	18,415.37
Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts	60,200.00
TOTAL	\$685,688.57

Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank

State of New Mexico, County of Eddy, ss: I, Francis H. Ryan, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November, 1919. MARQUERITE ROBERTS, Notary Public. My commission expires April 28, 1923. (SEAL)

Correct—Attest: FRANCIS H. RYAN, Cashier. J. N. LIVINGSTON, E. HENDRICKS, J. A. LUSK, Directors.

FOR FORDS

RADIATOR AND HOOD COVERS
COIL BOX PROTECTORS
SEA TCOVERS
17 In. STEERING WHEELS
EXTRA RADIUS RODS
RUNNING BOARD TRUSS RODS
HASSLER SHOCK ABSORBERS.

Stockwell Auto Accessory Co.

310 West Fox street

APPORTION FORESTS RECEIPTS TO STATES.

Albuquerque, N. M.—The total receipts of the National Forests of Arizona for the fiscal year that ended on June 30 last were \$511,380.70, and the receipts of the New Mexico forests for the same period were \$358,735.69. The Arizona forests ranked second of

all the states in receipts, being outranked only by California. New Mexico stood sixth from the top.

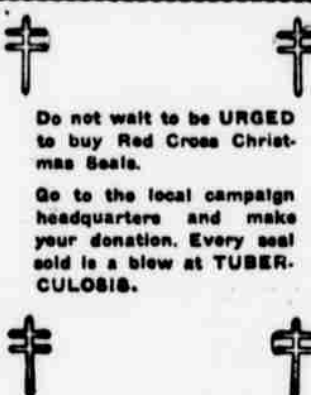
Of these receipts the state of Arizona and its counties will receive \$171,928.80 for roads and schools, and \$45,261.18 in addition will be spent by the Forest Service in building roads within the forests. This latter fund is known as the 10 per cent fund and is altogether distinct from the \$10,000,000 Forest Service road fund provided in last year's post-office appropriation bill.

Of the receipts from the New Mexico forests, the state and counties of New Mexico receive \$194,752.54 for roads and schools, and an additional sum of \$33,864.42 will be spent under the ten per cent provision for roads.

INVEST IN HEALTH BONDS

Dividends in the Form of a Reduced Tuberculosis Death Rate will be Paid

The National Tuberculosis Association and its 1000 affiliated organizations offer this year, in addition to the Red Cross Christmas Seals, Health Bonds on which annual dividends in the form of fewer new cases of tuberculosis and a reduction in the white plague death rate will be paid. The bonds have been issued for the convenience of those who cannot use the number of seals their contributions will call for.



Do not wait to be URGED to buy Red Cross Christmas Seals.

Go to the local campaign headquarters and make your donation. Every seal sold is a blow at TUBERCULOSIS.

JACOB J. SMITH

FIRST CLASS TAILORING

Cleaning, Repairing
and Pressing

And All Work Done in
the
TAILORING LINE



We Can Help You Make Money

The right kind of printed forms will help your business prosper by saving your time and keeping your records in proper shape.

Our service as printers is not limited to taking your order and putting some ink on paper according to your directions.

We are able to make suggestions for business printing that may save considerable money for you. Our plant is completely equipped and we carry a stock of

HANDEMADE

The Utility Business Paper

in order to give you the quickest service possible.

Coal in Transit

WE HAVE BILLED TO US HERE

One car of Cerillas Lump, shipped 12-5-19.
One car Dawson Fancy Nut, shipped 12-6-19
WILL APPRECIATE ORDERS COVERING ABOVE COAL.

Pecos Valley Lumber Company

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CEDAR POST ---- CEDAR POST
ALL KINDS --- ALL SIZES

C. M. Richards
Lumber Dealer

(GROVES LUMBER CO.)

LOCAL NEWS

Ora Nymeyer won the automobile casing given away by Joyce-Pruit company as an advertising prize, his lucky number being 3595.

The ladies of the Christian church will have a market at Purdy's store Saturday afternoon, the thirteenth. For special orders, phone Mrs. Snow.

Ray Poteet is planning the erection of a concrete dwelling on his fertile farm south of the Bindle farm.

W. C. Bindle is to build soon a big concrete barn on his farm. The dimensions will be forty by sixty feet.

Gene Little is doing protective work on the state highway between Carlsbad and Lakewood, being engaged now in cutting two drain ditches a mile and a quarter long both north and south of the Rocky Arroyo hill. Little will fix the Dark Canyon bridge as soon as he can get the labor.

The stretch of canal to be lined consists of eight thousand feet directly below the flume. It will have a six-foot bottom and will be two feet deep. The work will not be completed this year.

Some well-bred cattle passed through Carlsbad this week for Pecos, from the east. They were white-faced heifers, and were said to have sold at sixty-five dollars.

