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# The Carlsbad Current

TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR.

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1920.

NUMBER 6.

## DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS

Regular Session Opens in Carlsbad January 5.—One Conviction with Suspended Fine.

Court convened at 9 A. M., Jan. 5. The old jury panel reported and the following jurors having presented good and sufficient reasons were excused from further jury service at this term of court: D. Swift, W. S. Gibbs and Allen Tipton, whereupon the following special veniremen were drawn from the jury wheel: Arthur Hoose, Geo. W. Brantley, F. H. Ryan, H. E. James and N. L. Randolph.

The following veniremen, having presented good reasons, were excused from service at this term: Arthur Hoose and F. H. Ryan. Case No. 1256, the state vs. John Murrah, was called. The following jurors qualified and were accepted: R. M. Gorley, W. C. Bindel, Lawrence Rayroux, J. W. Marlar, R. J. Lapsley, E. S. Kirkpatrick, M. L. Davis, E. L. Tinnin, N. L. Randolph, W. P. McLenahan, Nat Hiler and Claude Farris.

The following court bailiffs were sworn in and the court then proceeded to try the above case: R. B. Armstrong and L. G. Ryan. This case was tried at this term of court in September and resulted in a hung jury. Murrah is accused of larceny of neat cattle from the range near Lakewood. After deliberating for about 12 hours, the jury reported they were unable to agree, so were discharged by the judge.

The case of Manley & Myatt vs. A. T. S. & F. Ry. Co., which is a suit for damages by agreement of all parties, the case is continued until the next regular term of court and is set for the first of trial of non-jury cases.

The case of the state vs. Nav Stiles and Elgin Douthitt, in which they are accused of larceny and receiving and aiding in the concealment of stolen property, came before the court and their application for free process was refused to which defendant excepted. Their case was set for trial today at 9 o'clock this morning.

State of New Mexico vs. Jud Alston, indicted for larceny and branding in brand other than the owner's, came up for trial Tuesday, Jan. 6, and defendant entered a plea of not guilty. The following jurors were qualified and accepted: J. T. Cooper, M. B. Needham, Geo. W. Brantley, Justice Beach, N. L. Randolph, Geo. Henderson, A. M. Heath, Lawrence Rayroux, R. J. V. Lapsley, Phil Witherspoon, W. A. Craig and G. L. McAdoo. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty after deliberating only a short while and defendant was discharged.

In the case of the state vs. Elmer Walker, charged with larceny, receiving stolen property, knowing the same to have been unlawfully and feloniously stolen and defacing brands, the district attorney moved to dismiss the case and defendant's bondmen were relieved of further liability. State of New Mexico vs. C. E. Thomas, indicted for assault and battery, came before the court on Wednesday morning, and the following jury was chosen: Nat Hiler, Geo. Henderson, Geo. Frederick, E. S. Kirkpatrick, Claude Farris, Lawrence Rayroux, A. M. Heath, R. M. Gorley, E. L. Tinnin, Geo. W. Brantley, W. C. Bindel and Justice Beach. The jury retired at 6 p. m. and deliberated until Thursday at 10 a. m., when they re-

## EXPENDITURES ON COUNTY ROADS.

Showing Financial Condition of Road Money for Various Districts of Eddy County.

C. M. Richards submits the following statement of road funds expended on county roads, exclusive of State Highways, since he took charge of the roads in May 1919.

School Dist.	Valu.	expended	ed to
1. Otis	\$533,650		\$29,40
2. Carlsbad	2,211,415	1,460,52	1,510
3. Upper B. River	106,995	0.	75
4. Lower B. River	211,850	0.	139
5. Queen	293,600	0.	130
6. Rocky	348,050	529.42	230
7. Lakewood	1,040,395	76.55	690
8. Hope	820,265	600.20	590
9. Loving	601,805	377.77	490
10. Malaga	895,445	531.50	595
11. Dayton	356,555	21.	255
12. Artesia	1,526,680	2,050.10	1,050
17. Atoka	390,095	0.	200
27. Cottonwood	600,095	340.05	400
County Line		69.90	
Frijoles Route		270.	

Chaves County will pay one half of the county line road, and the Frijoles route will be divided between the Black river districts and Carlsbad. Some districts received more and some less than they were entitled to, but this will be evened up in 1920.

The assessed valuations and the amount of tax that the road levy of one and one-half mills will produce in 1920 follows:

School Dist.	Valu.	assessed
1. Otis	\$533,650	\$839.40
2. Carlsbad	2,211,415	3,997.50
3. Upper B. River	106,995	187.80
4. Lower B. River	211,850	313.35
5. Queen	293,600	579.00
6. Rocky	348,050	484.05
7. Lakewood	1,040,395	1,534.50
8. Hope	820,265	1,168.50
9. Loving	601,805	910.80
10. Malaga	895,445	1,289.40
11. Dayton	356,555	585.00
12. Artesia	1,526,680	2,488.70
17. Atoka	390,095	409.50
27. Cottonwood	600,095	789.00

Out of Carlsbad collections, \$1,369 will be paid direct to the City Treasurer and out of the Artesia collections \$1,180 direct to the Town Treasurer under the new law which provides that 50 percent shall be paid to the towns and cities in which they are collected.

In addition to the general collections, \$850 was received from the forest service for use in the forest.

ported unable to reach a verdict and were discharged.

The case of state vs. Walter McGonagill was the next to receive the attention of the court, and was tried before the following jury: M. B. Needham, G. L. McAdoo, M. L. Davis, J. W. Marlar, H. E. James, N. L. Randolph, E. Hendricks, J. T. Cooper, R. J. V. Lapsley, Lee R. Hanson, A. L. Allinger and John Fanning. The indictment in this case was for assault and battery and took place in Artesia, when defendant had had more than his share of drinks. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty and a fine of \$25.00 and costs was assessed, which fine was suspended during good behavior and as long as he conducts himself in a sober and quiet manner.

The state vs. John Murrah for perjury, growing out of the trial of a case last term of court is now before the court for trial and up to the time of going to press the jury had not yet reported.

## PROJECTS MAY GET FEDERAL FUNDS

Governors of Western States and Executive Committee of Reclamation Association To Hold Important Meeting At the National Capital.

A move to provide funds for Reclamation service extension and maintenance by the federal government was begun at Salt Lake City, Utah, recently at a meeting of the Western States Reclamation Service association, to which gathering Francis G. Tracy of Carlsbad, was state delegate. An estimate showed that at least \$250,000,000 is needed for this important work. Further efforts to see that an appropriation of this sum is made by the federal government are going forward rapidly and persistently. Mr. Tracy was elected as a member of the executive committee of the association, and will go to Washington with the committee and governors of the western states to influence Congress to make the needed appropriation. The following communications are interesting to every one in the Pecos valley, as marking the beginning of a most important step in the irrigation projects of the state.

Carlsbad, N. M., January 5, 1920  
Editor Current  
Carlsbad, N. M.

The enclosed copy of letter from Governor Davis is self-explanatory. This is the most important move for the west ever made with complete unanimity. Favorable results will be of inestimable benefit to New Mexico. The chief plan is to obtain an appropriation of \$250,000,000 for the Reclamation Fund.

Yours very truly,  
FRANCIS G. TRACY.  
The letter referred to by Mr. Tracy is from the Western States Reclamation Association office, which organization extends to the following states: Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, Texas, Oregon, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, California, Washington, Utah, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

The letter from Governor Davis, president of the association, is as follows:

Western States Reclamation Association, Office of the President, Boise, Idaho, December 31, 1919.

Mr. Francis G. Tracy,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico.

My dear Mr. Tracy:  
Plans have been completed for the gathering of members of the executive committee of the Western States Reclamation Association and the governors of the states involved to take place at Washington, January 14th, when members of the congressional delegations from the various states will be interviewed and some tentative plan worked out for the pushing of reclamation legislation and appropriation.

May I briefly set out the plans. As many members of the executive committee and governors of the various states as come will meet for a preliminary conference at Denver, Albany Hotel, Parlor One, Saturday morning, January 10th. The purpose of this conference is to get together to make the trip into Washington, taking advantage of the three day railroad journey which will be taken in a special pullman so that fairly complete plans for the method of procedure to be taken at the meeting in Washington may be worked out. Accommodations have been secured for the governors and executive committeemen at the New Willard Hotel, Washington. The train schedule is as follows:

Leave Denver, Union Pacific, No. 16, Sat. eve., January 10th.  
Arrive Chicago, 8:05 A. M., Monday, January 12th.  
Leave Chicago, Penn., 10:39 A. M., Monday.  
Arrive Washington, 9:28 A. M. Tuesday, Jan. 13th.

I am very hopeful that every member of the executive committee will be in attendance at the Washington meeting and every one possible meet at Denver. We now have positive assurance that the following governors will attend: Gov. Bamberger, Utah; Gov. Carey, Wyoming; Gov. Shoup, Colorado; Gov. Larrasolo, New Mexico; Governor Campbell, Arizona; Gov. Hart, Washington; Gov. Boyle, Nevada; Gov. Davis, Idaho; Lt. Gov. McDowell, Montana.

In addition to this I expect at least three others. Reports from Washington and from the different states are extremely gratifying. May I ask that you, in so far as state papers can, see that your state papers carry publicity on this move? It will help us a great deal. Please wire if this is satisfactory.

Very truly yours,  
D. W. DAVIS.

President.  
Mr. Tracy left here Thursday night for Denver to be in attendance at this important conference and will continue the journey to Washington where the movement is to be put in motion to secure the legislation and reclamation appropriations, which may have far-reaching results in the reclaiming of lands in this state suitable for cultivation.

## N. MEX. IRRIGATION SYSTEMS BETTER

Carlsbad, Colmar, Fort Sumner and Las Vegas and Other Irrigation Projects Are High Lights of Progress.

(By A. M. Hove.)

Irrigation development in New Mexico in the year 1919 just closed has made fair progress. Many new applications for water have been filed in the office of the state engineer. Prior applications have also been acted upon. Final certificates of construction have been issued.

Construction has progressed to completion of the Colmar irrigation system, the only Carey act project in the state. The final examination of the irrigation works are being made by the state engineer. It is expected that at an early date the Carey act land board will pass on the works and approve the project.

The irrigation project in the Las Vegas grant will be completed before many months. This is sometimes called the Storrie project after the contractor who is constructing the works. The serious labor shortage the past two years and the long rainy season in the summer delayed construction seriously. The state engineer has, therefore, granted an extension of time for completing the project.

The Ft. Sumner District. The Ft. Sumner District in De Baca county has been organized, voted bonds, and is shaping up to rebuild the irrigation works. The present works of the old irrigation company have proved very unsatisfactory and undependable to the water users. The present plans provide for new diversion works some distance further up the Pecos river.

The Carlsbad project has taken steps to add a second unit of 20,000 acres. The Reclamation fund is exhausted. It is therefore the purpose to organize an irrigation district under the New Mexico laws, sell bonds and build a third reservoir, and distributing works.

A high line canal and power project under the Elephant Butte dam of the Rio Grande project has had consideration the past year by the water users and the reclamation officials. A final decision has not been reached, but the committee in charge of the project is making progress in the matter. A high canal would reach much land above the present system.

A considerable number of smaller irrigation projects are under way, involving a few acres to several hundred acres. These in connection with the larger projects will add much valuable land to the irrigated area of New Mexico.

Underground Water Supply. The underground water supply has received comparatively little notice the last two years. Pumping equipment has been far from easy to obtain, even at the present high prices of pumps and engines. Still progress is reported in the Portales, Pecos, Mimbres, Estancia, and other valleys where shallow underground waters are available in dependable quantities.

Drainage Progress. Progress is also reported in drainage work in the Rio Grande and the Pecos valleys. The government has been very active the past year in the Rio Grande project and very satisfactory results are already in evidence. In the middle Rio Grande valley from the White Rock canyon to San Marcial the land owners are beginning to organize drainage districts. The ground waters are rising very rapidly in the valley and drainage has become imperative.

The state engineer has been investigating the ground water conditions in the Rio Grande valley to determine the raise of the water table. The U. S. Reclamation Service is also interested in these investigations and has allotted funds for this work in 1920 as the funds of the state engineer for this purpose are about exhausted.

76 Applications in Year. The records of the irrigation division of the office of the state engineer show that during the year 1919 seventy-six applications for water were filed. The acreage applied for totals 117,270 acres. Some times the application is for acre feet of water and some times for second feet. The total acre feet applied for is 204,468 feet and second feet 678. Of the 1919 filings ten were approved for 2,405 acre feet and 4.56 second feet to irrigate a total of 1,544 acres.

Thirty-two applications, made to 1919, were approved for 12,278 acre feet and 49.97 second to irrigate 7,295 acres. Protests were filed against seven applications. Four hearings were held. One case was appealed to the board of water commissioners and is still pending.

Nine final certificates of construction have been issued during the year by the state engineer and also nine final licenses to use water. A number of other cases are pending.

