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AND NEW MEXICO SUN

SIXTEENTH YEAR

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1908.

NUMBER 13

CARLSBAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Carlsbad Has the Best Public School System in South-eastern New Mexico and Combined With Our Fine Climate, Offers Inducements to Homeseekers

A HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOLS FROM THE BEGINNING

The Enrollment in the Different Departments Shows a Far Greater Attendance Than for Any Previous Year—A Competent Superintendent and An Efficient Corps of Assistants Making the Schools a Success.

The town of Carlsbad boasts of the best drinking water in Eastern New Mexico which is here in unlimited quantity, also the best, most permanent and reliable irrigation system, the best fire protection, the best drainage, the best streets and sidewalks and best shaded town, and altogether it is known as Carlsbad the Beautiful the Forest City, but her schools are the especial pride of every true citizen. In them all patriotic Carlsbad residents see a bright future for the town and county and especial interest is being taken by many that heretofore have been quite indifferent. This is a healthy sign and speaks well for the future of Carlsbad.

It may not be inopportune at this time to give a brief resume or history of education in Eddy county, which until 1891 was a portion of old Lincoln county.

In the early days along in the 70's Ash Upson taught at Roswell and afterward at Seven Rivers. Then old Charlie Tremble taught a few pupils as far as words of the second syllable in the old Webster speller and then turned back and commenced again, being still unable to read words of three syllables. W. G. Cass taught a school at Lookout on the banks of Black river in 1882-3 where George Williams received his education, Mr. Cass being a good teacher.

In 1889, after the town of Eddy, now Carlsbad, was platted, the old adobe building in the south part of town was built, and B. A. Nymeyer, Joe Hinsley and T. A. Gray were elected directors. This was then Dist. No. 21 Lincoln Co., N. M. Miss Edith Ohle, now Mrs. T. F. Blackmore of Artesia, was the first teacher and her first pupils were Fred Nymeyer and his little sister, Tena, now Mrs. J. C. Draper.

After Mrs. Blackmore had taught a term another building was secured and Fred Nymeyer, brother of B. A., was employed to teach. Miss Evalyn Rush was then employed. After this Miss Potter taught in the old rock building on Greene street, near the corner of Halagueno. In the fall of 1892 Miss Rush taught in an old building opposite the Ohnemus shops. A negro school was started in the old adobe in 1892 with S. G. Davis, a colored man, for teacher, and there the Penn, Jones and other colored children were taught. Davis was succeeded in 1893 by a Mrs. Weeks.

The colored school was continued in first one building, and then another, until a couple of years ago when, owing to the fact that only a few children of colored parents were found, it was dropped.

A Mexican school was started in 1892 and the first teacher was Louis Ochoa, a very well educated native who had a deep interest in the education of the native youth. He was succeeded by Mrs. M. Phillips and then by Willis Cadwell who instructed the native children faithfully for several years or until 1907 being succeeded by Mrs. Miller, the present teacher.

The following is from an address delivered by County Superintendent M. P. Kerr, Dec. 1, 1905, at Artesia before the meeting of the Pecos Valley Teachers' Association, and gives quite a sketch of the first schools of Eddy county:

Eddy county was created by an act of the legislature passed in 1890, but did not become a distinct corporation or body politic until January 1st, 1891, at which time there were seven school districts in the county; namely at Lookout, Blue river, Hope, Black river, Rocky arroyo, Seven rivers and Eddy. The number has now grown to seventeen, besides two town schools under the directions of boards of education, one at your prosperous town of Artesia and the other at Carlsbad.

Cap't. John S. Shattock, one of the pioneer settlers of southeastern New Mexico who died some two years ago, has the honor of having been the first county superintendent of the county.

While the increase in the number of public schools in the county shows a remarkable growth in the population and educational facilities, yet the

increase in the number alone does not tell the whole story. The increase in the number of pupils in attendance is much greater in proportion.

When the county was organized one small school house was sufficient to accommodate the pupils and one small teacher, that is small in size, but great in ability if we are to give credence to the old timers who claim to know, was able to teach them all at what was then Eddy. This teacher to whom I refer is no other person than one of the citizens of your town of Artesia, Mrs. T. F. Blackmore.

The enumeration in the schools at Carlsbad is 792 and 10 teachers are employed, and in addition the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are conducting a private school with a good attendance, and Miss S. A. Kernodle, a private school.

Your own town of Artesia shows the most marked growth which the county has had. Not much more than one year ago your town was school district No. 12, and the total enumeration of that district was 65. Your growth first required the creation of district No. 16. Out of this district 12 we have district 16, enumeration 367 pupils of school age. District 12, Dayton, 97 pupils, District 17, 52 pupils; total 516; an increase in the last two years of 451.

In district No. 14 Monument, three years ago it was a hard struggle to secure 25 heads of families to sign a

petition to the county superintendent to organize a school district, now they have an enumeration of 178 pupils, of school age, with three schools I am glad to say doing good work.

District No. 5, Mountain school, a few years ago with a 2x4 school house with 18 or 20 pupils, but now has an enumeration of 109 pupils doing good work. No. 7, Seven rivers, also has two first class schools. In the same district two years ago, district No. 15, was taken from district No. 7. District No. 15 has now an enumeration of 103 pupils with three schools. District No. 10, Florence, a few years ago without a school, has an enumeration of 112 pupils with two schools.

I have recently visited districts 1, Otis, 11, Malaga, 6, Rocky arroyo, 15, 3 and 4, 13, Lone Tree. Districts 8 and 9, Hope, will soon be united as one district. Bonds will be issued and sold, a commodious school building will be erected and the board of education will then establish a graded school.

Lately you have incorporated your town and formed the board of education of Artesia. You have expended \$10,000 in the erection of this beautiful school building and already its commodious rooms are almost filled with the bright, vigorous youth of your town to the number of 275, and if I may be allowed to make a prophecy in passing I will venture the assertion that within two years your board of education will find it necessary to increase the accommodations for your pupils. In my opinion there are a number of distinct reasons for the remarkable growth of our public schools. I will name a few:

First. Eddy county has a most delightful climate and all who enjoy it for a while are never happy living any other place.

Second. Its fame has gone abroad over the land and the tide of emigration has at last set this way.

Third. Our people generally are prosperous, happy and contented, and are admirers of our "strenuous" president, and are, and have been for some years, quite in harmony with his views on our duty to populate the country; they live up to their views. We have no race suicide in Eddy county.

Fourth, your humble servant has labored incessantly to instill in the minds of our citizens the importance of educating our children, and to see that they have the best of teachers to instruct them, which the funds available will secure; and I will say, in passing, that the schools of Eddy county are taught by teachers who are as good as the best.

Fifth. I am proud to say that no county superintendent ever had more loyal, zealous school directors to assist him in making our public schools what they should be.

Until the year 1891 New Mexico was practically without any efficient public school laws. In 1891, after a great fight, the legislature passed the public school law which we have now. Of course amendments have been made from time to time since then, and

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on our people, because we must raise all of our school money by direct taxes assessed against our heads and our property; but when it shall suit congress to grant us statehood, our millions of acres of school lands will be available. They can be put on the market and sold, and New Mexico or Arizona, or whatever name our state may have will begin to build up its school fund.

The following table shows the enrollment for 1907-8, with Prof. V. L. Griffin as superintendent:

Department	Pupils	Teachers
High School	43	Mrs. Wood
7th and 8th	61	Miss Kernodle
6th	44	Miss Reiff
5th	46	Mrs. Swickard
4th	55	Miss Hendren
2nd and 3rd	72	Miss Johnson
1st	47	Miss King
Mexican	90	Mrs. Miller

The attendance last year, Mexican school not counted, was 350, while the year previous there were only 319. On account of the government work being in progress last year and there being a large floating population, the real increase for this season is very remarkable, the number of English speaking pupils being 367, and 90 native or Mexicans.

The Carlsbad schools the present season have drawn from the country much more than usual, about twenty having been sent in from other districts, which speaks well for the efficiency of the schools of Carlsbad.

The present board of education consists of Messrs Allen C. Heard, C. R. Brice and W. L. Bobo, all of whom frequently visit the schools and devote much valuable time to the remunerative and sometimes thankless duties devolving on so important a trust, and all are certainly entitled to the gratitude of parents and pupils as well as the business interests of the town that, without good schools, would soon feel the effect on business.

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The original act has been greatly improved, so that today New Mexico has good up-to-date public school laws and the tax payers of Eddy county gladly pay the taxes assessed against them for maintaining their schools.

It is a well known fact to you all that good schools cannot be maintained without money. New Mexico has no large school fund like Texas and many of our neighbor states, derived from the sale of school lands, etc. At present our public schools are burdensome

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Probate Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Probate Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Eddy county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

Arthur R. O'Quinn.

Tax Assessor.

The Current is authorized to announce John W. Price, of Artesia, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Eddy County, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

Call Meeting of the Eddy County Democratic Central Committee.

