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The Carlsbad Current

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1921.

NUMBER 7.

MECHEM TAKES OFFICE AS GOV. OF NEW MEXICO

Formally Inaugurated Chief Executive of State on New Year's Day. Ceremonies Elaborate.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 4.—Merritt C. Mechem took the oath of office as the fifth governor of New Mexico promptly at noon Saturday in the presence of 3,000 persons crowded around the east entrance of the state house and on the steps.

His oath of office was administered by Justice Clarence J. Roberts, of the state supreme court, in an audience and a company of national guard standing with bared heads during the ceremony.

A hearty ovation was given the new governor in spite of the fact that a chill east wind kept coat collars turned up and rendered enthusiasm difficult.

Governor Mechem read from manuscript his brief inaugural address. He was preceded by the retiring governor, Octaviano A. Larrazolo, who reviewed briefly his administration and concluded with the dramatic assurance to his audience that every act of his administration had been guided by the dictates of his conscience and belief of right action.

Mr. Larrazolo commended especially to the attention of the new administration and the people the assurance of the campaign he had for the acquisition of the public lands in New Mexico. He had carried the campaign enough to know that the grant lands was possible of achievement with continued effort and support of the people. He declared the grant of the remaining public domain would effectively relieve New Mexico for all time to come of the problem of raising revenue sufficient for state lands.

Governor Mechem's reference to the necessity of public economy and reduction in tax levies plainly struck a popular chord. There was repeated applause as he emphasized his assurance that effort to lower taxes would be the principal policy of his administration.

The attendance at the inaugural ceremonies was even larger than had been anticipated, with representatives from every section of the state. The hotels were crowded beyond capacity and many persons planned to leave before the ceremonies because they had been unable to get accommodations.

A public reception was held Saturday afternoon at the museum, from 3 to 5 o'clock for the new state officers, all of whom were sworn in.

The inauguration ceremonies were brought to a fitting close at night, when perhaps the most brilliant inaugural ball in the state's history, was held at a local hotel. Society people from all parts of New Mexico were present for the event.

The retiring Governor, O. A. Larrazolo, in his last public statement as governor, took a fling at the New Mexico supreme court; regarding

GASOLINE TAX LAW IS HELD INVALID.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 4.—The gasoline tax was held void by Judge Nebbett of the United States court, in his decision in the suit brought by the Continental Oil company for the purpose of preventing the collection of the charge. The decision was announced last Friday. As a result, the state, until the appellate court passes on the case, at least, loses approximately \$200,000 collected under the act declared invalid. The companies, like the Continental, operating in the state, have received approximately that sum and they will hold the taxes until the appellate court has given its decision. Assistant Attorney General Bowman stated that the state would appeal to the circuit court of appeals from Judge Nebbett's decision. The question before Judge Nebbett was whether the act charging the tax on gasoline was separable and he decided it was not.

The Supreme Court of the United States some time ago held that the act was invalid in so far as it applied to gasoline shipped into the state as interstate commerce. This ruling meant that the gasoline sold in the original containers still remained interstate commerce and could not be taxed, but that sold in smaller quantities could be taxed.

CHIMNEY FALLS ON MAN.

Frank Selman was brought in from Lovington last Tuesday night and taken to Eddy county hospital where later one of his fingers was amputated, an arm fracture reduced and various other hurts were attended to. Mr. Selman was assisting in moving a house at Lovington when a chimney fell on him and injured him as above stated. After spending the night here the injured man returned to his home Wednesday morning.

ing certain language included in the court's opinion the past week in passing on the governor's right to pardon the Villistas. He declared that the punishment of the sixteen Villistas for the unjust conduct and actions of Francisco Villa will be a rank injustice and a blot on civilization. He declared they are virtually "doomed and sentenced" before trial by the fact that the supreme court, in the habeas corpus proceedings characterized them as bandits and their leader as a notorious bandit.

"This is, indeed, a precedent in the history of jurisprudence which may call the attention of the civilized world," said the governor. He referred to the introductory part of the decision. As for the result, upholding his pardoning power, he pointed out it confirmed his view, but objected strenuously to the high tribunal's calling the applicants before it "bandits".

The governor said he was willing to disregard the thinly veiled censure of himself, and added that, in his opinion, the fair trial of the Villistas on fresh charges based on the Columbus raid was made practically impossible. They have been "practically doomed and sentenced" before they have been heard in self-defense," he said, as the decision has been read throughout the state.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN PEACE TIME Disease Prevention



Through its Health Service the American Red Cross has begun a nationwide concentrated effort in co-operation with established organizations to reduce greatly the amount of preventable disease and physical defects found among the country's 106,000,000 population. Education is its most powerful tool. Special attention is devoted to children, and this picture shows a typical Red Cross welfare clinic where little ones are treated and mothers instructed in the proper care of them.

WOMEN CAN'T SIT OIL WELL TO BE ON JURIES IN STATE DRILLED EAST OF MALAGA

Santa Fe, N. M.—There's still one thing lacking to placing women on equality with the men in New Mexico, although they now have the ballot, and that's the fact that they cannot serve as jurors.

Assistant Attorney General Harry S. Bowman, replying to a request for an opinion, cited Section 1, Chapter 23, Session Laws of 1917, which says that only male citizens, otherwise qualified as to age, residence and mental condition, can act as twelve good men and true at court trials.

The women, of course, can't hold decisive state offices, but the coming legislature will submit a constitutional amendment changing that. Even then, however, they won't be able to serve as jurors, unless the legislature amends the statute which bars them.

Since it's only a statute it can be changed at any time, when the legislature is in session, but so far no demand from the women for amendment has been heard at the state house. It's possible they don't want equality to that extent.

INCOME TAX NUTSHELL.

WHO—Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more for the year 1920.

MARRIED—Married couples who had net income of \$2,000 or more.

WHEN—March 15, 1921, is final date for filing returns and making first payments.

WHERE—Collector of Internal Revenue for district in which the person resides.

HOW—Full directions on Form 1040A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT—Four per cent normal tax on taxable income up to \$4,000 in excess of exemption. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of taxable income. Surtax, from 1 per cent to 65 per cent on net incomes over \$5,000.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

You are hereby notified that the Tax Assessor of Eddy county, New Mexico, will be at the following places, on the dates hereinafter mentioned, for the year 1921:

Malaga, February 1st and 2nd.
Loving, February 3rd, 4th, 5th.
Lakewood, February 7th, 8th, 9th.
Dayton, February 10th, 11th, 12th.
Hope, February 14th to 19th, both inclusive.

Artesia, February 21st to 26th, both inclusive.

If you fail to render your property for taxes, a 25 per cent penalty will be added.

JOE JOHNS,

Tax Assessor, Eddy County, New Mexico.

M. L. Morfeld spent two days in Roswell on business for his firm, Joyce-Fruit company, the first of the week.

SLOVENLY ASSESSMENT AND DODGING TAXES COST STATE MILLIONS.

Tax Commission Urges Sweeping Changes in New Mexico System in Its Biennial Report.

Convinced that slovenly assessment and tax dodging cost the state millions upon millions, the tax commission, in its biennial report, urges drastic changes in the state's assessment system. Chief among these are giving elective assessors the "coup de grace" and requiring the assessment of property for taxation on the ground.

The special revenue commission's recommendation for the selection of the assessors by the civil service method is strongly endorsed. According to the tax commission, assessors now get their posts usually as the result of political preference or personal popularity. No thought is given to their fitness. Any desire to censure the assessors, however, is disclaimed. The majority want to perform their duties in an honest manner, the tax commission says, but most of them enter upon their duties without experience or knowledge of the law or values and are handicapped by lack of experienced help.

The first weakness in the assessment system now in force, according to the tax commission, is a "kind of self-assessment," which offers a premium on evasion and false statement by otherwise honest citizens, and the tax commission charges the fault to the system rather than the assessors. As the remedy for this assessment on the ground is advised.

The tax commission asks for authority from the coming legislature for making surveys of cities whose assessment falls below the standard. Improper valuation is practically universal in cities, it explains. On that ground the necessity for action is urged.

For making the surveys, the commission suggests boards of appraisal. Each would have three members, according to the recommendation—one appointed by the city affected, one by the county board and the third by the tax commission. These boards would be appointed only when occasion demanded. They would not be permanent institutions.

Changing the date of assessment for all tangible property to May 1 is recommended. Now all tangible property with the exception of sheep, is assessed on January 1. Sheep are assessed under the present plan on May 1.

There is a great deal of fiction about our full value taxing law," says the commission in one place. "The presumption that full value and assessed value correspond is largely a myth and not borne out by the facts."

The comment is made under the heading: "Undervaluation of lands."

The commission then says that comparison of the sale value of more than 6,000 parcels of real estate and the assessed value showed the average assessed value 56 per cent of the sale value. The sale values were obtained from transfers filed in the various counties. Where the consideration was not stated it was obtained from the revenue stamps.

The state probably will drop from 30 to 50 millions from the tax rolls this year through depreciation of livestock values, merchandise and many other commodities.

"But with the proper change in our primary assessment laws as suggested in this report, the tax commission believes that the loss from the roll from depreciation will be largely overcome by getting on the rolls the omitted and undervalued property," the commission remarks.

The state's total valuation for 1919—the latest figures obtainable—reached \$385,874,095, but the valuation subject to taxation only \$377,840,391. The exemptions totaled \$7,840,391.

Chas. Bogle, one of the old time boys of the days when Carlsbad was "Eddy" came in from his present home at Bakersfield, California, on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Bogle, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Bates, at Roswell and his other sister, Mrs. Robert Causey, of this place. Mr. Bogle notices many improvements in this city that have been made since his last visit here.

NATIONAL GUARD IMPORTANT FOR NEW MEXICO

The great value of the reorganized national guard to the state of New Mexico and to the communities in which the several units are located is convincingly shown in the biennial report of Adjutant General James Baca, for the period ending November 30, 1920, just submitted to Gov. O. A. Larrazolo. Adjutant General Baca is now nearing the close of his fourth year in office.

The size of the federal government's expenditures for maintenance of the guard in this state is indicated in the following:

It is estimated by the Adjutant General's office that the cost to the federal government in maintaining the allotment of troops to this state will be in the neighborhood of \$500,000 as the initial expense, and the maintenance expense between \$100,000 and \$150,000 per year thereafter.

After a conference of the adjutant generals of the states of the Eighth Corps Area with the commanding general of the Eighth Corps area (this being the Army Corps to which the New Mexico national guard is assigned) at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, during the week of November 3, 1920, the following was decided upon as the allotment for the state of New Mexico:

Division troops: 1 field artillery battery (75mm.)