His honor, San G. Bratton was in Carlsbad Monday, to open an adjourned court, the term being adjourned to the 15th day of January 1920. The judge returned north the same night. Some few default orders were signed by the court during his stay in Carlsbad.

Mrs. Cass of Lakewood and friends were in town Tuesday arranging for Christmas goods.

Mrs. D. R. Harkey and Miss Harkey were guests at the Crawford, Wednesday, drawn to the city by the Elks' big ball.

For Abstracts & Fire Insurance go to The Guaranty Abstract & Title Co., 112 N. Main, Carlsbad, N. M.

With morning worship at the Presbyterian church next Sunday the sermon will be given by the Rev. Dr. Waltz, of California. Preparations are being made in the Sunday school for the celebration of Christmas in one week. Endavor meeting will be held at six-thirty.

Mrs. Weeks of the Cabbage Patch, Crawford Theatre, Monday night.

FOR SALE.

Second-hand dimension lumber, cedar posts. Also doors, windows, one large water trough, etc. If Apply A. J. CRAWFORD.

New Baby Daughter at the Mudgett Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Linn Mudgett, of Church street, announce the arrival of a baby girl at their home on Friday, December 12. The little miss weighs eleven and one half pounds, and is the most important one on the place.

Mrs. T. E. Williams was taken to the Eddy County hospital this morning, suffering from a severe cold. The trouble is not considered as alarming.

J. D. Hudgins plans to drive up to Roswell today, to investigate the jitney market.

Rev. J. A. Phillips will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday morning at eleven. John Wells will conduct the League service at six-thirty. Miss Waltz will sing in connection with the evening worship, beginning at seven-thirty.

Thieves broke into the Peoples Mercantile company grocery store last night, by breaking the glass in the back door, and then lifting the bar, and rifled the cash register of its contents, amounting to about \$100 in small change.

Mrs. Robert Gerlach of Auburn, Nebraska, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. E. R. Poteet, and family, of Carlsbad and Otis during the Christmas holidays.

The Rev. D. F. Sellards has been in Albuquerque this week on the Inter-Alleied church movement.

Mrs. R. P. McCaw, of Artesia, will be down to-morrow to spend part of the winter with her mother Mrs. Maggie Reed. Mrs. McCaw has many friends in Carlsbad.

Go to Purdy's Saturday afternoon, to buy your baked beans, brown bread and other good things to eat.

Rev. Fredrick W. Pratt returned to Carlsbad Wednesday, after a three days stay at Roswell. The rector at Roswell has lately been given another charge and Mr. Pratt will make occasional visits to the parish until it is supplied.

Mrs. Alice Halbert arrived last Tuesday night from Denver, Colo., where she has been attending the University of Denver for the past six months. She graduated with the highest honors from the Dental department of this university, and is the only graduated Dental Hygienist in New Mexico. It will be remembered that Mrs. Halbert formerly resided here, and has many friends who are greatly pleased to learn of her success. After a short visit with friends here and at Lovings, she will leave Sunday night for Roswell and will again be in the office of Dr. L. J. Johnson where she was formerly employed as Dental Assistant.

When selling property, get the Guaranty Abstract & Title Co. to make the abstract of title; they will make it promptly. Office S. of Court House.

THIS IS THE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS GIRL



BEVERLY HAYES

Beverly Hayes says: "Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals. They protect little children from the ravages of tuberculosis. They build a barrier of health about the workers of the nation. They protect homes—your home."

"They spell hope, assurance and physical and economic rehabilitation to more than one million people in the United States who have tuberculosis. If you purchase enough Red Cross Christmas Seals, the death rate of this dread plague will be materially reduced."

"Last year 150,000 people fell victims of the disease. Twelve thousand of these were little children. Think of it! This death toll is needless. If we all do our part in the sale this year, next year's death rate will be smaller. It will be reduced year by year until eventually tuberculosis has passed into the oblivion which has already engulfed smallpox, leprosy and typhoid fever."

Mrs. R. M. Thorne and Miss Inez Jones were hostesses to the Girls' Guild at the Presbyterian church last night. Seventeen members of the Guild were present.

Miss Lu B. Hughes, county club leader, had expected to cooperate with Miss Inez as hostess, but was called to Clovis in conference with the State Leader of Club work and others. At the Guild meeting Miss Margaret Gouvans led the study class in mission work.

PARTY AT HARDYCROFT.

An elaborate auction party was given at Hardycroft, Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. J. A. Hardy, Jr. There were eight tables of players present, and a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess. Prizes were won by a pair of silk hose as first prize by Mrs. Halley, a beautiful rose bowl by Mrs. Frank Richards, and the guest prize was awarded to Mrs. McIlvaine. It was a beautiful black tissue scarf embroidered in gold. The party was one of the largest and gayest of the season.