Applications Increase. The filing of applications for permit to appropriate public waters during the year 1919 shows a marked decrease over the previous two years. For the two year per-

## GIN AT OTIS IS TEMPORARILY BROKEN DOWN.

Will Be Running Soon—Cotton Left in Field Falls to Weigh As Heavily As Should.

Last Friday the big hydraulic press on the Otis gin broke and ginning operations had to be suspended until a new press is secured from Dallas. Mr. Warwick, who is in charge of the gin, says the trouble was caused by the cotton being so dry and spongy on account of staying in the field until all moisture was dried out thereby causing a heavy loss in weight to the owner of the staple. This coming fall the farmers will pay more attention to getting their cotton picked as early in the season as possible in an effort to avoid having it left in the field until it becomes dried out and damaged. A large number of bales of cotton are in the yard at Otis waiting to be ginned and up until the recent wet weather set in the number was increasing every day. However the new piece is expected by express any day and then it will not be long before the gin will be able to turn out all the cotton to be ginned. Mr. Warwick looks for high prices next year and especially has confidence in the long staple cotton being grown here bringing a price far above that of short staple. He is of the opinion that the present ginning facilities of the valley will be unable to take care of the crop this fall.

## MASONS, ATTENTION.

Alex. D. Goldenberg, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico, will arrive in Carlsbad on Thursday, next, to pay an official visit to Eddy Lodge No. 21. A special communication has been called for the evening of the fifteenth at seven thirty o'clock to meet the Grand Master and enjoy a social hour following, at which refreshments will be served.

## Odd Fellows Install Officers.

The semi-annual installation of officers for the term January 1 to June 30, occurred at Odd Fellows Hall Tuesday evening, last, when the following officers were installed: Noble Grand.....Marvin Livingston  
Vice Grand.....John P. Pickett  
Secretary.....Victor L. Minter  
Treasurer.....Wm. A. Craig  
Warden.....J. B. Leck  
Conductor.....E. S. Kirkpatrick  
Chaplain.....J. F. Flowers  
Outside Guardian.....Jos. F. Paden  
Inside Guardian.....Robt. H. King  
R. S. S.....T. C. Horne  
L. S. S.....Milton R. Smith  
R. S. N. G.....Jas. W. Stephenson  
L. S. N. G.....Claude Farris  
R. S. V. G.....Geo. M. Brinton  
L. S. V. G.....Robt. M. Gorley  
The members repaired to the banquet hall where refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served, after which many short speeches of a humorous and fraternal nature were listened to.

## CARLSBAD-PECOS AREA TO HAVE THOROUGH TEST.

The country between Carlsbad and Pecos, on the Santa Fe, is to have a thorough test this winter. This is in Dixieland country, where years ago a dam was built on the Pecos to impound water for irrigation, but which was swept out before water was ever put on the land.

Three holes are being planned for the Dixieland section, within a short distance of each other. Tuesday of last week J. R. Nash passed through Carlsbad on his way to Waterloo, Iowa, to bring back a rig.

Ira J. Bell of Pecos is installing a rig on his location.

The Texolland syndicate, of St. Louis, is to put down a hole three miles west of the Dixieland well. The Citizens' Oil & Gas Co. of Indianapolis, Minn., will put down a deep hole two miles southwest of the Dixieland syndicate.

lod ending December 1, 1918, there were 62 filings, 22 of which were cancelled. For the two year period ending December 1, 1916, there were filed 169 applications, of which 23 were cancelled.

Up to December 1, 1918 from the time the office was organized in 1907 filings in good standing totaled 326,731 acres, while the total applications for 1919 cover 117,270 acres, a notable increase the past year.

The water resources of New Mexico are large and it is urgent that early development should be made. Otherwise the state is likely to lose the right to much water in interstate streams.

F. G. Tracy, Annie L. Dalton, Lewis E. Alexander,  
Vice-Pres. Secy. Vice-Pres. Secy. Treas.

## ABSTRACTS AND CERTIFICATES OF TITLE

THE EDDY COUNTY ABSTRACT CO., INC.

ORGANIZED 1891

THREE ABSTRACTERS WITH 6 TO 12 YEARS EXPERIENCE.  
Office east of Court House.

## CARLSBAD WILL PAVE STREETS

City Council Pass Provisional Order and Employ a City Engineer Which Puts Movement in Full Swing.

From the action of the city council at its regular meeting last Monday it seems that Carlsbad is to really have some paving done upon the streets of the city. And judging from the condition in which they are during every spell of rainy weather there is nothing which could be done to improve the city more or that would meet more with the approval of its citizens.

At the meeting Monday night a city engineer was employed and is now at work shaping his report to be made to the council as to the estimated cost of the proposed paving. F. L. Hancock, of Denver, Colo., is the engineer hired and holds a license under the laws of this state. It is understood that all the territory called for in the provisional order will not be actually paved but the legal process will be gone through with to cover all the streets to be paved for years to come so as to save time and extra expense in the future.

Essential requirements to the material growth and prosperity of any city are good water, good sewers, good lights and sidewalks, plenty of schools and churches, telegraph and telephone connection with outside points, good hospitals, live newspapers, libraries, lodges and a hustling chamber of commerce, but more important of all is good streets that will invite travel and traffic to all parts of the city at all times under any weather conditions, for without good streets the religious, social, educational and material advancement and advantages that should accrue by reason of other improvements enumerated above must of necessity be greatly restricted.

Carlsbad is in a class by itself when it comes to bad streets. We know of no town in the state which can go it one better. While the cost of paving is higher than it has been in the past, we have no assurance that it will be any less for several years and the outlook is it will be still higher. In the meantime, if we do without good streets we not only lose the benefit of good traffic conditions but we are also deprived in a great measure of the other advantages and other civic improvements which would be more available if we had better streets and roads.

If the principal streets of the city were paved the increase in the value of the property and the increased returns from the investment would make it a most profitable and satisfactory venture.

City Attorney Guy A. Reed is untiring in his efforts to get the paving movement properly started and Mayor Grantham is also giving much of his time needed in the conduct of his law office in order to be sure the law is properly tracked so there will be no hitch or delay in getting the work started. The following is the provisional order passed by the council at their last regular meeting:

## CATTLE SHIPMENTS TO BE MADE SOON.

J. F. Rarey expects to ship four cars of cattle next Monday to the Kansas City market from the stockpens at Avalon.

The mountain pool at Queen will ship 15 cars of cattle on the 22nd of this month to Kansas City.

B. B. Polk will have nine cars of cattle to ship on the same date which will also go to Kansas City.

Last week the marriage of F. H. Cook to Miss Helen C. McKenzie was solemnized by the Rev. H. W. Lowry, pastor of the local Presbyterian church. Mr. Cook has been watchman at the lower power plant of the Public Utilities company for a number of years and has many friends in this section. His wife is a lovely young girl who has many friends in the lower valley and he is to be congratulated on winning her for a life partner.

W. F. McIlvain, secretary of the Commercial club, gives out the information that the date set for Lieut. Pond, of the air service at Fort Bliss, to visit the City Beautiful in his airplane has not as yet been named, but that the secret will be notified several days in advance of his arrival so that everyone may be informed of the hour and witness the landing.

## At Your Service

The National Bank of Carlsbad



WE PAY FOUR PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME OR SAVINGS DEPOSITS



## J. B. Morris Lumber Co.

At this time a barn for your stock and farm implements would be appreciated by every progressive farmer.

We have a well assorted stock of materials and will be pleased to assist you in getting your barn materialized fact.

## J. B. Morris Lumber Co.

Phone No. 6

### NEW COMPANY TO DRILL OIL WELL NEAR CARLSBAD.

A company has been organized in Los Angeles, California, for the sole purpose of drilling an oil well in the Pecos Valley near Carlsbad. They are capitalized for more than enough to make a thorough test of the field in this vicinity and have passed the current information that they will begin operations here in the early part of 1926.

It seems that outside capitalists and oil men are more interested in drilling for oil near here than people who live in the county and are land owners. It is fully as hard for those residing here to get authentic information about the situation and developments as it is for those in other states, and if the people here did know the actual conditions and prospects it would retard development.

The country to the north of Carlsbad is practically all controlled by the large oil concerns who do not wish to yet bring in their wells, although they know to a certainty the oil is there. They invent first one excuse and another to explain why drilling operations have almost ceased. Operations on the well near Dayton is practically at a standstill, yet the company putting it down is busy as a bee securing all the leases they can contract for in that vicinity. They have even been active in getting control of a large body of land in the vicinity of Hope. It is known that there is oil in the well north of Lakewood and the periodically spasmodic blow-outs of the famous

Brown well in this county is proof positive that there is oil in Eddy county.

New companies to go ahead and develop the field here is what it will take to make the large oil interests in control of a big portion of the land in the county get busy in earnest to really develop their holdings. The new company from California makes us have more hopes of something big being accomplished before the end of the present year.

### The New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association.

The New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association will hold an executive session in the Commercial Club rooms at Carlsbad, New Mexico, February 4th and 5th. This is one of the very best organizations in the State and is accomplishing a great deal of good and it would be well for the cattle and horse growers to make it their business to be in attendance at this meeting. This notice is published by W. F. McIlvain, Secretary of the Carlsbad Commercial Club, at the request of Miss Bertha Benson, Secretary of the Association.

### EDDY GROVE CAMP, NO. 5.

W. O. W. Meets regularly every 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month at 8 P. M. Visitors welcome. L. S. MYERS, Clerk. E. S. Kirkpatrick, Consul Commander.

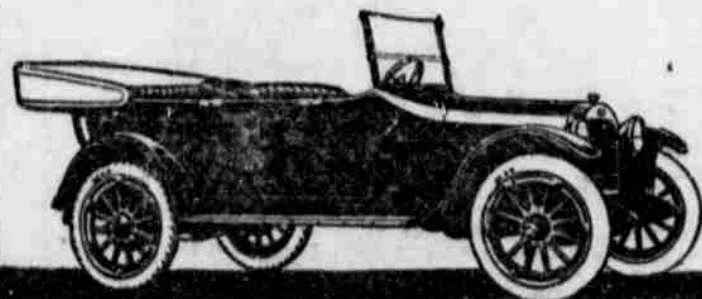


## BUILT FOR ALL ROADS

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Touring Car, \$1075; Roadster, \$1075; Coupé, \$1650; Four Door Sedan, \$1740. F. O. B. Pontiac, Mich. Additional for wire wheel equipment, \$75.00

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## SENSIBLE SIX

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All Work Guaranteed.

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### UP-TOWN TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

Officials of the Western Union Telegraph company were in Carlsbad the first of the week and have arranged to move their office from the depot to the room in the James building west of the barber shop. The city has been working for some time past to secure an up-town telegraph office and at last it has been accomplished. The room has been rented in connection with the express company whose offices will be moved from the present location. They will have one half the room in front and all the space at the back, the express company occupying the remainder of the room. It is probable telegrams to be sent at night will have to be taken at the depot as the telegraph office will not open nights. However, the daytime arrangement will be much more satisfactory than at present and it will certainly mean something to the appearance of our city to have an uptown office. The express agent, Ray Soladay, has appealed to his company to send a new set of office fixtures for this place and says he expects them to be shipped without delay. This, together with the new furniture to be installed by the Western Union, will make these offices attractive and present a neat appearance.

### LUMBER COMPANY SOLD.

Another lumber deal was consummated here this week when R. E. Wilkinson purchased the entire interest of C. M. Richards in the Groves Lumber Co. Although the trade is made, Mr. Wilkinson will not take charge of the affairs of the company until the first of February, when the business will be conducted under the name of the Groves Lumber Co. Mr. Wilkinson is one of the most able lumbermen in the Pecos valley, being especially fitted for the business by having worked for years in the lumber mills of Chicago and he also conducted a lumber yard in Artesia in 1911. He is at present employed in the office of County Treasurer Sikes and previously held a position as bookkeeper at Weaver's garage. He held a similar post with the R. M. Thorne furniture store for a long while. In addition to being a business man of ability, Mr. Wilkinson has many friends here who wish him success in all his undertakings. This is the second transfer of lumber firms made in Carlsbad this month.

### CALL FOR BIDS FOR NEW MAIL ROUTE ARE POSTED.

The Lovington postmaster, Chas. McDonald, has posted in the office advertisements for sealed bids for the following mail routes, to begin February 2, 1926:

One route from Roswell, N. M., via Cap Rock, Tatum, King, McDonald and Plainview to Lovington, tri-weekly, and another route from Lovington via Knowles, to Seminole, Texas, to the east daily except Sunday. Hence the Carlsbad mail route now in operation will be suspended and all offices in the south part of the county on that route will receive mail from Knowles, and although our mail from the west will not be daily as it is now, the daily outlet to the east will enable us to get a better and quicker service for at least two-thirds of the mail received at this distributing point which is a large one.—Lovington Leader.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF COMMERCIAL CLUB.