Corps troops: 1 combat engineer regiment headquarters, 1 combat engineer battalion, 1 combat engineer headquarters and supply company, 1 truck company.

Army troops: 1 cavalry regiment headquarters, 1 cavalry squadron, 1 cavalry regiment headquarters troop, 1 cavalry regiment administration troop, 1 signal battalion.

This allotment is extremely liberal indeed as it gives the state of New Mexico dominance in commissioned officers over larger and more thickly populated states of this corp-area.

The adjutant general's department worked very energetically in endeavoring to organize its national guard in compliance with the conditions imposed by the war department, but we were not successful until congress modified the National Defense act so as to permit the organization of troops, companies and batteries at a minimum strength of 65 men. Under this plan we have organized two troops of cavalry: "A" (Albuquerque) and troop "B" (Carlsbad), of the first separate squadron New Mexico Cavalry, national guard, both of which units have been recognized by the federal government as meeting all requirements of the War Department. Another cavalry troop is in the process of organization at Santa Fe, and a fourth one at Deming. Stables for the horses of troop "B" are now constructed and ready to receive the mounts which are expected to arrive now any day. Complete equipment has been requisitioned from the War Department for both troops and has been received or is enroute to troop rendezvous.

The cost to the federal government of maintaining one troop of cavalry, of 3 officers and 65 enlisted men, yearly, including a 17 day camp of instruction, with allowance for 1 day of travel each way: Pay of the officers and men will amount to \$7,881.58. To this will be added the cost of maintaining 32 horses, \$6,804.89, plus the pay of the caretakers, \$4,500, making a grand total of \$19,186.47 a year. The expenditure of these amounts in our city by the cavalry troop is fully appreciated by the business interests of the town.

The dance at the Armory last Friday night given under the auspices of the Boy Scouts, Bert Rawlins, scoutmaster, was a success both socially and financially, about \$100 being cleared for the Library fund. The music was furnished by Mrs. Snider, of Loving, at the piano, and Elbert Tedford with taps and drums, and was all that could have been desired, and all present enjoyed the occasion to the uttermost.



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LOCAL NEWS.

H. M. Dow, of Roswell, attended to legal business in Carlsbad last Friday.

Fred Schermayer was in town a part of the week from Queen where he makes his home.

J. L. Williams, L. N. Hoag and a number of others from the lower valley have been in attendance at court this week.

J. A. Cupp, the baker, has located in Grandfield, Oklahoma, and will be joined there by his sister, Mrs. De Hart, in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Lusk and children came down from Roswell last Friday and spent the week-end with relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. Rex Freeman returned to her home in Lubbock, Texas, after a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Nevensen and other relatives and friends.

Wm. H. Mullane came in Monday from El Paso where he spent Christmas with his son, Jim, and family. He got here too late to catch the Santa Fe to his home in Carlsbad and was compelled to lay over in Pecos until Tuesday. Mr. Mullane spent some time with the editor in going over old times, some twenty-five years ago when this editor was in his employ at Carlsbad. Mr. Mullane reports a most delightful visit. —Pecos Enterprise.

Warren Gossett has just returned from a visit to his new grandson and namesake in Riverside, California. Mr. Gossett says that a resemblance can already be traced between the boy and his illustrious grandfather. There's modesty for you! Mr. Gossett tells of flights made in an airplane, his son-in-law, Lieutenant Ott, being in charge of the field near Riverside, and of many fine trips to interesting places in California and says he is going again.

Sam Vaughn, a printer, left Monday for Pomona, California, and from there has not decided where he will go. Mr. Vaughn has been a resident of Carlsbad for about a year, coming from Colorado, and having at first a position in the ladies shoe department of Joyce-Fruit company's store, and later working in the Current office. He made many friends in both capacities who regret his determination to leave us.

T. I. Phillips, passenger brakeman on the run between Carlsbad and Clovis, left for Comanche county, Texas, last Friday night. After a visit there he will take his little girl, Lillian, to Oklahoma, where his parents reside and where they will visit.

We are glad to note that J. Floyd Hart is able to be about again after an attack of flu, from which he has been suffering. Mrs. Hart is now a victim of the same disease.

THE LORD OUR HELPER.

Rev. Geo. H. Givan.

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying: Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

After the signal defeat of the Philistines, the Stone of Help—Ebenezer—was set up by Samuel. It was not only a memorial of that particular victory, but of all the past help from God which Israel had received since their delivery from Egyptian bondage. We cannot judge of God's dealings with us by any single act of his providence, but by a wide survey of all his dealings from year to year. The scientist does not reach his conclusions by the study of a single fact, but gathers a wide range of facts from which he finally arrives at his conclusions. So must Christians judge of God's providence and mercy.

Moreover, there is implied in this Hebrew word a foreward look into the future. As hitherto the Lord hath helped us; so will he continue to help us in the future. Past mercies are the pledge and guarantee of future blessings.

Looking over the past year, and the years back of that, it must be that we can mark many periods in which the singular help of the Lord has been ours. We have prayed to our Father in time of trouble and sorrow, and he has heard and helped us. And in the peaceful, prosperous days in which His hand has not been so manifest, it still has been His hand that has made them so. He has not only spread a table before us in the presence of our enemies, but He has made us to lie down in green pastures, and hath led us beside the still waters, and guided our feet in paths of righteousness for the sake of Christ who died to save us. These blessings in the past are guarantees for like blessings in the future. Surely we should be a thankful people and raise up in Carlsbad a memorial stone of help to His Holy Name. What could we have done in the past without Him and His gracious help? And what can we accomplish in the future if God should withhold His providence and withhold His mercy?

We are now standing at the beautiful gate of a new year. We are now facing the future. We know not what experiences are before us, and we shall only know as the moments shall reveal them. But from the experiences of the past there certainly will be sunshine and there will be shadows. But sunshine or shadows, God will be with us, to sweeten the waters of Marah, and give us rest at Elim. Each life is full of joy and tears. That ebb and flow the passing years.

That every life should be complete. The gall is mingled with the sweet. Today each life is full of sadness. But on tomorrow comes the gladness.

Human experience must repeat itself through all the annals of time. If we were once sad we shall no doubt be sad again. If gladness once filled the heart and life, gladness full and free shall come again.

From all the earth and sky and sea.

My own must come again to me. So should we raise our Ebenezer and go forward, nothing doubting, holding fast the profession of faith without wavering, knowing that He is faithful, who hath promised never to leave us nor forsake us. What a mighty motive this "Stone of Help" should be to us for a renewal of our consecration to God during every day of nineteen hundred and twenty-one! It is a great asset for the Christian to know that the future is safeguarded by all of God's mercies in the past.

Sanders & Hobbs, proprietors of the Cash Grocery, have disposed of their business in this city and will soon leave for other points, as yet undecided. Mr. Hobbs is at present in Carrizozo, where he has a brother and other relatives and Mr. Sanders and family expect to leave soon after the middle of the month for Oklahoma where they will visit for awhile before making any permanent location. We regret to lose these two families from our midst but wish them success wherever they may go.

David Sellards, a student at the N. M. M. I. at Roswell left Sunday night for his school work after a pleasant vacation spent with friends in this city. David is delighted with his school and the work and is greatly improved in many ways as a result.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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

LESSON FOR JANUARY 9

JESUS TEACHES FORGIVENESS.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 18:21-35. GOLDEN TEXT—If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.—Matt. 6:14.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Matt. 6:12-15, 18:21-35; Luke 17:3, 4; Eph. 4:31, 32; Col. 3:13.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Forgiving One Another.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Learning to Forgive.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Forgiving and Forgiven.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Forgiveness: Its Meaning and Scope.

In this lesson we have divine instructions as to our behavior in case of ill-treatment.

I. Peter's Question (v. 21).

This question, "How often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him?" probably was occasioned by the ill treatment which Peter was then receiving at the hands of his fellow disciples. Christ's confession of Peter brought him into the limelight. The question of the disciples (18:1) "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" shows that there was some jealousy of Peter among the disciples and consequent contention among them. From the Lord's teaching as to the efforts to bring about reconciliation in case of offenses between brother and brother He knew that it would require the exercise of the spirit of forgiveness. Peter disposed to be gracious inquires "Till seven times?" showing his readiness to forgive his brother not three times, but twice three times and a little over.

II. Jesus' Answer (v. 22).

The Lord's answer was an astonishing revelation to Peter. He said "Not until seven times, but until seventy times seven." This shows that our willingness to forgive should be limitless.

III. The Two Creditors (vv. 23-35).

This parable of the two creditors illustrates His principles of forgiveness.

1. The gracious creditor (vv. 23-27). The king in this parable represents God, and the servant who is greatly in debt represents the sinner—any sinner, every sinner, you and me. We were hopelessly in debt to God. Ten thousand talents are equal to some twelve millions of dollars. To meet this obligation would be an utter impossibility. This man's plea for time, promising to pay all, much resembles our vain imaginings that we can pay our debt to God, that by our future good works we can atone for our past most grievous sins. By the justice of God's law we were hopelessly condemned; by the grace of God we were freely pardoned.

2. The cruel creditor (vv. 28-35).

This man who was forgiven so much found a man who owed him a small sum—about fifteen or seventeen dollars. He shut his ears to the man's entreaty to be patient with him, flew at his throat and cruelly put him into jail. The great mercy shown him did not touch his heart, so he refused to be merciful. Being set free from so great a debt as our sins against God, we should make God's act of unlimited forgiveness toward us the standard of unlimited forgiveness toward others. In dealing with others we should always keep these considerations before us: (1) We ourselves need it and do every day continue to need the forgiveness of God. With all our imperfections and positive sins we need the continued mercy of God. When we pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors," let us be sure that we have put away all thought of sin held against others. To pray that prayer otherwise is an abomination. (2) That there is a day of judgment coming and at that day we shall be treated as we treat others. No mercy will be shown to those who have not shown mercy.

The heart, then, of this lesson is that God's gracious act toward us should be the standard of our actions toward others, and that we must exercise the same spirit of forgiveness toward our fellowmen if we would continue to enjoy God's forgiveness. The proof that we are God's children is that we manifest the spirit of God. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

Thank God Every Morning.

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance, self-control, diligence, strength of will, content, and a hundred virtues which the idle never know.—Charles Kingsley.

Jesus' Idea of God.

Jesus was filled with the joy of life because He had the most joyous idea of God that was ever thought of. Jesus taught the disciples that they could take the finest things in life and, raising them to their highest power, ascribe them to God. He told them about the Fatherhood of God and said, "if ye who are evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more your heavenly Father!" Jesus taught men to interpret God in the terms of the spiritually best.