Special Communication Eddy Lodge 21 A. F. and A. M. tonight. Important business.

THE STAND FOR HEALTH

The desultory fighting against tuberculosis and other preventable diseases must give way to concentrated effort. The story of the ants who carried away a mountain is too familiar to need repetition. We know the wisdom of a united stand.

War records show that out of every 1,000 men of draft age examined, 24 were rejected because of tuberculosis. Now Mexico had its share of rejections from this cause. Nearly three hundred boys from this state were sent home from camp because of a tubercular condition. Not a county in the state escaped. Those rejected were not mainly descendants of men or women who came to the state already infected. Many were born and raised here. Their names were Jones and Arnold and Smith and Lucero. Tuberculosis is no respecter of ancestry.

There is little sentiment in the call of the New Mexico Public Health Association for \$600,000 with which to fight preventable disease, teach health in the schools, and lay a basis for a stronger, more vigorous citizenship. Good business sense demands better health.

Money has been given for bankrupt Europe, for bleeding Belgium, for starving Spain. Is it not time to realize that charity best begins at home? Ninety-one percent of the money raised within New Mexico for this task, to prevent tuberculosis. It does double duty. It builds for generations to come. It shows helpful duty. Each Red Cross Christmas seal carries a message of hope of cheer, of peace on earth, good will toward men to any part of any country. Each seal is a penny's worth of prevention and cure. Buy seals liberally; help the fight for better health in New Mexico.

Remember Old Friends.

"What? A holiday greetings card with old Bill's name scribbled across it? . . . Good old Bill! Why, it's 11 years almost since we saw each other, and here he's not forgotten me even yet! . . . Huh, Mary, you needn't be so all-fired proud of that scarf Aunt Susie sent you. This may be only a colored postcard, but, by George, it's from Bill! . . . Well, well—this sure is Christmas!"

TURKEYS!!!

Sell Your Turkeys Before Xmas. WHERE?

Pecos Valley Hide & Fur Co.

Phone 200

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS OVER THE DEATH OF GALLANT SOLDIER.

TOP IN 75-MILLION DOLLAR DRIVE.

The Southern Baptists have more than succeeded in the 75 million campaign. The latest reports from the headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., is to the effect that over 100 millions have been subscribed. Baptists of New Mexico had a quota of \$250,000 and reports show that they have raised \$352,000 up to date or \$102,000 more than asked for. The Baptist general convention consists of eight associations and the pastor at Santa Fe was the organizer for the central association. This was asked for \$69,700 and reports from his territory show that this has been over subscribed by \$17,000 and some distant sections still to be heard from. With \$100,000 coming from the educational board at Birmingham, Ala., New Mexico has at the present time \$232,000 in sight to begin the Baptist college in this state.

Arthur Crozier has sold his farm of two hundred acres, part of which is under the siphon just below the dam, to L. D. Poteet. Crozier will later go to El Paso and investigate money making opportunities in the Windy City.

Mrs. Weeks of the Cabbage Patch, Crawford Theatre, Monday night.

At the election of Signet Chapter last night, C. D. Rickman was chosen High Priest, W. A. Moore, King; A. N. Pratt, Scribe; G. M. Cooke, Treasurer, and John T. Bolton, Secretary. The appointive officers will be named later.

Hundred Thousand Dollar Deal.

Carrizozo, N. M., Dec. 4. On Tuesday of last week a cattle deal was closed by the Carrizozo Live Stock Commission company, in which Edwin O. Finley of the I-X ranch disposed of 1,340 head of ranch steers to a buyer named Williamson of El Paso. The cattle were three and four-year olds and in prime market condition. The consideration was close to \$100,000.

Dr. W. R. Munger, osteopath, is back in Carlsbad, after an extended visit to the Texas oil fields, and to other points in central Texas. The doctor, who traveled overland in a truck with J. B. Coell, of Artesia, the orchardist, and two fruit men from California, who have been assisting Cecil in shipping his big apple crop this fall, was away from his practice for nearly a month. Dr. Munger, who is a specialist on the growing of pears brought back several fine specimens of this kind of nuts, and visited several fine groves while away.

RABBIT SWIMS AND FIGHTS?

San Francisco Park Policeman's Report Leaves Old Theory Completely High and Dry.

One by one the old theories are revised or upset. There is a widespread tradition, backed by generations of observation, that a rabbit can neither swim nor fight. But along comes Sergeant McGee of the San Francisco park police with a bombshell and when the noise and smoke has cleared away the germ of a new theory is left, even though a hitherto unknown fact has not been established.

According to McGee, quoted by the San Francisco Chronicle, a plain, everyday cottontail has suddenly appeared on the island in Stow lake and driven everything else away. Never before has a rabbit been seen on the island, which is separated from the mainland at its nearest point by fifty yards of water.