The Annual meeting of the Carlsbad Commercial Club will be held Tuesday, January 13, 1926, at 7:30 P. M. for the purpose of hearing the annual report of the Secretary and electing a President, one Vice-President and seven Directors to serve the ensuing year. It is very important that a full attendance be present.

W. F. McILVAIN, Secretary.

R. A. Moore of Ochoa, N. M., was in Carlsbad the first of this week. He has been trapping out on the plains within five miles of the Texas, Culberson county, line, and reports good success. He markets his furs in Carlsbad and says three coyote skins brought him over \$31.00. While here he subscribed for the Current in order to have some reading matter to help him keep up with the times.

R. A. Leck of the Eunice section brought his daughter to this city to resume her studies in the public school after the holiday recess. He reports that section in fine shape with prosperity going full blast.

Mrs. F. E. Little returned last Saturday from a trip to Roswell where she went to take her little son for treatment of the eyes. He is improving at present and it is thought in time the trouble will be sufficiently overcome to enable him to go without glasses.

### APPLICATION FOR GRAZING PERMITS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, hogs, sheep and goats within the Lincoln National Forest during the season of 1926 must be filed in my office at Alamogordo, New Mexico, on or before January 15, 1926. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications will be furnished upon request. O. FRED ARTHUR, Forest Supervisor.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

### LESSON FOR JANUARY 11

#### PETER AND JOHN HEAL A LAME MAN.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 3. GOLDEN TEXT—Freely ye have received, freely give.—Matt. 10:8. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Matt. 10:1; Mark 1:23-24; Luke 4:40; John 14:3; 1 Peter 4:11. PRIMARY TOPIC—A Lame Man Made Whole. JUNIOR TOPIC—Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Faith and a Helping Hand.

The indications are that some months had elapsed since Pentecost. The believers were being taught by the apostles, who were showing their credentials by their mighty works (2:43).

1. The Lame Man Healed (vv. 1-11). 1. The occasion (v. 1). Peter and John were going to the house of worship. They were going up to Jerusalem to worship though they knew full well the corruptions of Judaism. What is needed today is not separation from denominational bodies so much as for those who know the Lord and the higher things of the Christian life to help lead those who lack these things into the better way.

2. The Place (v. 2). It was at the beautiful gate which led from the outer to the inner court of the temple. This man was placed at the entrance of the place of worship, because where man comes closest to God he also comes closest to his fellow man. Human instinct is quick to discern this. Beggars are seldom found at doors of theaters and infidel lecture halls.

3. The man (vv. 2, 3). This beggar was infirm from his birth.

4. The method (vv. 4-8). (1) Gained the man's attention (v. 4). Peter and John commanded him to look on them. Having secured his attention they gave him more than he asked or expected. He asked for money and got healing.

(2) Peter commanded him to rise up and walk (v. 6). This was the very thing he had been unable to do for so many years. Was not this mocking his very impotency? No! No! It was in the name of Jesus. With the commandment went the ability to do.

(3) Peter took him by the right hand (v. 7). This act was meant to give impetus to his faith, not strength to his ankles. (4) The man's response (v. 8). Strength came to his feet and ankle bones at once. He stood, he walked. He leaped and shouted praise to God. He thoroughly advertised the miracle. He ascribed the honor to God for his healing and walked into the house of God. The one who has experienced the life of Christ will surely make it manifest.

5. The effect (vv. 9-11). The people were filled with wonder and amazement. The multitude ran together to see this wonderful thing. There was no question as to the genuineness of the miracle, for this man was a familiar figure for many years. This miracle may be regarded as a parable setting forth the work of the church in the world. (1) The helpless beggar had to be carried to the temple gate. Men and women out of Christ are spiritually helpless; they need to be brought where the life of God can be applied to them. We should bring sinners to Christ. (2) Taking him by the hand shows the manner of the Christian's help.

11. Peter Witnessing of Jesus Christ Before the Multitude (vv. 12-26).

This miracle focused the attention of the people upon Peter and John. Peter immediately turned their attention from himself to Christ. This is most unlike the claimants to divine power today. Disclaiming power of his own, he seized the opportunity to preach Christ to the people who had assembled. He told them it was faith in Jesus Christ, whom the God of their fathers had glorified, whom they had deliberately delivered up and denied before Pilate when he desired to set him free, and that they desired a murderer to be granted freedom instead. He showed that the disciples were also witnesses that God had raised Jesus from the dead, and charged home upon them their awful guilt: for they had denied the holy one and the just, and chosen Barabbas, a murderer, instead of Christ, and killed the Prince of Life. He appealed to them to repent (v. 10), telling them that they had committed this awful crime in ignorance. God would pardon their sin if they would repent. He assured them that Israel would yet enjoy refreshing seasons from the Lord, when God should send Jesus Christ back to earth to consummate the work of redemption. He appealed to the Scriptures as the basis of his warnings and promises (vv. 22-26).

### Service of Life.

Life should be measured by usefulness, as it is to serve the world that we are entitled to live in it. And after all service, well and faithfully performed, brings the only real happiness; all the outward pomp and insignia of rank are but badges of service. "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister," not to be served, but to serve, is the utterance of the highest authority in spiritual matters. It was a most interesting object lesson that Jesus gave his disciples when he washed their feet.

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### LOCAL NEWS

The Palace hotel dining room, under the management of Wm. Levy, announce they will have their opening on Sunday, Jan. 15th. The improvements are being rushed in order to have everything in shape to take care of the rush the first day and the conveniently arranged and well equipped kitchen will enable them to handle steadily a large volume of business while at the same time rendering their patrons the best of service.

One of the Homer King little girls is very sick this week with chicken-pox.

Mr. Tullius' daughter, Evelyn, was operated on this week for mastoids caused by her having had a severe case of chicken-pox.

J. W. Hollister, editor of the Artesia Advocate, was in Carlsbad Monday and Tuesday interviewing the politicians with a view to arranging for their announcements.

Miss Gladys Nevenger returned Saturday to her home in Dallas, Texas, where she is employed as stenographer in the office of a law firm of that city. She spent the holidays here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Nevenger, sisters and friends.

Mrs. T. E. Prather and baby left Monday for Gorman, Texas where they will make their future home. Mrs. Prather is a daughter of Mrs. W. E. Thayer and her husband has ranch interests at Gorman.

C. E. Thomas, post master and storekeeper of El Paso Gap, is in the county seat this week attending district court. He has a case in court which will come up for trial shortly.

A card to the Current from E. C. Kinman, who is now located at Los Angeles, Calif., brings the intelligence that he is again under the shelter of his mother's roof, is doing well, of course, is in good health and wishes his friends in Carlsbad a happy new year.

J. H. Downing and wife, of Laine, S. D., were in the city the first of the week visiting County Treasurer and Mrs. C. C. Sikes. Mr. Downing was a farmer living on the Dr. Diefendorf farm before making his home in South Dakota and has many friends in the Pecos valley. They were on their way home after a visit with his parents in San Diego, California.

W. D. Hudson, who is known by his many friends in Carlsbad as Bill, was here this week from his Pecos (Texas) home on business.

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Uncle Green Usery, an old-timer of Eddy county, who has been engaged in the ranch business for many years, took a couple of weeks off and made a visit to several Texas towns. At Durham he visited friends whom he had not seen for many years. He reports everything prosperous in the Lone Star state and says he had a delightful trip.

### ORDINANCE NO. 147.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 111, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT STREET IMPROVEMENT OF THE TOWN OF CARLSBAD, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LONG AND UPON "FOX", "MERMOD", "CANON" AND "CANAL" STREETS AND ASSESSING PART OF THE COST THEREOF AGAINST THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING UPON SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AND THEIR PROPERTY AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PAYMENT OF SUCH ASSESSMENT.

REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 126 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE GRADES OF CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS.

REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 127 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FIXING CURB LINES.

REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 128 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS AND ALLEYS OF THE TOWN OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico:

Sec. 1. That Ordinance No. 111, entitled An Ordinance Providing for the Construction of Permanent Street Improvement of the Town of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, Along and Upon "Fox", "Mermod", "Canon" and "Canal" Streets and Assessing part of the Cost thereof Against the Owners of Property Abutting upon such Improvements and their Property and Providing for the Enforcement of the Payment of such Assessment, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That Ordinance No. 126, entitled An Ordinance Establishing the Grades of Certain Streets and Alleys, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That Ordinance No. 127, entitled An Ordinance Fixing Curb Lines, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. That Ordinance No. 128, entitled An Ordinance Adopting Specifications for the Permanent Improvement of Streets and Alleys of the Town of Carlsbad, New Mexico, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after five (5) days after its publication as required by law.

Finally passed and approved this 6th day of January, A. D. 1926. D. G. GRANTHAM, Mayor of the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

ATTEST: D. F. SELLARDS, City Clerk.

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## N. MEX. CENSUS TO FINISH IN MONTH

Shortage of Enumerators Is Difficult Found in State Districts, but Special Bureau Agent May Complete in Month.

The counting of noses for the fourth decennial census in the two supervisor's districts of New Mexico probably will be finished in the month allotted for the task, in the opinion of Daniel Folkmar, of Washington, D. C., special agent of the census bureau, in the state until the taking of the census. He will remain until the census has been completed.

Mr. Folkmar, who came to Santa Fe from the headquarters of the eastern supervisor's district at Clayton, said the count was begun in that district with a force of enumerators short of the required number. The same condition prevailed in the eastern district that did in the western at the start, but in the face of the shortage of enumerators it is yet hoped to finish the count inside the time limit except in possibly a few enumerator's districts. Each enumerator's district includes approximately 1,000 population.

After the field work has been completed there will be a month's work in the supervisor's headquarters here and at Clayton before the New Mexico census is ready for forwarding to Washington, and the results will not be known until they are announced by the census bureau at Washington. No results can be given out by the district supervisors.

## WATER APPLICATIONS FILED WITH STATE ENGINEER.

The following water applications have been filed with the state engineer:

Julian Smith of Carlsbad files application for permit to divert 4 1/2 second feet from Blue river, a tributary of Black river, for winter use only and also to store water for irrigation of 320 acres of land, being the west 1/2 of section 23 in township 24 south and 26 east. He intends to use an old dam, built in 1884. This is a masonry dam 18 feet high, 25 feet long and four feet thick. The canal is 1.44 miles long. Julian Smith made his home on this farm for many years until he closed out his sheep business some years ago. Now his son Capt. Dean Smith of the Aviation corps will take over the old home farm.

## Clarinda Cackler Courtship, A Rural Comedy by Home Talent.

On Thursday, the 22nd of January, a real rural comedy in three acts will be presented at the Crawford Theatre for the benefit of the boy scouts. This is one of the comedies that is real to the life of country folks and is bound to satisfy. The old maid, the widow, the young girl, in fact, each character, is well balanced and will be bound to please you. Many musical specialties will be given during the evening; in fact, there will not be a dull moment. The following is the cast:

Miss Clarinda Cackler, single, but not by choice, Miss Mary Usery, Polly Springer, young, but in love, Miss Mary Mize, Mrs. Alvira Katura Sockett, spreading the news, Miss Patte Witt, Sermon Hobbs, single again, Bert Rawlins, Charlie Hobbs, a disobedient son, Wilmer White, Ragged Robinson, in need of cash, Fred Hedlund, Dewdrop, colored but happy, Ted Pate.

A. R. Clardy returned from his trip to East Texas, coming by way of Mineral Wells, where he visited his son, Lawrence and son, Minus and wife. He says the boys are doing fine in garage work while Mrs. Minus Clardy has accepted a position as stenographer in a law office where she is doing nicely.—Livingston Leader.

## SPROUTED OATS.

During the winter months it is often difficult to obtain green food for the laying hens. This difficulty can always be easily and profitably met by the use of sprouted oats. Although there has been some controversy as to whether the sprouts should be one-fourth of an inch long or longer, the question is immaterial when the main fact is that either the long or the short sprout will give good results.

The method of sprouting oats is not complicated. A tier of trays about two inches deep and with an area of one square inch for each hen to be supplied each day should be provided. These trays should have a perforated tin or wire cloth bottom to allow the surplus water to drain off the oats. One square inch of tray space per hen is suggested, because the trays should be filled about one inch deep with oats which have been soaked for twenty-four hours in a bucket or can, and each hen should have at least one cubic inch of sprouts each day. Then for a flock of fifty hens, a tray five by ten inches will do for each day, more would be better but this much will do. Seven trays should be provided if the temperature of the room where the oat sprouter is located does not drop below 60 degrees. The process is then simple. Each day put enough oats to soak to fill one tray. Each day one tray will be emptied and fed to the hens. Feed the tray that is on the bottom shelf each day and move all the trays down one notch. This will leave the top notch for the newly filled tray. The oats in the trays should be sprinkled with warm water at least once each day, and in some cases twice. If mold should occur in the sprouting trays a little formalin, or formaldehyde, should be used in the water to scrub out the tray each day before putting the soaked oats in to sprout. Care should be taken to see that the oats do not become too wet in the trays. If plenty of drainage holes are provided, this should not occur. To secure best results, the sprouting frame should be placed near a window where all the sunshine available may be secured. The sprouted oats may be fed at any time during the day.—R. B. Thompson, Poultryman.

