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### WHY WE CANNOT HAVE A PANIC.

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even though it is a condition which it is all but impossible to define and for which it is not usually possible to find a basis. The average man in business cannot run counter to the general disposition, although the very strong man will often-times find his greatest success in bucking conditions. Many big fortunes have been founded by taking advantage of fear and buying out businesses at low prices. When people feel prosperous they begin to buy and then prices and wages go up, plants are extended and extended until we find that many business men are trying to do more than their capital will warrant. No one pays much attention to costs, for profits become very large and this still further stimulates extravagant buying and consequently speculation. People always speculate when prices are rising. Since the Armistice, for instance, literally tons of worthless securities have been sold to small buyers who are lured into believing that any kind of an enterprise will be successful.

By no means all people, however, benefit by prosperity. The big demand for goods is bound to increase prices and this hits those who depend for income on fixed salaries, such as schoolteachers, bookkeepers, clerks, salesmen, government employees, or those who have invested in bonds and mortgages. They find it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. In the same class are the railways, the gas and electric companies that have to pay higher prices for all they buy and yet are unable to increase their revenues. Thus, while the group with an increasing income is obtaining an ever higher purchasing power, another group is being squeezed, and finally the extravagant demands of the first group more or less overtake their increased purchasing power. Then everyone begins to awaken to the fact that prices are too high and that it is possible to get along with less buying.

The moment the masses of the people begin to worry about the high prices the temper of business starts to change. The concern that have over-extended themselves find it necessary to cut prices in order to get money with which to pay their debts. Other concerns must likewise reduce in order to meet the competition and we have a period of falling prices. We are in such a period now. Lower prices mean smaller profits, and although these smaller profits may really be large, the fact that they are less than once they were induces a feeling of gloom. Then we hear the voice of Samuel Mickel. He has been dead for a good many years, but his spirit still lives on. Benjamin Franklin wrote about him in his autobiography:

"There are croakers in every country, always boding its ruin."

Such a one then lived in Philadelphia; a person of note, an elderly man, with a wise look and a very grave manner of speaking; his name was Samuel Mickel.

"This gentleman, a stranger to me, stopped one day at my door and asked me if I was the young man who had lately opened a new printing house. Being answered in the affirmative he said he was sorry for me, because it was an expensive undertaking, and the expense would be lost; for Philadelphia was a sinking place, the people already half bankrupt, or near being so; all appearances to the contrary, such as new buildings and the rise of rents, being to his certain knowledge fallacious, for they were in fact, ruining us. And he gave me such a detail of misfortunes now existing, or that were soon to exist, that he left me half melancholy. Had I known him before I engaged in this business, probably I never should have done it."

"This man continued to live in this decaying place and to declaim in the same strain, refusing for many years to buy a house there, because all was going to destruction; and at last I had the pleasure of seeing him give five times as much for one as he might have bought it for when he first began his croaking."

The Samuel Mickels take the front seats in business and where prosperity had been pushed to the breaking point now likewise depression is made altogether too much of. Those who have been earning large profits or wages feel extraordinarily sorry for themselves even though frequently the money they receive has increased in buying power. There is always a great deal of talk about adjusting income or wages to the cost of living, but, as a matter of fact, income and wages are never adjusted to the cost of living. In the individual case the H. C. L. is always either ahead of or behind the pocketbook. As prices fall those with fixed incomes who had been hit by the high prices have their living, but it would not be human nature for them to talk about their kind of prosperity. When prices are going down the crowd that is being hurt wails, and when they are going down the other crowd that is then being hurt wails. We rarely hear from anyone who is not in trouble, for anyone continues to go down the inefficient business men have to fail, while the forehanded ones improve their processes, eliminate wastes, and begin to accept things as they are and to make the best of them. It is in these times that good business methods are evolved and thus it is that a periodic depression is, as a rule, a distinct benefit to the country.

### What Causes the Business Pendulum to Swing?

This depressed period does not commonly extend through a very long time. The community has to start buying again, and although it

may do so gloomily, business is really going on ahead normally long before there is a realization of the fact. Once it is realized, another era of prosperity sets in and that prosperity will usually be on a sound basis until the community begins to feel too prosperous, when the whole process that I have sketched is repeated.

We may rail as we like against this cycle, but until we learn to control the changeableness of human nature, it is going to be continued. It is in the end beneficial and makes mightily for human progress. In the tropics, where food may be picked off trees and life is even, we find very little progress. One has to be knocked down every little while in order to learn how to fight.

The disastrous part of depression is not the depression itself, but when it is ushered in by panic. A panic is an hysteria, an emotional insanity, and is accompanied by a collapse, followed by a long depression. It has to do not so much with the condition of the country but with the state of credit and finances. Our most serious panics came in 1837, 1873 and 1893. Just before 1837 was the first boom in the West through the opening up of government lands and the building of railroads. State banks sprang up everywhere, and being practically unsupervised, they issued currency of their own that was not sufficiently backed by gold. Right in the midst of the boom, an executive order was issued to the effect that government lands could be paid for only in gold and that state bank notes would not be accepted. The people took this as a reflection on the security of the state bank notes—which it was. They stamped to exchange their paper for gold and consequently thousands of these banks, being unable to pay in gold, went down and took down with them many business houses. Between 1837 and 1839 there were 33,000 failures.

In the interval between the close of the Civil War and 1873 the country had another period of feverish prosperity. The government had issued greenbacks—that is, bank notes which could not be redeemed in gold and they were at a heavy discount, although they were legal tender. A great speculation took place in the building of railroads and other enterprises and all in gold itself. The New York Stock Exchange had what was known as the "Gold Room" in which gold in terms of greenbacks was daily traded in just as though it were wheat or cotton. Jay Cooke and company had been the leading financiers of the Civil War; thru them the government bonds had been marketed and they attained a position of preeminence greater than any banking firm ever before attained in this country.

On September 18, 1873, this firm, which was heavily committed in new railroad enterprises, found itself unable to meet maturing obligations and was obliged to announce its suspension. The people were as frightened as though the earth had caved in and as usual they ran to the banks to get their money out, and as usual the banks could not pay, were forced to suspend, and of course tied up business. For three months, scarcely a wheel turned and it was five years before the people got back to anything like a normal basis. Then the government resumed specie payments—that is, resumed giving gold on demand in exchange for greenbacks. That was the worst panic the country has ever known.

The year 1893 was preceded by great railroad expansion and general extravagance and overproduction. A makeshift law required the government to purchase a large amount of silver each month for which it had to pay in Treasury Notes which notes in turn were redeemable in coin, but since the government was committed to the policy of maintaining the parity of gold and silver at the coinage ratio those who presented the notes always demanded and obtained gold. The exchange resulted in a large profit to the producer of silver and in three years by this process the treasury gold reserve dwindled from \$190,000,000 to \$95,000,000. Following the panic congress repealed the law in November, 1893. The acute stage of this panic lasted about 60 days, but it was at least four years before conditions were right again.