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J. S. Oliver

MARRIED.

At the bride's home in Carlsbad, Saturday night at eight o'clock, occurred the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Eaker, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Eaker, and A. R. Allen, of Clovis, Rev. T. C. Mahan pronouncing the ceremony, surrounded by personal friends of this popular girl.

Mr. Allen is in the employ of the Santa Fe at Clovis and is spoken of by those who know him as a young man of good standing and excellent principles and worthy the bride he has chosen.

Miss Elizabeth is one of Kentucky's fair daughters but has lived among us long enough for us to recognize her many sterling qualities of mind and heart. A devoted daughter and friend, a successful business woman, she will no doubt be successful in her new and more responsible sphere.

Good wishes in abundance are being showered upon the happy couple for a useful and happy life together.

They left the first of the week for a honeymoon trip to points in California and on their return will be at home in Clovis. Out-of-town guests at the wedding were the parents of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Clovis.

A JOINT INSTALLATION.

Eddy Grove No. 5, Woodmen of the World, and the Woodmen Circle of this city, will hold a joint installation at their hall the 13th of this month, at 7:30 P. M. The Circle invites the husbands of all their members to be present and the Woodmen extend the same invitation to their members' wives. A program has been prepared and refreshments will be served and a full attendance of Woodmen and Circle members is desired.

Election of Officers for Coming Year.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week the annual election of officers of the Carlsbad Woman's Club was held, resulting as follows:

President, Mrs. E. H. Hemenway.

First Vice President, Mrs. F. G. Snow.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. W. Lowry.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. G. Ryan.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fred E. Wilson.

Treasurer, Mrs. R. M. Thorne.

MARRIED.

Renfro—Murray.

W. D. Renfro and Miss Mollie Murray were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage last Friday evening by Rev. Geo. H. Givan in the presence of several of the young friends, the cousins of the bride, Lowell Warren and his sister, Miss Ima, signing the certificate as legal witnesses.

The marriage was a surprise to nearly all as the young people had not taken many into their confidence but friends of both parties wish them well in their life together.

Mrs. Renfro is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Murray, old residents of Carlsbad, and was a schoolgirl here but a few short years ago, and has been in business since then in various establishments in this city at the present time being the very efficient cashier in Joyce-Fruit company's store.

Mr. Renfro has not been in Carlsbad very long but has made friends of all with whom he came in contact. They expect to leave in the near future for the Texas home of the bridegroom. The Current offers felicitations.

A MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

A "Miscellaneous" Shower for Miss Newton was given by Mrs. Christian and Mrs. Harry McKim at the Christian home last Saturday afternoon which was one of the most enjoyable affairs of many that have been given for this popular Carlsbad girl.

The rooms were decorated in pink and pink rose petals were strewn over the long table where twelve friends of the bride-to-be were seated. The refreshments consisted of a salad course and an ice course, the latter in the shape of a pink rose, which was served with delicious cake. After all was seated and refreshments had been served, a daintily decorated pin basket, trimmed with sprays of lily, and containing the gifts of her friends, was emptied on the head of the bride-elect.

Those enjoying the afternoon with these clever hostesses were Misses Frances Moore, Dorothy Ryan, Marguerite Roberts, Frances Cooke, Lorene Powell, Nellie Linn, Lucy Jones, Grace Jones; Mrs. Will Ed Carter, Mrs. Frank Kindel, Mrs. L. E. Ervin, Mrs. J. F. Joyce, Mrs. W. S. Moore, and Mrs. White.



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LOCAL NEWS.

W. R. Shattuck of Queen was in from there this week, Monday.

Attorney L. O. Pullen, of Roswell, attended to legal business in this city the latter part of last week.

Not all of us can be heroes, but all of us can be patriots. Payment of your income tax helps to make you one.

Miss Adelle Bujac returned to school in El Paso after spending the holidays in this city with homefolks and friends.

The weight of the earth's atmosphere is the same as that of an ocean of mercury covering the entire earth to a depth of 76 centimeters.

The various churches of the city have observed the week of prayer this week as it is being observed all over the United States at this time of year.

John Q. Kircher left Saturday morning for Ranger, Texas, where he has been working for over a year, having employment with a paving company.

After spending the holidays at her home in this city, Miss Ida Breeding left Saturday for El Paso to again take up her duties in the schools of that city.

A very interesting and helpful service was held at the Methodist church in Carlsbad last Friday night, although the attendance was not up to that of former years, from various causes.

Assessor Joe Johns and County Commissioner Hollis G. Watson left Monday night for Santa Fe with the 1920 tax rolls of Eddy county which they will deliver to the tax commission. After they are approved by that body they will be brought back to this county and the collection of the 1920 taxes will begin.

FOR MISS NEWTON.

Carlsbad young folk are vying with each other in planning entertainments in honor of one of their number, Miss Mary Lee Newton, and the "Kitchen Shower" at which Miss Dorothy Ryan was hostess was one of the very pleasantest of the many very pleasant occasions. The party was given at the L. G. Ryan home Tuesday night, the young ladies playing 500 and the bride-elect making high score at the game. A large dishpan covered with pink and filled with articles for use in the kitchen the gifts of her friends, was given her.

A two-course luncheon was served the twelve girls present, who were: Misses Mary Lee Newton, Marguerite Roberts, Lillian Crawford, Nellie Linn, Frances Cooke, Lorene Powell, Myrtle Cobbett, Grace Jones, Frances Moore, and the hostess, Dorothy Ryan; Mesdames Cassingham and Sam Lusk.

Miss Nell Atkins returned Friday night from her month's vacation which she spent at the home of her sister, Mrs. King, at Rincon, and with other friends at El Paso. Miss Nell says she started for California but had such a good time en route, that she abandoned the idea in favor of the above named places.

Messrs. Jeff and Newton Bolt, and Miss Julia Bolt, all from Joplin, Missouri, but interested in land and other property in the northern part of the county, near Lakewood, are here on a visit of inspection. They formerly owned the Lakewood hotel.

The A. C. Heard family from Lovington and the D. G. Grantham family of this city, left the middle of the week for Santa Fe to represent the counties of Lea and Eddy, at the state legislature.

Mrs. Bynum, mother of Mrs. Homer King, leaves Monday for her home in San Angelo, Texas, after a pleasant visit at the home of her daughter in this city.

POULTRY CACKLES

SHIP EGGS BY PARCEL POST

Cost Depends Greatly on Container Used, Size of Eggs and Packing and Wrapping.

Average hens' eggs will weigh about 1½ pounds to the dozen, or two ounces apiece. The weight of a single dozen of eggs in a carton properly packed and wrapped for mailing will run from two to three pounds, depending on the nature of the particular container, the size of the eggs, and the packing and wrapping used. If the container be a very light one and the eggs small, the parcel may fall within the two-pound limit, and the postage, therefore.



Fiber-Board Box Filled With Corrugated Pasteboard Lining and Fillers of Same Material—Each Egg Has a Separate Wrap.

within the first and second zones, or 150-mile limit, would be six cents. Most parcels containing a dozen eggs will exceed two pounds but will not reach three; therefore the postage on them will be seven cents within the first and second zones. A parcel containing two dozen eggs will add perhaps two cents to the postage, though sometimes only one cent, depending on the nature of the container and the packing and wrapping.

It should be observed that the larger the parcel (within the size and weight limits) the cheaper is the postage, as the first pound of every package costs five cents within the first and second zones, while each additional pound up to 50, costs but one cent; so that while a one-pound parcel would cost five cents postage, a two-pound parcel would cost only six cents, or three cents a pound. A 20-pound parcel would cost 24 cents or one and one-fifth cents per pound and a 50-pound parcel would cost 54 cents, or but one and two-fifths cents per pound.

FATTEN TURKEYS GRADUALLY

Select Desirable Fowls Beforehand and Feed Them Corn—Save Best for Breeding.

Turkeys will not fatten well in confinement. Select the Thanksgiving offerings beforehand, and begin to fatten them gradually by feeding more corn. Too much new corn is bad for turkeys unless it is boiled. Boiled corn is a good fattener, and will not cause diarrhea, as will an overfeed of the new corn. Treat the turkeys for lice, looking especially between the quill feathers. Give them plenty of grit and water. If they have not been in the habit of coming home early to feed, drive them in. They should also be driven out in the morning if they are disposed to hang about the chicken house. The exercise which forcing gives them is the best health insurance.

Do not try to fatten the breeding stock. We want big, rangy birds without too much flesh in the breeding pen. Try to separate the breeders before fattening the sales birds. The heavier birds will be the most profitable for the Thanksgiving market, but do not sacrifice breeders if turkeys are to be raised next spring. Save the breeding flock from the most vigorous, best birds grown. Choose size and not weight.

KEEP EGG-PRODUCING FOWLS

Hens With Yellow Shanks, Smooth Plumage and Nice Looking Are Not Good Layers.

When feeding the flock, notice the shanks, beaks and plumage of your birds. If they have yellow shanks and beak, nice smooth white plumage and are in general good looking birds, it is safe to guess that they have not laid a great many eggs the last season and are not laying many, if any, now. Sell such hens and keep the ones that have pale shanks and beak and worn plumage, for a hen that has worked hard producing eggs during the past season will show the effect of hard work just the same as a person will show the effects of a hard day's work in the field.

TROUBLE IN GROWING CHICKS

Vast Majority of Difficulties Due to Improper Methods of Handling and Feeding.

It is safe to say that the vast majority of trouble experienced with growing chicks is due to improper methods of handling and feeding. Much of the terrors of "white diarrhea" are not due as much to the actual presence of the dreaded disease germs as they are to other causes which really foster the disease and make it possible.

Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents

By JAMES MORGAN

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A SECOND-HAND PRESIDENT

1800—Jan. 7, Millard Fillmore, born in Cayuga county, New York.
1829/31—Member of New York assembly.
1833-35, 1837-43 Member of congress.
1848—Elected vice president.
1850—July 9, sworn in as thirteenth president, aged fifty. Sent Commodore Perry to Japan.
1852—Defeated for nomination.
1856—Nominated for president by Know-nothings and Whigs, and defeated.
1874—March 8, died at Buffalo, aged seventy-four.

MILLARD FILLMORE, the second vice president to be promoted by death, was the most commonplace president even in a twenty-year period when the presidency remained at low-water mark. Tall and with ungartered front, but cold and hollow, he looked the part which he played—the dummy of northern trimmers in politics and of southern traffickers in slaves.