"Albert Chacquette, guardian of the lake and its waterfowl, was the first person to discover the presence of the rabbit on the island," said Sergeant McGee in his report. "From the mainland shore he saw it in furious combat with a big setting brant. The battle ended in the bird being driven into the water and swimming, with loud squawks of dismay and protest, to the mainland. Every breeding mpenhen, goose and duck was similarly assailed and expelled, Chacquette says, leaving the rabbit in undisputed possession of the island."

"Chacquette," McGee's report continues, "has a theory that the rabbit's new-found pugnacity may be due to its browsing too freely on the leaves of the juniper bushes that grow thickly on the island. His idea is that the leaves fermented in the animal's stomach, creating gas, which, as anyone knows who has tried it, might make a rabbit feel brave enough to tackle a tiger's nose and give him courage to attempt the swimming of the Golden Gate."

Anyway, the rabbit's on the island and nobody has admitted helping him to get there. Also, the waterfowl that usually breed there at this time of year are gone. There may be no connection, but there's a mystery in it all that nobody seems to be able to explain.

The Great War is still taking its toll of American manhood. Sunday morning at Roswell, Col., Charles Delbrend, premier artilleryman of the southwest, died from the effects of gas poisoning, received while fighting at Chateau-Thierry, when New Mexico's battery under his command helped to stop the Hun offensive on Paris.

Colonel Delbrend, who entered the war as a captain, in command of the famous Roswell battery, which had received its initial training on the border, was of that type of non-professional soldier through sheer ability and great heart, had put the American second line of defense, the National Guard, on a par with the regular army. Delbrend's battery while on the border easily outclassed any other guard battery, and was well-ordered on terms of equality by the regular artillerymen. There it was that Colonel Delbrend formed a warm personal friendship with General Pershing and with General Scott, who were quick to appreciate the value of the New Mexico organization. The battery was returned to Roswell only a short time before the declaration of war against Germany, and was then quickly organized to war strength and put under intensive training. Arriving in France, it did wonderful execution and Captain Delbrend quickly became a major, and then a Lieutenant Colonel.

His ability as an organizer becoming evident, and it being known that he had suffered severely from gas poisoning and shell-shock, the colonel was sent back to the United States, there to take charge of a regiment in training. Eager to return to France, Colonel Delbrend hurried the training process as rapidly as possible, and would have sailed early in November, had the armistice not been signed. He returned to the valley but last spring began to weaken from the strain of the long fight, and it has been evident for some time that the gallant fighter would not long survive.

Colonel De Bremond received his early military training in the Swiss army, but in the early nineties came to the Pecos valley, stopping first at Carlsbad, where he met Miss Charlotte Searett, of St. Louis, then a visitor at the McMillan home in La Huerta. After the wedding, which occurred in St. Louis, Colonel and Mrs. De Bremond settled in Roswell, and they have been foremost in developing the upper valley. The De Bremond home is one of the show places of New Mexico, and its alfalfa fields have enchanted many a visitor. Col. De Bremond also invested heavily in the sheep business, and was known as one of the great stockmasters of the state. The funeral occurred Tuesday.

The funeral, a chapel service, the Masons that at the grave military honors were done the dead leader by the Institute battalion of cadets. Taps and a firing squad bade him a last goodbye. Friends in Carlsbad grieve at his passing.

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THE VALUE OF PLACER CLAIMS

Bitter Experiences Are Had By Outside Men Who Do Not Know the Proper Power of the Placer Claims.

It is a strange fact that a majority of the oil men coming into the Pecos Valley Oil fields to "get ahead of the drill" and pick up some cheap oil lands, are eager for commercial leases on patented land, but shy at the placer oil claims. Lease holds running from 2 to 5 years, one mile from the Lincoln well, and 5 miles from Lake Arthur, have been selling quite recently for \$50 and up per acre, while equally well located placer lands go begging at one-tenth this price. There are many reasons for this state of affairs, all untenable to my way of thinking, and the best proof of my opinion is the fact that I have sold every commercial lease I had, and increased my placer holdings wherever possible.

One reason for the outside oil men not investing in placers is that they represent foreign capital, and are merely scouts sent in here with definite orders. Many of them are from Texas, where there are no placers, and men from the East know nothing of the mining laws. Men from California and Wyoming have had bitter experiences with "withdrawals" and the state laws regarding the necessity of "discovery" prior to location. When the liberal laws of the state of New Mexico are better known by the outside world, the value of placers will increase, and they should be held far more valuable than an ordinary commercial lease on farming land.

The usual lease in this valley contains covenants regarding the burying of pipe lines, injury to crops and fences, restrictions as to tankage and drilling near buildings, and many other little annoying things that will be more apparent when active drilling is going on. In addition to the royalty of one-eighth of all the oil, these leases provide for actual drilling in a short time, with an annual rental of from one dollar an acre up.