It will be seen that each of these panics began with a sudden financial shock and that immediately people started drawing their money out of the banks. They wanted to get all of their possessions into gold, to get their money jingling in their pockets. That is, they obeyed a primitive instinct to return to the days when there were no banks in existence and each man trusted only himself.

We cannot have currency panics unless we have bank runs, and we cannot have bank runs unless a number of people think that their money is unsafe. But why cannot a bank pay off all of its depositors on demand? Is not a bank simply an institution that agrees to receive and safely keep your money for you? And such being the case, why is it not always ready to repay you?

### The Chief Function of Banking.

A bank is not an institution for keeping money. That is only part of its function. Long experience has shown that in normal times there will never be, on any one day, a demand on the part of more than 30 per cent of the depositors for their money. It is on the average that deposit banking is founded. The chief business of a bank is to lend money, and the money that it lends is partly its own and partly that of its depositors. It lends this money partly on securities and partly on the promissory notes of business men and others. Bank officers are presumed to be able to judge the credit of those to whom they lend. The judgment of capa-

ble bank officers is generally very sound.

Although some of those to whom they lend money fail in business or find themselves unable to repay the loans, the fraction of unpaid loans is very small indeed. It is supposed that money loaned on a promissory note shall be used to enable the borrower to perform some work or to buy some materials which will turn over into an amount greater than he borrowed and thus permit him to repay the loan. For instance, the cotton crop and the wheat crop and most of the commodities are financed on loans to the farmers, which are repaid by them at harvest, then are carried on loans to the warehouse men, which are repaid when the goods are sold to the manufacturers, and then carried again on loans to the manufacturers until they have made up the raw product into salable goods, and these loans are repaid when the goods are sold to the retailers, and they are again carried on loans to the retailers until finally they are sold to the public and the whole cycle of credit is liquidated.

Without this use of credit we should have great difficulty in carrying through our more important operations—we should have to go back to barter for there would not be enough money to represent all the goods. Therefore, we find that a bank may be of the greatest service to only a sufficient amount of what is known as "ill money" to pay such of its depositors as ask for cash. In these days comparatively few people withdraw cash from the banks. They pay their bills by check and thus in a way exchange credits instead of cash. A well-managed bank that is called upon suddenly to repay all of its deposits finds itself with an inadequate amount of cash, but with loans on securities or notes which, if turned into cash, would be more than sufficient to pay all the depositors as they passed in a line before the teller's windows. In the old days each bank was a unit unto itself. If it was called upon to pay an unusual amount of money it could sell its securities in the market and thus realize the cash, but it could not collect the loans to individuals or for the functioning of business because it could not ask payment on notes until they became due. The most important part of bank lending is to individuals or corporations, to buy materials and thus stimulate the production of the country by engaging the services of workers, but, practically speaking, there was no way that this could safely be done in former days to the extent that the banks' resources dictated that it should be done. To afford a dependable discount market is one object of the Federal Reserve banks.

The Federal Reserve System consists of 12 regional banks, each with a governor and under the supervision of a Federal Reserve Board at Washington. The members of the regional banks and the depositors in them are banks—not individuals. The man in the street doesn't come in contact with a Federal Reserve bank in the sense that he comes in contact with his own bank. With-out going into the various technical ramifications of the banks, it is their function to rediscount certain varieties of the member banks. The process is this: Your bank discounts a note that you offer, believing that you are a person of responsibility. If the bank finds that it needs more money than it has on hand, instead of trying to get you to pay your note before it is due or selling securities, it gathers up your note and other notes which may be defined as "eligible for rediscount", takes them to the Federal Reserve Bank of the district and receives therefor in exchange a book credit or Federal Reserve Bank Notes, which are currency. This permits a bank, when it needs money, to get it and the rules as laid down by the Federal Reserve Board insure, as far as any limitation of human discretion can assure anything, that the larger part of the notes which the member banks receive and discount and all of those which they receive and rediscount with the Federal Reserve Bank are sound and wellbacked paper that will be paid at maturity. None of this paper is payable at a date beyond three months, except agricultural and livestock paper which may run for six months. Thus, every member bank has access to the rediscount facilities of the Federal Reserve System, and if it has sound and liquid paper can convert it into cash at any time and at once to withstand even an extraordinary drain upon resources—such as is involved in a "run".

In the old days a financially sound bank might be forced by heavy withdrawals to suspend payment simply because it could not turn its assets into cash. If it had kept all of its deposits in cash it would not have been able to serve its customers or to help business, for business is conducted on credit—not on cash. Under the present system no emergency demand for money will more than inconvenience a well-managed bank, for the facilities are at hand to turn enough liquid assets into cash and without loss to meet the demands.

Without bank failures, we cannot have bank panics, and the bad bank failures or panics are those of the solvent banks that temporarily cannot turn their assets into cash. The failures due to mismanagement or incompetence or worse are rare, and all members of the Federal Reserve System are under such careful scrutiny that it is very uncommon for a bank to be able to get so far ahead that it reasonably can fail.

The Federal Reserve System has not only provided, but also marked the exits, so the people need not fear that their way out may be blocked.

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Now there is just one other point. One hears a considerable amount of talk about inflation and about the low purchasing power of the dollar, and there is a lurking fear that in the country such as exists in Germany—that the value of money will so drop that it will take a bale of it to buy almost anything. Inflation of currency exists when a government issues quantities of paper currency that are not based on value. If it issues enough such money, it becomes worthless—as in Russia today. But the condition does not and cannot exist in the United States.

There had to be great quantities of credit created to finance the war. The money could not otherwise have been found. If the government had taken all of the savings of the people and taxed it comes to the vanishing point, it would have paralyzed the country, but it could not have raised the necessary money. The income of the country was not great enough to finance the war out of current proceeds, so what the government did was to issue its promises to pay in the shape of Liberty Bonds and other instruments, and the people bought these promises to pay, not in spot cash—for cash to that amount did not exist—but they bought them in installment form—that is, on the promise to pay in the future out of savings as accumulated. On these two joint promises a credit was created which was lodged with the banks. There could be no better credit. These banks in turn rediscounted this credit with the Federal Reserve banks taking in return whatever quantity of Federal Reserve notes were needed for actual cash transactions.

Whenever a bank creates credit it also creates a deposit. A bank does not, like a pawn-broker, hand the money over the counter when a loan is made. Instead it credits the customer with a certain amount of money. The customer checks out, but his checks appear as deposits in other banks; and thus the total amount of bank deposits will be increased by the amount of that loan until it is paid off. The Liberty

Bonds are by no means paid for, but they are being gradually paid off. They have been bought on credit and hence have swelled deposits. As each loan on a Liberty Bond is paid off, bank deposits fall, and therefore when we see bank deposits throughout the country falling we may know that credits are being retired by the fruits of work done, and that we are returning to the normal banking condition in which most loans are for short periods and are involved in work in progress. War credits naturally inflate general credit, because while a commercial credit is gained for the purpose of doing something, of getting the means of adding to value, a war credit does not result in permanent value received, but is used to buy things that will in a considerable part be at once destroyed.