A Meeting of the Democratic Central Committee of Eddy county, New Mexico, is hereby called to meet at the courthouse in Carlsbad, Eddy county, New Mexico, on Saturday, March 7th, 1908, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., for the purpose of arranging for and setting a date on which to hold the Democratic Primary Election in the said Eddy County, New Mexico, in the year 1908, and for such other business as may come before the Committee.

All members of the Committee are urgently requested to attend in person, if possible, if not please send proxy.

All prospective candidates for the various county officers in Eddy County are cordially invited to be present at the above named meeting of the Committee.

J. Tom Cooper,
Chairman.

Attest:
J. B. Harvey,
Secretary.

The stripping of Cottonwood shade trees of all limbs is entirely wrong and should be stopped. While a reasonable amount of pruning is good, to cut a tree down to the stump is going too far because the main object of shade is lost for several years.

Democratic voters at the primaries should vote against any democrat who will pay for an announcement in a republican paper. It is not business for a democratic candidate to help sustain a newspaper that will be used as a club to beat the brains of the democratic party after the primaries. How many land notices do democratic papers get from a republican land office?

The following editorial from the Current of Feb. 14, 1903 may be interesting now owing to similar conditions with regard to wind storms:

"Occasional high winds are the natural concomitants of an open or prairie region and are common in all prairie countries everywhere as well as along the shores and upon great bodies of water and for this reason is the healthfulness of such localities superior to low, heavily wooded, marshy districts where high winds are rare. Just previous to the wind storm last week several children in Eddy were quite ill with coughs accompanied by fever, and, in many instances sore throats and the physicians feared diphtheria would break out unless something occurred to change conditions.

But now, all is different; nearly

every child is better, and the only diseases are found among men who have been compelled to be out in the dust; they have a big head from swallowing too much sand. Sand in the air is an aggravation, but it must be borne in mind that sand storms are more of a blessing than a curse. The prevailing direction is from the mountains and the air brought down is always pure. While passing over, it takes along many substances the community is well rid of, for the sanitary laws of New Mexico are very lax. Dead carcasses are allowed to remain on the surface of the ground here, while in eastern states such acts are offenses against the law which are severely dealt with. The high winds waft the aroma and poisonous gasses away to the plains and dry up the remnants and it is possible that were it not for these very winds, this country instead of being a resort for the invalid and a certain cure for many diseases, would be almost as unhealthy as Wisconsin or Michigan where, with nine months winter and three months bad weather life is almost unendurable.

The United States land office at Roswell is a republican institution, for ever since Howard Leland a carpet bagger from Kansas came, none of the patronage of the office has been allowed to go to a democratic paper if a republican paper could be found to do the work. In strong contrast to this discriminative policy the following from a democratic register and receiver in 1893 may be of interest:

Roswell, N. M., July 28, 1893.
"Current"
Eddy, N. M.
Gentlemen:

Yours, of the 26th, inst., received, soliciting a share of the notices from this office.

In reply, will say, that where the Settlers make requests to publish their notices in certain papers, we respect the same.

Yours truly,
George R. Young,
Register.
Wm. H. Cosgrove,
Receiver.

During the four years Cleveland was president the Argus published all land notices it could rustle from settlers while under the party of pie and plunder none have ever been published in the Current. Despite these facts some candidates for county office continue to feed the hand that smites them by paying for announcements in republican sheets. A democrat who cannot get along without republican help should not have democratic support.

Carlsbad Schools are developing each year with far greater strides than their friends or patrons can imagine and like all successful enterprises their development is due to proper management. A graded school like that of Carlsbad to be successful, must first of all have a corps of instructors who work in harmony. The superintendent must not only be capable of working all problems in the higher sciences, but he must be less pompous than the ordinary head of a great system of any other kind. He must not only have the respect of those assistants who are necessary in the conduct of the school, but a bond of sympathy should exist between all concerned up to the board of education, which in one sense is the court of last resort in school matters. The work of educating the youth is beset with many difficulties, and it is only when all the forces of a graded school work together that the best results are obtainable. With friction of any kind, one pulling one way and another a different way, the work is fruitless and not only

the pupils but the business interests of the town suffer. Fortunately for Carlsbad, at present the instructors of Carlsbad's schools are working in greater harmony than ever before in the history of the town, and this condition is due to a great extent to the present very efficient board of education to which the credit of selection of the corps should be given. During a visit to the schools last week by a Current representative in company with Rev. Woods it was not only a satisfaction to learn that effective work was in progress, but a pleasure to see pupils and teachers all working together.

Prof. V. L. Griffin is undoubtedly the least assuming and most successful superintendent in the history of the schools of Carlsbad. Many others have come and gone, many with a flourish of trumpets and with recommendations galore, but often the principal or superintendent was only here a few weeks ere murmurings of discontent were heard and it must be conceded that this paper was not alone in its fears for the future of the schools when the youthful appearing and unassuming gentleman from Texas came to take charge. But he made good from the start and to-day it is doubtful if a single patron who has ever visited the schools has afterward had ought but praise to offer for the way they are conducted. The head of the schools is always hard at work himself and his example is contagious among the assistants and pupils. If our schools are always in the hands of such men there need be no fears for their efficiency.

Even From the Mountains.

Ballard's Snow Liniment is praised for the good it does. A sure cure for Rheumatism and all pains. Wright W. Loving, Grand Junction, Colo., writes: "I used Ballard's Snow Liniment, last winter for Rheumatism and can recommend it as the best liniment on the market. I thought, at the time I was taken down with this trouble, that it would be a week before I could get about, but on applying your Liniment several times during the night, I was about in 48 hours and well in three days." At Eddy Drug Co.

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Investigate

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CARLSBAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

Among the most faithful and efficient teachers of the Carlsbad schools in the past may be mentioned Miss Jennie Potter, Miss Mattie Reiff (now Mrs. H. E. Robb), Miss Flora Clark, Miss Annie Gilson (now Mrs. E. E. Hoagland), Miss Beulah Reiff, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Creighton, Dr. Emerson, Rev. Brantley, Profs. McMullen, Bobo, Berner, J. W. Armstrong, Prof. and Mrs. Wright and many others.

The High School was established in 1894, Miss Kate Canfield was the first graduate, since which time classes have graduated each year.

A description of a visit to the schools may not be out of place in an article of this kind.

The superintendent, on the entrance of the visitors, showed them through the higher grades, commencing with the high school where demonstrations in chemistry were in progress. In this department last year there were thirteen graduates and four partly graduated, while eight failed. This year the high school has an enrollment of forty three.

Prof. Tribit a teacher from the east also conducts instruction for one hour each day in a commercial course consisting of book-keeping and shorthand in which the high school pupils are making good progress.

Mrs. S. R. Wood, the principal of the school, assists the superintendent in conducting the high school under the departmental system. From a short stay in her room it is very evident that the 43 pupils in attendance are interested very much and doing well. Remarks by the visitors were exacted as a matter of courtesy, and the preacher being accustomed to talking gave the pupils some very good advice.

From this department Miss Kernodle's room was visited and a few moments spent in talking to the pupils of which there are sixty enrolled and fifty present. Miss Kernodle, being an artist, has succeeded in securing some fine pictures for the walls, believing in making the room a pleasant place for the pupils in school hours.

The department presided over by Miss Beulah Reiff, with 44 pupils, was next visited. These were engaged in calisthenic exercises, and from the short exhibition it was evident that they had been trained considerably along these healthful lines and the visitors were also informed they were trained in deep breathing every day. All departments are required to practice along these lines for a few minutes each day.

Probably the most interesting room of the school to a person who visits this model educational institution is the primary department now presided over by Miss King. Here the visitor, unless an educator of some experience, is made acquainted with the workings of a system that has been evolved by many years experience in teaching. The methods employed in teaching little tots of from five to eight years are entirely different from those of forty years ago. The teacher has many plans to interest and instruct through pictures and play things and the system is a kindergarten much written on by educators for several years.

From this department the visitor is shown through Miss Johnson's room, a grade higher, where the pupils are taught

arithmetic, spelling and the first of many studies. In this room the visitors were shown the system of credits by the standard method. A pupil is given a certain colored star each day after the name, and by good deportment may cause stars which have been placed for demerits, to disappear, etc. The system is a success.

From this room the fourth grade is reached, which is taught by Miss Hendren. Here the pupils are older and, the visitors were informed by the superintendent, are at an age where discipline is required to be more strict, and the teacher must occasionally "look daggers" or use severe measures, neither of them being pleasant tasks, but all appear to be interested and are making wonderful headway in their studies. The writing exercise was in progress and all the copy books showed neat and careful work. There were four writing with their left hands, which was very remarkable in about fifty pupils.