## "California Spirit."

A representative of a real estate development company in a recent address urged his hearers to get more of what he called the "California spirit." He said the people of California are the best advertisers and boosters in the world.

"They have talked California for so long that they believe there is no place on earth so good as California. Wherever they go they talk of the glories of California so earnestly and so much from the soul that they have everyone with whom they talk determined to visit California at the earliest possible moment." And so in spite of the fact that they are 2500 miles from the center of population in this country, they get more tourists than any other state in the United States.

That probably is a pretty fair statement of fact, as the people of California have worked for the development of their state with an enthusiasm that can hardly be matched in any other commonwealth. The things they have accomplished are a manifestation of what can be done not merely in a campaign of state boosting, but of promotion of the interests and advance of any local community.

If the people of Carlsbad and Eddy County use this untiring spirit of enthusiasm in telling about its advantages as a place to live and do business in, it will have its effect on visitors and on all whom they meet elsewhere.

Those who are looking for a place for residence or commercial purposes like to move into a town where there is such good community spirit. It gives them confidence in the future of such a place. They feel that it will take hold of the problems of coming years in the same spirit of confidence and courage, and will provide in the future all the essentials of advanced civilization and comfortable and refined living.

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## Dramatic moments from four great stories!

**S**UDDENLY, round the corner whirled a shabby old depot hack; it was plainly empty but the well-known negro driver seemed to be in a desperate hurry. He lashed the horses to a run.

"Wonder who's goin' to miss his train to-night," laughed Mr. Ludlum.

But the driver turned in to the Ludlum curb, threw his weight backward and checked the horses so sharply that they slid, and their shoes scratched sparks from the stone.

The driver stood up in his pulpit and shouted at the porch.

"Oh, Miz. Ludlum, your boy's drowned."

Then he struck out with his whip; the horses plunged, the hack careened round the next corner and was gone.

Rupert Hughes in

"The Father of Waters"

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"**T**HAT'S cheap and noisy melodrama!" he scoffed, albeit a bit worriedly. "What do you mean?"

"I mean just this," she said: "Life is not worth the living without you. I came here to claim my rights. If you refuse me those rights, I'm not going on living. And I shall end things here and now, I have thought it all out. And I've come, ready," she finished, with a slight gesture toward the hand-bag she carried on her wrist. "I am not bluffing, Rolf. You have deserted me. You have wronged me. You'll take me back or there will be a human sacrifice here to adorn your wedding-night. Make your own choice."

The man felt a twinge of physical nausea at her flamboyant threats and at a memory they evoked.

Albert Payson Terhune in

"After the Ceremony"

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**S**OMERS suddenly came to action. He jerked a revolver from his pocket, and there was a spurt of flame, the bullet slashing by my ear.

The frightened mare swerved and reared perilously near the edge of the road. Choked with rage, I tugged at the reins, keeping my eyes on Somers. There seemed no escape, and I couldn't even curse. I opened my mouth to shout; but the sudden rush of blood to my head caused a warm trickle in the very center of my forehead.

Somers instantly perceived it. It seemed to stagger him; for my eyes never left his face as I struggled with the reins. His imagination thoroughly tricked him. Slowly, with an expression of horror, he backed away into the darkness, still covering me uncertainly with his revolver but not daring to fire again. Then to my ears there came another sound from up the valley—the ringing, ringing of the tonga horn.

William Ashley Anderson in

"The Tryst"

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**W**HEN Jim walked out of the barn he walked into a determined young fist and some very unpleasant, choking language. But the return blow, though Sanford got ready for it as quickly as he could manage, didn't follow. Jim didn't go down; he only staggered a little, clenched his fists, and stood still.

"What do you mean, you—you" Sanford spluttered.

"You've got your weight on the wrong foot, Sanford," said Jim. "If I got in quick with my left, where would you be? You want to think about those things, you know, when you go round punching people."

"Don't call me 'Sanford.' And I want you to know that I'm here to protect my sister—"

"All right, Mr. Berrian. Do you figure that you've protected her enough now, or do you want to hit me again?"

Josephine Daskam Bacon in

"Home, James"

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The sad death of county commissioner Tucker necessitates the appointment of a man from the lower valley to fill the vacancy on the county board. Under the present laws of this state the appointment must be made by the governor. Conditions as they are at present puts it up to a republican governor to name a commissioner to serve a strong democratic county and it is very probable a republican will get the appointment. The fact that the present incumbents of that office, Messrs. Swigart and Mann, are barred from holding it for another term, they having already served two terms, makes it almost imperative that a man be appointed by the governor who is strong enough to be elected as commissioner for another term, so that one man may continue to hold this important office who has a knowledge of how the business of the county should be conducted and who is familiar with the duties of a commissioner. His choice for the office is awaited with much interest by all in this county.

## GEO. A. BECKETT FOR SHERIFF

One of the first candidates to announce for a county office subject to the action of the Democratic primaries when held, was Geo. A. Beckett, whose announcement may be found elsewhere in the Current, and who is asking for the office of sheriff of Eddy County, this being the first time he has asked his friends for an office during his eighteen years of residence in Carlsbad.

"Blue", as he is sometimes familiarly and lovingly called by his friends, came to the City Beautiful in the year 1902, and opened a barber shop on the corner now occupied by the James building. He had for a partner W. B. Justice, who has long since returned to his native state—Arkansas. After moving his shop to the building north of the Sweet Shop where it was conducted for some years, Mr. Beckett occupied the present location, where he enjoys a large patronage.

Mr. Beckett was born in Collin county, north of Dallas, Texas, and came to Carlsbad from McKinney, Texas, where his wide experience as a deputy sheriff while he was a young man when impressions made stay for life, especially qualified him to serve the people of Eddy county efficiently in the office of sheriff. He also has had experience in the capacity of deputy sheriff after coming to Carlsbad.

The fact that Mr. Beckett has lived in the county an honest and respected citizen and successfully conducted his business for the past sixteen years is proof positive that he has the energy and is capable of conducting the sheriff's office, for a man who cannot make a success of his own affairs has no business attempting to conduct the people's business incident to a county office.

Mr. Beckett has the turn of making friends of those with whom he comes in contact and he is in a business that enables him to have dealings with a majority of the people. He has taken the lead for years past in working for the good of Carlsbad and Eddy county, neglecting his business oftentimes to solicit aid for various worthy charitable enterprises. He was head salesman of the Fourth Liberty loan drive when he made a record of the best salesman in the county and was active in selling bonds in all the drives. When his country needed the assistance of all, he was patriotic and loyal and did everything in his power to help win the war.

If elected Mr. Beckett promises to conduct the office in a way that will meet the approval of all honest, lawabiding citizens.

## CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

In another column of the Current may be found the announcement of W. G. Donley as a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of schools of Eddy county, subject to the will of the voters as expressed in the Democratic primaries to be held this spring. This announcement is no surprise to the close friends of Professor Donley, as it was known he has been planning to make the race for some time.

Professor Donley was born in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, in 1888, in which state he spent his boyhood days. After finishing his course in the public schools, he received further educational training in the Normal School of West Virginia, and also the University of the same state. He afterward graduated from the University of Colorado. His high educational training and the experience in the management of school affairs he afterward acquired make his qualifications for the successful conduct of the office of superintendent of schools unquestioned.

After finishing his education, Professor Donley was superintendent of city schools at Strasburg, Virginia, for five years, where he made an enviable record as an educator for a young man just starting out in the profession. He had charge of the schools of Artesia for one year just before coming to Carlsbad and while there made many close friends in the north end of the county who feel as if he belonged to them and who will give him a large vote at that place.

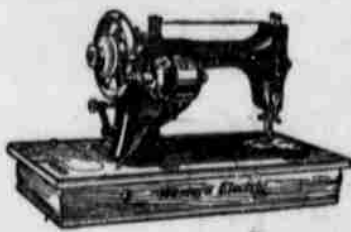
Professor Donley decided to make his home in Carlsbad after one year spent in Artesia on account of the advancement offered him here as principal of the school, and has made good in every way in that position for the past two years. The patrons of the city school have found him a straightforward, honest, efficient educator, who has been just in his dealings with pupils and parents as well. So far he is without an opponent, and if elected promises to bring to the office an administration which will have for its object the upbuilding of the schools of this county.

## UNCLE TOM COOPER CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF.

The announcement of J. Tom Cooper may be found in another column of the Current as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Eddy county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. It is no surprise for his announcement to appear at this time as it was known generally among his many friends for months that he would be in the race for the office of sheriff. Mr. Cooper was born in Alexander, Louisiana, came to Eddy county 27 years ago which makes him an old timer of this section. He served as deputy sheriff for twelve years while living in Rapides Parish, his native state, and has been a peace officer off and on for the greater part of his life. He was deputy sheriff for fifteen months under the present sheriff, Mr. Hewitt, and served as a special deputy during the administration of M. C. Stewart. He has been in many close quarters while arresting criminals and if he had not had a steady nerve and a cool head he would not have lived to tell the story.

Uncle Tom worked for two years as deputy in the office of the county treasurer while W. H. Merchant held that office and has assessed the county as special deputy assessor five times. Aside from being in the employ of the county most of his time, he has been engaged in the leather, hardware and dry goods businesses in Carlsbad, all of which he disposed of to do work more to his liking. The experience he received while connected with the sheriff's office has made him fully capable of conducting the affairs of the office as they should be run and he has many friends all over the county who wish him success in all his undertakings.

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## GEO. W. BATTON FOR SHERIFF.

It will be with interest that the many friends of Geo. W. Patton receive the announcement of his candidacy for the office of sheriff of Eddy county subject to the action of the Democratic voters as expressed at the coming primary. Mr. Patton is considered by many to be the logical successor of the present sheriff who cannot hold the office for another term, having had it for the past four years. He is now deputy sheriff and does most of the work of the office so thoroughly understands what is expected of a good sheriff.

Geo. Patton was born in the state of Tennessee and came to the Lone Star state at the tender age of four years where he grew to manhood. While in that state and residing in Brown county he had his first experience in connection with the office of sheriff. He has been a resident of Eddy county since 1906 with the exception of four years spent on the plains in Chaves county near Lovington. He was city marshal and deputy sheriff at Artesia and on January 1, 1917, assumed the duties of deputy sheriff which position he now holds. While residing in the northern end of the county Mr. Patton acquired many close friends who are eager to have him elected to the office of sheriff. He also has conducted himself and the affairs of the sheriff's office trusted to his management in such a way since coming to Carlsbad that it commands the respect of all good citizens and he has a large following in this part of the county who would like to see him elected as the next sheriff of Eddy county.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Eddy County Schools, subject to the Democratic primary.  
W. G. DONLEY.

I desire to place my name before the voters of Eddy county as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primaries, the date of which will be set later.  
GEO. A. BECKETT.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff of Eddy county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries when held.  
GEORGE BATTON.

I wish to announce to my many friends and the general public that I am in the race of 1920 for Sheriff subject to the action of the Democratic primaries when held, and solicit your co-operation.  
J. TOM COOPER.

## Superintendent Brinton Undecided.

An interview with County Superintendent Geo. M. Brinton this week by a Current representative in search of information as to whether he would be in the race for re-election to that office brought forth a statement from the educator that he is as yet undecided as to whether or not he wants the office for another term. He has several propositions offered for the coming year, any one of which would be better than the office he now holds, if he should decide to make a change. Professor Brinton has had some very trying propositions to deal with while managing the affairs of his office and has always been found on the right side regardless of what the consequences might be. It is probable he will not know what he is going to do for several weeks yet.

## NEW MEXICO WOMEN PUBLIC LIFE.

In view of the fact that the expected special session of the State Legislature will probably ratify the Federal Suffrage Amendment and that the women of the state may have complete political equality with the men by the time of the November elections, it is interesting to note that New Mexico women have already made places for themselves and their interests in the public life of the state. Mrs. Josie Lockard is a member of the

State Board of education, Mrs. Hallett Reynolds is a Regent of the Normal University, and Mrs. Adeline Otero-Warren is the Chairman of the State Board of Health, while there are five women members of the State Child Welfare Board and five on the Girl's Welfare Board. The State Librarian and the State Director of Industrial Education are women, and all the Governors for the last decade and more have relied upon the expert assistance of Miss Clara Olsen who has been the Governor's Private Secretary for many years. Naturally, the women are especially interested in educational matters, and ten counties have recognized the work of women by making them County Superintendents of Schools, while one hundred and thirteen women are members of school district boards and many others are acting as rural supervisors, home economics directors and assistants to county agents.