A fable of the day hit off the truth. The new president must have a carriage, and "Old Edward" Moran, a White House attendant in many administrations, took him to see a handsome outfit, whose owner was leaving Washington and would sell it at a bargain.

"This is all very well, Edward," Fillmore mused, according to the popular yarn; "but how would it do for the president of the United States to ride around in a second-hand carriage?"

"But, sure," argued "Old Edward," "Your Excellency is only a second-hand president!"

In Fillmore we have another from—



Millard Fillmore.

tier president. For western New York was an outpost when he was born there of New England parents. After receiving about the same kind of schooling as our other log-cabin presidents, he was bound out to learn the trade of wool carder.

The one enduring act of the Fillmore administration was taken when it sent Commodore Perry to knock at the long-closed gate of Japan, and, with the gift of a toy railroad and a toy telegraph, to tempt the Japanese to come out of their hermit seclusion. The rest is politics.

As American men struggled to rise from the bottom in the more primitive days of the country, their women often failed to keep up with them. By the time half of Fillmore's predecessors gained the presidency, their wives were either dead, worn out or lagging behind.

Mrs. Fillmore, finding herself without strength or ambition to reign with her husband, her place was taken by a daughter. This girl of eighteen, Miss Mary Abigail, was enough of a new woman to have insisted on fitting herself by a course in a normal school to earn an independent living. Being obligated to teach a certain length of time after graduating, she went on teaching school even after her father became vice president. She kept at it until her mother summoned her to preside over the White House, where she promptly induced congress to install a library, the mansion having been until then a bookless desert.

A month after the end of her husband's term Mrs. Fillmore was dead. Next Miss Mary died of cholera, and then, after a tour of Europe, the pathetic loneliness of a retired president was relieved by a marriage with a wealthy widow.

Fillmore had tried to avert this retirement by an unsuccessful effort to be nominated to succeed himself. Four years afterward he attempted to break the retirement and return to the presidency. Although he had both the Know-nothing and Whig nominations, he ran third in the election. He lived on in his Buffalo home until the very year when another Buffalo man, Grover Cleveland, started for the White House by way of the shrievalty of Erie county.

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Program of Woman's Club.

The program for the Woman's club meeting Tuesday, January 11, at three o'clock:

The State Legislature, Mrs. John Barber.

Music, Mrs. Jackson.
Henry Adams and the British Attitude During the Civil War, Miss Graham.

Roll Call, Current Events.

J. J. Rodden and family returned Tuesday afternoon from a visit to San Antonio, Texas, where they spent the holidays. Returning to Carlsbad he sold his studio to the former owner, Ray V. Davis, who will operate the same in the future and whose advertisement may be found on another page of this week's issue of the Current. Ray Davis needs no introduction to the people of Carlsbad and Eddy county where he was engaged in business for so long and all are glad to learn that he will again take up his work in the near future and at the same old stand. Mr. Rodden and family will remain in Carlsbad at least until school closes in the spring.

Mrs. Annie Livingston has returned from her visit to her sisters in El Paso where she spent the holidays.

AIRPLANE IN CARLSBAD.

Lieutenant Thomas, formerly of the United States Aviation service, arrived in Carlsbad Saturday afternoon from El Paso, made a landing on the Aviation grounds east of the city and remained over Sunday, leaving Tuesday morning on the return trip. The machine was capable of carrying three passengers if they did not care for being crowded or two with plenty of room, besides the aviator, and quite a number of our citizens took the opportunity to make their first flight in the air. Every person who made the trip is enthusiastic over the sensation and expressed their pleasure and that it was "worth the money".

Mrs. Holley Benson entertained a few of her friends last Saturday afternoon at a card party, honoring her sister, Miss Ida Breeding, of El Paso. Mrs. Albright made high score at the games and received a pair of sugar tongs as a prize. Simple refreshments were served which were enjoyed by the following guests: Misses Ida Breeding, Miss Howell, Miss Grace Cooke, Miss Hughes, Miss White, and Miss Burns; Mesdames Sikes, Kindel, Christian, McKim, Bujac, Marvin Livingston, Dusen, Kindel, Albright, Craig, Dilley and Will Ed Carter.

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It is easy to understand why in less enlightened ages fire was regarded universally with superstitious reverence or with superstitious fear. Its visitations were often so sudden and unexpected, it came to such unthought of places and in such strange ways that it had the appearance of a spirit, often beneficent but more often malicious, wholly beyond human control.

However much the public at large may lag behind, it is to the credit of America that she has taken the lead in the matter of investigating fire origins, of tabulating results of investigations, and of arriving at definite conclusions.

Of the three human failings that are the causes of nearly all fires—carelessness, ignorance and criminality—the first-named is easily chief. Taken together, and making every allowance for doubtful cases, ignorance and criminality play a very inconsiderable part in the ever-recurring toll of disaster. American's tolerance of their huge fire losses is a striking inconsistency, as in many other ways this country leads the world in saving expenses, not as regards consumption, but as regards production.

If America could but remove from the debit side of her ledger the sum of \$300,000,000 a year that goes up in smoke, and convert the loss to an asset, her premier position would be doubly secure. And to do this is simply a matter of national "good house-keeping," proper building construction, using fire-retarding materials whenever possible, and providing adequate protection in the form of modern fire extinguishment apparatus.

NEW BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING.

The new board of county commissioners met last Monday in the commissioners' room at the court house in this city for their first session after taking office. G. H. Howard, of the lower valley, who represents district number three, was elected chairman of the board and Hollis G. Watson of district number two, who lives at Hope, and J. H. James, of this city, representing district number one were the other two commissioners present.

J. H. James was appointed purchasing agent by the board for the year 1921. A large number of bills were presented and approved and filed for future payment on the county is now out of funds in the general fund.

H. A. Nymeyer was appointed to fill the office of county surveyor owing to the fact that Oliver C. Payne, the duly elected surveyor, is not in the state.

The board dissolved itself into the County Board of Finance with J. H. James, chairman, and D. M. Jackson, secretary, and reported that the finances of the county were in good condition.

The bonds filed by the different banks of the county in which county funds are deposited, had sent in their bonds which were approved by the finance board.

COURT TO HEAR CASE AT BEDSIDE OF JUSTICE PARKER.

The highest court in the state will hear the test case of the state income tax in Santa Fe this week around the bedside of Chief Justice Frank W. Parker of the supreme court, who is confined to his home with a broken leg. Judge Parker is recovering from an accident which happened over a week ago and is as yet unable to attend court.

The case was brought to test the constitutionality of the state income tax laws. A permanent injunction was given in the case by Judge Reed Holloman of the first judicial district at Santa Fe, who held that the law was unconstitutional. An appeal was then taken to the supreme court.

"Victory Day" is to be observed in Carlsbad, the 16th of this month, that being the anniversary of the adoption of the 18th amendment. The service will be in charge of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and will likely be a union service. A full program will be given in next week's Current.



NEED FOR BETTER HIGHWAYS

Freight Congestion on Railroads Has Emphasized Importance of Our Country Roads.

We are being treated to a demonstration of what happens when the arteries of commerce become diseased, congested and run down. The lack of adequate transportation facilities on the railroads of this country mounts into the millions of dollars in the delays that are occasioned. Our railway system, like our agricultural methods, have grown up so gradually, keeping abreast, even ahead of the demands of commerce, we have come to look upon them as a matter of course. But the even balance between transportation facilities and demands of commerce is easily upset, as the experience of the past few months has demonstrated.

Our railroad system needs rehabilitation. But along with the improve-



Better Roads Would Permit Increase in Tonnage by Motor Vehicles.

ments of the railroads there is great need for a material improvement throughout the land. Over the country roads move the raw materials that go to make up a vast proportion of the tonnage carried by the railroads. The present freight congestion has emphasized the importance of the country road. It has proved the value of hard surface roads as passageways for freight carried in motortrucks and automobiles.

Much relief for the railroads has come through the immense tonnage that has moved this summer on motor trucks. A greater tonnage would undoubtedly have moved in the same manner if our highway system had been fit. The time has come when the mileage of concrete, brick or other hard-surfaced roads must extend in an ever-increasing network until the remotest parts of the country can have the advantage of quick transportation every day of the year in a motor vehicle.—American Fruit Grover.

ROCK FOR HIGHWAY BUILDING

First Systematic Efforts to Determine Value Were Made in French Laboratory in 1878.

The first systematic attempts to determine the value of rock for road building purposes by means of laboratory tests were made in France, where in 1878 a road materials laboratory was founded in the French School of Bridges and Roads. Here the Deval abrasion test was adopted, and this test with slight modification has been accepted as standard throughout the United States. The test is named from its inventor. It was first used in connection with contract work in the city of Paris. Many valuable data were collected in this laboratory on the hardness and toughness of rock, and tests for these properties were developed which were, in principle, the same as those in use today.

ARGUMENT FOR GOOD ROADS

Judgment Rendered Against County Because Culvert Was Obscured by Weed Patch.

An argument for good roads that carries with it a sharp punch in the way of a substantial judgment for damages is disclosed in a recent decision of the supreme court of Wisconsin. In this case it appears that when a machine went out of the traffic path of an old-fashioned country road for the purpose of letting a tractor pass it struck the cement curbing at the end of a culvert which crossed the road at this point. Being covered with weeds the obstruction was not seen until the accident occurred. The county was held liable in damages for the accident.

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MERCER — STEVENS.

At the bride's home in Carlsbad last night Mrs. Lula Stephens and C. W. Mercer, of Briggsville, Ark., were united in marriage. Rev. Geo. H. Givan pronouncing the ceremony in the presence of only a few of the many friends of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercer, we are pleased to state, will be residents of this section, he having bought a farm in the Otis community, to which they will move in a few days and where they will make their home.

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Another pleasant party honoring Miss Mary Lee Newton, a bride of next week, and Miss Lucy Jones, a visitor in the city, was given at the home of Mrs. H. H. Dilley yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large number of friends of the honored guests and the hostess as well. Bridge whist was the diversion of the afternoon, the prize for high score going to Mrs. Marvin Livingston, and consisted of a hand painted dish; guest prizes were given also to Miss Newton and Miss Jones. Among those present were Mesdames Christian, Holley Benson, White, Wells, Dick, Glaser, Sam Lusk, Jackson, Hardy, McAdoo, W. E. Carter, Hudgins, Rawlins, Pence, Dow, M. Livingston Joyce, W. S. Moore, Ervin; Misses Jones and Newton.

DOG MISSED FROM AUTO PARTY AND SEARCH FOR ANIMAL SHOWS ROSWELL ATTORNEY MISSING TOO.