From Mrs. Swickard's room the pupils are promoted to the upper floor. There are 61 enrolled. Besides their regular list of studies, they are trained in singing by note and there is a good piano in this room. The visitors were entertained by the pupils for a few moments and all showed remarkable ability in music, especially the boys who whistled the air while the others sang.

The rooms of Misses Johnson, King and Hendren are badly in need of kalsomining, but that of Mrs. Swickard is a model of neatness, with pictures on the walls, well dressed children, showing good training in marching, singing, etc.

While in the recitation room of the high school the visitors were

requested to dictate a letter to the shorthand class consisting of some fifteen or twenty. After the pupils had taken the dictation a prize of a six months subscription was offered by this paper for the best letter. Prof. Tribit also offered a prize. The Current prize went to Will Scoggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scoggins, and the letter was as follows:

Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Dear Pupils of the Carlsbad High School: We are glad to be with you today. We feel very highly gratified with the progress you are making which is a real pleasure to your visitors.

It is a satisfaction to know that the efforts on the part of the patrons, parents, and friends are being appreciated and taken advantage of by the scholars. Endeavor never to count any efforts lost, even though you do not appear to make progress, for never was it known that persistent perseverance failed. Sticktoativeness should be your motto, no matter what obstacles may confront you.

Determine to win, especially in short hand writing, and you will never fail. With best wishes for your certain success.

I remain your true friend and school patron.

WM. H. MULLANE.

The recent visit of Territorial Superintendent J. E. Clarke, is doing much to further the growth of a good educational sentiment in the valley. The teachers of the Carlsbad High School sent Mr. Clark a pennant of the High School Athletic Club this week. Mr. Clark has won a warm place in the hearts of our teachers, both as a gentleman and as an educator. He met at the informal reception given him at the Commercial Club rooms, a number of our business men, and it seems to be the universal opinion of all who met him that New Mexico is to be congratulated upon having a cultured, as well as a sane, practical school man at the head of her educational affairs.



St. Francis Xavier's Institute, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood with the mother house at Ruma, Ill., and a headquarters at Wichita, Kansas, conduct a boarding and day school for girls and little boys and is known as St. Francis Xavier's Institute. The building, one of the most convenient, commodious and pleasant, is located on the west of Carlsbad and is a model for schools of the kind. Here are found seven sisters who quietly almost unknown or observed, are building an educational institution that will shortly be second to none of its kind in New Mexico. During the past year they have purchased a block on the west of that occupied by the school upon which someday in the future an academy for young ladies will rise, that will be a grateful surprise to our citizens. The school has no connection whatever with the Catholic church except the sisters are Catholic and instruct children of Catholic parentage in Christian doctrine as taught by the primitive Christian, or only Christian church with

authentic history dating to apostolic times. The school now contains eighty-five pupils of which sixty are from Carlsbad or day pupils and twenty five are boarders. Fourteen of the boarders are girls and eleven are little boys. The terms for board, tuition and laundry are \$18.00 per month for advanced and \$15. for smaller pupils. About half the pupils are of non-catholic parentage and are therefore not instructed in Christian doctrine unless upon special request of the parent or guardian. All religious beliefs are respected by the sisters and especial care is used that the tenets of Catholicism are not instilled into the non-catholic pupil's mind. Any communication intended for this school should be addressed to Mother Superior, St. Francis, Institute, Carlsbad, New Mexico, who will furnish prospectus and full particulars.

Now is the time to fix up for spring. We have a fine line of Wall Paper and Paints. Let us show you.

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THE MAN

By Byron Williams.

He didn't agree with his mother-in-law,
He didn't agree with his wife,
He didn't agree with the things they cooked,
He led a most miserable life.
He didn't agree with the doctor man,
He didn't agree with the nurse,



He couldn't agree with the grim reaper, Death,
So they carried him off in a hearse!
He couldn't agree with St. Peter,
He couldn't get inside the goal—
And now he, in Hades, agrees not at all
With his job—He is shoveling coal!

COMPARISON OF THE ADMINISTRATIONS

The right hand column shows the appropriations made for the year of the Thornton administration; the left hand column shows those for the year of the Otero administration. The blanks in the right hand column indicate, of course, that as to these particular items no appropriation was made by the Thornton administration, and that for the reason that at that time no such offices existed; the same having been created by the Otero administration for the purpose of rewarding its partisan supporters, and for the further purpose of increasing its political following.

OTERO'S ADMINISTRATION		THORNTON'S ADMINISTRATION	
		GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	
Contingent expenses	\$3,000.00	Contingent expenses	\$500
Private secretary	1,500.00		
Messenger	180.00		
Total	\$4,680.00	Total	\$500
		SOLICITOR GEN. OR ATTY GEN OFFICE	
Salary solicitor or atty. general	\$3,000	Salary	\$2,000
Assistant	600		
Stenographer	1,200		
Total	\$4,800	Total	\$2,000
		AUDITOR'S OFFICE	
Auditor's salary	\$3,000	Auditor's salary including clerk	\$3,000
Clerk's hire	1,000	hire	\$3,000
Total	\$4,000	Total	\$3,000
		TREASURER'S OFFICE	
Salary	\$2,400	Salary, including clerk hire	\$2,500
Clerk hire	1,200		
Total	\$3,600	Total	\$2,500
		OFFICE OF SUPT. OF INSTRUCTION	
Salary and incidentals	\$2,400	Salary and incidentals	\$2,500
Assistant	1,800		
Printing and contingent expenses	400		
Total	\$4,600	Total	\$2,500
		TRAVELING AUDITOR'S OFFICE	
Salary	\$2,400		
Clerk	1,200		
Contingent expenses	1,800		
Deficiency	671.90		
Total	\$6,071.90		
		GAME WARDEN	
Salary	\$1,800	Appointed in several counties and	
Incidentals	500	allowed fees for arrest	
Total	\$2,300		
		BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION	
Printing and incidentals	\$4,000	Board of five members without compen-	
Secretary	1,000	sation to appoint a secretary at a sal-	
Total	\$5,500	ary of	\$500
		MOUNTED POLICE	
Salary	\$13,000		
Incidentals	1,200		
Total	\$14,200		
		IRRIGATION COMMISSION	
Engineer	\$2,000	Five citizens to be appointed, no com-	
Incidentals	300	pensation except expenses, no railroad	
Six commissioners at \$8 per day		fare as all held passes	
and \$5 expenses for 100 days	7,800		
Total	\$10,100	Total	Hotel Bills
		COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS	
Commissioner	\$2,500		
Clerk hire	2,000		
Board of control, same as Irriga-			
tion board, 6 at \$8 per day and			
expenses, say for 100 days	4,800		
Total	\$9,300		
		INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	
Salary of commissioner	\$2,400		
Expenses exclusive of salaries	1,200		
Office furniture, etc.,	1,200		
Total	\$4,800		

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Government Irrigation

The following extracts from a folder re-
cently issued by the Malaga Land and Im-
provement Co., will be read with interest.
A few slight changes have been made in
the composition and arrangement.

A History of the Proposition

The progressive American citizen is ever looking
for an opportunity to better his condition, and in pur-
suit of that object he is constantly changing his loca-
tion; for years he has been setting his face to the
westward in his search for land and liberty.

The first great advance was made across the mid-
dle west; later the tide veered to the northwest and
a vast domain was occupied; more recently the ad-
vance has been directed toward the southwest and a
great region heretofore given over to the long horns
has been invaded; this wide scope of country that
had for many years been considered of no value ex-
cept for grazing has been seized by the farmers, the
ranchmen have been steadily forced back and a won-
derful transformation has resulted. Desert plains and
treeless valleys have been changed to fruitful farms.

In no part of the southwest has this transformation
been more remarkable or the efforts of the farmers
crowned with more abundant success than in the Pe-
cos Valley of New Mexico.

It is to this last mentioned district that especial at-
tention is invited. A correct understanding of condi-
tions as they now exist under the Project near Carls-
bad requires a short review of the history of irriga-
tion in this locality. Some fifteen years ago certain
people conceived the idea that it was possible to so
store and distribute the waters of the Pecos river as
to supply water to irrigate a large scope of country
along the river and below Carlsbad. Surveys were
made and it was found that with a proper system of
reservoirs and canals about 40,000 acres could be
brought under irrigation.

At that time a greater portion of the land to be
affected by the project was public domain and sub-
ject to entry under the desert land law as it then ex-
isted. This permitted the acquiring of title to com-
paratively large tracts as each adult member of the
family could enter an entire section.

Investigation having shown that the irrigation pro-
ject was feasible, a company was organized, the re-
servoirs and canals were constructed, and the work of
reclamation was commenced. In a short time the
lands that could be irrigated were entered under the
desert land law and title acquired by means of the
water supplied by the Irrigation Company.