The legislative work done by New Mexico women extends over a space of only a few years but considerable has been accomplished in that short time. The record begins with the work of Mrs. W. E. Lindsey who induced members of the Constitutional convention to include the clause giving women suffrage in school elections. Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. A. A. Kellam and Mrs. Otero-Warren served in turn as Chairmen of the legislative department of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and aided by the interest-

## FOR SALE.

90 acre irrigated farm, good improvements, close in.  
"Show Place," best irrigated 50 acre farm, close in.  
Several 5 and 10 acre irrigated tracts. With and without improvements.  
130 acre grass pasture. Good well water and wind mill, lies within proposed high line canal.  
Two exceptionally good business sites in Carlsbad, one has good building with good rental income, other vacant.

Four good residence properties, possession within 30 days.  
Several choice residence lots at a bargain now. Prices advancing rapidly, and a good time to buy and build when you can.

W. H. MERCHANT,  
Room 1, James Bldg., Phone 320 or 56.

## WANT ADS

LOST:—A rim and glass to headlight of Dodge car between Carlsbad and stock pens. Leave at Current office.

FOR SALE:—A 4-room box house in La Huerta to be moved off premises. For particulars inquire at Current office. 1tp

SALESMEN WANTED to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or Commission. Address THE HARVEY OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio. 1tp

FOR SALE:—25 to 30 sections range near Hope, on unsurveyed land, well, and dirt land, good grass. Terms \$15,000.  
NOEL L. JOHNSON.  
1tp Hope.

LOST:—On Dec. 26th, on road from Blue Springs ranch to Carlsbad a tire with Gates half sole, serial No. 799242. Reward for its return to B. A. NYMEYER, County Surveyor.

## FARM TEAM FOR SALE.

Work anywhere. Two speeds forward and reverse. Weight 2700. CLAUDE F. WRIGHT.  
Phone 238.

FOR SALE CHEAP:—A good country store with post office. No opposition. For particulars, call or write CURRENT OFFICE. 2tp

Services of a Registered Jersey Bull may be had at my dairy barn for a fee of \$10. All cows rejected if affected with any disease.  
EDWIN STEPHENSON.

FOR SALE:—Good farm as there is in Valley of 200 acres; 80 acres in irrigation. Address BOX 31, LOVING.

PIANO TUNER:—Those wishing the services of a piano tuner may secure the same by calling for J. I. Penny at the Purdy Furniture store.

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

FOR SALE:—A registered Hereford bull, four years old.  
W. H. MERCHANT.

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."

FOR SALE:—2 1/2 acre tracts irrigated land in La Huerta on Main road. 1 tract has 5-room house with 2 large sleeping porches; the other has 5-room house and 1 sleeping porch. Both properties have large concrete cisterns and other improvements. See  
J. E. WALLACE.

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

FOR SALE:—Three full blood Leghorn roosters. Farris strain, specially selected from heavy laying coop. Price \$2.00 each. See  
J. N. NEVENGER,  
or Phone 43N.

All kinds of legal blanks for sale at Current office.

ed women of the state, succeeded in securing some excellent legislation. The laws secured include the raising of the age of consent, the repeal of the act which permitted the husband to dispose of community real estate without the consent of the wife, the creation of juvenile courts, the act providing for the care of dependent and neglected children, the creation of the Child Welfare and Girl's Welfare boards, while the prohibition amendment and the State Board of Health owe their existence very largely to the interest and efforts of women.

Those men who have been worried as to the effect of the votes and office-holding of women upon the public life of the state, may relieve their minds by glancing over this summary of what has been their special interest in the past. The home, the school, civic house-keeping, the condition surrounding women and children—these will continue to occupy the attention of wives and mothers; and they will find in the suffrage not a new and uncharted sea of responsibility, but a tool which will make their public work easier of accomplishment, whether it may be for the community, the state or the nation.

## I Want Your Business And Will Appreciate It.

Courteous treatment, good goods right prices.

R. E. DICK

Have you spoken for your reservations yet for the opening of the

## PALACE HOTEL DINING ROOM?

Sunday, January 18th.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED  
YOU ARE WELCOME

Wm. Levy, Prop.



**FOR FORDS**



**Hassler Shock Absorbers 17.50**

**STROMBERG CARBURETORS**

We Guarantee More Mileage and Easier Starting with This Carburetor.

**Stockwell Auto Accessory Co.**

310 West Fox street

## LOCAL NEWS

W. A. Logan, of Roswell, was in the city Thursday stopping at the Crawford.

S. A. Lanning, of Artesia, was here yesterday on business before the district court.

Tom Middleton and family of Queen are here this week attending to business and courting.

T. C. Horne expects to leave some time next week on a buying expedition to eastern markets.

H. M. Dow, of Roswell, a brother of the district attorney, is in the city this week attending to business before the court.

Floyd & Gushwa shipped three cars of stock cattle Tuesday from the pens at Lakewood. They were sent to pastures in Colorado.

W. A. Craig got the court to excuse him from jury service at this term of court and is now away from the city on a business trip.

It is rumored that a new garage building will be built in Carlsbad as soon as a suitable location can be found on which to have it erected.

City Engineer Hancock is busy today running the level and securing information necessary before making his report to the city council as to what the cost of paving will be.

Candidates for county offices to be voted on at the democratic primaries are beginning to announce, and many others are waiting to see what will develop before they openly get into the race. Before the first of next month there will be a long string of them if present rumors prove correct.

County Treasurer C. C. Sikes and Prof. Donley made a business trip to Roswell the first of the week.

Henry C. Collins seems to have picked almost the worst day of the year in which to move. He moved from the house on north Canyon street to the L. H. Hungate residence south of the Baptist church last Thursday. Henry recently purchased the property and will make it his permanent home.

Will Purdy, furniture dealer, of this city, left last Monday night for Kansas City to be gone about two weeks in an effort to locate a sufficient supply of furniture to accommodate his business this year. It seems that on account of strikes and shortage of labor and raw material it is hard to buy anything in the furniture line.

Attorney Guy A. Reed is busy this week furnishing an office to be maintained by the city dads in the Reclamation building. Since the pavement movement is in full swing it requires an office and someone on the job constantly to handle the city's business.

C. E. Thomas, postmaster and storekeeper at El Paso Gap, who has been in attendance at court this week, left this morning on the mail car for his home but had to return on account of the car being unable to make the trip.

The Pecos Water Users' Association had a call meeting last Tuesday to transact the regular run of business which accumulates for the first of each month but there was not enough present to make a quorum so the meeting was adjourned until January 24th.

Harry Horton and W. T. Gilmore of Monument, N. M., were in Carlsbad the first of the week.

Walter McGonagill is here this week in connection with matters before the district court.

Eddy lodge No. 5, W. O. W., will have their annual installation of officers and initiation next Thursday evening. Refreshments will be served after the exercises are completed.

## W. O. W. CIRCLE INSTALL OFFICERS.

Last night the Woodman Circle installed their full quota of officers which had previously been elected and they consisted of the following:

Guardian, Mrs. J. B. Leek.  
Adviser, Mrs. J. N. Hewitt.  
Clerk, Mrs. H. J. Toffelmire.  
Banker, Mrs. Doc Vest.  
Attendant, Mrs. H. C. Collins.  
Assistant Attendant, Miss Pearl Edmondson.

Chaplain, Mrs. Arthur Forehand.  
Outer Sentinel, Miss Blanche Barnett.

Manager, Miss Mae Barrows.  
Refreshments were served while a pleasant hour was spent socially. The Circle will have initiation at its next regular meeting night.

C. C. Hess is here this week looking after his Eddy county interests.

Lewis Howell, of Lakewood, was in the city the first of the week attending court.

Tureman Marquess, of La Huerfana, has purchased the 10-acre tract of land adjoining his place on the north which was owned by J. K. Boyd. This together with the land already owned by Mr. Marquess will make a nice little farm for the raising of cotton.

C. A. Nelson, who is in the employ of the Santa Fe railroad company at this place, purchased the business lots east of the Ohnemus shops from the Peoples Mercantile company. The trade was negotiated through the real estate firm conducted by W. H. Merchant. Mr. Nelson is fast becoming a heavy owner of city property and is an enthusiastic booster for Carlsbad.

L. O. Leftwich, cotton buyer, is planning on building a modern residence on his lots north of the John Lewis home in North Carlsbad and expects to begin work just as soon as the plans are received from Dallas, Texas. The coming spring is going to witness the building of many new residences in Carlsbad and already a desirable building site is difficult to obtain. Carpenters here already have more than they can handle.

The new law firm of Lamb & McGhee have received their shipment of office furniture and law books and are very busy this week attending court and putting their office in shape to take care of business. They have commodious rooms in the new addition to the James building and will have one of the most up-to-date offices to be found in this section.

Rev. Mr. Nicholson, Baptist minister at Loving, had the misfortune to get his hand burned while touching off sky rockets for his children during the holidays, but it is fast healing at the present time. He expects to move his family to Loving shortly and make that his home, where he will serve as pastor in the new church to be built there soon.

## OFF TO THE MARKET

Our buyers are off to the market and we have left a few

## LADIES' SUITS AND DRESSES

that must be sold to make room for the incoming stock, therefore,

## OUR DISCOUNT SALE CONTINUES

Come while the Bargains last.

## PEOPLES MERCANTILE CO.

"Where Things Are New."

## SURPRISE LUNCH.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting in the Sunday school class room of the Methodist church, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 14, at 2:30 o'clock. Every member is urged to invite a guest and to bring one dish of some palatable article for the lunch which will be served after the following program:

Piano solo, Mrs. Prickett.  
Reading, Mrs. Hanson.  
Four-minute talk, Mrs. Grantham.  
Six-hand piano selection, Frieda Helwig, Leona Allinger and Avon Wright.  
Current Events on Temperance, Mrs. Mercer.  
Vocal solo, Miss Waltz.

Mrs. Asbury Moore, local reporter for the Current, has returned from a ten weeks visit to relatives and friends in Los Angeles. When she left that city Tuesday called the homes and gardens there and the change to snow and mud was disconcerting to say the least. Nevertheless she had a most delightful visit but is glad to be at home again.

J. D. Hudgins, manager of the Southern Auto Company, made a business trip to Roswell the first of the week to make a report of the business done in this city by that firm during the past year. He says a record amount of trade was enjoyed in 1919 and the prospects for 1920 are very flattering. He returned Tuesday.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for railway mail clerk, on January 17, 1920. The entrance salary is \$1,300 a year. Applicants must have reached their eighteenth but not their thirty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination. For further information and application blanks, apply to Victor L. Minter, Secretary, U. S. Local Civil Service Board, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

## TWO KINDS OF SERVICE.

Many of the older generation of business men used to be quite persistent in their efforts to sell their goods but made little effort to follow up their sales afterward and find out how their product made good. The modern producer not merely tries to sell an article, but to make sure that it is giving satisfaction.

This is one reason why to-day people are more than ever turning to their home stores for the best retail trade service. The big metropolitan store deals each year with a multitude of strangers. It has no means of following up its goods, and knowing what service they give.

The home store of Carlsbad knows its customers personally, and asks them how the stuff worked that they bought last time. It is not satisfied merely to make a sale but it makes sure that the article gives such service that the customer will return.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Perry and son, of Spur, Texas, are here visiting at the J. E. Lavery home. Mrs. Perry is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lavery and has many friends in Carlsbad who will make her stay a pleasant one. She is constantly informed of the affairs of the town while in her Texas home by being a reader of the Current.

Edwin West, who now resides at Hurley, N. M., came in this week for a visit with his brother, Fred West, and family and his sister, Mrs. Henry Smith, and family.

R. M. Thorne returned this week from an extended buying tour of eastern markets for his furniture store. He found the furniture market flooded with buyers with very little goods in sight to be disposed of, but managed to locate a choice assortment of goods which were purchased at a price from 10 to 15 per cent lower than that placed on the same goods after the 5th of January. He also bought goods to be delivered the latter part of this year to avoid the raise in price which is sure to come later. Two carloads of new furniture is expected in within the next two weeks.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We desire in this manner to express our appreciation and thanks to our kind friends, the ladies of the P. E. O., Mrs. Singleton, Dr. Culpepper and all others who so willingly rendered aid and sympathy during the recent illness and death of our dear mother. Such outward expression of the esteem of our friends for our loved one makes it easier for us to bear the burden of our loss. May you receive a just reward in the place not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

MRS. E. BARRINGTON.  
MRS. ALMA TAYLOR.  
PAUL BRISTOE.

John D. Graham, of Lovington, has returned to his home on the plains after a business trip to his ranch near Hope. He says that oil has been struck at Toyah, Tex., and that several Lovington citizens have shares in the successful company.

## W. H. MERCHANT REAL ESTATE

Ranches, Irrigated Farms; City property for sale.  
Room 1, James Bldg.  
—PHONE 320.—

## NYAL'S LAXACOLD FOR COLDS

Acts quickly, is tasteless; checks a cold if taken promptly.

Warranted free from anilpyrine, morphine, chloral or opium.

Corner Drug Store

## JOYCE-PRUIT CO.

In going into a New Year it is our custom to take stock of our business, and ourselves to the end that mistakes of the past year may be avoided in the new, that we may recognize our shortcomings and overcome them, that we may see what might have been done that would have meant better service to our Customer, and do it.