The things represented by those credits are destroyed, but the credits themselves are, in part, still with us and will remain until enough work has been done to pay them off. They can be paid only by work that produces goods. Arithmetic will shift but will not pay them. While they still remain in existence they are naturally used for speculation and to bid up prices.

When prices are so bid up we can say that money has depreciated in buying power, but we cannot accurately say that money itself has depreciated unless our currency issues are not secured by value.

Here in the United States our currency issues are secured by value. We have not 40 or 50-cent dollars. We have high prices because we have not all of us as individuals, paid up the share that we promised to pay to support the war. A period in which there is a feeling of depression will thus probably benefit instead of harm the country, for when people feel poor they work, and it is only by work which results in retiring credits that credit will be reduced to the normal amount necessary for a normal production. And when that comes about we shall no longer hear talk of panics or depreciated dollars.

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Mrs. J. T. Garrett of Livingston, left for her home in that metropolis of the plains country, last Saturday, after spending a week with relatives and friends in this city, where most of her life was spent, prior to her marriage some time ago. Mrs. Garrett is always sure of a warm welcome from old friends in this city on the occasion of her visits here.

Born: Friday night at the Sister's hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thayer, a baby boy. The young man weighed nine pounds at birth and is said to be a fine, healthy chap. He has not yet been named, his fond father being given that privilege and he being unable to select any name good enough. This is their second child and all parties interested are happy over its arrival. Congratulations and best wishes from the Current.

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Miss Irene Munson was operated on at the Sisters hospital the first of the week for appendicitis with very gratifying results. The time required for the operation in this particular case was about one hour while it is usually done in about fifteen minutes. This was due to the extraordinary conditions found the appendix pointing up instead of down and was higher than is commonly the case and close to the liver. A similar case is scarcely known to the medical profession.

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Honoring Mrs. George Carlisle Mann of Boulder, Colorado, who is visiting in the city at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Cooke, a beautifully appointed bridge party was given by Mrs. Frank G. Tracy at her home in La Huerta last Saturday. Four tables of ladies indulged in their favorite game and the afternoon was pleasantly spent. Mrs. Braden made high score and was given a silver individual salt and pepper shaker and a guest prize of a silver cut loaf sugar container was given the honor guest, Mrs. Mann. Those present were besides the honor guest, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. C. C. Sikes, Mrs. H. F. Christian, Mrs. Harry McKim, Mrs. Frank Kindel, Mrs. H. I. Braden, Mrs. John Merchant, Mrs. Ross Holt, Mrs. Leftwich, Mrs. Cooke, and Misses Howell, Newton, Cooke and Miss Frances Cooke.

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You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 15th day of January, 1921, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default. Armstrong & Wilson, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, are attorneys for plaintiffs. Witness the hand and official seal of the County Clerk of said county, this 26th day of November, 1920.

D. M. JACKSON, County Clerk.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (By 1920, Western Newspaper Union.)

### LESSON FOR DECEMBER 12

WHAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 13:44-46. GOLDEN TEXT—The kingdom of heaven is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.—Rom. 14:17.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Mark 4:26-29; Luke 12:35. PRIMARY TOPIC—Sowing in Good Ground.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Short Stories That Jesus Told.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Christ's Joy of Finding the Lost. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Supreme Importance of Christ's Sacrifice for the Lost.

### I. The Parable of the Hid Treasure (v. 44).

The common interpretation of this parable that Christ is the hid treasure for which the sinner must give up everything in order to buy salvation is false, for the following reasons:

1. Christ is not hidden in a field, but has been lifted up and made a spectacle to the world.

2. Nobody has ever been obliged to buy the world in order to get Christ.

3. Salvation cannot be purchased, for it is God's free and gracious gift.

4. No warrant is ever held out to a man to conceal his religion after he has obtained it.

In order to find ground that is safe and that we may appreciate its beauty and symmetry let us break up the parable into its component parts:

1. The field. This is the world (v. 38).

2. The treasure. In Psalm 135:4 we are told that Israel, the chosen people, is His treasure. The same truth is set forth in different places and ways (Deut. 7:6-8; 14:2; 28:13; 32: 8, 9). The kingdom of heaven as to its true relation and bearing is now hidden. Christ was primarily sent to the Jews; it was for their sake, the hid treasure, that He sought the field.

3. The purchaser—the Son of God (John 3:16).

4. The purchase price. This was the precious blood of Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, which is worth infinitely more than silver and gold and the treasures of earth (1 Pet. 1:13, 19; Isa. 53).

### II. The Parable of the Merchantman Seeking Pearls (vv. 45, 46).

The view that this merchantman represents the sinner seeking salvation is contrary to the whole teaching of Scripture. This would make the sinner to be seeking for Christ, while Christ is as different as a lifeless pearl. The whole burden of revelation is that man, since the fall of Adam in the garden of Eden, has been hid away from God, and that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all actively engaged in seeking for lost men.

1. The merchantman. He is without question Christ. He is actively engaged in the search for pearls. In this search he discovers one pearl of great price.

2. The purchase price. The merchantman sold all—impoverished himself in order to buy the pearl. Christ impoverished Himself (Phil. 2:6-8) to purchase the one pearl of great price by His own precious blood (1 Pet. 1:18, 19; Eph. 5:25). Salvation is without money and without price.

3. The pearl of great price. This is the church. Christ, the merchantman, will find other pearls of great value, but the peerless gem set above all others will be the church which He has purchased with His own blood. This truth is in harmony with the general teaching of Scripture, which sets forth the different bodies of the redeemed.

### III. The Parable of the Dragnet (vv. 47-50).

This parable gives us a picture of the consummation of the kingdom.

Note the parts of the parable:

1. The sea. This word when used in a figurative sense denotes peoples or multitudes (Dan. 7:3; Rev. 17:15). This means, then, that out of this world shall be gathered a multitude of people, good and bad.

2. The dragnet. The word "net" is properly translated dragnet. The dragnet cast into the sea, then, means the preaching of the Gospel in this age.

3. The dragnet drawn to the shore when full. This means that when God's purpose is made full regarding the preaching of the Gospel in this age, account will be taken of the results.

4. Assortment made by the angels. In the day of this accounting the angels will be the agents which shall separate the saved from the unsaved.

5. The destiny of the bad fish. The angels which are sent forth shall sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire, where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

### Can Be No Comparison.

There can be no comparison made between the intrinsic values of the human soul, and the world. The one is immortal, everlasting; the other is corruptible, transitory. The one has been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus; the other even now groans for redemption. The one is made in the image and after the likeness of God; the other but imperfectly reflects, as in a mirror, the wonderful majesty and power of God.—Rev. Henry Lowmeyer Dreyer.

## Turkey Dinners at LOVING HOTEL

\$1.00

Each Sunday there will be served a Fine TURKEY DINNER at the Loving Hotel and a ticket will be given with each dinner on the Ford Auto being offered by the Ross Mercantile Co. and the Loving Furniture Co.

Come yourself and bring your friends. YOU WILL BE PLEASED WITH THE SERVICE

## H. HUTCHISON INSURANCE

FIRE, AUTOMOBILE, ACCIDENT and HEALTH SURETY BONDS

Room 2, James Bldg.