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 31.—"Harry where is your dog?" Had it not been for the pertinent question fired point-blank by Judge Charles R. Brice at Attorney Harry C. Maynard, a searching party might have been necessary to rescue Attorney J. Charles Gilbert from the sand dunes and cactus flats of somewhere in eastern New Mexico.

It all came about this way: Judge Brice and Attorneys H. C. Maynard and J. C. Gilbert had formed a hunting party east of the city and coming back Charlie was comfortably placed in the rear seat while Harry Maynard had his hand on the throttle and Judge Brice was watching the road.

The dog—everyone knows Harry Maynard's dog—was along for no better reason than Harry was, and when the return journey was begun the dog was on the running board until and up to the time of the startling discovery made by Judge Brice. In looking about for the dog the two made the discovery that Charlie was missing. A long look back down the road as far as the eye could reach—even in the high, clear atmosphere of New Mexico—revealed nothing, not even the dog.

There was nothing to do but for the two to retrace their steps in search of their fellow-barrister, and the dog, of course. Miles and miles behind they found the dog, and even further toward the east they found Charlie, like the hero of Gray's Elegy, "Homeward plodding his weary way."

It was all simple when the story was told. There was just a little bump in the road and there was no top on the car to receive the impact of Charlie's body as it rose high in the air.

The trip home, at least the remainder of it, was quite successfully made and neither Charlie or the dog are feeding any bad effects of their experience.

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Miss Bonnie Bell, of Roswell, formerly a resident of this city, spent a few days with her friend, Isabel Smith, leaving for her home last Sunday.

Mrs. Carter will make your Satin Hats and Corsage Bouquets to order at the Little White Hat Shop.

The county grader is at work on the city streets and with very beneficial results if one can judge from the looks of things. The work was needed the streets in the city being in a worse condition than for a long time.

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

Get the El Paso Herald at the CORNER DRUG STORE.

M. L. Davis came in last night from Santa Fe where he was a witness in the famous Cannon Ball automobile case.

Ginning time is nearing its close. It marks the most disastrous depreciation in cotton values ever experienced in the valley and a corresponding depression among the farmers and business interests.

The graduating class of the High school has received the rings ordered some time ago. They are beautiful and quite artistic in design and the class is more than pleased with them and no doubt they will be valued more and more as time goes on.

The county assessor's office will be open each day in the year, with the exception of Christmas day and Sundays. Office hours are from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 in the afternoon.

The Security Abstract company has moved its offices to the office of the county assessor in the courthouse, where any business in their line will be attended to with their usual thoroughness and promptness.

Mrs. Mary and Arlie Nichols purchased this week from S. P. Page 2 lots in North Carlsbad which are very desirable building locations and the deal was made through the W. H. Merchant real estate office.

Several purchases of town lots were made this week in Carlsbad. Claude Nelson and R. H. Bynum bought 5 lots in North Carlsbad from the Pecos Valley Trust Co., the deal being made through the W. H. Merchant real estate office.

Cattle shipments since our last report were confined to one car, which was shipped the 1st from Bond & Williams, of Carlsbad, and consigned to Fort Worth, Texas.

Charles Witt, of Lovington, spent a couple of days in town the last of last week, returning to his home Sunday, accompanied by Frank Wood.

J. D. Hudgins and wife were guests from this city to the wedding of Tom Trammell and Miss Gladys Jolly, at Roswell, last Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

R. F. Madera is in town this week from his ranch southwest.

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THE TWO WORLDS

THUR.—

MADGE KENNEDY IN
"HELP YOURSELVES"

FRI.—

EARLE WILLIAMS IN
"CAPTAIN SWIFT"
AND BILL DUNCAN

SAT.—

MARGUERITE CLARK
IN "EASY TO GET" AND
BRAY COMIC

LOCAL NEWS

The ladies of the Christian church will give a market at the Purdy Furniture Store tomorrow afternoon at which they will have all kinds of cooked food for sale and at which they will appreciate your patronage. The sale will begin at 2:30 o'clock.

W. M. Atkinson spent the holidays in Roswell with his family and was accompanied on the return by his son and a friend.

Mrs. W. J. Barber will probably dispose of her ranch interests and is considering the erection in the near future of a number of good looking small bungalows to be for sale as homes.

The sermon Sunday at the Presbyterian church on the wisdom that should come with years, is said to have been specially appealing and well taken for a New Year's sermon. It was delivered on Doctor Lowry's birthday.

Mrs. R. E. Stokes, a former resident of this county, and mother of Mrs. L. G. Ryan, came in yesterday from her home in LeMar, Missouri, for a visit with her daughter and other friends.

SIX DOUBLE HOLIDAYS.

There will be six double holidays in 1921. That is, there will be six holidays that come on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, thus giving two rest days together. The list began with New Year's day, which fell on last Saturday. Then comes Lincoln's birthday, Saturday, February 12; Decoration day, Monday, May 30; the Fourth of July on Monday; Labor day, Monday, September 5, and Christmas, which comes on Sunday, on which occasion it is customary to observe either Saturday or Monday as a holiday instead.

Mrs. Stanford will be at home this week from her visit to relatives in Texas, where she has spent the time since the first week in October. She has been greatly missed in church circles, her place when she was here and able to attend always being occupied.

With morning worship at the Presbyterian church Sunday, the sermon will discuss "Church Religion". The study Wednesday evening will be "Paul's Third Mission".

Miss Hattie Eaker left last Monday for a trip to California where she will spend some weeks.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday school 9:45 A. M.; Sunbeams 3 P. M.; B. Y. P. U. 6:30 P. M.; Preaching 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. Communion service will be observed at the morning hour. Let all members be present. Rev. J. K. Hicks, of Artesia, will preach at both hours, and the pastor desires his people shall give him a splendid house at each service. A cordial invitation is extended the general public to all the services of the day.

T. C. MAHAN, Pastor.

Bert Duncan has returned from Oklahoma City and has opened a shop with Elbert Tedford, for vulcanizing and car painting. The young men are both experts in their line of work and we predict for them a good run of trade. Their shop is in the old Osborn building just north of the Pecos Valley Hide and Fur Company and is the business formerly conducted by the Corley Tire Company, which has been leased by Tedford & Duncan. The new managers have both had experience in their line of work in Oklahoma. Mr. Duncan having been a car finisher in an automobile factory before coming here. Work entrusted to them will be done in a workmanlike manner. See their advertisement in another column of this issue of the Current.

While out hunting near the dam on the west side of the river last Monday, Bill Ohnemus observed some sort of a "critter" in a tree and not knowing what it was, one of the party volunteered to climb the tree and shake the animal down. Bill caught it in an old coat that he had in the car and upon arriving at his home found his animal to be an immense porcupine, as large as an ordinary raccoon. It has been penned and shows signs of becoming quite tame, but needless to say no one attempts to stroke its fur.

Aloyse Brown, the fourteen year old son of Mrs. Anna Brown, returned this week from Stanton, Texas, where he has been at school and will enter school here for the remainder of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lowenbruck are moving back to the Lowenbruck homestead and have leased their home on Main street, fully furnished, to the new bride and groom-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moore.

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NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that Senator D. G. Grantham and Guy A. Reed have formed a Co-Partnership for the practice of law.

During the absence of Senator Grantham in Santa Fe Mr. Reed will have charge of the office.

Senator Grantham will return from Santa Fe immediately upon adjournment of the Legislature.

GRANTHAM & REED.

D. G. Grantham.

Guy A. Reed.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Red Cross organization was held Wednesday afternoon at the courthouse, F. G. Tracy, presiding. The following were elected members of an executive committee who will in turn elect the president, vice-president and secretary and treasurer: Messrs. F. G. Tracy, W. A. Craig, Geo. V. Price, Joseph Wertheim, Messdames Clarence Bell, Dilley, R. L. Halley, Dishman and Braden.

The Musicals held last night by the members of Miss Johnston's class of piano pupils at the Crawford Theatre, was one of the finest entertainments given in Carlsbad for a long time. The stage had been arranged by tasteful hands and gave the impression of a drawing room with numerous plants and other accessories. The audience, though not half as large as should have been, considering the merits of the entertainment, and the cause for which it was given, was enthusiastic and all felt well repaid for the small price of admission. Such high class recitals go to show that in a few years from now Carlsbad will have the pleasure of a great number of fine musicians. Every one did well and the ladies having the affair in charge asked the Current to express their thanks to all who assisted in any way in making the recital a success. Other and similar entertainments are promised in the near future. Miss Purdy gave a number of vocal selections with beautiful effect and to the great pleasure of the audience.

J. S. Oliver spent a part of the week in Roswell on business.

OTIS NEWS.

Charlotte Lang, who has been so sick, has been moved to the Hardy home while her folks are getting settled in their new home. The home is not all complete but Dr. Isner is anxious to get settled as they expect to move where the Langs formerly lived.

Will Morgan ate Sunday dinner at the Calvani home.

Eliza Grandi spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Ray Davis.

Ray Davis has his studio back much to the joy of his friends.

The H. D. Hubbard family ate New Year's dinner with C. Grandi and family.

The Bates baby has been very sick.

Bill Hardy and grandmother, Mrs. Fording, returned this week from their trip to El Paso. They made the journey in the Hardy car.

Mrs. McCall was having dental work done New Year's day.

A party of young folk had a fine time at the Biddle home New Year's night.

Miss Ethelyn Ellsworth entertained her Sunday school class at her home Wednesday. This teacher is never tired of doing nice

things for her class, coming after them and taking them to her home on many occasions. This time the girls had a great frolic riding horseback and rolling in the hay. The girls all have expressed their hope and desire for a return visit at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bates went up to Roswell yesterday for a short visit to the family of R. L. Bates in that city.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., December 10th, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that Ivan Thurman, of Carlsbad, N. M., who, on November 25th, 1916, made Additional Homestead Entry No. 032783 for SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 8, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4; Section 9, Township 26-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 David Phillips, U. S. Commissioner, at Carlsbad, N. M., on the 8th day of February, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: David Clements, Dave Gage, Walter Horne, Arthur Mayes, all of Carlsbad, N. M.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Sheriff George Patton made a trip to El Paso this week. Monday, looking after business in connection with the office of sheriff of Eddy county.

Mrs. V. O. McCollum, and two sons, arrived at home in this city last Friday night after a visit of a couple of weeks with relatives at El Paso, Texas.

J. W. Hamilton, a resident of the Last Chance neighborhood, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday evening for ranch supplies and making the trip by wagon.

Mrs. F. E. Wilson accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Heard to Roswell Wednesday for a few days visit with one of her friends, Mrs. Helen Cowan Hall.