In the course of a few years a very large per cent



A Pecos Valley Cotton Patch

Until a few years ago this valley was believed to
be utterly unfit for agricultural purposes; it was con-
sidered to be a cowman's paradise, but farming—never.
Roswell and Eddy (now Carlsbad) were both
old towns before the thought of farming in the Pecos
Valley had progressed very far. After a time, however,
it was discovered that the soil of the
valley was naturally fertile and that a proper applica-
tion of water would develop its latent productiveness.
Then it was that the progressive American citizen
began his invasion. His conquest is now nearly
complete; a few years more and this once barren
valley will be one continuous garden and orchard;
the home of thousands of prosperous, contented,
and happy people. The secret of this remarkable
transformation that is now in progress is found in one
word: Irrigation.

Prior to the coming of the farmers the Pecos Val-
ley had attracted some settlers; some degree of de-
velopment had been attained. This had been done,
however, under the old idea that this was a stock
country only; and as the chief desire of the stockman
is for room, lands were held in large tracts and evi-
dences of development were isolated. These exten-
sive holdings are now being broken up and the lands
are passing into the hands of the homebuilders.

This transition makes this old country new; it gives
it all the opportunities of a new country coupled with
many of the advantages of older settled localities. It
has good markets and good schools; every communi-
ty has its church.

Irrigation

The portion of the Pecos Valley that is now being
brought under systematic irrigation lies across the
counties of Chaves and Eddy; a distance of about
one hundred miles. This district is naturally divided
into three parts by the sources of its water supply.
First, the Hondo Project near Roswell; second, the
proven artesian belt extending from Roswell to Lake-
wood; and third, the Carlsbad Project located near
Carlsbad. In the first, water is obtained by storing
the flood waters of the Hondo river; in the second,
water is obtained from artesian wells, artesian water
being found at depths ranging from 300 to 900 feet
the wells being put down by the individual land own-
ers; in the third, water is obtained by storing the
waters of the Pecos river and using the normal flow
of Black river. This is also a Government Project
and is one of the greatest irrigation systems in the
world.

the dams on that river and completely wrecked the
irrigation system. This loss was greater than the
company could stand and all effort to supply water
was abandoned.

This apparent failure, however, was in no way
due to the want of fertility in the soil or insufficiency
of natural water supply; it was the result of a poorly
constructed irrigation system—the undertaking was
too big for the company.

Soon after the dams were destroyed the attention
of the government was called to the project and its
possibilities. Experts were sent into the field and as
a result of their examination and reports it was de-
cided that this was a proper place for the application
of the provisions of the Reclamation Act. Accord-
ingly the Government undertook the work of furnish-
ing to this valley a substantial and permanent irriga-
tion system. The result has been the construction of
the largest irrigation system in the southwest. This
plant has been repaired and perfected by the Govern-
ment and the sum of \$600,000 has been expended
on the undertaking; water was ready for delivery on
April 1st, 1907. Last year there was ample water
for 20,000 acres only; other lands will be added
from time to time as the water supply and general
conditions will warrant.

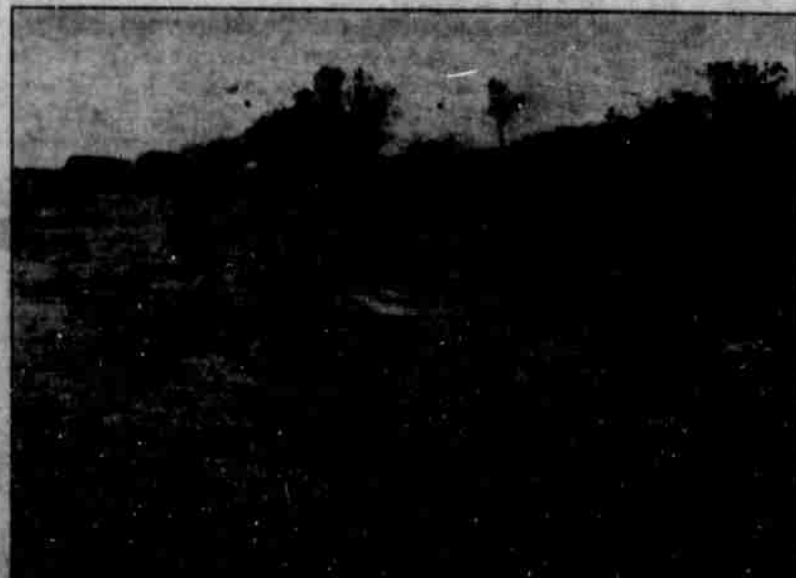
The maintenance of the system and the distribution
of the water will be in charge of Government engi-
neers, thus assuring permanence, stability and absolute
equality in the administration of the affairs of the sys-
tem. Water has now been allotted to 20,000 acres
and this was done under government supervision.

Title and Soil

Before water was allotted to any specific tract the
matter was examined by an engineer, a chemist and
a lawyer, each acting for and on behalf of the Gov-
ernment. A favorable report from each of the three
was required before water was assigned to that par-
ticular tract of land, so that when you buy a tract of
land to which water has been assigned you may be
sure of three things: First, that it lays so it can be
irrigated; second, that the soil is such as to make it
worth irrigating, and third, that the title is perfect.

The government does not deal directly with each
land owner, but requires the water users to form
themselves into an association known as the Water
Users Association; this association is incorporated and
has a capital stock of 20,000 shares. The contracts
with the Government are made by the officers of this
association and the officers are elected by the mem-
bers of the association; each water user subscribes for
as many shares of stock as he has acres of watered
land and the value of the stock is \$30 per share; this
is payable in ten annual payments of \$3 each, without
interest; the money realized from the sale of this
stock goes to the Government to replace the money
advanced to put in the system; when it shall have all
been paid in, the water users will be the owners of
the water and water rights, but these water rights
will run with and belong to the land to which they
are allotted. Under the provisions of the reclama-
tion law, water from the Government systems can
only be furnished to resident land owners, and then
not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres to any
one owner; this provision effectually does away with
the tenant farmers and the large holdings. Non-resi-
dents cannot obtain a water right. It is provided,
however, that no land owner shall be debarred from
the use of water until he shall have been in default
for more than two years; this gives ample opportuni-
ty for the prospective resident to arrange his affairs
and take up his abode in the irrigation district.

Both the old Irrigation Company and the Beet
Sugar Company, in consideration of having water
assigned to their lands have signed contracts agreeing
to reduce their holdings to the legal limit within two
years and to sell such land to parties who are quali-
fied to take and use the water of the irrigating sys-
tem. This has placed these large holdings on the
market and is opening the country to settlement; it



Rapids in Black River near Malaga

means that within the time mentioned these thousands of acres must pass into the hands of actual residents and owners of small tracts; this means a thickly settled country. These lands are now on the market and can be bought on easy terms and in tracts of from five to one hundred and sixty acres. In an irrigation country 40 acres makes a good farm; in fact that is about all one man can handle to a good advantage. There is no other place in the Pecos Valley where lands as good as these can be had at so small a price or on such reasonable terms. This is the only place in the Valley where a man of small means can secure for himself a home on irrigated land for so little money, and where the land can be made to pay the purchase price so quickly. Two crops of alfalfa will pay all expenses. What better can be asked?



Some Very Fine Pecos River Specimens

For many years the Pecos Valley country was occupied by stock ranches. Eddy county, which is 66 by 102 miles (consisting, except in the irrigated districts, of free government range still open to homesteader), has some of the largest ranches in the world. Of late years irrigation has made possible farming and growing fruits and vegetables, the feed crops being alfalfa, kaffir corn and milo maize. Experiments prove that cotton can be raised successfully, producing from a half to a bale to the acre at this altitude, 3,121 feet. Owing to sunshine and altitude the boll weevil is unknown and impossible.

Fruits

This locality is famous for its peaches, pears, apples, grapes, plums and other fruits. It is believed that the finest peaches in the world for size, color, flavor and firmness are grown here, the firmness enabling them to be shipped long distances. Neither fruits or vegetables are ravaged by insects in this high, dry atmosphere. No codlin moth, no foot rot in Eddy county. All kinds of vegetables do well, especially celery and asparagus which spread like weeds along the irrigating ditches, sweet potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, and the famous El Paso onion. Fruits and vegetables under irrigation net from \$100 to \$300 per acre—a fair average is \$250. Mr. F. G. Tracy sold \$2,070 net from four and a half acres in peaches. R. M. Love sold \$20 worth of peaches from a single tree. Seventeen trees brought him an average of \$9 per tree and nearly \$1,000 per acre.

Mr. G. W. Iden, who owns an orchard of about 16 acres, one quarter of a mile from Malaga, realized over fifteen hundred dollars from his fruit crop last year when apples were at a low price, and this year he has been offered two thousand dollars for the crop on the trees. This portion of the valley is the only part having a good fruit crop this

year, it has a good fruit crop every year. Investigation will show these statements to be true.