In short, it is our determination to leave nothing undone in this year of Grace, that will contribute to the more efficacious buying and selling of merchandise.

We pledge ourselves to the task of supplying our patrons with goods that cannot be excelled in quality, and at prices that cannot be underbid.

We ask of the Public only an opportunity to demonstrate that we can and will make it worth while to trade with us.

Start the New Year right—trade with us a month and compare the service, quality and prices with any, and we are confident that you will remain our customer.

Don't fail to see and ask about the big tire on exhibition in our grocery window.

## JOYCE-PRUIT CO.

Groceries

Auto Tires

L. W. Arthur Auction A Success.  
Last Tuesday another auction sale was pulled off by Auctioneer W. F. McIlvaine on the L. W. Arthur farm, about a mile east of Loving. A large amount of farm machinery and live stock was offered for sale and brought, in most cases, high prices; one farrow selling for over a dozen dollars more than it is selling for in Carlsbad. The farmers of the valley are in the most prosperous condition than at any time in the history of irrigation farming in this section. The largest crowd that has attended a sale lately was present, due in part to the beautiful day, which was almost too hot to be comfortable. Lunch was served by the ladies in a quick and satisfactory manner, the proceeds of which went for the benefit of the church.

R. Ohnemus & Son unloaded the Cleveland tractor last Tuesday at Loving which was sold to C. V. Rosson and demonstrated its good points before a good-sized crowd on the Rosson farm, plowing up Bermuda grass and alfalfa with a three-disc plow. This is a caterpillar tractor and it has no trouble in pulling the heaviest kind of a plow. It cost in the neighborhood of \$2,175.00 complete, with plows and harrow. H. R. Andrews, H. H. Rhodes and a Cleveland factory man assisted in the demonstration. A. C. Gear has also purchased one of these tractors for his farm.

The U. S. Reclamation Service thermometer in this city registered ten degrees above zero last night and it was the coldest night of any so far this winter. The weather man predicts that it will be warmer tonight and much warmer by Sunday.

Announcement is made of morning worship next Sunday in the Presbyterian church. The topic of the sermon will be "The Surface View". Sunday school will be held at ten o'clock and Endeavor meeting at six-thirty.

Call at the H. A. Grace Jewelry Store and see the only selection of high grade Oriental Rubies ever displayed in this city.

Too Few Civil-Service Applicants.  
The Civil Service Commission invites special attention to the fact that in examinations held recently in Carlsbad, New Mexico, and other cities throughout the country, for apprentice fish culturists, Bureau of Fisheries, for local and assistant inspectors of boilers and hulls, Steamboat Inspection Service, and for physical laboratory helpers, proof readers, graphotype operators, addressograph operators, and mimeograph operators, Departmental Service, Washington, D. C., applicants were not secured in the number desired, and that the examinations will again be held on January 7, 1920.

Persons interested in these or other examinations should apply to the Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board at the local U. S. Reclamation Service office for detailed information and application blanks.



# STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 31, 1919

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$933,551.69	Capital.....\$100,000.00
<b>LIBERTY BONDS..... 50,750.00</b>	Surplus (earned)..... 100,000.00
Other Bonds..... 40,000.00	Circulation..... 25,000.00
War Savings Stamps..... 827.94	Rediscouts with Federal Reserve Bank..... 175,100.00
Banking House..... 7,500.00	<b>DEPOSITS..... 803,422.59</b>
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank..... 6,000.00	
Cash and Sight Exchange..... 167,892.96	
<b>\$1,206,522.59</b>	<b>\$1,206,522.59</b>

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT. CLARENCE BELL, CASHIER

## TAX INCREASES EXPLAINED

Commission Analyzes the Increase for 1919 and Shows Where the Money Goes.

The New Mexico Tax Commission has recently compiled a statement relative to the 1919 taxes, which shows where the increases and decreases are coming. Eddy County will have an increase of 22.45 per cent over 1918. For 1918 the state and county levy was 17.15 and for 1919 it will be 29.45. For Chaves County the increase is 43.64 per cent. Torrance County has it stepped on to the extent of an 84 per cent increase, while Guadalupe gets off lightest with an increase of only 37.59 per cent.

The increase in Eddy County, amounting to \$5.95, is divided as follows: A dollar and a half per thousand goes to schools, and two dollars and a half goes to roads. A dollar and thirty cents goes to salary increase.

The following comparative statement and digest are taken from the document.

Comparative Statements—Products of all Tax Levies Years 1918 and 1919	1918 Taxes	1919 Taxes	Increase
State Funds	\$1,200,719.78	\$1,302,666.40	\$101,946.62
General Purpose	85,765.79	93,047.60	7,281.80
War Defense			
Total	\$1,286,485.48	\$1,395,714.00	\$109,228.52
General County	371,433.89	411,679.98	40,246.09
Salary	536,694.05	416,708.82	
C. H. and Bid. Rpts.	13,664.20	22,067.80	8,403.60
Indigent	25,943.65	24,650.63	
Interest and Sinking	208,226.16	227,460.04	19,233.88
Jdg. and Trnspt.	32,919.68	28,835.40	
Total	\$1,188,881.63	\$1,131,409.67	
Court	172,075.73	161,417.57	
Total	\$172,075.73	\$161,417.57	
County Roads and Bridges	372,572.19	578,984.84	206,412.65
Co. Road Emerg. & Federal Aid	245,202.11	1,116,571.21	871,369.10
St. Road Emerg. & Federal Aid	343,062.79	558,285.60	215,222.81
Total	\$960,837.09	\$2,253,841.65	\$1,293,004.56
Agr. Agent	14,937.84	28,695.23	14,567.39
Wild Animal Bounty	49,393.88	49,173.00	
Irrig., Road, Ar. Wells & Bees, etc.	68,812.64	141,256.12	72,443.58
Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Hogs	163,372.28	99,232.18	
Total	\$296,616.54	\$818,266.53	\$22,649.99
State School	171,531.40	186,095.20	14,563.80
County School	1,723,960.21	2,515,865.36	791,905.15
County High School	139,129.29	165,080.79	25,951.50
Special School District	357,793.91	427,912.97	69,219.06
Total	\$2,392,414.81	\$3,294,954.32	\$172,539.51
Cities and Towns	412,364.40	584,951.76	172,587.36
Total	\$412,364.40	\$584,951.76	\$172,587.36
Totals	\$6,708,675.68	\$9,139,646.50	
Total Increase		\$2,430,970.82	

The taxes levied for state funds for 1919 are \$109,228.52 in excess of 1918. The levies for these state funds are the same in this year as in the last, the increase being accounted for by reason of 8 per cent deduction for the salary fund from the 1918 taxes.

The general county fund shows an increase of approximately \$40,000.00, or an average of \$1,430.00 per county. The salary fund shows a decrease of approximately \$120,000.00. The amount shown for salaries in 1918 of \$536,694.00 is the money resulting from the 8 per cent salary fund deduction under the old law and it will be seen that a direct levy for salaries will result in a saving for the taxpayer.

The court house and jail repair funds show an increase of approximately \$5,000.00, interest and sinking fund, \$18,000.00, the indigent and judgment funds show a slight decrease. The total of the groupings under general county shows a decrease of approximately \$57,000 from last year.

It is interesting to note that there will be a decrease in the court funds.

In the statement above, a segregation is made of the tax levies for

towns from three mills to five mills, realizing the necessity for the increase by reason of the loss on the liquor licenses.

The total taxes for 1918 show \$4,708,000; and the total taxes for 1919 will be approximately \$9,139,000, an increase of about \$2,430,000.00.

The foregoing statement should clearly indicate to the taxpayer that the increased taxes for 1919 are due, almost entirely, to the increased requirements for roads, schools and municipalities.

Miss Adele Nesbit, who has been visiting her parents here during the holidays left yesterday afternoon for Carlsbad, to nurse Boyd Sanders, who is seriously ill at his home there. Mr. Sanders is well known in Roswell, having worked as a bookkeeper at the Roswell hardware store, and at Dilley's furniture store. His brother, Lyman Sanders, returned last night from Carlsbad where he has been with his brother.—Roswell News, Saturday, Jan. 2.

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## SAFETY FIRST —SEE— W. F. M'ILVAIN —FOR— INSURANCE FIRE, AUTOMOBILE AND BONDS



Decrease	Pct. Inc.	Pct. Dec.
10,658.16		8.49
\$119,985.23		
1,293.02		
4,084.28		
\$57,480.96		4.83
\$10,658.16		6.19
	134.57	
220.88		
64,140.10		21.77
	37.69	
	41.85	
	36.23	



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Will Fix Anything But a Broken Promise.  
At R. E. DICK'S DRUG STORE.

## USE FOE DUGOUT AS REFRIGERATOR

Trenches Still Bear Marks of Hard-Fought Struggle.

## TELL STORY OF HARDSHIPS

Little Crosses Mark Resting Places of Fallen Soldiers and Over Them Poppies Nod—Much of the Debris of the Battlefield Already Has Been Collected—People Appear Happy and Cheerful.

Lining the banks of the Yser river, far as the eye can see, are the trenches which for so many months during the war were occupied by the Belgian and German armies, the Belgians on the south bank and the Germans on the north. They still bear many marks of shell and rifle fire and mouldy straw lying on the damp floors still conveys some idea of the hardships to which the soldiers were subjected.

On the German side of the river is a dugout, built to resist the heaviest projectiles, and cool even on a hot day. It was a favorite gathering spot for the Germans when the fighting was fiercest, but it now serves the more useful purpose of a refrigerator. Instead of the tanks and chairs which once lined its sides one now sees pile upon pile of beer cases filled with refreshments for the soldier guard at work cleaning up the ground.

### Show Marks of Struggle.

Behind the dugout the bodies of three soldiers—two Belgians and one German—were buried on the bank of a tiny pond made by bursting shells. Little crosses mark the resting places and over them poppies nod.

Along the Yser one may plainly see the effects of the hard-fought struggle. Here and there the top of a dugout has been crushed in, and further along the duckboards from an abandoned trench may be seen sticking through the mud. Within sight of the bridge the muzzle of a field piece, rusted and useless, points to the sky.

Much of the debris of the battlefield has already been collected. Miles upon miles of barbed wire have been reclaimed from the entanglements, German and allied, which stretched in front of the lines, but at some points along the river bank the old entanglements still remain, rusted and twisted on stakes which are fast falling on the ground. There are great piles of reeled wire which has not been unwound since it left the wire mills, while the military telephone systems are still stretched upon short stakes.

### Return to Ruined Homes.

The people of Dixmunde, like the people of every other destroyed Belgian town, are gradually returning to the ruins of their homes. The help of the government is giving them heart and strength to begin life over again. Here one may see a man patching up a shell hole in his house with a few bricks taken from the ruins of his neighbor's home, and in another place men, and women, too, are patching a roof.

But these instances are few. In most cases the destruction was so complete that nothing is left for the poor Belgian but to build a new house. But the people are happy and cheerful. They go about their work with smiling faces and merry laughter. They are back home.

### ICE FREEZES IN SUMMER

But There is None Formed in That Cave in Winter.

Ice freezes in summer time, but not in winter, in the Decorah Ice Cave, in Winneshiek county, northeastern Iowa. While ice does not invariably form in the walls of the cave all summer, it is there many of the warmest months, while in the fall and early winter the walls are dry and bare.

The State Geological society's explanation of the phenomenon is that in the winter the temperature in the cave, the same as outside, goes below the freezing point. However, all moisture near the surface has been sealed in the ground and rocks by the frost, and no water finds its way into the cave. The walls of the cavern get colder and colder, and retain the cold. When spring thaws release the water it trickles into the cave across the cold walls and then freezes. That condition continues until late in summer. The cave is the only one of its kind known in Iowa.

### GUARD LONG-RANGE GUNS

Germans Holding Huge Cannon Well Protected in Coast Fortresses.

The whereabouts of the big guns with which the Germans bombarded Paris during the last few months of the war is a question frequently asked both in Germany and out of it.

Maj. Trepper, formerly attached to the German war ministry and a participant in the armistice parleys, was recently asked whether Germany had pledged herself to hand over these guns.

Trepper is quoted as saying that Germany had given no such pledge, and added that if the French wished to know where the guns were, they can be told that they are well hidden and guarded in German fortresses on the coast.

# AUCTION SALE OF LAND

ON JANUARY 17th, 1920, at 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

at the front door of the office of W. F. McIlvain at Carlsbad, I will offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder, the following described land, to-wit:

The Northwest (NW 1/4) quarter of Section five (5) and the Northeast (NE 1/4) quarter of Section six (6), in Township twenty five (25) South of Range twenty six (26) East of the New Mexico Meridian, containing 318.87 acres.

Patent to this land has only recently been issued and recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Eddy County, New Mexico, on Sept. 17, 1919.

I will execute a Warranty Deed and Abstract showing good title.

TERMS OF SALE: All Cash or one half cash and balance in one and two years, equal payments, with 10 per cent interest, secured by mortgage on the land.