Holley Benson has been drawn on the Federal Grand jury which is now in session at Santa Fe. Messrs. M. L. Davis and J. W. Stevenson are also in Santa Fe as witnesses before that body.

Lewis Adams this week moved his stock of dry goods and notions into the room in the Smith block recently vacated by Sanders & Hobbs cash grocery, where he will have more room for his rapidly increasing business.

Miss Vera Vest, teacher of the schools at Queen, came in from her vacation spent with her mother at Patbanks, Arizona, Monday night, and Tuesday continued her journey to Queen to take up her school duties.

Hon. Dillard Wyatt, prosecuting attorney for the Fifth Judicial District, came down from his home in Roswell Wednesday for the purpose of checking out the business of the district attorney's office, prior to his taking charge of the same.

Mrs. George O'Connor was a very clever hostess to a few of her friends at her home last Friday afternoon, the occasion being a three-course luncheon. Those enjoying the happy affair were Mrs. Love, Misses Rhoda and Leila Harvey, Miss Van Wic and Miss Inez Jones. The affair was very informal and was the more enjoyed on that account.

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QUALITIES OF BRICK ROADS

Bureau of Public Roads Making Tests of Various Types of Pavements With Motortrucks.

The bureau of public roads is making a study of the relative wearing qualities of different types of pavements and tests have been about completed on a short section of pavement containing 49 different types subjected to the wear of a special truck equipped with five large cast-iron disklike wheels. The relative wearing qualities of hard as compared with soft brick are brought out very distinctly in this test. The resistance to wear of various kinds of stone block sections is also shown up to good advantage.



Vitrified Brick Used for Paving Roads.

A chance to compare grout and asphalt fillers for both brick and stone block is furnished by this investigation. Likewise the relative wearing qualities of concrete when mixed with various kinds of coarse aggregates is indicated.

The investigation of subgrade materials, started a few months ago with the cooperation of the district engineers and state engineers, is proceeding at a very satisfactory rate. A number of samples have been received from various parts of the country and laboratory analyses of many of these samples are partially completed. The methods being used by the division of tests will shortly be published as a paper so that any other laboratories wishing to conduct similar investigations may have some guide as to the method of procedure being followed by the bureau of public roads.

The samples analyzed have been taken from parts of the roads that have failed very badly as well as from adjacent parts of the same roads that have withstood heavy traffic successfully. It is hoped that by a comparison of the laboratory results on these samples with the reported behavior of the road in service differences in the subgrade materials will become apparent so that we will be able to say what physical characteristics soils must possess to give them high bearing value.

BENEFITS FROM ROAD DRAGS

Projections Are Scraped Off Roadway and Low Places Filled, Thus Turning Water.

The graded road can be kept in the best condition with the least labor by using the road drag. The road drag scrapes off the projections and fills up the low places, thus leaving no places for water to stand, which is what causes the road bed to soften and be cut into ruts. A persistent use of the road drag will keep the road bed well crowned, smooth and hard, and this will also result in the least dust, as the dust comes largely from the grinding up of the ruts and rough places left by the horses' feet.—Extension Division, North Dakota Agricultural College.

PROPER LOCATION FOR ROAD

Among Other Things Consider Easy Grades, Good Drainage and Elimination of Culverts.

Some of the things to be considered in locating a road are easy grades, good drainage, exposure to sunshine, elimination of culverts and bridges by avoiding unnecessary creek crossings, directness and the number of turns to be served for a given length of road. Whenever possible to avoid it, a good location should not be rejected merely because a certain roadway has been in use for some time. If the location of a used road is bad it should be changed if possible. In relocating roads avoid railroad crossings at grade.

Increase in Kansas Roads.
There will be a great increase in the number of hard surfaced roads in Kansas in the next three years.

Roads Must Be Rebuilt.
The roads of a few years ago, that were thought to be sufficient to meet the traffic requirements, today with our modern system of transportation are giving away and must be rebuilt.

Doctor Has Better Chance.
The doctor has a better chance to save lives if good roads shorten the distance from office to farm.

First Use of Asphalt.
Asphalt was first used in Paris as a road material 50 years ago.

CAREER OF "NED BUNTLINE"

Writer of Sensational Stories Once Extremely Popular Had a Singularly Adventurous Life.

"Ned Buntline," whose real name was E. Z. C. Judson, had a career which was on its plane Rooseveltian, Gargantuan and Tartaric. It is described in "Life and Adventures of 'Ned Buntline,'" by Fred E. Pond, otherwise Will Wildwood, says the Detroit News. Judson ran away from his home when eleven years old. In 1834, became a sailor and then a midshipman. At fifteen he fought a duel with seven midshipmen who had declined to meet with him.

When seventeen years old Judson served with distinction in the Seminole war. He became a hunter in the Everglades, then hurried off to the Rockies in the employ of the Northwest Fur company, turned back to the Southwest, where he married and fought more duels.

Judson became a mainstay of the Knickerbocker Magazine in its best years and was so violent a begueter of sensational romances that he once wrote a book of 610 pages in 62 hours. He turned into a patriot with the Know Nothings, and on account of his share in the Astor place riot was sent to the penitentiary for a year. He then took himself to the Adirondacks, which he helped make classic ground for sportsmen. He served in the Mexican and Civil wars.

"Buntline" brought "Buffalo Bill" on the stage in a play he wrote one Wednesday afternoon, rehearsed over the week-end and produced the following Monday. He came to the end of his career in 1886, only after he had written more than 200 volumes of tumultuous blood-and-thunder.

HEROINE HAD HER SYMPATHY

Swedish Maid Took Paragraph in Book Which She Was Reading a Little Too Literally.

One of the peculiarities of our language was brought to the notice of a Chicago woman by her Swedish maid.

This girl had attended night school for some weeks and was delighted by her attainments in English. She expressed her wish to try her knowledge by reading a story in English, and the mistress recommended for her perusal, a tale called "A Modern Cinderella," then running in one of the magazines. It was simply worded and appeared not to present any linguistic pitfalls.

"Did you like it, Hilda?" asked the mistress, when the magazine was returned.

"Yes, ma'am," was the reply, "but I am sorry she had so much trouble and those glass eyes, too. My brudder, he had one glass eye, and it was hard for him."

The lady of the house was puzzled; so Hilda unfolded the magazine and pointed with a respectful finger to the following undeniable proofs:

"As Polly moved about the kitchen, doing her work, her eyes suddenly fell on the letter which lay unopened on her aunt's lap.

"Keep your eyes where they belong," said that lady sharply, and poor Polly colored with shame."

How the Heart Beats.

A normal heart, from long before birth to death, beats roughly once a second, and if it stops beating at any time of day or night or weekday or Sunday for as long as sixty seconds it never begins beating again. The normal beat begins at the top of the heart and runs down to the bottom of the heart with the regularity of a toss running down the length of a rope. When the toss, however, instead of running regularly down the length of the rope, scatters its force and merely sets the rope shaking feebly throughout its length it loses its force, and in the same way when the beat of the heart instead of running regularly and easily down from the top of the heart to the bottom merely sets the heart feebly a-quiver we have the condition called fibrillation.

Air's Density Changes.

Job spoke of the "bottles" of heaven, and St. Augustine and others thought there were windows in heaven, and as these were opened or closed so the rain began and ended. But that was long ago. Even as late as the middle of the eighteenth century the chemical nature of the air was not known. If the density of the atmosphere remained constant it could all be compressed into a layer about five miles thick. In that case the highest mountain peaks would stand out in space piercing the so-called homogeneous atmosphere. But the density decreases with elevation, and when the aviator reaches an elevation of 10,000 meters he is in a medium which is only about one-third as dense as at the ground. There are no clouds above this level.

Fashions in Suicide.

It seems that there are fashions in suicide. A medical journal traces their history from the stone age, when men sought death by jumping from cliffs or disappearing in the sea. The ancient Egyptians poisoned themselves with prussic acid extracted from peach kernels; the Italians of the Renaissance used weird combinations of arsenic. Shooting came with the cheapening of firearms, asphyxiation with the use of gas for lighting. Carbolic acid was the favorite method when every household kept a bottle of this for fighting bedbugs. The death of a banker from an accidental dose of mercuric chloride (corrosive sublimate) set a new fashion.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Dr. M. B. Culpepper has been seriously ill for the past week but we are glad to learn that he is improving at this time and probabilities are that the good doctor will soon be able to take up his work again.

Quite a number of our cattle-men are expecting to attend the exhibition of wild west cowboy sports to be held at El Paso the 12th of this month. An interesting program has been arranged and all who attend will be sure to reap a benefit.

Mrs. Spencer and her daughter, Mrs. Gard, expect to leave next week for California, to spend the remainder of the winter in Los Angeles. The health of neither of the ladies has been very good here the altitude being a little high for them.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Will Bloxom at their home in Carlsbad, a boy baby the 4th instant. The youngster has already been named having the name of Alvin Jasper, and is receiving the best wishes of many friends of his happy parents for a long and successful life in which wishes the Current joins.

News from the Organ Evangelistic party is to the effect that they will open services in Carlsbad next Sunday morning at the Christian church, the first sermon being preached at 11 o'clock. There are four members in the party and they have been having wonderful success in other places where they have held services. Everybody is invited to come out and hear them.

Dr. R. J. Boatman was elected city health officer by the board of county commissioners in session last Monday. His appointment by the local board has been sent in to the state board of health for their approval before he enters upon the duties of that important office. The naming of Dr. Boatman meets with general approval and it is expected he will fulfill his duties without fear or favor as he has a way of doing anything he undertakes in a thorough manner.

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LOCAL NEWS

Judge B. Frank Buie left Saturday on an extended business trip to southwest Texas.

R. L. Judkins this week sold his home property in the north part of town, F. M. Hatfield becoming the purchaser. Consideration not given out.

Mrs. M. L. Davis was taken to Eddy county hospital Wednesday of this week suffering from a complete nervous breakdown and in a condition requiring absolute rest and quiet.

Robert and Fred Leck and their wives were in town from their homes, Robert's at Eunice, New Mexico, and Fred from Kermit, Texas, and visited awhile at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Leck.

Melvin Bearup came down from his home in the mountains Wednesday with the mail carrier. He says he had a little business to transact but having no money to spend, he returned this morning with Mr. Platz to his home.

Improvements are under way on the grounds of Eddy county hospital and when completed quite a change will be noticed. A new driveway is being laid out along the rear of the building, the yard will be filled up and a lattice run across the west end, the fence painted and a host of minor improvements made which will add greatly to the looks of things. "Uncle John" Lucas is busy at the work.