On the placer oil claim the owner, or locator, can drill when he gets good and ready, and hold the land for any length of time by doing his assessment work. He has no royalty to pay and no rentals, and after the first 5 years of annual labor, can own the land outright at a cost of \$2.50 an

acre, provided it is designated as mineral land. After the first few wells are brought in, there is no doubt that all of the government land adjacent to production will be "designated" and declared more valuable for its mineral than for grazing.

Another great advantage of the placer lands is that they can be grouped in 809 acre tracts and a well on any part of the tract will serve as a discovery and for assessment work. Therefore, for the reasons just given and many others, a locally located placer oil claim should be considered more valuable than an equal amount of patented land, and the only question remaining is:—"Are they good?" Or can the locator or grantee get a perfect title?

The mining laws of the United States, under which placers are taken (with certain state or district regulations) date back to 1872, and every mooted point has been fully adjudicated by the supreme law of the land, and millions upon millions of dollars rest on these adjudications. Prior to 1872 the United States leased public mineral lands, and things were hopelessly mixed. Many efforts have been made to amend these laws, or enact new ones in their place and stead, but powerful influences have prevented any changes of moment for nearly a half century.

It must be remembered that the Interior department, seemingly jealous of the courts, interprets the acts of congress relating to the public domain, and their regulations have all the force of public statutes. It is these regulations that the student of mining law should turn, rather than to court decision.

It must be borne in mind that the Department and the laws regard the taking of a placer claim as the first step to its purchase. A homestead, or grazing claim, or 160 acres of coal lands, are looked upon as a gift, and have greater restrictions.

A citizen may take but one homestead, or one coal claim in his lifetime, while he may take as many placers as he can locate or start to purchase, and hold as large an acreage as he cares to buy from the original locators or their grantees. The laws of 1872 declare:—"The public unappropriated lands of the United States are hereby open to exploration and purchase by its citizens," or words to this effect, and then follow the few and simple requirements to initiate the claim or purchase. These are:—The name or names of the locators, the date of location, and a description of the land located. Miners were formerly allowed to form mining districts, and elect their own recorders, and

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to the heirs." In the Nome, Alaska, lawsuits it was determined that any person of any age or sex or nationality might locate and hold placer claims, as no oath of citizenship was required until the claimant appeared in the land office with an application for patent. It is also well settled that the locator need not go upon the land located or to be located, and that his agent, either with or without power in writing, can locate as many claims as he desires in his name and for his use and benefit. In other words, a man can go out before breakfast on public lands and stake 800 acres of land for his own family and friends. He can give the names of absent relatives, his children of either sex, or even aliens who have never "declared their intentions", and this busy agent can keep it up as long as he can find the open, unappropriated public domain to drive stakes into.

The prejudice against placer filings, heretofore existing in the public mind, is rapidly wearing off however and the largest oil companies in the field are now hot after placer claims. The geological reports points to the fact that the best structures do not follow the patented land of the valley; and as there is no other way to acquire public lands for oil exploration than by location under the placer mining laws, it seems certain that these placer claims will soon take on new values and be more sought after than commercial leases. The new leasing law before Congress especially exempts lands, now located, from its leasing provisions, and helps (if such were necessary) to establish the validity of mining locations. Acre for acre, with all things being equal as to formations, I would not trade placer lands for leases on patented land.

Last Friday Mrs. Frank Joyce entertained the bridge club at her home on Canal street. Mrs. Holly Benson won high score and the prize. This is the fifth successive prize that Mrs. Benson has taken in the club, and the second prize at the Joyce home in the last two weeks.

TO ATTEND TAX COMMISSION.

Commissioner L. A. Swigart and Assessor Walter Will Represent Eddy County at Capital.

County Commissioner L. A. Swigart and County Assessor Roy Waller will leave for Santa Fe next Monday, to attend the meeting of the State Tax Commission, which will be held on the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth of the month. In speaking of this meeting, County Commissioner Swigart said:

"In some ways it is one of the most important meetings the commission has ever had. Taxes have not risen as fast as the cost of doing public business, and the commission is going to find means to raise the necessary money. One of their processes will be to raise valuations. To this end they have secured not only the usual inventories, but have taken a crop census. The farmers are going to be called upon to pay on a higher valuation."

"In our own county work, we find that the cost of road work has practically doubled during the past two years. We will not have money enough to do what we have planned to do, and some of the road work will have to be slighted. Our teachers are asking for more money. I understand that five hundred in the state have recently resigned on account of poor pay. But as rates are now up to the maximum allowed by law, there must be some remedy proposed, and I look to see it come in the increase in valuations."