## WOOL GROWERS WANT LEGISLATIVE RELIEF.

The executive committee of the New Mexico Wool Growers Association have started the raising of a fund of \$1,000 which is to be used in sending Praeger Miller, president of the association, to Washington and to keep him there until some legislation is passed for the wool growers of this state. The embargo on wool imports into this country as a protective measure for the domestic producer, is endorsed by the wool men of this state, and it will be part of Mr. Miller's business to see that such legislation is passed.

## CHRISTIAN & CO.

## INSURANCE

FIRE, AUTOMOBILE AND SURETY

## Pratt - Smith Hardware Co. GENERAL HARDWARE

## THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT

is something the recipient wants, but cannot buy.

YOUR FRIENDS, RELATIVES CANNOT BUY

## PHOTOGRAPH

They cannot have one made for themselves, no matter how much money they may have. In order to get a picture of you, you are the one who must go to the photographer's and order it made. Many of your friends and relatives want YOUR PHOTOGRAPH and have even mentioned the fact, but they cannot keep begging you for it until it comes.

THE ACTION MUST BE YOUR OWN. Just a little of your time is all we require, and when you want the pictures they will be ready. THE PRICE WILL BE WHAT YOU WISH IT TO BE.

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L. Perry, Editor and Mgr.

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One year in advance.....\$2.00  
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## \$300.00 CLEARED FOR HOSPITAL

The ladies of the Eddy county hospital association who were patronesses of the masked ball given for the benefit of the hospital on Thanksgiving night, are much pleased over the result of their entertainment, at which they took in \$333.00 and their expenses being \$33.00 gives them \$300.00 clear. Attention is called to the fact that during the years of 1919 and 1920 two charity patients have been kept continually at the hospital and during the recent October, seventy-six days of charity work was given. This statement should do away with the one that is being made that the Eddy county hospital does not receive charity cases. All cases of illness whether charity or otherwise are treated here except tuberculosis and the reason for that is because of the fact that there is no place in the hospital where they can be isolated from other patients.

## TALENTED NEW MEXICO GIRL

Miss Elizabeth Garrett, of Las Cruces, the brilliant and talented composer, vocalist and musician, who has been blind since her early youth, recently visited the Sing Sing prison and entertained the men of that institution who assembled in the chapel to hear her. How profoundly she moved them is evidenced by the contribution of No. 67070 which was published in the New York World as follows:

**Song From Prison Cell.**  
You came to us from out the gloomy night  
With song and music sweet; into our hearts  
You poured your melody—voice of the West.  
The free unhampered music of the plains.

We missed the sun by day, but in the night,  
Beginning with the first clear ringing note,  
We were enthralled—grim shadows were dispersed  
The one brief hour we listened to your voice.

Brief though the time, we shall not soon forget  
The magic of your voice—your music sweet;  
And we have stored away within our hearts  
The memory of the hour we spent with thee.  
We missed the sun by day, but in the night,  
Beginning with the first clear ringing note,  
We were enthralled—grim shadows were dispersed  
The one brief hour we listened to your voice.

Mrs. Bryant Williams, of Hope, was a guest of Mrs. R. E. Dick, last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Jane Kirkindoll has returned from Oplin, Texas, coming Thursday of last week. Mrs. Kirkindoll is the mother of Mrs. Barney Hopkins and resides with her daughter and family at the old home of Homer King, on Alameda street, which she purchased some months ago. With her came a granddaughter, Mrs. D. McBride, also of Oplin, who will make an extended visit here.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes, of Nadine, this state, has taken a clerkship in the J. F. Flowers' store and will be in the city until after the Holidays. She formerly resided here and has many friends who are glad of her return.

Mrs. W. T. Mitchener, of Oak Grove, Louisiana, who has been spending some weeks in Carlsbad, at the home of her father, left yesterday for her home. She will be better remembered as sweet Nellie Eaken, who was a school girl here a few short years ago.

## WANT ADS

**FOR SALE.**—Three big boned Poland China male pigs. About 5 weeks old. Priced at \$10 each and registration papers furnished if requested. R. D. FULLIAM, 28Nov36 Lakewood, N. M.

**LOST.**—Last Saturday, a wine colored cotton sweater, for a ten-year-old boy; garment almost new. Reward for its return to this office or to Sam Montgomery, or phone 271 J.

**FOR SALE.**—40 acres, fee simple. Will subdivide or lease. Four miles southwest of Lakewood, between Kansas New Mex and Lakewood oil wells.

**CROZIER-HUMPHREYS CO.** 26Nov36 Lakewood, N. M.  
**LOST.**—About a week ago, probably in the vicinity of the picture show, a square, gold mesh bag. Liberal reward for its return to MRS. DAN LOWENBRUCK.

Save your calves from Blackleg by using the Vaccine that immunizes for life. 20 cents per dose. See

W. H. MERCHANT, Agent for Eddy county.

**STRAYED.**—From my ranch 13 miles east of Carlsbad 33 goats and one buck sheep. Sheep has bell on. 1p

**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.**—A few residence properties at a bargain. W. H. MERCHANT.

## GETTING BACK TO NORMAL.

For the past two years I have charged \$6 or more for piano tuning. I will be in Carlsbad next week. Anyone wishing to have their piano tuned or repaired before the Holidays will please leave orders for me at The Crawford hotel. Price for tuning this trip will only be \$5.00.

F. M. DENTON.  
**FOR SALE.**—A good cooking range. Inquire of H. A. BOCK, or telephone 155 A.

**BAZAAR! BAZAAR!! BAZAAR!!!** at Purdy's Furniture Store Dec. 4.

When in need of any kind of Job Printing call 49—Current office

**WANTED.**—A white mule. For particulars apply at U. S. MARKET.

**FOR SALE.**—A good second hand Ford Touring Car for sale at a bargain. Inquire at Current office.

Is your car hard to start these cold mornings?

## TEXAS GASOLINE

34c. Per Gallon

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## Exclusive Dressmaking

Mrs. Will Lucas (Old Robb Studio)

**YOU!** furnish the HAT. We furnish the rest. PRICE REDUCED to \$2.00 for Three Weeks. Zimmerman, the Hatter

**WANTED COTTON.** We will buy your cotton at 1 cent per pound higher than the market price—half trade, half cash. SAM MOSKIN, Phone 64.

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Individuality in your letter-heads and other printed matter is helpful to your business. We are ready at all times to give you the benefit of our experience.

## LAKEWOOD LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lee were business visitors to Artesia Monday.

J. J. Butler and son, Marion, went to Roswell Saturday on business.

J. D. Millman and two daughters, Misses Ora and Ona, visited at Artesia Thursday.

W. I. Johnson, of Loving, was visiting with friends here Saturday night and Sunday.

Teacher in our school, visited homefolks at Artesia Friday night returning Sunday afternoon.

Dwight Lee, teacher of the Daytor school, visited with homefolks and friends here Sunday.

Miss Allie Baker, of Carlsbad, was visiting with homefolks here Saturday night and Sunday.

Elmer Baker is this week taking in the sights at Kansas City, starting up Monday with Roy Shaffer's car of sheep.