Settlement to be made immediately after the sale and proceeds to be deposited in escrow at the National Bank of Carlsbad until delivery of deed and abstract. I reserve the right to make one bid.

JESSIE J. ARENDALL,

Owner. W. F. McILVAIN,  
Auctioneer.  
R. A. TOFFELMIRE,  
Clerk.

**INCREASE IN TAXES.**  
When the property owner walks up to pay his taxes for the past year he will no doubt be very forcibly impressed with the fact that taxes, like everything else, has increased, and of course, will want to know what it is all about. Eddy County taxes have gone up 29.45 per cent. This is caused by various reasons, among which are increased expenditures for good roads and good schools, a thing no citizen should bemoan. The prohibition law has eliminated saloon license revenues and has caused some loss in taxes, but on the other hand the costs for courts show a decrease that partly makes up for this. While the present causes of increased taxes are for good and permanent improvements, it behooves county and state administrations to be more economical than ever before.

Rev. Mr. Barb and family have moved to the G. W. MacArthur residence in the west part of town this week. Mrs. MacArthur intends to join her husband at Necessity, Texas, for which place she left Tuesday, so we understand.—Livingston Leader.

**Willard**  
STORAGE BATTERY

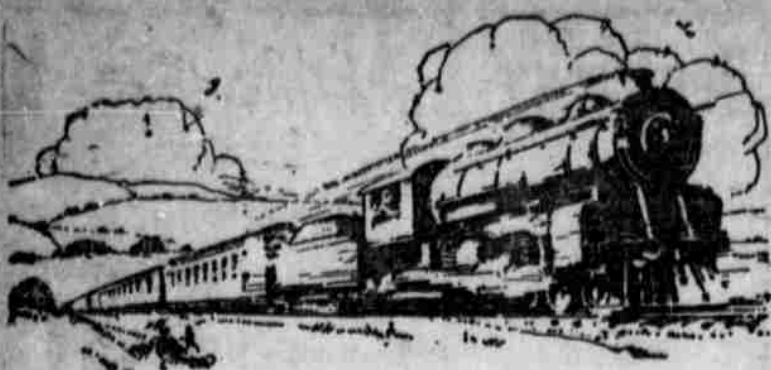
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Beats  
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ARTESIA, LOVINGTON AND  
PECOS, TEXAS.





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—JAMES J. HILL.

## The Successful Farmer Raises Bigger Crops

and cuts down costs by investment in labor-saving machinery.

Good prices for the farmers' crops encourage new investment, more production and greater prosperity.

But the success of agriculture depends on the growth of railroads—the modern beasts of burden that haul the crops to the world's markets.

The railroads—like the farms—increase their output and cut down unit costs by the constant investment of new capital.

With fair prices for the work they do, the railroads are able to attract new capital for expanding their facilities.

Rates high enough to yield a fair return will insure railroad growth, and prevent costly traffic congestion, which invariably results in poorer service at higher cost.

National wealth can increase only as our railroads grow.

Poor railroad service is dear at any price. No growing country can long pay the price of inadequate transportation facilities.

*This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives*

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

### GOODYEAR FREIGHTER ARRIVES IN CARLSBAD.

Breaking the roads from Pecos, Texas, through one of the worst snow storms of the season, the big Goodyear freighter arrived in Carlsbad Wednesday night, averaging better than 15 miles an hour.

This truck is one of the ones used in the government farm bureau work and is in charge of C. R. Cope, who has traveled with the government demonstrations since they were first started. This truck will be in the city for several days, demonstrating the possibilities of the motor truck equipped with pneumatic tires as a means of better transportation.

Traveling with the truck are J. J. Berry as Mr. Cope's assistant, R. J. Williams and R. G. Johnson of the Goodyear branch at El Paso. There will be a meeting announced later, where moving pictures taken during the Transcontinental Motor Truck tour will be shown. These pictures show in detail the possibilities of motor trucks equipped

with pneumatic tires over every conceivable type of road.

The department of agriculture, realizing the shortage of labor and lack of proper transportation, are devoting more time to the development of motor power on the farm and ranch. When this meeting can be arranged, Mr. Cope will give a brief outline of the accomplishments that were obtained by the national motor truck tour, which covered six states. This should be particularly interesting to the farmer, rancher, motor car dealer and all good roads enthusiasts.

### HATCH NAMED FOR REVENUE COLLECTOR FOR N. MEX.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Carl A. Hatch of Clovis was nominated today by President Wilson to be internal revenue collector for the district of New Mexico.

C. A. Hatch was for some time assistant to Attorney General Harry Patton of Santa Fe, and it is known that his appointment will give general satisfaction.

## DEMOCRATS TO MEET IN CAPITAL

and Wilson Influences To Be Prominent in Party Discussions—Many Prominent Leaders To Be There.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The national capital is to be the rallying ground during the coming week for national leaders of the democratic party who will choose the time and place for the 1920 national convention, talk over candidates and politics, and renew acquaintances at a Jackson day feast, which many of them believe will make party history.

Although only one day, Thursday, is set aside for formal business, leaders of various magnitudes already were arriving tonight for a week of conferences and gossiping over the outlook for the presidential campaign.

Choice of the convention city and time is to be the only business directly taken up by the national committee Thursday, but an effort probably will be made to have it recommend that the committee nominate a president and vice president by majority vote in place of the two-thirds required in past years.

**Former Candidates Present.**  
At the banquet that night several aspirants for the presidential nomination are to outline their policies. Two former nominees, William Jennings Bryan and Alton B. Parker, will be present, and President Wilson is expected to send a message in which many leaders believe he may state his position toward a third term.

Six cities are in the race for the convention, Chicago, already selected as the convention city of the republicans; Kansas City, San Francisco, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Cleveland. Discussion generally centers on late June or early July as the time of meeting.

Talk of changing the time-honored democratic custom of referring a two-thirds vote to nominate started some weeks ago at a meeting of the national committee in Atlantic City, and thenceforward has been actively promoted in many quarters.

Should the committee make such a recommendation it generally conceded that the convention would adopt it. Only a majority is required to nominate by republican conventions.

**Names Not Disclosed.**  
The names of speakers for the Thursday night banquet had not been made public tonight, but it was understood that several of those mentioned for the presidency would deliver addresses. Mr. Bryan, returning to the party councils for the first time in many months, is expected to be on the speakers list which will include about half a dozen names.

So great has been the demand for seats at the dinner that officials of the committee announced today that it would be held in two sections. In this way about 1,400 are to be seated.

Two subjects earnestly discussed among the gathering leaders tonight were the part Mr. Bryan would play in the campaign and the attitude of President Wilson toward the presidential nomination.

**Bryan Is Active.**  
Mr. Bryan apparently has made extensive plans to get into the political swim again, but whether he will be a candidate for the nomination or will attempt to become the controlling factor in the convention has not been clearly demonstrated.

Speculation about the course of President Wilson has raised the question whether he intends to seek re-nomination and whether, if he steps aside, he will actively support some one of the aspirants. No authoritative reply to these queries has come from the White House nor has it been indicated definitely whether he would touch on these subjects in his Jackson day message, as many of the leaders expect him to do.

O. J. Warren, of Atlanta, Ga., has arrived in Carlsbad with the avowed intention of making this his permanent home. He is a young man and is seeking employment while visiting with his friends the Norrhausers, with whom he got acquainted while in Kansas City playing with Sousa's famous band. He has also had experience as a musician in the navy, having served for two years in that capacity and is willing to take charge of the local band and make of it an organization of which any town much larger than Carlsbad would be proud.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
034164  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, January 1st, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that Wilks Glasecock, of Carlsbad, N.M., who, on March 6th, 1916, made Homestead entry, No. 034164, for NW 1/4 SW 1/4, S 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 3, N 1/4 SW 1/4, N 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 4, Township 24-S, Range 24-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. Melvain, United States Commissioner, at Carlsbad, N. M., on the 31st day of March, 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses: Shafter Ward, Collins Jerrell, Richard Smith, Beauford B. Polk, all of Carlsbad, N. M.  
EMMETT PATTON, Register.

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## MESSAGE NOT ON THIRD TERM

President Wilson Sent Mystery Message to Bourbons, but Did Not State Stand on His Desire for Third Term.

Washington, Jan. 5.—This announcement was made today at the white House:

"President Wilson will send an important message to the Democratic dinner Jackson day, January 8."

No further information as to the character of the message could be obtained. The statement that it would be "important" revived the rumor that the president would declare his intention with respect to a third term. The prevailing opinion still is, however, that he will avoid the subject and confine his message to a strong plea for the support of those policies which, in his judgment, will best make for party success and best insure national progress.

**Won't Hand Leadership to Bryan.**

In speculating on the character of the important announcement which the president has promised to send to the dinner, the Democratic leaders generally advance potent reasons why the president would be unlikely at this time to withdraw his name from the party's consideration.

In the first place they thought such an announcement from him now would stand in the way of any compromise on the treaty. They also thought that a declaration from him of his intention not to seek the nomination would be equivalent to an abdication of his leadership of the party and a transference of it to Mr. Bryan.

None thought the president would be in a mood to abdicate his leadership while the fate of the treaty remains in doubt.

**Discussion Seen in G. O. P.**  
The Democratic politicians who have arrived here for the national committee meeting were much interested in a statement given out by Everett Colby of New Jersey, chairman of the Republican national committee, as a member of the platform committee, has been announced.

In Mr. Colby's statement he said: "That the republican party should find itself without a foreign policy at this period of the world's history and be at the mercy of dictatorial leadership with which it is now afflicted is nothing less than a calamity."

**Probe President's Wash Bill.**  
When the republican leaders in congress appear more interested in an investigation of the president's wash bill while in Paris than in the most important problem in the world has ever faced, it is high time to either change leadership or to serve notice upon them that they were sent to Washington to carry out a definite party policy and not vent their spleen upon individuals, however much they may be in disagreement with the president or anybody else."

Mr. Colby's statement was thought to be indicative of some lively dissension in the Republican ranks when the time came to frame the party's foreign policy. Mr. Colby evidently differs radically with the senate majority.

**NOTICE.**  
No. 398.  
In the Matter of the Estate of John F. Ball, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, was on the 14th day of October, 1919 appointed executor of the estate of John F. Ball, Deceased, by Honorable William B. Robinson, Probate Judge of Eddy County, New Mexico.

Therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to file the same with the County Clerk of Eddy County within one year from date of said appointment as provided by law or the same will be barred.

FRANCIS BETHA BALL, Executor.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
028804  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, January 1st, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that Cresencio Fierro, of Loving, N. M., who, on July 10th, 1914, made Homestead entry, No. 028804, for S 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 11, N 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 14, Township 23-S, Range 28-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 Dan C. Savage, U. S. Commissioner, Room 12, 1st National Bank Bldg., at Roswell, New Mexico, on the 10th, day of February, 1920.

Claimant names as witnesses: Genaro G. Lopez, of Carlsbad, N. M., Andres Gonzalez, of Carlsbad, N. M., Henry Tipton, of Loving, N. M., Thomas W. Ball, of Loving, N. M.  
EMMETT PATTON, Register.

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EVERY TIME WE WRITE A POLICY FOR ONE THAT HAS SUFFERED LOSS BY FIRE BECAUSE THEY HAD NO INSURANCE WE ARE REMINDED OF THE STORY ABOUT LOCKING THE BARN AFTER THE HORSE HAS GONE.

PROCRASTINATION MAY COST YOU DEARLY. HAVE PEACE OF MIND BY INSURING NOW, WITH BIG AND RELIABLE COMPANIES FOR

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Office Guaranty Abstract and Title Company, south of Court House.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with a final decree of foreclosure sale entered October 17, 1919, in case Number 2972, District Court of Eddy County, where in C. R. Brice, Trustee, and Theodore B. Conover, are plaintiffs and C. C. Lewis, Grace E. Lewis and the Public Utilities Company are defendants, all and singular the hereinafter described property was ordered sold at public sale to the highest bidder for cash by the undersigned trustee, to-wit:

Commencing at the point on the west side of the Pecos Valley and Northeastern Railway where the line which separates township 21 and township 22 intersects the west boundary line of said railway; thence along the west boundary line of said railway for a distance of one hundred and thirty-four feet; thence at right angles with said west boundary line and in a westerly direction for a distance of ninety feet; thence in a southerly direction and parallel with the west boundary line of said railway and at a distance of ninety feet therefrom for a distance of two hundred and forty-two feet and at a point on Church Street of the town of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico; thence along the north side of said Church Street in an easterly direction for a distance of ninety feet to the west boundary line of said railway; thence along said boundary line in a northerly direction for a distance of one hundred and eight feet to the point of beginning, making a tract of land ninety feet wide by two hundred and forty-two feet long, and being the same land upon which is located the Carlsbad Ice Factory in Carlsbad.