Commissioner Swigart said that he expected that the commission would increase the rates on cotton land, but that he hoped that they would recognize the fact that the cotton value this year is somewhat exceptional, and liable not to be repeated again, and that he intended to present this phase of the matter to the commission.

Mrs. Joe Cunningham will entertain the Thirteen Club at Auction this afternoon.

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Undivided Profits	47,875.87
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NOTICE.
No. 379.
IN THE PROBATE COURT, EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

In the Matter of the Estate of Ed Petska, Deceased.
Notice.
NOTICE is hereby given that Arthur Forehand, Administrator of the estate of Ed Petska, Deceased,

has filed his Final Report as Administrator of said estate, together with his petition praying for his discharge as such Administrator; and the Hon. Fred E. Wilson, Probate Judge of Eddy County, New Mexico, has set the 5th day of January 1920 at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M. at the court room of said court in the City of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico as the day, time and place for hearing objections, if any there be, to said report and petition.

Therefore any person or persons wishing to object to said report or petition are hereby notified to file their objections with the County Clerk of Eddy County, New Mexico, on or before the date set for said hearing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, on this 20th day of November, 1919.

D. M. JACKSON,
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NOTICE.
B-18605
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Roswell, New Mexico,
Oct. 24, 1919.
Serial 046179.

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of October A. D. 1919, the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company, made application at the United States Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, to select under the Act of April 28th, 1904, (33 Stat. 556) the following described land, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of section ten in township nineteen south, of range thirty east, of the New Mexico Meridian, in New Mexico, containing forty acres.

The purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the land adversely, or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file objection to such location or selection with the local officers for the land district in which the land is situated, to-wit: at the land office aforesaid, and to establish their interest therein, or the mineral character thereof.

EMMETT PATTON, Register.
14Nov-Dec12

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
033690
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, November 10th, 1919.

NOTICE is hereby given that Samuel A. Hughes, of El Paso Gap, N. M., who, on March 16th, 1916, made Homestead entry, No. 033690, for Lots 1, 2, 3, and the E 1/2 W 1/2, Section 7, Township 26-S, Range 21-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. F. McIlvain, U. S. Commissioner, at Carlsbad, N. M., on the 23rd, day of December, 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses: John R. Bonine, Seibay Cox, J. Albert Kincaid, James C. Todd, all of El Paso Gap, N. M.
EMMETT PATTON, Register.
Nov21-Dec19

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT.
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO—
To Adelia N. Miller, if alive, or if dead her unknown heirs; Alice May Miller, if alive, or if dead her unknown heirs; George F. Miller, if alive, or if dead his unknown heirs, and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to plaintiff: GREETING:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 1919 Maggie E. Burnett filed a suit against you and each of you, being Number 3693 of the civil docket of the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico. The general object of said suit is to quiet the title of the plaintiff in and to the following described real estate situated in the City of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, to-wit:

Lot seven (7) in Block Thirty-eight (38) of the Stevens addition to the Town of Eddy (now called Carlsbad) as per plat on file in the office of the Probate Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Eddy County, New Mexico.

You and each of you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer complaint of the plaintiff on or before the 27th day of December, 1919 the plaintiff will apply to the court for a judgment by default against you and each of you for the relief prayed for in said complaint.

You are further notified that the attorney for the plaintiff is Charles H. Jones whose business and Post Office address is Carlsbad, Eddy

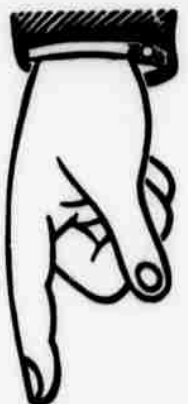
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AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

DAVID B. BARKELEY,
Private, Co. A, 356th Infantry.

Private Barkeley (deceased) was decorated for conspicuous gallantry in action near Pontivy, France, November 9, 1918. When information was desired as to the enemy's position on the opposite side of the river Meuse, Private Barkeley, with another soldier, volunteered without hesitation and swam the river to reconnoiter the exact location. He succeeded in reaching the opposite bank, despite the evident determination of the enemy to prevent a crossing. Having obtained his information, he again entered the water for his return, but before his goal was reached, he was seized with cramps and drowned. His mother, Mrs. Antonio Barkeley, lives in San Antonio, Tex.

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George McGonagill and son, Ernest, returned Thursday from Sny-Leur, Texas, where they disposed of a car of horses.

W. J. Scott and Lee Standard, who are gathering the fleecy staple near Loving, visited homefolks and friends here this week, returning to the cotton fields Thursday.

George McDonald and family departed by auto Saturday for Optima, Oklahoma, where they have interests to look after.

Rudolph Wilcox has fully recovered from his recent spell of sickness, and has returned to Carlsbad to resume his duties with the Joyce-Fruit company.