Miss Zada Mudgett returned the last of last week from attending a state meeting of her sorority which was held at Roswell.

Mrs. C. C. Hotchkiss and three children and Miss Williamson, who have been guests at the Harvey Fisher home south of town, returned to their home at Toyah, the first of the week.

Judge and Mrs. J. S. Osburn were down from their home in Roswell the first of the week, the judge attending to legal business and Mrs. Osburn visiting with friends in Carlsbad.

Professor and Mrs. Donley are happy over the arrival of a little daughter, born the night of the 3rd, instant, who has been named Virginia Wright. Many friends rejoice with them and wish for the little girl all that her fond parents anticipate for her future.

Mrs. L. C. Pence entertained a few friends, honoring Miss Howell, last Monday afternoon. Two tables of ladies played bridge and enjoyed a social time together and also "he refreshments which were served at the close of the afternoon. Those present were, the honor guest, Miss Howell, Miss McKeeley, Mrs. Sikes, Mrs. L. E. Ervin, Mrs. R. E. Dick, Mrs. D. Jackson, Mrs. J. Hudgins and the hostess, Mrs. Pence.

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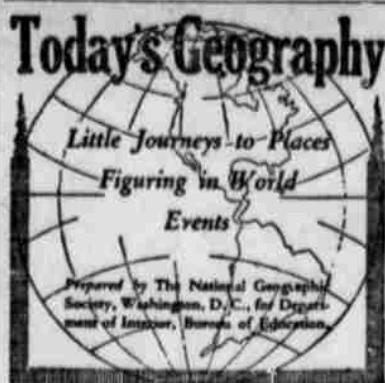
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KAMCHATKA: ALASKA'S POOR RELATION.

The Kamchatkan peninsula and the Siberian country between it and the Arctic ocean have attracted international attention since the report of its lease to a syndicate of Americans for the development of its natural resources. This region is a sort of half-sister to Alaska, which was also once Russian territory.

Alaska, the more comely sister, fared forth, so to speak, was sold into the family of the wealthy Uncle Sam, and has had a life rich in excitement and adventure. Kamchatka, the more homely sister, remained under the Russian roof-tree on the west side of Bering sea, and has lived in seclusion.

Kamchatka and the country north to Bering strait contain a large area of tundra or Arctic plains; soft, spongy morasses during the few months of summer; frozen, snow-covered wastes in winter. In the higher land impenetrable underbrush springs up in summer. What little travel is possible at this season is done on the backs of sturdy ponies who must wade up the shallow streams or plod through the sticky swamps. In winter travel is easy. Teams of dogs and reindeer which laden sledges over the frozen surface of the streams and across the snow of the tundra at a rate, under favorable circumstances, of 75 miles or more a day. Trails that are virtually highways are beaten down by the teams of the natives bringing their furs—the chief present resources of the country—to the trading posts.

In the summer the curse of the moist regions of the north strikes the Kamchatkan country; swarms of mosquitoes and flies thicken the air and make life miserable for all living things. The nomadic natives flee with their herds of reindeer to the seacoast, where the breezes give some relief.

Though the climate of Kamchatka is rigorous, a Westerner is likely to consider the food of the country more so. Bowls of boiled fishes' eyes are the most popular delicacy in the lower peninsula where the silver herds of salmon run up most of the streams. To the north reindeer meat in some form is the universal piece de resistance, the tongues and marrow bones being prized in particular.

"Cold storage" eggs contribute to Kamchatka's tables. The eggs are obtained from the nests of gulls and other wild fowls and are buried in pits on the frosty north side of a hill until needed. Frozen berries also eke out the winter fare.

"Soup balls," carried by winter travelers, are likely to prove a compensation to western palates. They are small balls of reindeer "sausage" surrounded by a crust of dough, the whole about the size of an English walnut. These balls freeze and are carried in bags like marbles. A handful dropped into a kettle of boiling water produces within a few minutes a delectable and sustaining dish.

The Kamchatkan peninsula proper is about 750 miles in length, and the distance from its roots to Bering strait is an equal distance. Kamchatka lies in the same latitude as the British Isles, while the country north to the Arctic ocean is in the latitude of Norway. The Kamchatka region is bathed by cold arctic currents instead of the warm Gulf stream, and its climate is therefore much colder than that of Britain and Scandinavia.

KOBE, OSAKA AND YOKOHAMA.

Eastern questions will hereafter become more realistic and understandable and therefore sympathetically treated, since their visit to the commercial cities of Japan during their trip through the Orient.

Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama proudly displayed for American observation their busy factories with their interesting products, and bustling docks where junks plying inland waters and foreign-bound steamers are gorging and disgorging freight.

The busy city of Kobe may be entered after a charming trip through the inland sea, that picturesque landlocked basin with four channels to the outer sea, a fairyland of islands covered with temples and trees which is famous in Japanese song and story. One writer has called it the Gem of the World. Certainly it is one of the most beautiful sea routes in the world.

Kobe, with its 2,741 acres of excellent harbor, which in modern, up-to-date fashion has been divided systematically into sections for junks, merchant vessels and for dreadnaughts of the Japanese navy, is the most attractive of the treaty ports, and has within the last few years shot ahead of Yokohama in the volume of its commerce, its total trade being about 40 per cent of the whole trade of the country. It ships copper, rice, straw bales, chip brails for hats, matings, camphor, tea and cotton yarn, and yearly enough passengers land on its docks to make a city the size of Seattle, Kansas City or Providence.

This port, which is now so attrac-

tively situated on the hill slopes running down to the sea, was merely a group of fishing huts about fifty years ago when it was first opened to foreign commerce.

Osaka, which has been styled because of its numerous canals and bridges, the Venice of the East, is one of the three imperial cities, and has a population of a million. Here is located the Japanese mint, covering 40 acres, a shipyard having a 1,000-foot frontage, and important factories which make cotton cloth, glass, iron and steel products, boots and shoes, matches and tobacco products. Most of the trade of Osaka, however, since the harbor is unsuited for large vessels, is with the interior.

Japan's other important port, Yokohama, was where Commodore Perry first entered the country in 1854. As the ship steams out from the city and the picturesque little towns about the harbor fade into the haze, the majestic form of Fujiyama, the sacred mountain still towers in the distance. For those who have climbed its rugged height in the dark before dawn to see the sun rise in splendor over its rim and have peered into the crater of the old volcano, the picture is one they will be glad to bring home with them in their hearts.

GUATEMALA: LAND OF UPHEAVALS AND PROGRESS.

A condition of upheaval, not necessarily from political causes, is nothing new to the republic of Guatemala. This country has wonderfully rich and fertile soil and its climate rarely is equaled.

The city of Guatemala, which is now partially rebuilt, was the scene of one of the most violent earthquakes known in Central American history. This earthquake extended over several months during the latter part of 1917 and the early months of 1918. It began November 17, 1917. On Christmas night in the parks of the city, beneath a full moon in an untroubled sky, the populace huddled watching in fear and misery their homes, the trees, and the earth as well, creep, writhe and twist.

On the night of January 24, the moon again beamed from a cloudless sky upon these people as they saw nearly every remaining edifice in their city tumble in whirlwinds of dust. The tremors seemed to center under the very city itself, and spectators have said that they feared that the earth would give away and a volcano form in the very heart of the city. Houses and bell towers crumbled, water mains were broken, the sewage oozed up in the streets and, in the cemeteries, skeletons were shaken out of their coffins.

One can take a steamer from New Orleans and in three days reach Puerto Barrios, on the Gulf of Amatique, along the sunny eastern shores of the country, where stately palms wave in greeting.

Along this seacoast and farther inland large banana plantations cover thousands of acres. This one comparatively small country raises for its own and the outside world's consumption about ten million bunches of bananas a year. The valley of the Motagua river is considered one of the most densely vegetated regions of the world.

But the most important crop of the state is coffee. In 1918 Guatemala produced about one hundred and ten million pounds of coffee, more than seventy million pounds of which were exported to the United States.

In the mountains of southwestern Guatemala live pure-blooded Indians who have won admiration of travelers for their physique, cleanliness and scrupulous honesty. One visitor tells of trying to buy a ring from an Indian girl, who refused to sell because the jewel was not pure gold, and she did not wish to sell a stranger an imitation!

These Indians wear beautiful shawls with no fringes, dyed in brilliant colors. When brought to this country specimens have withstood repeated washing and the colors have retained their marvelous luster.

ZARA: FAMOUS FOR ITS MARASCHINO AND ITS CHURCHES.

Zara, where Gabriele d'Annunzio landed troops to strengthen his position at Fiume, is ceded to Italy under the terms of the Rapallo agreement between Italy and Jugo-Slavia. This city, noted for its churches and its maraschino, is described in a communication to the National Geographic society by Kenneth McKenzie as follows:

"Starting from Fiume, one sails down the channel called Quarnero, leaving Istria and the Gulf of Quarnero to the right. The Island of Arbe, about half way to Zara, has an old cathedral with a Twelfth-century tower. Coming from Trieste, one skirts the western shore of Istria, stopping perhaps at Rovigno and at Pola. The stay of an hour enables one to get a hurried glimpse of the great amphitheater and other Roman remains of Pola, under Austrian rule, an important naval station and strongly fortified. The language here is chiefly Italian. Istria would well repay the time devoted to a trip of several days; but we pass on, stopping at one or two of the islands, to Zara, the most northerly town of importance in Dalmatia.

"Zara is noted all over the world for its maraschino. Aside from this, however, the town has many attractions to offer. On landing from the steamer in the landlocked harbor, we find ourselves in front of a gate

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In the town wall. Over the gate to the winged lion of St. Mark, often met with here and elsewhere in Dalmatia, and a symbol of the former dominion of the republic of Venice. Passing through the gate, we enter the narrow paved streets of a typical Italian city, such as we may imagine it to have been two or three centuries ago, except that the hotels are more comfortable. There are many medieval churches in the town, interesting architecturally, and containing works of art. The cathedral in particular, a majestic Romanesque church, is richly adorned outside with many arcades of little columns and inside with marbles and paintings. It is in the best Italian style of the Middle Ages. Its campanile is a landmark.

"Wandering among the narrow streets, we come upon several open squares and market places, where in the morning scores of peasants may be seen in their brilliant-colored costumes. There are Roman remains, too—columns and statues.

"Leaving Zara, the steamer comes out of the harbor, encircles the point of land on which the city stands, and skirts low-lying shores, passing among innumerable islands. All at once a narrow opening appears; we go through it, and find ourselves in the spacious harbor of Sebenico, with the town rising from the water to a fort crowning the hill."