Mrs. W. L. McDonald and two daughters visited with Mr. McDonald at Globe from Friday until Sunday afternoon.

Hog killing has been in vogue for the past week or two, and back bone, spare ribs and sausages have been much in evidence.

Doc McAlister is hobbling around with the aid of a stick this week caused by dropping a heavy iron on his great toe.

Nine cars of sheep, mostly lambs, were shipped from the pens here to Kansas City Monday. H. E. Cawley shipped five cars and Roy Shaffer four.

W. T. Scott and Lee Standard, who are employed on a construction train, visited with homefolks and friends here Saturday night and Sunday.

Milan dam, motored to Artesia Tuesday accompanied by Mrs. R. A. Larremore, Mrs. John Murrah and Mrs. W. T. Scott, who went up to do some shopping.

Sam and Levi Howell, who left here last spring, and have since been sojourning in the wilds of Arizona, returned to Lakewood Sunday night.

Charles Barber and wife are recent arrivals, coming from Colorado. They are living on the Pat Morrison farm on South Seven Rivers, where they will farm the coming year.

Luther Wilcox departed Monday for the Roberts-Kerr ranch somewhere near El Paso where he has secured work. He made the trip on horseback.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Howell were in from their ranch thirty miles southwest of town, Tuesday and Wednesday. They report stock doing well in their vicinity.

Misses Choate, Tom, Sam and Levi Howell were visiting in Roswell this week, going up Monday and returning Wednesday.

Miss Mabel Kepple, primary

Prof. R. D. Putnam, principal of our school, was taken suddenly sick with tonsillitis Thursday, and had to dismiss the pupils in his room in the afternoon and seek medical aid in Carlsbad.

## BUY GIFTS THAT LAST

## SPECIALS

THIS WEEK FOR CASH

20 Per Cent—1-5 Off on

WRIST WATCHES SILVER PLATED WARE

25 PER CENT OFF

ON ALL LEATHER GOODS

10 Per Cent off on

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Buy for Cash and Save Money.

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If you know of the many flaws that exist in titles through the many ways that we know they exist, you would have an abstract made NOW and your title corrected while all concerned are living.

YOUR TITLE CORRECTED MAY SAVE YOU DOLLARS LATER.

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Office South of Court House.

Miss Christine Kroeger, who is holding a position with The Western Union at El Paso, came in Thursday of last week for a visit with homefolks and friends. She will remain until near Christmas.

H. C. Holcomb, caretaker at Mc-Daunton takes the cake in this part of the country. If you happen to be marooned in Lakewood, fish for an invitation to eat at the bachelor apartment of Judge Daunton's office where Frank presides with a white apron.

There are no new developments in the oil situation in the Lakewood field this week. It is understood that the Illinois people are awaiting return of some of the officials of the company before shooting well No. 1. The Pecos Valley Oil & Gas Co., eighteen miles west of Lakewood, is having a car of coal delivered by truck from here, and steadily going down after the golden liquid. The other companies near here seem to be just waiting.

## PEOPLES MERCANTILE COMPANY

WE ARE GLAD TO ANNOUNCE WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE THE FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN PRICE ON MANY OF OUR STAPLES. Below are a few reductions made recently. There are many others:

Large Pail Cottolene .....	\$2.15
Medium Pail Cottolene.....	\$1.10
1lb. Can Hills Bros. Coffee .....	55c.
2½ lb. Can Hills Bros Coffee .....	\$1.35
5lb. Can Hills Bros Coffee .....	\$2.70
Corn, per cwt. ....	\$2.75
Maize, per cwt. ....	\$2.25

Our Prices are adjusted as fast as the markets permit and you will find us in line both in price, service and quality.

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**Stock Reducing  
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**Loving  
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## Attractions at Crawford Theatre

### NEXT WEEK

MON.—

IRVING WASHBURN IN  
SIX BEST CELLARS

TUES.—

MACK SENNET  
in  
"MARRIED LIFE"

WED.—

THUR.—

REX BEACH Presents  
Mary Robert Hinchart's special  
production  
"DANGEROUS DAYS"

FRI.—

HARRY MORLEY IN  
"THE GAMBLERS"  
and  
SILENT AVENGER

SAT.—

DOROTHY DALTON IN  
"BLACK IS WHITE"

### LOCAL NEWS.

Spencer and Jodie Graham, of Lovington, were in town yesterday on business.

Mrs. E. E. Bales and son, Muri, were down from Lakewood yesterday.

Mrs. Edgar Williams made a flying trip to the city this week from her home near Lovington.

Court begins here next Monday. Hon. Sam G. Branton, presiding. The adjourned non-jury cases will be tried at that time.

Dick Mason, who represents the Helms Pickle company in this section of the country and whose headquarters are in El Paso, was calling on the trade this week.

Judge John W. Armstrong returned from Roswell where he spent several days on legal business, connected with his office, that of assistant district attorney for this judicial district.

Carlsbad's W. C. T. U. held its regular monthly session Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Bush presiding. Much routine business was transacted and new business discussed. A silver tea is to be given in the near future in order that the funds of the Union may be increased. After the business session was completed coffee and crullers were served.

A good Photograph of you would be a genuine surprise to certain people who would highly appreciate it. Phone for appointment now. RODDEN'S STUDIO.

Mrs. Morgan, mother of Mrs. Genevieve Blevens, had a slight stroke of paralysis last week from which she is convalescing as well as could be expected.

Rube Wilcox and George Graham have recently had their tonsils removed and are convalescing from the operation and will likely soon be able to be at work again.

There will be morning worship next Sabbath in the Presbyterian church, and the sermon will treat "The Word of God". Wednesday evening the studies in the life and letters of Paul will address "The Second Mission".

Mrs. W. C. Bates received word from her husband who is at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, in attendance at the sick bed of his father, that the condition of the latter remains practically unchanged. He is having typhoid fever and his age is against him.

Dr. Swearingin & Von Almen, eye, ear, nose and throat, 407-S-3 Two Republics Bldg., El Paso, Tex. Dr. Von Almen will be at the office of Mrs. Faye & Culpepper, Carlsbad, N. M., on the 26th and 27th of January.

Mrs. Carl Wilkinson, proprietor of the Victor hotel, was operated on at Sisters' hospital Saturday of last week and is getting on nicely at this time and will be able to return home in a short time if she continues her rapid convalescence.

Mrs. Fred Pharis is filling the position at the local Santa Fe station left vacant by Miss Nell At-

kiss, the latter lady being away on a vacation visit to her sister and family near El Paso.

Judge Grantham, state senator elect, will needs be at Santa Fe after the first of the year to attend the session of the state law making bodies and Mrs. Grantham and Irma Linn have planned to accompany him and remain in the Ancient City while his presence is required there. We are sure such a stay will be both pleasant and profitable.

Peter Lowenbruck, one of the proprietors of the U. S. Market, left yesterday afternoon, going overland to El Paso and after a few day's stay there will go on to Los Angeles, where he expects to locate, three of his brothers being already in business in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stephenson have planned to spend a part of the winter at Phoenix, Arizona, and will likely leave for that place some time next week. Their son, Clyde, and family, have located there and are anxious for the presence of their parents.