Alfalfa

Alfalfa is a very paying crop. Mr. Anderwerth, who lives about two miles from Malaga, has a piece of alfalfa sown last year from which the first cutting brought him nearly ten dollars per acre and he will cut three or four more crops as good or better this year. It is safe to say that alfalfa will pay from forty to fifty dollars per acre each year and that fruit will pay twice or three times as much.



Elberta Peaches in the Pecos Valley.

Oil

It is confidently believed that Carlsbad is near the center of the largest undeveloped oil field in America. Oil is found in the country rock, and many shallow wells are made worthless by its presence in the water. These indications are so widely distributed that it has been difficult to concentrate effort at any one point so as to make a satisfactory test to find the main supply. This must be done by outside capital. Large sulphur fields lie to the southwest. There are good prospects of copper and coal in that direction.

Health

This article would not be complete without saying something for the healthfulness of Malaga. The high, dry atmosphere is of special benefit to persons afflicted with consumption, asthma and bronchitis. Many people afflicted with these diseases have been permanently cured by a residence here. Children live out of doors in sunshine throughout the year. Wet feet from mud or dew are practically impossible. Malaria is unknown. How the little ones thrive and how resistant they become to every form of disease, under such conditions, is incredible to all who have not had personal experience of it.

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If he wishes to rise above a common livelihood he must seek a new country, and that opportunity we ask you to investigate today. The opportunity is here—will you accept it?

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40 acres, 1 mile of Carlsbad. Small house, four rooms; shed and granary; well in yard; free water for five acres; some fruit trees. Fine for poultry and bees. \$1,000 gets this place in the next 60 days.

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150 acres, a mile and a half of Carlsbad; three-quarter mile of river front above overflow. 60 acres alfalfa; 40 acres orchard; rest graded ready for planting. Soil rich sandy, 18 feet deep; good house and other buildings. Price \$15,000. \$5,000 cash, balance on time.

Fine irrigated ranch, 7 miles southeast of Carlsbad and four miles from Otis railroad station. It consists of 800 acres of patented land, the greater part of which is subject to irrigation. The land borders on the Pecos river, controlling a long river front and an immense free grass range, it being 20 miles east to the first water. About 150 acres of this has been cultivated, 40 acres of which are in alfalfa. Alfalfa, Indian and kaffir corn, milo maize, melons, and nearly all kinds of vegetables have been grown to perfection. Cotton does finely here and the boll weevil is unknown. The soil is a rich, sandy loam and being in the famous peach and apple belt of the Pecos valley, these and most delicious fruits compare favorably with those of California and even surpass them in flavor. Upwards of 300 fruit trees, selected varieties, have been planted. There are about four miles of fence, several ranch buildings, corral, corn crib, poultry house and yard and a well. The water is from the river which is fed by the famous Carlsbad springs. Four miles of main and several miles of lateral ditches have been completed. The owner of this ranch and water has an exceptionally favorable contract whereby he has the first right to the water from a steel and concrete dam without cost for maintenance of dam. The water goes with the land. There is some Government land which may be acquired, watered and controlled by the water rights which go with this property. This property is perfectly adapted to the growing of livestock upon a large scale or it can be divided into a number of small farms, giving owners the river on one side and free open range on the other. Pure free water, free grass, grain and alfalfa form a combination seldom found in these days. Price \$25,000.

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Nothing Further Will Be Done in Regard to the Lease Law for the Present.

A recent Washington special to the St. Louis Republic says:

Speaker Cannon, in the House, and the controlling senators in the Senate have blocked, for the session at least, any legislation looking to the placing of the public range under Federal control. This is one of the reforms (?) proposed by President Roosevelt, but it is opposed by large cattle and sheep raising interests in the far western states. It was put up to Mr. Cannon and the senators that the adoption of such a law would cost the republicans several members of the senate and a corresponding batch of house members.

S. H. Cowan, attorney for the Texas cattlemen, who, unlike the far western people, favors the measure, was told that neither the house or senate committees on public lands would grant hearings upon it.

It has been decided that it will not pay to further stir up far

western opposition to the administration. President Roosevelt would place the public range used for cattle and sheep under a system of government regulations such as prevail in all forest reserves.

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"Three years ago I was marked for death a grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bac, Ky. The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at Eddy Drug Co. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Prayer meeting Wednesday, at 7:15, p. m.
Choir practice Friday 7:15 p. m.
The pastor will be glad to meet and know all strangers coming to town, and will be delighted to look up all Methodists coming into town.

JOEL FRANK HEDGPETH,
Pastor.

Increasing Business.

Amarillo, Texas, Feb. 6, '08.
Editor Carlsbad Current,
Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

As a matter of information we take great pleasure in advising you that during the year 1907 the total movement of emigrant outfits in carloads handled by our line west of Higgins was 2334 cars, same being an increase of one hundred per cent over the previous year. Out of this number, 1301 cars were unloaded at our towns in New Mexico, this being an increase of 549 cars over the previous year.

These figures indicate a very healthy development and we hope that the percentage of increase will continue.

Yours truly,

D. L. Meyers.

A Stitch in Time

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Notice to Non-Resident Defendant.

In the District Court, Eddy County, New Mexico.
Janie Dodson, Plaintiff,
vs.
No. 888

Tom Dodson.
To Tom Dodson defendant in the above cause:

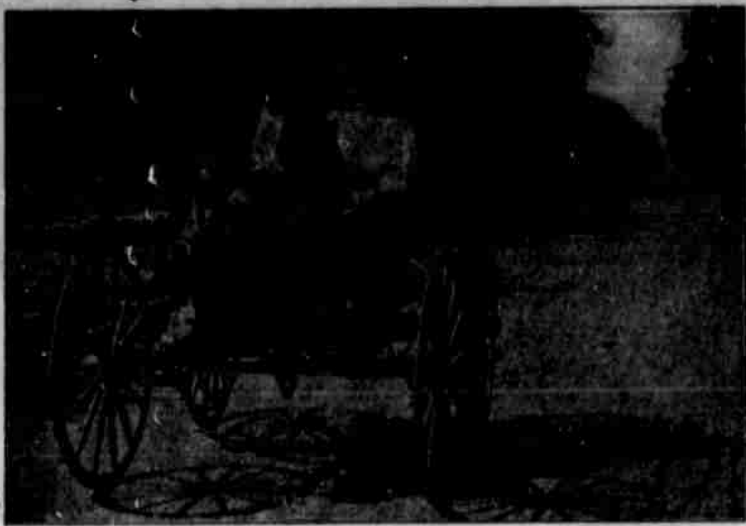
You will take notice that there has been filed against you a suit, by the above named plaintiff in the District Court for the Fifth Judicial District of the territory of New Mexico, within and for the county of Eddy, in which Janie Dodson is plaintiff and Tom Dodson defendant, and numbered 888 on the docket of said court.

You are further notified that the general object of said suit is to obtain a divorce from you, and the custody of the child, Carl Dodson, who was born to the plaintiff and defendant herein, the defendant, you being charged in the complaint filed in said cause with having abandoned the plaintiff and having failed to support her according to your means and station in life.

You are further notified that unless you appear in answer to this suit on or before the 14th day of March, 1908, judgment by default will be taken against you and the allegations in the plaintiff's complaint will be taken as confessed.

The names of plaintiff's attorneys are G. U. McCreary and Messrs. Bujac & Bros., and their business address is Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court on this 23rd day of January, 1908.
S. I. Roberts, Clerk.
104 By G. E. Benson, Deputy.



Health in Carlsbad

The above is a picture of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ohnemus, both of whom came to Carlsbad for health—Mr. Ohnemus seventeen years ago and Mrs. Ohnemus about two years ago. Mr. Ohnemus is as healthy now as any other person, without an ill or affliction of any kind, while Mrs. O. is free from all ills. Mr. Ohnemus is proprietor of the "Ohnemus Can Fix It" Shops, and a large property owner in and around Carlsbad. He is also chief of the Carlsbad Fire Department, and is an all around good fellow, and says he has the best wife on earth.

REDUCTION OF RATES

The Santa Fe Railway Makes a Reduction of 15 Cents Per Hundred on Moveables.

Carlsbad Current:—

I am pleased to be able to give you for publication copy of the enclosed letter received today from Mr. D. L. Meyers. I hope you will publish this letter in a prominent place in your paper and give the railroad editorially credit for this concession in regard to rates and for the whole tone of Mr. Meyers' letter. I believe that Mr. Meyers has a right to criticize this community for the fact that the Commercial Club until recently has taken no action towards making known the needs of the people in regard to railway transportation. Here is an instance where it has taken merely an exchange of letters to bring about a very material change in rates. There are doubtless other instances where we believe we see the need of reform where by mutual discussion with the railway officials they may be convinced that our position is well taken, or we may find that there are reasons beyond our knowledge which make it impossible to concede what we desire. No man and no community has ever been helped by others unless he were willing first to help himself. It seems to me that I have found among the people of Carlsbad an idea very prevalent that it was no use to discuss matters with the railroad people because we were helpless to enforce our requests and therefore they would be ignored. People who make statements like this forget how large a field of operations a big railway system covers and that throughout this system the interests of the settlers on the road and of the railroad itself are very largely identical and that it cannot be in any way the interest of any railroad to ignore the just and logical requests of any community for relief from general schedules which for some reason or other apply with undue severity to that particular locality. The people of Carlsbad are of course specially interested in the up building of Carlsbad; the railroad is equally interested so long as there is nothing in these efforts which would pull down other communities on its line. It becomes, therefore, incumbent upon the people of Carlsbad themselves to show plainly and logically, to the railway officials in what way they can assist in the up building of Carlsbad. Mr. Meyers is soon to meet with the Commercial Club; I hope when he comes there will be a full meeting and a full discussion in regard to all matters connected with the railway service and freight rates.