A ONE-MAN FLAG—THE PRESIDENT'S.

Most folk know of some of the perquisites that will accrue to the next President of the United States, such as a band which is at his disposal—the Marine band—and the White House conservatory which provide the first lady of the land with flowers, but it is not so generally known that one of the honors bestowed upon the chief executive is a special flag.

This flag is not seen frequently. It does not float over the White House. Its use is reserved, for the most part, for occasions when the President appears in his ex-officio capacity as commander in chief of the army and the navy.

The President's flag consists of the coat-of-arms as they appear on the President's seal, against a blue background, and flanked by four stars. Its history and use are described in the monograph on "Flags of the World" of the National Geographic society as follows:

When the President visits a vessel of the United States, the President's flag is broken at the mast the moment he reaches the deck, and is kept flying as long as he is on board. If the vessel can do so, a national salute of 21 guns is fired as soon as possible after his arrival on board. Upon departure, another salute of 21 guns is fired, the President's flag be-

ing lowered with the last gun of the salute.

When the President is embarked in a boat he usually directs that his flag be displayed from the staff in the bow of his barge. When he passes in a boat flying his flag, vessels of the navy parade the full guard, four ruffles are given on the drum, four flourishes are sounded on the bugle, the National Anthem is played by the band, and officers and men salute. When the President is embarked in a ship flying his flag, all saluting ships, on meeting her at sea or elsewhere, and all naval batteries, fire a national salute on passing.

Previous to the present order there were two designs displayed on flags and on colors to be used in the presence of the commander in chief of the army and the navy. The navy design was of an earlier date than that of the army, and consisted of the coat-of-arms of the United States, as shown in the Great Seal, upon a blue ground. This happened to be almost identical with the infantry colors. The President's colors were designed to be distinctive from the infantry colors, and consisted of a blue ground with a large crimson star, outlined heavily with white. Within the star was to be seen the coat-of-arms of the United States, and outside the star within its angles were powdered small stars to the number of states in the Union.

Can Can.

All the world before long will be canning American style, if the present rate of progress keeps up. Last year France asked the loan of some canning specialists from the United States Department of Agriculture to teach them the purely American art of home canning. The results were so gratifying that the same group were asked to return this year to give further instruction. They went, and their work everywhere in France was attended with gratifying results.

The director general of agriculture in the little duchy of Luxembourg hearing of the method of preserving fruits and vegetables being taught the French, asked if the American canning experts could be lent to Luxembourg when they were through in France. This was arranged, and the first two weeks in September found the Americans teaching in Luxembourg how to can and dry garden products and how to can meat and fish. From Luxembourg the demonstrators went to Holland where at Amsterdam and other places a series of lectures were given. At the request of the British Department of Agriculture, the canning specialists then went to England and gave demonstrations before the English institute workers. One group is now in Denmark and another in Egypt. Wherever American canning methods are taught the response and appreciation is most gratifying.

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF GOV.

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 4.—The text of Governor Merritt C. Mechem's inaugural address delivered Saturday, follows:

"Conditions in New Mexico, which affect all her leading industries, impose upon this administration not only that wise economy which should always be observed in the conduct of business, but far-reaching and thorough-going retrenchment in tax levies and expenditure of public money in every department of state, county and city government.

"There can be no mistaking the seriousness of the present situation nor can there be any doubt but that the people expect, and have a right to expect, us first of all to do everything in our power to lighten the heavy burden of taxation.

"When the state legislature met in its 1917 and 1919 session, we were enjoying great prosperity in nearly every line of business, and it is not surprising that during that period of prosperity, and inspired by it, the expenditures of public money should have been greatly increased. But now the exact reverse is true and we will wholly fail in our duty if we do not see to it that the increases so made during prosperous years are completely abated, if it can be done without impairing a service which is indispensable.

"It would be a false economy to lose ground gained after years of effort, as for example, in the matter of education; but even in such an important phase of governmental activity we cannot at this time afford any extensions, and where economies can be inaugurated, they should be.

"Our attitude in all matters which call for the appropriation of the peoples money should be controlled by necessity, and not by desirability merely. The state, through its various agencies, could accomplish many things which would be desirable and advantageous, but in addition to such consideration, these things must be absolutely essential, in view of present business conditions. In these hard times it must be with

the state as it is with provident individuals— not a question of what we would like to have, but what we can get along without.

"In regard to the pledges of reform contained in the platform of the party we represent, they are each and every one of them to be kept to the letter and in the spirit of complete fulfillment. The time is past for discussion concerning their wisdom or expediency, and there are many matters of great importance which will claim our attention. The recommendations of the special revenue commission are entitled to careful and intelligent consideration. It is not desired to minimize the importance of any of these matters by not discussing them at this time and place, but what is desired is to put especial emphasis upon the fact that a reduction of taxation is the paramount obligation resting upon us at this time.

"As to many public questions, there may be honest differences, either as to their wisdom, expediency, or as to the method of putting them into effect, but we cannot be other than of one mind upon the imperative necessity of a rigid limitation of taxation, and the way in which it can be obtained. The method is simple and single. It can only be done by reducing the levies which the taxing authorities are by law empowered to make, and by cutting down appropriations. This will not, in every case, work a hardship. With the purchasing power of the dollar decreasing as it did for several years last past, large appropriations were necessary to obtain the same results as formerly obtained, but now that the purchasing power of the dollar is daily increasing, and will continue beyond any doubt to do so, smaller appropriations should accomplish what is needed.

"There is a very pardonable local pride which is the cause for many of the demands upon the legislature for appropriations. It is quite natural that those communities in which are located the state institutions should strive to have them enlarged and improved, but while these institutions must be maintained in position to accomplish the objects for which they were created, and their growth must be fostered, yet at this time the taxpayers can not afford to

spend any more money on them than is necessary to keep them at their present efficiency, and that is all that should be asked at this time.

"Some economies have been suggested, such as the abolishment of some useless offices, but this alone will not suffice. Levies and appropriations have got to be cut to the last cent possible.

"Taxes must be reduced so that every taxpayer in this state, when he goes to pay his taxes next time, will know and will appreciate the fact that they have been materially and effectually reduced.

"We have heard a great deal recently about defects in our tax system, and while they will doubtless receive the attention they deserve, there is a vastly more important question to be considered, and that is—does the present high cost of government produce benefits in proportion to its cost? And, further, are those benefits enjoyed by the great majority of the people?

"There is no warrant in law to tax any individual for what does not directly or indirectly benefit him; and that benefit must be real and not merely speculative.

"Such will be the chief policy of this administration and every effort will be made to carry it into full effect."

NOTICE.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Eddy County Farm Bureau will be held at the courthouse at Carlsbad on Saturday, January 15th, at 10 A. M. Your attendance is requested.
 W. W. GALTON, President.

Mrs. Thorne's Sunday school class was entertained at her home the latter part of last week at a delightful luncheon at which the entire twelve members were present. The personnel of the class is as follows: Misses Frances Moore, Nellie Linn, Grace Jones, Cora and Margaret Gouwens, Julia Hughes, Mary Lee Newton, Lillian Crawford, Dorothy Ryan, Lorene Powell, Mesdames Gladys Bush Lowenbruck and Ima Camp Jones. The affair was quite informal and pleasant.

The male quartette failed to materialize at the recital last night owing to illness in the family of one of the members.

EL PASO GAP ITEMS.

El Paso, Gap, Dec. 27.—This Christmas of all Christmases will be remembered by us Dog Canyonites for many a year. The day seemed to me the most perfect I have ever seen—not a cloud to mar our happiness.

A sumptuous dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Selby Cox, of this place, and tell about your Christmas goodies; we found them all there. Mrs. Cox proved herself a wonderful cook. Everyone had a jolly good time and at 8 P. M. the whole of Dog Canyon gathered at the home of Joe Plowman to while away the time dancing to the soul-thrilling music rendered by Sam Lewis and son, Arch. And say, Mr. that music puts the very devil in a fellow's heels. Joe Plowman, I must say, proved himself a perfect host. As the saying goes, he turned his wolf loose; he called for the old time quadrille and my, how he shook his fantastic toe to the good old tune of "Soap Suds". He danced with the ladies, old and young, and we feel very grateful to him for the good time that we all had—that never to be forgotten night we danced until the glorious sun peeped over the Devil's Den hill and warned us it was time to go home. Those present were: Sam Lewis and family, Selby Cox and family, Mrs. J. R. Bonine, her daughter, Frankie, and two guests, Mrs. B. D. Wright and Mrs. Jim Tanner; J. C. Todd, wife and daughter, of the Haze ranch; Mrs. Ora Abel and family, accompanied by Toby; a party from Will Magaby's consisting of Jess and Lee Magaby and wife, Mrs. Berl and Edna Magaby. Smiling Sammie Hughes was among the gay throng. Dutch Meiers of Effendale ranch, played a prominent part. Earnest Hayes, of Carlsbad, took the cake for dancing tickle toe. Claud Bain was heard to say that he had the time of his life. Manly Roberts, of Queen, a great favorite with the ladies, kept the house roaring with laughter at his wit and graceful dancing and all went home with happy hearts.

Selby Cox and wife entertained on New Year's night with one of the most successful dances of the season. The rooms and halls were crowded with merry laughter from everywhere. The music was furnished by Sam and Arch Lewis, and oh! those musical strains makes us feel young again—makes us feel like tossing up our hat and yelling like a democrat. The dancing was indulged in until midnight, then supper was announced and big and little, old and young, hastened to the dining room where the tables were groaning under the load of viands of every description. Mrs. Cox certainly cannot be excelled in cooking Christmas goodies. Those present were too numerous to name but I can truthfully say that we all had a dandy good time.

A GUEST.

Judge Sam G. Bratton adjourned court last night and returned to his home in Clovis and court will convene in March, that being the regular term. During the week, the judge heard a number of cases, non-jury and civil, and granted several divorces and has a number of cases under consideration.

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BOY BABIES BORN TO FATHER AND SON ON SAME DAY.

A peculiar coincidence came to pass in this city, being the birth to father and son of boy babies on the same day. January 1 at 10 A. M. Joe Weldy was presented with a boy baby and on the same day in the afternoon a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Weldy, parents of Joe. Both children are fine, big boys and the Current has best wishes for all concerned.

W. P. Lucas has been confined to his home by sickness the past week.

J. E. Laverty has been unusually busy even for him the past week, it being calendar time for taking account of his tax duties.

The C. C. Lewis home has been rented for an extended time by Mr. and Mrs. Dixon.