The Annual Meeting of the Scout Council will be held Friday evening of next week in the chapel of the Presbyterian church, and it will follow a camp supper at six-thirty given by the Scouts. The fathers of the boys are also invited to share the benefit. All guests are asked to report at once the prospect of their attendance. Careful preparations are making, and the evening is to be packed with pleasure and profit.

The local lodge of American Yomen will hold a market and Bazaar the 22nd and 23rd of December. The place has not been decided upon as yet, but due notice of same will be given. This will be a fine opportunity to purchase Christmas presents and also good things for the Christmas dinner. The sale is for the purpose of finishing payment on their regalia recently purchased by the order and a liberal patronage is solicited.

A telegram from Captain Frank Sprong to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sprong, announces the captain's arrival in Fort Worth, Texas, and states that he will be in Carlsbad in the very near future. The parents and all who are acquainted with this worthy soldier will gladly welcome him home. He has been gone from Carlsbad five years serving with distinction in the Marine corps of the United States, and a royal welcome is due him.

A cemetery association market will be held at Thorne's furniture store Saturday the 18th. This will be the first market given by the association for a long time and the people are urged to be liberal in their contributions and patronage. Pies, cakes, dressed chickens, bread, doughnuts, candy and other things usually found in a market are to be sold and those having the market in charge hope to make some money for use in their work.

## Reductions in Furniture Prices NOW

Information received from the market does not indicate that there has been or will be any great reductions in Furniture in the near future.

¶ It is true most buyers anticipate a decline this coming season.

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Any selections made now, if you so desire, will be held until Christmas.

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Irish Potatoes, sack lot, per lb. .... 3c.  
Irish Potatoes, less than sack lot pr. lb. .... 3½c.  
Laurel Sugar Cured Bacon, per lb. .... 28c.  
Meadow Gold Butter, per lb. .... 60c.  
Remember we are still offering Laundry Soap far below what you pay elsewhere.  
P. & G. Bob White Laundry Soap, 20 bars \$1.00  
P. & G. Bob White Laundry Soap, per lb. .... \$4.65  
P. & G. Jabon Luna Laundry Soap, 25 bars \$1.00  
P. & G. Jabon Luna Laundry Soap, pr case \$3.75

"WE WANT YOUR TRADE"

Where Price, Quality and Service are First

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GROCERIES

COAL

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### LUTHERAN SERVICES.

Lutheran services will be held in Carlsbad next Sunday evening, Dec. 12th, at 7:30 P. M., at the home of H. A. Boek. Rev. Erwin Umbach, of Roswell, will preach. All are cordially invited to attend. Lutherans living in or near Carlsbad especially are urged to come and get in touch with the pastor.

### THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday school will begin at nine forty-five. Some specials will be rendered by girls and boys during the closing exercises. Preaching by the pastor at eleven and seven thirty. Special music at each service. Junior League meets at four; Intermediate League at five and Senior League at six thirty. A most cordial invitation to strangers and all others not worshipping at the other churches is extended.

GEORGE H. GIVAN, Pastor.

### MARRIED.

Schuyler C. Muck and Miss Bessie Rice were united in marriage Wednesday night at the Presbyterian Manse, Reverend H. W. Lowry officiating. The couple came up from Pecos where the bridegroom is an optician, and the bride has been working at her profession, that of trained nursing, and their friend, M. R. Smith, having made all preparations the couple were united in the bonds of wedlock, afterward going to the Crawford where they remained until this morning when they left for Pecos. "All the world loves a lover" and many stranger-friends in Carlsbad join in best wishes to the newly weds for a long and prosperous life together.

### THE COMING OF THE "MAY-FLOWER".

A thrilling pageant portraying in a delightful manner the Pilgrims in their wanderings. This will be given in six episodes, telling the story from the time of their severing of home ties in England. It takes up their sojourn in Holland where their children began taking on the ways of the Dutch. Next is given the moving drama of their first year in America where they struggled with starvation, sickness, and horrors of the savage scalpings. The story is made doubly entertaining by appropriate costumes and dances. This pageant will be given by one hundred and twenty-three boys and girls from the 5th and sixth grades of the Carlsbad Grammar

school on the evening of December twenty-first at seven-thirty, at the Crawford Theatre.

Admission: thirty-five and fifty cents. Seats on sale at the Star Pharmacy. The humor will please you; the pathos and heroism will thrill you; the Dutch and Indians will entertain you; and you will have a full evening of intense enjoyment. COME.

### HOLLOMAN UPHOLDS INJUNCTION IN VILLISTA CASE.

Santa Fe, N. M.—District Judge Holloman made permanent the injunction restraining the warden of the penitentiary from releasing the 16 Villistas recently pardoned by Governor Larrazolo. Appeal from the court's order will be taken to the state supreme court by attorneys for the Villistas.

### 19-MONTHS-OLD BABE IS LOST.

Last Saturday morning about 9 o'clock, while Mrs. N. A. Walker was doing her morning house work and her little 19-months-old babe was playing in the yard near the house, it suddenly disappeared. Mrs. Walker searched the whole premises

for the little fellow and failing to find him, gave an alarm, and in a short time the whole neighborhood of Kephart and Gladstone were searching for the baby. The prairies for miles were searched all day by the anxious neighbors, but in vain, and just as night began coming on and alarms had been sent to the neighboring towns, the little fellow was found about one and a half miles southeast of the farm house by Leland Dick, who was on his way home to summon additional help. The babe was walking toward home and had cried until it was unable to cry any more.

The place where the babe was found and for miles beyond had been traveled over several times earlier in the day and it was just by chance that Mr. Dick went this particular route home, and as night was coming on it would have been impossible to have found him within another half hour.—Roy (N. M.) Spanish-American.

Dan LaRoe and Judge Reeves the latter of Palestine, Anderson county, Texas, and the former the main contractor on the State Highway, left this morning for Arizona their work here being about completed.

We have just received a new line of  
**WRIST WATCHES**  
in Green, White and Plain Polished Gold

Our stock this year in all lines is larger and more complete than in the history of our company and we invite your inspection.

See our Stock Before you Purchase

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# Be Wise



RENT ONE OF OUR  
NEW SAFETY DEPOSIT  
BOXES TODAY

## The First National Bank

Capital and Surplus \$200,000.00

### LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Wilson have returned from a visit to the home of Mrs. Wilson's parents, Allen Heard and wife, at Lovington, New Mexico.

Through the kindness of V. L. Minter and others of the Reclamation Service, the Boy Scouts of Troop No. 1 have two rooms in the Reclamation building and will soon have a dandy meeting place. The boys are fitting up a nice library and reading room and are taking great pride in the arrangements of their rooms.

Bert Rawlins and a number of the Scouts in his troop are making their preparations to go to Roswell tomorrow, to accept the invitation extended them by the Rotary Club to be in attendance at a scout meeting there the 11th and 12th of this month.