I would also like to call your attention to the fact that owing to the similar communication from me to the officials of the Texas & Pacific Railway, Carlsbad appears among the resorts of Texas to which special tourist winter fares apply daily over the M. K. & T. from Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis, to April 30, 1908, with final limit June 1, 1908. A special folder has been put out by the railroad advertising these rates with the names of 25 towns on it. Carlsbad and Deming, New Mexico, and Lake Charles, La., being

the only towns advertised outside the state of Texas.

FRANCIS G. TRACY,
Secretary.

Feb. 11th, 1908.

Amarillo, Texas, Feb., 8, 1908
Mr. Francis G. Tracy,
Sec'y Commercial Club,
Carlsbad, N. M.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the movement of emigrant moveables in carload load lots from points in Texas to Carlsbad via Pecos, concerning which we have had some recent correspondence, I believe that the present conditions are such as to justify us in making a reduction in the rate on this class of traffic from Pecos to Carlsbad and intermediate points. The present rate is 35 cents per hundred which figures out \$50.00 per car on 20,000 pounds. We propose to reduce this rate to 15 cents per hundred in the interest of the Carlsbad people and we hope that this rate in connection with the rates into Pecos from Texas points will stimulate the movement of this class of traffic, for which our road is and always has been eager.

Emigration from Texas to New Mexico is somewhat unusual because Texas itself is a homeowner state and is being rapidly filled up with eastern farmers. However, now that there seems to be a likelihood of a movement from Texas to New Mexico, we want to encourage it all we can and the proposed reduction in our rate is made with that end in view. It should, of course, be understood that the new figure will not take effect until after it has been filed at Washington for thirty days as provided under the present laws.

I think you have received information to correct the impression formerly prevailing that there were no homeowner rates from Texas points via Pecos. It will be our purpose to join in these rates just as long as the T. & P. or other Texas roads make them and I have not been informed of their intention at any time in the near future to abandon this practice.

We are glad to see some correspondence from the Carlsbad Commercial Club on this subject; we have not heretofore at any time since my connection with this company been in correspondence with this club. We are desirous of working closely with these commercial clubs at all the towns on our line. We want to co-operate with them in every possible way that will bring about the results that are mutually sought; namely, to develop the country, improve the service and promote good feeling between the railway and all of the people. The co-operation of all of the commercial clubs along these lines is very much desired and we believe that by pulling together and threshing out all our little difficulties between ourselves that we can look to a future of perfect harmony and satisfactory business relations.

Yours truly,
D. L. MEYERS.

A Dangerous Operation.

is the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria. 25c at Eddy Drug Co.

MINERAL FILINGS

Law Gives Homesteaders First Right to Purchase Land for a Home

The recent oil excitement has caused many people to ask whether the oil claims filled promiscuously by wildcatters are good over a homestead right. A great many individuals rushed to the nearest land in what is supposed to be the oil belt and filed claims on all land in sight, whether homesteaded or patented. Of course the claims are no good on patented land, and in fact not good on homesteads.

The law relating to this matter is, Title xxxii, Chapter 6, Sec 2341, Revised Statutes, and may be found on Page 11 of United States Mining Laws, which may be obtained at the Roswell Land office, and reads as follows:

SEC. 2341. Wherever, upon the lands heretofore designated as mineral lands, which have been excluded from survey and sale, there have been homesteads made by citizens of the United States or persons who have declared their intention to become citizens, which homesteads have been made improved, and used for agricultural purposes, and upon which there have been no valuable mines of gold, silver, cinnabar, or copper discovered, and which are properly agricultural lands, the settlers or owners of such homesteads shall have a right of preemption thereto, and shall be entitled to purchase the same at the price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and in quantity not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres; or they may avail themselves of the provisions of chapter five of this Title, relating to "Homesteads."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Words are all right when backed by brains.

An attempt to prove an alibi is a case of self-denial.

Laughing is the sound a man hears when his hat blows off.

Good fortune nearly always finds a man in a receptive mood.

In the lottery of life the dentist is always drawing something.

No, Alonso, the greedy land owner isn't necessarily a ground hog.

The automobile isn't in it with the gossip when it comes to running people down.

When a woman is unhappily married she would gladly recall her misspent life.

Somehow the less account a man is the more faith some fool woman seems to have in him.

By looking wise and keeping his mouth shut a man has been able to pass through life as the real thing.

And the man in the moon is doubtless forced to practice economy because everything up there is so high.

Use a long-handled shovel when you attempt to heap coals of fire on the head of a man who is a self-admitted pessimist.

There is more affection in a 50-cent cotton umbrella than there is in a five-dollar silk one—at least it abides with the original owner longer.—Chicago News.

ON BILLVILLE.

We attended a meeting for women only last night. Our mother-in-law had the floor, and we had the roof.

We do not need any more watermelons at this office. We are not a railroad company, and enough is enough.

Our paper is only one dollar a year, but some folks think we ought to throw in a free obituary for good measure.—Atlanta Constitution.

Men, Maids

...and...

Matchmakers

OPERA HOUSE

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

DON'T FAIL TO SEE

AUNT SELINA, SAMMY AND THE DOCTOR

SYNOPSIS

ACT I

The bachelor men and bachelor maids presented to each other and the audience. Aunt Selina appears on the scene, interferes with the course of true love and brings about an engagement.

ACT II

One month later. Dr. Im Hoff turns up and proves irrefragable. Mr. Vincent gets a lesson in love making. Mr. Richards gets into hot water, Miss Howard gets misunderstood, love gets into a tangle and everybody gets into a state of dissatisfaction.

ACT III

One day later. Mr. Vincent as peacemaker. Aunt Selina upsets Miss Marshall's plans. The course of true love runs smoothly for once, and everybody is made happy, including Sammie, the Doctor and the audience.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Miss Lillian Stewart	Miss Louise Breeding
Miss Katherine Howard	Miss Boulah Reiff
Miss Alice Marshall	Miss Ethel LoSoy
Miss Elizabeth Everett	Miss Snow Valentine
Aunt Selina Winthrop	Mrs. Dr. Sellers
Mr. Guy Richards	Mr. H. Tribbet
Mr. Charles Brewster	Dr. H. W. Sellers
Mr. Roy Vincent	Mr. Will Craig
Dr. Im Hoff	Mr. E. W. Fraser
Sammie	

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Seats on sale at Eddy Drug Company.

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A Positive Necessity.

Having to lay upon my bed for 14 days from a severely bruised leg, I only found relief when I used a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. I can cheerfully recommend it as the best medicine for bruises ever sent to the afflicted. It has now become a positive necessity upon myself.

D. R. Byrnes, Merchant, Doversville Texas 25c, 50c and \$1.00. At Eddy Drug Co.

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T. J. Chambers, Ed. Vindicator, Liberty, Texas, writes: "With pleasure and unhesitatingly by you, I bear testimony to the curative power of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it in the most effective and best remedy for coughs and colds I have ever used." At Eddy Drug Co.

LOCAL NEWS.

Bone meal at the Union Market.

You get the best service at the Star Stables.

Don't fail to hear that good music Tuesday evening.

Next week the political pot will commence to simmer.

Lee Middleton was down from the mountains last Saturday.

C. C. Harbert, the Monument sheep man, was in Tuesday.

W. E. Thayer, the Guadalupe cowman, was in town yesterday.

Men, Maids and Matchmakers at the opera house next Tuesday evening.

Tobia and V. Gebhart of Andrews Co., Missouri, were in town Tuesday.

Artesia will shortly vote on a proposition to kick out saloons altogether.

C. J. James has been very ill with la grippe at the home of his parents on Canon street.

Ed Tyson, foreman for the Hansford Cattle Co., was down from Artesia Wednesday.

Don't forget Tracy - Roberts Hardware Co's new Harness and Saddle Shop, or the Big Store.

Will Merchant was out on the plains this week to fix fences and look over the political situation.

There is a bunch of keys at the Bank Saloon waiting an owner. They were found near the post office.

Mrs. Dr. Parr will sing at the opera house Tuesday evening, as will also Miss Mollie Draper and Dr. Sellers.