Uncle Lute McDonald, W. L. Johnson and A. B. Wood went to Carlsbad Tuesday to have some barbers work done.

Ernest McGonagill went to Carlsbad Wednesday on business which he would not divulge.

Giles Whitworth and Walter Thayer, of Carlsbad, came up Friday night and visited with friends until Sunday. Giles was recovering from a hurt which he received in a recent auto accident.

A. C. Crozier returned Friday from a business visit to Roswell.

J. B. Michener and Miss Julia Bolt were visiting friends in Artesia Friday.

Mrs. S. E. Fanning and little daughter, Mildred, of near Dayton, were visiting relatives and friends here Saturday.

George V. Price and family, of Carlsbad, visited with friends here Sunday.

D. E. Webb returned Monday night from Rule, Texas, where he sold a car of horses and mules at fairly good prices.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murray were business visitors to Carlsbad Monday.

H. C. Holcomb, the dam man, was a business visitor to Roswell Monday and Tuesday.

H. E. Garber, who has been looking into the oil situation here for some weeks, returned to his home at St. Joseph, Missouri, Wednesday. After arranging his affairs there satisfactorily, he will return here for further investigation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Selhayer, W. L. Johnson and T. G. Low attended the masquerade ball at Carlsbad Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cass have been visiting in Carlsbad this week.

R. P. Morrison, Santa Fe agent at Loving, was here on business Saturday and Sunday.

Judge J. W. Dauron went to Roswell Thursday night to look after business matters until Saturday.

There is no material change in the oil situation here since our last letter. The companies operating here are going right ahead, sawing wood and saying nothing. When there is anything really reliable to report we will give it to you. We have no patience with the unreliable rumors that are so often given out as facts; they hurt the oil business and hurt the country.

OTIS SCHOOL.

Dec. 11, 1916.
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hall arrived two weeks ago to visit their son, Robert Hall and expect to return for their home in Arkansas soon. They think this is a fine country.

Tom Tice moved to Malaga last week.

C. C. Tebbetts bought a Ford truck last week.

E. R. Poteet is going to build a bungalow.

The Nichols family left for California week before last. They will visit friends there.

C. C. Tebbetts and Willard Bates bought the Snider farm from Mr. Bruno a short time ago.

The Prewitt children are back in school this week.

We had a box supper last Friday night and though the attendance was small, \$32.25 was taken in. The money is to be used to buy material for hot lunch. W. W. Gallon auctioned the boxes.

Miss Jennie L. Shaw and Miss Adelle Cochran from this district attended the State Teachers' Convention at Albuquerque. They report a fine time and an excellent program.

Otis now has a garage, store, blacksmith shop, a gin, and a restaurant. So is getting to be quite a busy place.

Gallup Druggist Prosecuted for Violating Lever Act.

Albuquerque, Dec. 9.—As a result of the recent high cost of living conference in Santa Fe the first prosecution has been started at Gallup where Lou Stewart, a druggist, has been arraigned before a U. S. commissioner on a charge of a violation of the Lever act. He was bound over in the sum of \$1,000 to await the action of the grand jury.

To Drill for Oil.

The Florida Oil company, capitalized at \$250,000, with headquarters at Deming, is to drill for oil in the near future near Spalding on the Santa Fe railway, 49 miles east of Silver City in Luna county. The company has purchased a standard drilling outfit, capable of going down 3,000 feet. John W. Clark is field manager for the company. Geologists have passed on the acreage of the company and indications are said to be excellent for oil.

EL PASO GAP ITEMS.

El Paso Gap, N. M., Dec. 9.—Old Mr. Westerman has been very unwell since last Friday evening. Last Friday night we had light showers during the night, and when we woke up early Saturday morning, the wind was blowing to beat the band, and it is still blowing, and it is as cold as oxum.

W. H. Shattuck and wife were called to Carlsbad last Thursday night to be at the bedside of Mr. Shattuck's mother, Mrs. Julia Shattuck, who was very sick, but the writer is very much pleased to learn that she is much better at this writing.

George Chandler went down to the city on the mail car last Tuesday, returning on the mail car Friday.

Oliver Shattuck went down to Carlsbad on the mail car Friday to be with his grandmother while she is sick.

Sam A. Hughes left the Gap Sunday for Carlsbad. He will bring freight for the Gap.

L. M. Sifford returned home from the city on the Peos Monday after spending several days sight-seeing.

Ross Middleton and Oliver Shattuck were rambling around in the vicinity of the Gap last week for several days. They said they were hunting jack rabbits, but I think they were trying to round a bunch of gophers.

Fred Schermayer left Effendale ranch yesterday (Monday) for Queen. Fred might take a notion to go down to the City Beautiful before he stops, for his best girl lives in the city.