Thomas Pickens, wife and daughter, Annette, were in Saturday from Last Chance where Mr. Pickens is the very efficient teacher of the school, and near where the family is making its home this winter.

Misses Wilt, Harvey and Jones, teachers in the public schools of the city, have leased the rectory belonging to Grace church and are keeping house there.

R. F. Madera was in town this week from the big ranch southwest looking after goods appropriate to the season.

#### ATTENTION!

THE BIGGEST AND BEST BARGAINS IN STOVES AND NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE OFFERED BY SAM MOSKIN. SEE HIM BEFORE BUYING ELSEWHERE. SPECIAL SALES EVERY DAY.

### ARMY BLANKETS CLOTHING, TENTS ETC.

New Wool Olive Drab Officers' Blanket	\$6.95
New Wool Gray Officer's Blanket	\$6.45
Re-issue Olive Drab Officer's Blanket	\$5.95
Re-issue Gray Officer's Blanket	\$5.45
Regulation Wool Overcoats, marching	
Length, slightly used	\$10.50
New Regulation O. D. Shirts	\$5.75
Slightly used Regulation O. D. Shirts	\$3.00
Khaki Pants, Lace, Regulation, slightly used	\$1.50
Canvas Leggings Cuff, New	\$1.25
Wrap Leggings, New O. D.	\$2.50
Wrap Leggings slightly used	\$1.25
Officer's Leather Leggings, New strap or Spring Front	\$8.00
New Army Officer's Dress Shoes, Good-year Welt	\$8.00
New Munson Last Army Regulation Russet Shoe	\$6.50
New Olive Drab Mackinaws	\$10.00
Wool Socks, brand new, light or heavy	.75

The above sent by prepaid insured Parcel Post. We also carry a complete line of tents, wagon covers, etc., etc. Write for complete price list. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded upon return of goods. Mail orders given special attention. Send check with order.

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### COTTON CROP IN MISSISSIPPI A FAILURE THIS YEAR.

Mrs. Maggie Reed returned Monday night from a three week's visit to her son, Edgar, in Egypt, Mississippi. Mrs. Reed tells us that the farmers of the Pecon Valley are not the only ones hard hit this season by the cotton crop, as her son did not make a bale of cotton, owing to the wet weather in the early part of the season and the prevalence of the boll weevil in that locality. However, he made excellent crops of corn and small grains and has some fine hogs on his place. En route Mrs. Reed stopped over at Mundy, Texas, to visit a brother whom she had not seen for several years.

Mrs. S. I. Roberts received the sad news Monday that her mother, Mrs. Abel, who resided in California, had expired Sunday night. It is thought here that her death must have been sudden as she was not known to have been ill. Mrs. Abel had visited her daughters, Mesdames Roberts and Mary Wright in this city frequently and will be remembered by many of our people. Both ladies have many friends here where they have spent many years who will sympathize deeply with them in their bereavement and wish this sorrow might have been spared them. No particulars except the mere announcement had been received at the time this was written.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ed Carter left Tuesday morning via the Santa Fe, for El Paso, expecting to return overland after a few days spent in the Pass City.

C. C. Sikes returned to his home in this city Monday night after a visit to the home of his father in Ocala, Georgia, where he was called to attend his father's sick bed. The elder Mr. Sikes was very much improved at the time his son left for home.

### THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Woman's club will meet next Tuesday at three o'clock with the following program:  
The State Judiciary, including the District Court.  
Music, Miss Dorothy McIntosh.  
The Education of Henry Adams: His Personality and Ideas of Education, Mrs. J. W. Lewis.  
Roll Call, Current Events.

C. A. Helvey and wife, of Malaga, were up from there on a shopping expedition the first of the week. Their youngest son has been quite ill but is convalescing at this time.

Tass Loye was brought in sick from his ranch home on McKittick draw the latter part of last week and was taken to the residence of Henry Jones, where he recovered rapidly under the care of Mrs. Jones, who is a competent nurse.

The Philathes class of the Methodist Sunday school met in the league rooms in the rear of the church last Friday night. Although there was a small attendance an election was held as is their custom at this season of the year. Miss Zada Mudgett was elected president and Mrs. Sadie Cheatem secretary. Light refreshments were served.

Miss Mae Goer left Monday night for a lengthy stay in Albuquerque where she will visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Keen Barr, and with other friends made on the occasion of other visits to the Duke City.

C. D. Rickman, Junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Rickman, of this city, is under quarantine this week suffering from an attack of scarlet fever.

Dolph Shattuck, of Queen, was in town the first couple days of the week.

### NOTICE.

All persons are hereby warned not to hunt or fish upon the following described lands in Eddy county, New Mexico, to-wit:

Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15 in section 4, township 16 South, Range 25 East, N. M. P. M.  
A. D. HILL, Lake Arthur, N. M.  
26Nov31p

### NOTICIA.

Todos los personas son advertidos no buscar o pescar en las tierras proximas en el county de Eddy y Nuevo Mexico. Lots doce, trece, catorce y quince en seccion cuatro, township diez y seis Sur, range veinte y cinco este, ene, eme, pe, eme.  
A. D. HILL,  
31p Lake Arthur, Nuevo Mexico.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., Nov. 8, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that James W. Brownfield, of Orange, N. M., who on September 11th, 1916, made Additional Homestead entry No. 035522 for SW 1/4 section 28, township 26-S, range 18-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 A. F. Menger, U. S. Commissioner, at Alamogordo, N. M., on the 15th day of December, 1920.

Claimant names as witnesses: Frederick O. Rathgeber, of Alamogordo, N. M., Frank L. Bennett, James W. Hammack, Francis W. Burt, these of Orange, N. M.  
EMMETT PATTON,  
Nov12-Dec19 Register.

### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT.

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO: Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of November, 1920, Justus Gerlach, plaintiff, filed suit against Robert B. Terry and Chester N. Harness, defendants, in the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, being cause No. 3294 on the Civil Docket of said Court.

The general object of said suit is to foreclose a certain mortgage given to secure the payment of \$800.00 with interest at 7 per cent per annum from April 4th, 1917,

together with attorney's fees and costs of this action upon the following described real estate situate in Eddy county, New Mexico, to-wit:

The Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of section 32, Township 24 South, Range 25 East, N. M. P. M., together with all water rights of every kind and description appurtenant thereto and including the pumping plant on said land.

The above named defendants are hereby notified that unless they appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff on or before the 25th day of January, 1921, plaintiff will take judgment against them by default as prayed for in said complaint.

That E. P. Bujac is the attorney for the plaintiff, and his postoffice address is Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 30th day of November, 1920.

(SEAL) D. M. JACKSON,  
County Clerk.  
3Dec24

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#### A FINE MEETING.

We take the following from the Lordsburg Liberal in regard to an evangelist party which is soon to hold services at the Christian church in this city, the exact date set for the meeting being January 2nd. The article alluded to is as follows: "The Organ evangelistic party and all right thinking people are very much encouraged at the wonderful success of the revival meetings that are now in progress at the Christian church."