The brick layers, Messrs. Kayser and Kapphan, who were at work on the jail, went to Artesia last Saturday.

We have just received our new Farm and Garden Seeds. Everything fresh.

Tracy-Roberts Hardware Co.

L. E. Hinson, representing the circulation and advertising department of the Ft. Worth Record was in town Wednesday.

J. W. Stauffer was called by wire to Braymer, Mo., on account on the serious illness of his mother. He left Monday morning.

Dr. Ervin, D. D. S., returned last week from the sad mission of accompanying his wife's remains to their old eastern home.

W. F. Cochran who has been in Torreon, Mexico, since Jan. 1, returned Tuesday. He says trees are in full leaf in Torreon now.

Now is the time to fix up for spring. We have a fine line of Wall Paper and Paints. Let us show you.

Tracy-Roberts Hardware Co.

Lovers of good music should be on hand at the opera house Tuesday 18th. Carlsbad orchestra will show you what can be done in the music line.

Mr. J. W. Price, of Artesia, was in town yesterday, and his announcement for assessor will be found in this issue. A brief sketch of Mr. Price will be given next week.

Time to plant potatoes, onion sets and onion seed. Send for price list of field seed.

Roswell Seed Co.

Roswell, N. M.

Don't forget Tracy - Roberts Hardware Co's new Harness and Saddle Shop, or the Big Store.

Ambrose McCord was brought down from Artesia last Sunday charged with setting fire to a railway car. His hearing is set for to-day. He was in the car at the time he set the fire.

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Miss Susie Moore, for four years the able assistant of Ex-postmaster Pullen, departed last Saturday morning for the home of her parents in Portales.

Don't forget Tracy - Roberts Hardware Co's new Harness and Saddle Shop, or the Big Store.

M. P. Kerr is improving as fast as can be expected for one who has been very ill. He expects to open up a small store if his health continues to improve.

Mrs. Pearman, wife of B. F. Pearman, cashier of the Lake-wood bank, is in the Anderson Sanitarium, having undergone an operation, and is doing well now.

Joe Klassner who came down from Roswell ten days ago and was taken with a relapse of typhoid, has been in the Eddy Co. hospital for ever since, but is convalescing now.

When visiting Denver, stop at the new Hotel Alamo, corner 17th and Market Streets. Strictly modern, with elevator service. Public and private baths. Rates \$1 per day and up.

Mr. Burks, of the new town of Lovering, came in last night to have a plat of the town recorded. The town is one mile south of the north line and eighteen miles west of the east line of Eddy county.

The Holloway Land Co., can sell your land as they have a chain of offices with men working for them in all the principal cities in the east and northeast. Give them a trial.

The sheriff has been busy the past week summoning the petit jury for the term of court to open here the first Monday in March. Only a few have as yet been served so the publication of the list must be deferred until next week. From the present indications there will be no grand jury drawn for this term.

The Current can safely recommend the new Hotel Alamo, corner 17th and Market streets, Denver, as being strictly first class, with every modern convenience, and reasonable rates.

J. L. Wright, who resided on Main street near the Bruce residence, died Wednesday night. He was brought here last March in the last stages of consumption, from Shelbina, Mo., to which place his wife and child accompanied the remains, leaving yesterday morning. Dick Thorne having prepared the body for shipment.

The Finlay-Pratt Hardware Company have secured the service of a first class harness and saddle maker, and will manufacture all classes of saddles and harness.

A. E. Seigner was down from Amarillo a few days this week for a visit with his family. Sig is doing well in Amarillo in partnership with Ed Gross laying concrete sidewalks etc.

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Tracy-Roberts Hardware Co.

The Benson Bros. and other cattle raisers in the Benson pool have contracted their two year old steers, about two thousand head, to Panhandle parties near Channing, Texas, for spring delivery. The terms are private, but the price is around \$20 per head. This is considered a fair price, but this is a very fine bunch of steers.

J. H. Stamps, the very efficient U. S. postal mail clerk, for several years a resident of Carlsbad employed on the run to Amarillo has been promoted to a place in the service with headquarters at Albuquerque and left yesterday to assume his new duties. Mrs. Stamps is at the Anderson sanitarium where she will remain for her health which is poorly. Mr. Ed. McCrea will take the run formerly held by Mr. Stamps.

Mr. J. C. Finley, of Wheeler, Co., Texas, came in with a crowd of land seekers Wednesday night there being about fifteen in the party of which five are from Pennsylvania, three from Oklahoma and seven from Texas. Seven of the party took yesterday's south bound train to look the Malaga county. Mr. Finley states that he was very agreeably surprised at this section of country for all the way from Amarillo the train was filled with lying knockers; men who brazenly stated that Carlsbad was a dead town in an alkali flat full of sand. However he had a map and concluded the country could not be much different; but what was his surprise to find a country far ahead of anything on the north; a country where he could get better government land and a better and safer place to invest in irrigated lands, where no danger exists of a sudden termination of water as in an artesian belt, or like the country between Amarillo and Roswell where two or three dry years may depopulate the whole country.

Geo. Bogle and Kenneth Keebler returned last night from a horseback ride to El Paso. They stopped at ranches and made the return trip in four days.

Patrons of the Carlsbad opera house are enthusiastic in praise of the entertainment given by the Powelson Concert Company Tuesday night. All of the numbers were excellent and the four members of the company were trained and talented and worked together in harmony. They were Miss Elizabeth Pickens, violinist; Mr. Calvin DeVoll, violinist; Miss Ethel Ritchie, pianist; Miss Mary Powelson, reader and story teller. A per cent of the receipts were turned over to the Womans Club of Carlsbad under whose auspices the entertainment was given.

Jay Heard was in town Wednesday.

A warrant was issued from Judge Cunningham's court last week for the arrest of Grover Kornegay, a sixteen year old pupil in the Dist. No. 18 school about six miles east of Monument and Deputy Lucas was sent out to serve same, but the young man had skipped. Kornegay is charged with seriously stabbing and cutting the school teacher Mr. B. Fletcher who is at present very low from the loss of blood from the wounds given him by young Kornegay. It seems the teacher undertook to punish a younger brother of Grover's when Grover went at him with a pocket knife with the results as stated. Mr. Fletcher the teacher is a man of about fifty-five and is considered a good teacher. Deputy Lucas who returned Wednesday of this week states that the country east of Monument contains about 133 families and the school is crowded.

Your horses get the best care at the Star Stables.

Joel Heard, a nephew of A. C. Heard, died in Pecos Wednesday. It is said from the effects of a dose of strychnine. Joel had been ailing and acting queer for some time and it is likely he took the poison while aberrated, or temporarily insane. He was a resident of Carlsbad for years and had many friends, for to know Joel was to like him. Much regret is expressed by all who know him for his his terrible and sudden death.

Next Tuesday evening Damon Lodge, K. of P. in Roswell will honor the 45th anniversary of Pythianism with a "Western Supper" at which Grand Chancellor Commander A. R. O'Quinn and wife will attend.

Notice to School Directors.

School directors throughout the county should take notice that the second Monday in March is the time they shall post notices of election for school directors to be held by them on the first Monday in April following. See Sec. 1532, and Chap. 55, pp. 159-160.

M. P. KERR, Supt. Schools, Eddy Co.

Come in and See our Bargains in

Lamps and Japanese China Ware

Don't Stop at the window but come inside

Finlay-Pratt Hardware Co.

James W. Gaither Dead.

Died at his home near Monument, N. M. Wednesday, Feb. 5, James W. Gaither, at the ripe old age of 82 years.

Deceased was born in Owensboro, Ky., in 1826. While a small child moved with his parents to Missouri, where he lived until during the gold excitement in California, in 1850, he moved to that State.

He later returned to Missouri and in 1856 was united in marriage to Miss Maggie C. Brevara daughter of Adlia O. and Susan Brevara, who still survives him. He moved to Texas in 1884 living there twenty years prior to coming to New Mexico.

Deceased was a member of the Masonic order since 1852 was also a member of the Methodist church south for almost fifty years. He leaves to mourn his loss besides the aged wife, four sons and two daughters. He was a good neighbor and citizen and held the love and respect of all who knew him.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School - - - 10 a. M.
Divine Service - - - 11 a. M.
Christian Endeavor - 7 p. M.
Evening Service 7:30 p. M.

PITHY PARAGRAPHS.

Pa says it is a bad sign when a boy won't study, but a good omen when he wants to go to work.

Some fellows talk as sharp and fall as flat as the piano player who performs on the black keys.

Pa says we have many a giant trust, but none of them approaches that of a trustin' female for a sickly sentimental spoon.

When a girl hands a fellow the mitten and he doesn't turn to drink, she gets to talking about men being beyond understanding.

Pa says it beats all how much some men can eat at a table d'hote and how little they care for at an a la carte restaurant.