The amounts to be realized from the sale of said property upon foreclosure are as follows:

Principal debt.....	\$4000.00
Interest thereon at 8 per cent per annum from June 9, 1918, to date of sale.....	516.45
Cash advanced by plaintiff for taxes.....	125.00
Interest on same from April 28, 1919, at 8 per cent per annum to date of sale.....	6.83
Trustee's fee.....	100.00
Attorney's fee.....	400.00
Cash advanced for suit data.....	5.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5153.78</b>

together with all costs of suit and sale.

Notice is hereby further given that the undersigned trustee, as aforesaid, will sell all and singular the above described property to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the court house in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, at ten o'clock, A. M. January 20, 1920, to satisfy said sums of money. The terms of the sale are that the purchaser shall pay cash at the time the property is struck off to him.

CHAS. R. BRICE, Trustee.

—SEE—

**SWIGART & PRATER**

—FOR—

**Fire & Auto Insurance**

With the Big Companies.

### COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 26th day of December 1919 the Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session at which the following members were present:

C. E. Mann, Chairman.  
L. A. Swigart, Commissioner  
District No. 1.  
J. N. Hewitt, Sheriff.  
D. M. Jackson, Clerk.

The following claims were presented and allowed and the Clerk is hereby instructed to issue warrants No. 5161 to 5177 inclusive in payment of same. The state highway Commission having advised this Board that the Commission would set aside the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of making and setting road boards in Eddy County, provided Eddy County appropriated an equal amount for this purpose. It is hereby made the order of this Board that the sum of \$200.00 be allowed for this purpose from the Special Road Fund, and the Clerk is instructed to draw a warrant for this amount in favor of the State Highway Commission.

It being shown that there is an excess amount of money in the Salary fund it is the order of this Board that the sum of \$2000.00 be transferred from the Salary fund to the General fund.

The State Traveling Auditor having advised this office on December 1st, 1919, that Warrants had been drawn erroneously on the General Road fund and on the Special Road fund, and the clerk of this Board having totaled the warrants erroneously drawn on the Special road fund, which should have been drawn on the General Road fund, the total being \$4309.36 it is the order of this Board that the treasurer transfer the sum of \$4309.36 to the General Road fund from the Special Road fund. It is also the order of this Board that the treasurer be instructed to transfer the sum of \$5551.86 to the Special Road fund from the General Road fund.

Whereupon the Board adjourned.

C. E. MANN, Chairman.

Attest: D. M. JACKSON, Clerk.

Legal Blanks for sale at the Current office.

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## SOUTHERN AUTO COMPANY

J. D. HUDGINS, Manager.



### OTIS SCHOOL.

Jan. 8, 1920.

There were only seven pupils present today.

Miss Ruth Hepler is teaching the primary room.

Nine new pupils from the Nichols and Pate families entered school Monday.

A. L. Nichols and G. R. Pate live on the Vineyard Stock farm. They came from Arkansas a short time ago.

R. B. Worley had an old wagon re-modeled at the Otis blacksmith shop.

The Otis gin has been broken for the last few days and they are waiting for repairs for it.

C. Grandi bought six cows and four calves from Mr. Hudiburg last week.

Nine children were present yesterday. Evidently the most of the children are afraid of the snow. We hope they will soon get over it.

This is their first time during this term of school that Emmett and Vance Tebbetts have been absent.

### PROVISIONAL ORDER.

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico, being the governing body of said City, is of the opinion that the interests of said City of Carlsbad require that certain streets, and alleys, and their intersections within the limits of said City of Carlsbad shall be graded, gravelled, paved, macadamized and otherwise improved, and hereby orders such streets and alleys hereinafter named to be graded, gravelled, paved, macadamized and otherwise improved, the costs thereof and therefor to be assessed against the owners of property abutting on said streets, alleys, and their intersections, (except the share to be paid by Street car and other Railway Companies,) the costs of paving and otherwise improving the intersections to be assessed against the owners of property abutting thereon within one-half block in each direction from such intersection:

1. Canal Street from the North line of Lea Street North to the South end of the Bridge crossing the Pecos River, including the intersections of all streets intersecting with said Canal Street.
2. Canon Street from the North line of Lea Street, North to the North line of Church Street, including the intersections of all streets intersecting with said Canon Street.
3. Main Street from the South line of Greene Street North to the North line of Mermod Street, including the intersections of all streets intersecting with said Main Street.
4. Greene Street from the East line of Guadalupe Street East to the West end of the Pecos River Bridge, including the intersections of all streets and alleys intersecting with said Greene Street except the intersection of Main, Canon, and Canal Streets.
5. Fox Street from the East line of Guadalupe Street east to the West edge of the sidewalk on the West side of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company Depot, including the intersections of all streets and alleys intersecting with said Fox Street except the intersections of Main, Canon and Canal Streets.
6. Mermod Street from the East line of Walnut Street East to the West line of Main Street, including the intersections of all streets and alleys intersecting with said Mermod Street excepting the intersections of Canon and Canal Streets.
7. Stevens Street from the West line of Canon Street West to the East line of Canal Street.
8. Church Street from the West line of Canon Street West to the East line of Canal Street.
9. The Alley running North and

## WOOL GROWERS NOT RESPONSIBLE

\$60.00 Suit Brings Sheep Man Only \$7 or \$8, and He Says He's Not Helping H.C. of L.

Retail clothing is high and many people are of the opinion that this high price is due to the price of wool. The National Wool Growers Association desires that the public shall know what part of the cost of clothing goes to the man who raises the sheep and produces the wool, out of which woolen clothing is made, and to that end this statement is published.

An average, all-wool, three-piece suit of men's clothing is today retailing from stores at \$50 to \$75. For a man weighing 175 pounds 3½ yards of cloth is required to make a suit. The weight of cloth for men's clothing ranges from ten ounces to eighteen ounces per yard. The average medium weight winter suit is made of goods weighing fourteen ounces per yard. At 3½ yards per suit, then the cloth in the entire suit weighs 49 ounces, or slightly over three pounds.

In the manufacture of worsted all wool cloth, it requires 1¼ lbs. of scoured wool to produce one pound of cloth. Therefore to make all the cloth in this suit would require 61¼ ounces of scoured wool or say 62 ounces.

Western wool is selling, November 15th, on the Boston market, from 70c to \$1.90 per scoured pound, depending on the fineness of the wool. The finer the wool the higher the price is. Between coarsest wool and the finest wool we have a medium grade, known as three-eighths blood. This is the general purpose wool, suitable for the manufacture of men's or women's dress goods. It is the grade found most adaptable for the manufacture of khaki uniforms for our soldiers in the recent war. This grade of wool is selling in Boston on this date at \$1.25 to \$1.36 per scoured pound which at \$1.36 is equal to 8½ cents per ounce. As 62 ounces of scoured wool is required to make the entire suit then the cost of wool in the entire suit is \$5.27.

If the suit happens to be made of the very finest western wool, selling at \$1.90 per scoured pound, instead of the medium grade then the wool in the entire suit would cost \$7.37.

Neither of these amounts represent a very large part of the retail prices of the suit, but at that the wool grower did not receive this much for furnishing the wool in the suit, as the wool prices we have used are Boston prices. The wool grower had to deliver his wool to Boston, paying freight, commission, etc., amounting to \$ or 10 cents per scoured pound, which properly should be deducted to show what the grower actually received out of this suit.

We are not charging anyone with profiteering in the sale of clothing, as it is not our place to do so. All we ask is that the public place on the shoulders of our wool growers only that portion of responsibility for high priced clothing that properly belongs to them. We are willing to assume that responsibility.

NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION, Salt Lake City, UT.

W. W. White and family, consisting of a wife and six children, are newcomers to Carlsbad arriving Thursday night from El Dorado, Oklahoma. Mr. White is a farmer and will likely engage in that vocation in the valley. The family will receive a warm welcome from our friendly people and be made to feel at home among us.

South through Block 8, of the original town of Eddy, now the City of Carlsbad, extending from the proposed curb line of the North side of Greene Street, North to the proposed curb line on the South side of Fox Street.

10. The Alley running North and South through Block 5, of the original Town of Eddy, now the City of Carlsbad, extending from the proposed curb line on the North side of Fox Street, North to the proposed curb line on the South side of Mermod Street.

11. The Alley running North and South through Block 6, of the original Town of Eddy, now the City of Carlsbad, extending from the proposed curb line on the North side of Fox Street North to the proposed curb line on the South side of Mermod Street.

That it be and is hereby ordered that F. L. Hancock, of Denver, Colorado, a duly licensed engineer under the Laws of the State of New Mexico, be and is hereby appointed City Engineer for the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico and that he be and is hereby ordered to forthwith cross-section the streets and alleys hereinafter described in this Provisional Order and to make an estimate of the total cost of improvements and an estimate of the number of cubic yards of material necessary to be used in the grading thereof or excavated therefrom and to submit to the City Council an estimate of the cost thereof and all data and information required by law to be submitted.

Adopted and approved this the 5th day of January, 1920, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage.

D. G. GRANTHAM, Mayor of the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

ATTEST: D. F. SELLARDS, City Clerk.

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## LIGHTNING DESTROYS BILL NYE'S BIRTHPLACE

It Was One of the Famous Old Landmarks of Piscataquis County, Maine.

When the old birthplace of the American humorist, Bill Nye, was burned a few days ago at Shirley, Me., it blotted out one of the ancient landmarks of Piscataquis county. A late electric shower did its destructive work. Lightning struck the buildings, which were owned by Mrs. Dorcas Mitchell, and fire finished the task, leaving only smoldering ruins.

It was here that Bill Nye cracked his first joke on his parents when, at three years of age, as he told the story, he "took them by the hand" and told them that Piscataquis county was no place for them, leading them forth to Wisconsin and the life of Western pioneers. Thereby Maine lost considerable advertising such as would have accrued to the state had this humorist remained in the Pine Tree state. But he left his birthplace behind him, and it was this of which the town was justly proud, until now, comes the end of the ancient dwelling. It was the old home of descendants of Benjamin Nye, who founded the family in the new land of freedom, having come from England in 1637.

Perhaps the fate of his birthplace in this little Maine hamlet would not be regretted by the humorist were he alive. For he left directions that his grave in the little cemetery of Arden, North Carolina, should be marked by a simple stone. Now there is nothing left of the spot on which he was born up here in Maine save the traditions of the family and a few records in the town's books.

LADY SYBIL GRANT AND MAITLAND'S PARACHUTE



Lady Sybil Grant, who organized a big airship exhibition in London, at Prince's galleries, Piccadilly, standing with the parachute in which General Maitland made his thrilling experimental descent of 10,000 feet.

### NEW SAPPHIRE BED

Man Declares That He Has Found One in Montana.

E. T. Dickinson declares that he has found a sapphire bed near Billings, Mont. He is keeping the location a secret. He says it is within half a mile of the Billings courthouse. He exhibits a handful of gems to prove the truth of his statement.

Dickinson says he found the sapphires while prospecting for agate. He said nothing about his discovery until he had had the gems cut and polished in Denver, St. Louis and Cincinnati. The man who cut the last batch thought one of the stones so beautiful he bought it for himself.

Montana sapphires after being cut make brilliant jewels. The demand for them has greatly increased since the war. They command good prices and if Dickinson's mine turns out as rich as he describes he has a fortune in sight.

"It is easy to tell rough sapphires when you find them," said Dickinson. They are white, covered with a thin coating of a substance that looks like lime. When you look through them against sunlight you catch blue flashes and something seems to move inside of them. You are apt to find them on high land or in the bottom of little coulees."

Lazy Husbands Rounded Up. A round-up of "lazy husbands" is threatened at Yakima, Wash., by local officials. Washington state has a law which puts lazy husbands at work and gives the families of such men their earnings. Officials say the county is so plagued with men liable for prosecution under the law that a round-up will soon start. One case cited here was a husband who rode around the reservation in an automobile while the wife drove a hayrack for a laborer's wages.

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Mrs. Blanche Spetter and two children, Maurine and Ella May, came in Thursday from their home in Amarillo for a visit with Mrs. Spetter's sister, Mrs. Richard Smith, who is quite indisposed at this time.

Attorney Fred Wilson returned Wednesday from a visit to Mineral Wells, Eastland, and Ranger, Texas, and Lovington N. M. He was on a business trip to Mineral Wells and got a chance to return home via auto.

Miss Edna Lafferty of Potter, Nebraska, came in last Saturday to spend a lengthy visit with her sister, Mrs. M. B. Morfeld. Mr. Morfeld is a clerk in the dry goods department of Joyce-Pruit company's store.

Willoughby Hegler and Vince Baier, the latter of the D ranch and the former from his home ranch in Culberson county, Texas, are in town today on a business mission. Mr. Hegler tells us that his county, with 400 voters is inaugurating a system of graveling roads that will add greatly to the traveling facilities of the ranchmen in that vicinity.

## CHRISTIAN & CO.

### INSURANCE

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Ed. S. Kirkpatrick is unable to be at work this week on account of sickness. He is Roberts-Dearborne's standby in their saddle department.

Joe Plowman, of Malaga, is a business visitor to Carlsbad today.

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