Mrs. Claud DeMoss will go down on the mail car to Carlsbad today, and from Carlsbad will go to Leon, Texas, to visit her father and mother. She will return in about two weeks.

Joe Plowman went on top of the mountains a few days ago, to look after his porkers. Joe thinks that he has got Mr. Nelson of Hanibal, Mo., the great Poland China hog fancier, beaten. For down here in the Sunshine state, the warm rays of the sun make their hair red, wig gives them more life to rattle around after acorns and juniper berries. Joe has a good idea in the pork business.

ANCIENT CHRISTMAS TOYS

Dolls That Delighted Children of Rome and Greece in Early Days Recently Excavated.

Rag dolls are as old as the hills and so are dolls with movable arms and legs, toy dogs, rocking horses and a host of other things that bring delight to the children on Christmas morning.

Recent excavations in the ruins of ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt have placed the British museum in possession of an interesting assortment of these relics of early Christian days, some of which may possibly have been given to the children of the followers of Christ at a time when the observation of Christmas day was an innovation.

In the nursery of a newly excavated house at Behnesa, Egypt, a fairly well preserved rag doll was found with arms and legs still intact and painted face. The doll is by no means a beauty and does not compare with the Christmas dolls of today, but nevertheless it must have brought joy to a little girl's heart nearly 2,000 years ago.

The jointed dolls of long ago were made to sit down, stand up and move their arms, but they didn't close their eyes or squeak "mamma." Among the toy dogs, horses and donkeys are some made of stone and baked clay and others carved out of wood.

A CONVENIENCE.



"So you think the Santa Claus myth is a good thing?"

"Yes, it's a great convenience to have some imaginary person to take the responsibility when the children are disappointed Christmas morning."

A Christmas "Suppose."

We would not change the children's Christmas. But suppose all the grown-up people were to say to one another: "This year, instead of my giving you a present and your giving me a present, let us club together and give our present to some poor child who will not have any Christmas. There are hundreds of them somewhere. Or, if we do not know of such a child, let us give our present to a hospital for children, a home for crippled children, for incurables, for the aged, the blind, the feeble-minded." This is to be, of course, in addition to what we usually give to charities at this season. Why could we not try this as an experiment, and see what the result would be?—Christian Register.

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"WHERE THINGS ARE NEW."



Administration building of Southern Baptist Sanatorium for treatment tuberculosis patients, located 4,500 feet above sea level.

Do you know that tuberculosis is more prevalent in the South than in any other part of the country?

That the death rate from tuberculosis here is 142 per cent greater than for the nation as a whole, and greater than in any civilized nation on the globe with the exception of China?

That more than 150 people a day, or 57,782 a year, die in the South and the Southwest from this dreaded disease?

That there are within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention 275,000 persons actively infected with the great white plague and an equal number have inactive infection?

That the money loss to the South each year from tuberculosis is \$175,000,000?

These startling facts were brought to the attention of the Southern Baptist Convention at its session in 1916 and a resolution was at once adopted to try and check the spread of the disease and provide relief as far as possible for those already infected with it.

As a result of this movement there has been established in the high, cool, rare atmosphere of El Paso, Texas, the Southern Baptist Sanatorium which aims to minister to as many patients as possible and to disseminate throughout the South and Southwest the information that will result in checking the further spread of the disease and enable those who have just contracted it to obtain immediate cures by proper methods of living.

With the active assistance of the business interests of El Paso a modern sanatorium, located upon a beautiful tract of 143 acres on the side of Mt. Franklin, at a height of 4,500 feet, was opened for the healing of the people, and through the Baptist

75 Million Campaign this institution will receive \$500,000 for the erection of additional buildings and \$50,000 for an endowment that will enable the sanatorium to minister to the indigent patients who are unable to pay for treatment.

That there is an imperative need for an institution of this character is shown in the fact that all institutions in the South and Southwest for the treatment of tuberculosis have a total capacity of only 8,767 beds, or one bed for only one person out of every sixty in this section who are afflicted.

Everything connected with the Baptist Sanatorium is modern and of the very best, but its present equipment is far too small to cope with the demands that are made upon it. Of the improvement fund that is to be provided, \$100,000 is available already and architects are already designing new buildings worth \$450,000. These will be constructed just as rapidly as possible.

While the sanatorium is being operated by the Baptists, it will be open to the people of all creeds and nationalities. Due to the crowded conditions, however, it is necessary that arrangements be made in advance by communicating with Dr. H. F. Vermillion, superintendent, at El Paso.

The sanatorium is under the general supervision of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and in addition to treating patients who have already contracted tuberculosis, it will seek, through a campaign of publicity, to so inform the people of the South and Southwest on the nature and prevention of this disease that the alarming death rate from the white plague can be immediately lowered and finally reduced to the minimum.