Be careful when you tell your fellow that he is pure gold that he doesn't think you mean that he has a yellow streak in him.

Quite a number of extra copies of this issue of the Current have been printed and are for sale at the drug stores or this office.

Catholic Services

are held regularly every Sunday at both of the Catholic churches of Carlsbad. High mass and sermon in English at 10 a. m. every Sunday. Instruction in Christian doctrine at 3 p. m. Benediction after instruction.

Mass at 7:30 a. m. every morning during week days.

Mass at 9 a. m. at the church of San Jose, for the Spanish speaking natives or others, on Sundays.

All are cordially invited to these services.

Notice of Suit.

In the District Court, Eddy County, New Mexico.

F. M. Smith, Plaintiff, vs. M. E. Williams, Defendant.

No. 871.

To M. E. Williams, the defendant in the above suit, greeting:

You are hereby notified that there has been filed against you, in the above named court, a suit by the plaintiff, F. M. Smith, numbered 871 on the docket of said court and styled as above.

You are further notified that the said suit is for the sum of \$190.10, balance due for lease on a certain store room, the same being known as store room No. 5 of the Bronson Block on Fox Street in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, and for Fifty dollars attorney's fees and costs of suit.

You are further notified that your property has been attached and unless you appear at the return day of this publication which will be the 5th day of April, 1908 judgement will be rendered against you by default and your said property so attached will be sold to satisfy such judgment.

You are further notified that said suit is brought to foreclose a landlord's lien on said property so attached.

Plaintiff's attorneys are Messrs. Hujac & Brice and their residence is Carlsbad, New Mexico.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Carlsbad, New Mexico, this 5th day of February, 1908.

S. I. ROBERTS, Clerk.

(Seal) By G. E. BENSON, Deputy.

Notice of Suit.

In the District Court, Eddy County, New Mexico

Hujac & Brice, Plaintiff, vs. M. E. Williams, Defendant.

No. 849.

To M. E. Williams, defendant in the above suit, greeting:

You are hereby notified that there has been filed against you, in the above named court, a suit by the plaintiffs, Hujac & Brice, numbered 849 on the docket of said court and styled as above.

You are further notified that the suit is for the sum of \$204.95 alleged to have accrued by reason of services performed as attorneys at law for you, the said defendant in said suit at your special instance and request and during the year of 1906.

You are further notified that unless you appear at the return day of this publication which will be the 5th day of April, 1908, judgment will be rendered against you by default.

Plaintiffs attorneys are Messrs. Hujac & Brice, and their residence is Carlsbad, New Mexico.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Carlsbad, New Mexico, this 5th day of February, 1908.

S. I. ROBERTS, Clerk.

By G. E. BENSON, Deputy.

Feed for Sale.

Alfalfa kaffir corn and other feed. Enquire of G. W. Swift, Carlsbad, N. M.

PASSING THE WATER

By Byron Williams.



On the hill by the spring where the path winds along
To the shade of an elm, through the lilt and the song
Of a June that is passed, I am trudging with joy
To the little old schoolhouse I knew when a boy
Through the shade and the sun and the hazel brush there
I am idling along in a world dazzling fair,
I am idling along with a pail on my way
To the school—I am passing the water to-day!

From the spring, 'neath the hill, I have filled it with care
And I'm off up the path with my feet flying, bare,
To the school where my playmates expectantly wait
For the clang of the dipper upon the old gate.

And a cool, dripping draught of the nectar I bring
Down the hill by the pathway that leads from the spring.
I am passing it now with a smile and a wink
To the boys and the girls who are waiting to drink!

Now I stand by HER desk and my joy is supreme—
Ah, the sweetness of youth that returns in a dream—
I am standing again by the maid I have won
With a boy's true affection in days that are done.
I am standing again in a boy's paradise,
In a land that is ruled by a little girl's eyes!
I am dreaming again where the meadowlarks play—
And I'm happy! I'm passing the water to-day!

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Items From Current Files of this Date Fifteen Years Ago.

Editor Daily Current, Feb. 10, 1904.

The Eddy Club has recently placed an elegant upright Rosewood piano in the club parlor. It is said to be the finest instrument in the city.

Taylor & Cooper is the name of the new firm that lately opened up a new store in the old commissary building in Malaga. The firm reports trade good.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hagerman went up to their mansion on the Heights today to view the buildings and improvements and superintend the arrangement of the furniture in the rooms.

Cap't. J. C. Lea came in on this morning's train. He is enroute to Roswell.

Dr. A. A. Bearup the popular dentist can be found at his office room 4 Hagerman Hotel.

The telephone and telegraph poles were distributed to Roswell this week and the wire will be up in a few days. The office will be in hotel Pauly.

The Masonic order in Roswell received their new charter and will begin the erection of a temple in the spring. In the meantime they will meet in Odd Fellows hall.

Friday, Feb. 10 1900.

E. McQueen Gray arrived this week from Scotland and will undoubtedly locate and become an investor in the Pecos valley. He

is accompanied by Edgar Knowles who will likely locate here also.

Even if it is a little windy just now it beats the blizzard north all hollow.

Engineer Church goes up the river next week to lay off a new town to be named Hagerman. The town will be located about a mile south of the Feliz and half way between the canal and the river and is supposed to be on the line of the proposed new railroad which rumor says will be built from here to Roswell.

The Roswell stage made unusually good time coming down yesterday, arriving here at 4:45 p. m. Several parties in Roswell were anxious to make the evening train, hence the rush.

Monday, Feb. 13, 1900.

Frank and Geo. Tracy left on last night's train for Garden City N. J. in response to a telegram to C. H. McLenathen from their father Rev. U. T. Tracy bringing the sad intelligence that their mother expired yesterday morning. Mr. McLenathen is a friend of the family and was wired to insure prompt delivery of the message Rev. Tracy fearing his sons might be out of town. Frank will wire Mr. McLenathen next Monday setting the exact date when they may be expected back.

E. McQueen Gray who came here last week from Scotland purchased last Saturday 120 acres of land near Vaud of the P. I. & I. Co and will at once commence the erection of buildings thereon and also have it cleared and put in

shape for cultivation this season.

Wed. Feb. 15 1900.

Hoag Lusk, of Weed, was in town yesterday after supplies.

C. B. Eddy, yesterday, purchased a pet deer from parties in the mountains. This makes three deer now owned by Mr. Eddy.

Sam Hughes, of Tansill Farm has gone to Illinois to purchase some thoroughbred stock for the farm.

SLEEPING ON OUR OARS

United States Post Office Inspector Recommends Grading the Monument Sand Road

Inspector Haynes, of Denver, who has for inspection all the post offices along the counties bordering on Texas on the east line of New Mexico, returned Monday night from a trip to Monument and Knowles. On being interviewed he said:

"After a trip to Monument and Knowles and considerable conversation with representative citizens in both places I am of the opinion that you Carlsbad people are sleeping on your oars in not making an effort to turn the trend of traffic being diverted to Midland and other points. While the matter is of no interest to me, in my opinion, it is certain that unless the roads are made more passable between Carlsbad and the post offices on the eastern side of the county the star route serving those points will be changed to serve these offices from Texas points. For a couple of thousand dollars heavy earth could be placed on top of the sand and a road made that would draw all traffic to Carlsbad. While it is none of my business, it looks rather strange to an uninterested observer that your people have not improved a road that brings so much trade to your town."

Mr. Haynes is only one of hundreds who have expressed themselves in like manner and it would seem the question of a road across that sand would be the leading one before the Carlsbad Commercial Club.

The new Alamo Hotel, corner 17th and Market streets, Denver, is fast becoming the favorite stopping place for those of our people desiring first class accommodations at a nominal cost. Once a patron, always a patron.

This is Worth Reading.

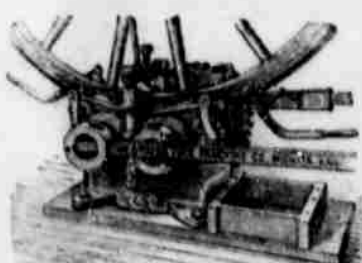
Leo E. Zelinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at Eddy Drug Co. 25c.

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Owing to the recently reduced freight rates and a slight fall in the price of lumber we are able to announce a reduction in the price of lumber of from \$2.50 to \$6 a thousand. The grade is just as good as ever, the price is less. We are now able to compete with yards on the T. & P. and ask the opportunity to figure with those from the Monument locality who have been hauling from these points.

The Groves Lumber Co.

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D. L. MEYERS,

Traffic Manager, Pecos Valley Lines,
Amarillo, Texas.

Competition, so we are told, is the life of trade. If you are a believer in this particular old saw, give

The Union Meat Market

a call. If you don't believe in it, give us a call any way. You can believe any old thing you wish, but we are positive we can save you money on

all Market products such as
Beef, Pork, Veal, Mutton, etc.

If you haven't time to call, telephone and we will deliver it promptly.

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