"Sunday was a great day at the church when everybody took good things to eat and remained practically all day. The 'Organ way' is so well liked that it will be duplicated next Sunday when another great day will be enjoyed with the added membership during this week. Evangelist Organ's powerful sermon Sunday night on the 'Devil and His Ways' awakened deep interest as on Monday night eleven went forward to begin the better life on the first invitation. On Tuesday night six more went forward, making a total of thirty. Fourteen were baptized, which under the efficient 'Organ system' occupied only ten minutes."

Miss Marie Purdy, of Chanute, Kansas, who is spending the winter at the home of relatives in Carlsbad, gave pleasure to the congregation at the Methodist church Sunday morning by her beautiful vocal solo. Miss Purdy has kindly consented to sing at the Christian church morning service next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Buie left today for Fort Bayard, N. M., where he will take treatment for tuberculosis, he having contracted that disease in the recent war. They were accompanied by a brother of the sick man, Ross Buie, of Gilmer, Texas, who has been visiting here for a week past. Mrs. Buie will return to Carlsbad the first of the week.

Madam Thorne returned Wednesday from a three month's visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fisher, and other friends in and near Topeka, Kansas. Madam Thorne has been greatly missed in church, club and social life and her many friends are glad of her return.

Rev. J. C. Jones, presiding elder of the Roswell district, New Mexico conference, Methodist church, South was in the city Wednesday night and held his first quarterly conference for the year at that time. Reverend Jones has the place of Reverend Cochran, the gentlemen changing residences and Brother Cochran going to Albuquerque.

#### 042206

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.  
Department of the Interior, U. S.  
Land Office at Roswell, N. M.,  
Nov. 18th, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that Gilbert V. Hammond, of Carlsbad, Queen Route, N. M., who on November 7th, 1917, made H. E. No. 042206, for S $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Sec. 29, S $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 30, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; N $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Sec. 31, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; N $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Sec. 32, township 24-S, Range 21-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Dover Phillips, U. S. Commissioner, at Carlsbad, N. M., on the 24th day of December, 1920.

Claimant names as witnesses: Charley Elliott, of Carlsbad, N. M., Mike Iribarne, of El Paso Gap, N. M., Bue Polk, of Carlsbad, N. M., James Pickett, of Carlsbad, N. M.  
EMMETT PATTON,  
Nov19-Dec17 Register.

#### NOTICE.

State Engineer's Office.  
Number of Application 1391  
Santa Fe, N. M., November 22, 1920  
Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of November, 1920, in accordance with Section 26, Chapter 49, Irrigation Laws of 1907 Herbert C. Penikett, of Malaga, county of Eddy, State of New Mexico, made formal application to the State Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to appropriate the Public Waters of the State of New Mexico.

Such appropriation is to be made from Pecos River at a point which bears S 70 degrees 15 minutes East 1987 feet distant from NW corner of section 24, township 25 S of R 28 E, N. M. P. M., being in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said section 24, by means of centrifugal pump and 211.5 acre feet is to be conveyed to 1 acre in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 10 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 10 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 17.5 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , 32 acres in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , all in section 24, Township 25 S., R. 28 E. by means of main canal and laterals and there used for the irrigation of the above described 70.5 acres, and domestic purposes, this being an enlargement of application No. 1180.

Any person, firm, association or corporation deeming that the granting of the above application would be truly detrimental to their rights in the water of said stream system shall file a complete statement of their objections substantiated by affidavits with the State Engineer and serve a copy on application on or before the 18th day of February, 1921, the date set for the Engineer to take this application up for final consideration unless protested. In case of protested applications all parties will be given a reasonable length of time in which to submit their evidence in detail or arrange a date convenient for a hearing or appoint a referee satisfactory to all to take testimony. Appearance is not necessary unless advised officially by letter from the State Engineer.

L. A. GILLET,  
State Engineer.

3Dec-10Dec

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#### NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF J. W. EVERETT.

No. 434. Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed, by the Honorable Probate Court of Eddy county, New Mexico, as administrator of the Estate of J. W. Everett, deceased.

Notice is further given that any and all persons, having or holding claims against the decedent, or his estate to present the same within the time prescribed by law, to wit: on or before December 1st, A. D., 1921, or same will be held to be forever barred.

D. G. GRANTHAM,  
Administrator of the Estate of  
J. W. Everett, deceased,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico.

DATED: Carlsbad, New Mexico  
November 19th, A. D. 1920.  
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#### 038575

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S.  
Land Office at Roswell, N. M.,  
Nov. 18th, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mittie D. Cocke, of Carlsbad, N. M., devisee of Minnie J. Bradshaw, deceased, who on December 21st, 1915, made H. E. No. 033575, for E $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Section 29, Township 23-S, Range 26-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 Dover Phillips, U. S. Commissioner, at Carlsbad, N. M., on the 24th day of December, 1920.

Claimant names as witnesses: Francis H. Ryan, Richard E. Smith, Daniel B. Beach, John Cantrell, all of Carlsbad, N. M.  
EMMETT PATTON,  
Nov19-Dec17 Register.

#### LOCAL NEWS.

We note with pleasure that Mrs. R. C. Gorley, who has been very ill at her home west of town, first with diphtheria and after that with a bad case of tonsillitis, is improving rapidly at this time and will soon be able to be about again.

Mrs. R. E. Platt recently traded her property on North Main street to the Kennedy Brothers for their dwelling in the same section of the city.

Mrs. Pat Middleton is listed among the sick this week at her home south of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bindel were passengers to Muenster, Tex., going last week and expecting to make a nice visit there at the home of Andrew Bindel and wife who are located in that place. Friends in this city will be glad to know that the health of Andrew Bindel is much improved with his removal to a lower altitude and he will probably locate there permanently.

Woody Tullius, whose residence is near Dexter, New Mexico, was in town the first of the week. Woody is the expert roper who carried off the big money in the cowboy show at the American Legion carnival here this summer.

#### Epworth League Reorganizes.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church, which has not been active for some months, met at the church last Sunday night and proceeded to reorganize for the coming year with the following officers:

President, Miss Mary Lee Pond.  
Vice president, Novella Dawson.  
Secretary, Ruth Farrell.  
Corresponding secretary, Eupa Cooper.

Treasurer, Stewart Armstrong.  
The list of appointive officers will appear later.

Miss Patty Witt, the very popular teacher of the Fourth grade in the Grammar schools of this city, is off duty this week on account of a case of mumps. During her absence Miss Collett is filling her place.

Dr. Luckett, who is representing the public health service of this state was in the city yesterday and last night made an address and exhibited some slides in connection with his work that were very interesting at the Crawford theatre before the picture show.



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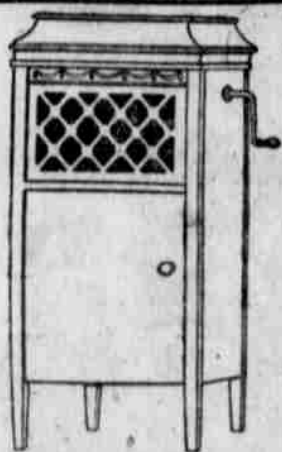
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YOU SHOULD—so come in and see  
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now this is a Mattress that cannot  
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