

THE NEWS OF A DAY.

Happenings and Personal Mention from Many Sources.

L. F. Kirk of Amarillo, is here. Bargains everyday.—Artesia Racket Store. 151 3t.

Gus Chandler of Medicine Hat, Canada is in the city.

J. H. Murphy of Ft. Worth is at the Grand Central.

Don't miss the picture display on the court house lawn tonight.

Phone 163 for pure soft drinks and pure drinking water.—Gamble. 151 3t.

The Red Men held a meeting last night at their rooms in the Gaullieur block.

Wanted—Everybody in Roswell to call at Gamble's and get a free drink of pure water. 151 3t.

A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Formalt yesterday at their home fifteen miles south.

School tablets from one to fifteen cents, pencils and ink at cut prices.—Artesia Racket Store. 151 3t.

If you are troubled with constipation drink Lithia Mineral water—positive relief, at Gamble's. 151 3t.

Get Joe Bounds to order you a nice tailor made suit this week so you will have it in time for the fair.

Order a suit from Joe Bounds and try to look as well as you can when the visitors come to the fair.

Arthur Fury is in from Gronski's ranch fifty-five miles north and reports the Pecos as being very dry.

Pictures of all the places of interest in the Pecos Valley will be thrown on canvass on the court house lawn tonight.

Wanted—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping or living rooms, in good locality, for two ladies. Apply at this office. 151 2t.

Samuel Atkinson filed on 560 acres of land in the United States Land office yesterday with Santa Fe Pacific land script.

B. G. Jones and J. P. Fletcher two young men from Santa Fe are visiting in the city. They are stopping at the Grand Central.

Mrs. W. C. Allen and two children left on the morning train for their home in Oklahoma City after a visit to her father J. S. Williamson.

Barney Tammell, a St. Louis furniture man, says that Roswell is the most prosperous town between Ft. Worth and Los Angeles, California.

Ed Hill, who was so frightfully burned by a gasoline explosion on Labor day just before the balloon ascension, is able to be on the streets.

Engineer W. A. Wilson left today, accompanied by Manor Audrain, Earl Patterson and Cook for eight miles south where they will be engaged in running lines for a week.

R. E. Muncy recovered his two brown horses that escaped from his stable corner of 2nd St. and Pecos Ave. Tuesday night, yesterday about ten miles west.

We have just completed J. M. Lusk's residence on Alameda Heights. Our work will bear inspection; if you want a house built give us a call. 152 2t. MURRAY & SANGER.

Have you a lot? If so, go to R. H. McCune and get the money to build you a home of your own. Low rate of interest and easy payments. Best plan ever offered in Roswell. Pioneer block. Phone 356.

Sam G. Green of El Paso, Texas, and Miss Laura Shields of this city, were married last night at the residence of the bride's parents on West 7th street. W. D. Ward, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church, performed the ceremony.

John R. Joyce left last night for his home at Carlsbad.

U. S. Bateman left yesterday for Lincoln, to attend court.

Mrs. Sallie L. Stegman of Artesia, is registered at the Shelby.

The brick work on the Smith building on Main street has been completed up to the second story.

There will be a matched pony race at the fair grounds tomorrow at 2 o'clock p. m., for \$25 a side.

Mrs. B. D. Watkins and children, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Fort, for several weeks, left last night for their home in Natchez, Miss.

J. O. Cameron of Carlsbad, and his father, W. M. Cameron of Coleman, Texas, arrived in the city this morning and are stopping at the Grand Central.

F. S. Dobson, who has had a surveying party out on the Pecos for some time will return to this place in a few days. He is working under City Engineer Reed.

Mrs. W. R. Clements returned last night from Mineral Wells, after a month's visit there. She placed her daughter, Miss Ruby, in the Weatherford college for young ladies at Weatherford, Texas.

I have bought of The Honest John Co. the entire stock of guns, revolvers, clocks watches, school books, sewing machines, upholstered goods and all the second hand clothing. Will open up in rear end of the Williamson building near Taylor's Second Hand Store. A repair shop in connection. 152 1t T. M. JONES.

Lee Richards who left here for South America last March, returned last night. He accompanied Charley Ballard who returned here a few days ago. They were on a business trip and spent most of their time in Ecuador. He returned via New York City and witnessed the first race between the Reliance and the Shamrock. 151 2t.

Judge Gatewood returned last night from Amarillo where he had been attending court for several days and will leave tomorrow for Lincoln where he is attorney in several criminal cases that will come up at the present term of court there, including the house burning and murder case against W. M. Wood and two Mexicans who have been in jail there for two years. He will be in Lincoln for about ten days.

It is just a few more days until the Roswell car will start on its journey through the different agricultural states to show the people in those states what is being done by irrigation in the Pecos Valley. The car is already on the track and work has commenced in decorating it and arranging the display. The Santa Fe very kindly furnishes this car and attends to its transportation over its own road and all roads coming in contact with it. Col. Page, who is to accompany the car and who went with it last year is working very hard to get everything in shape and make it a complete success. The products that have been brought in are the very finest specimens that can be obtained and some of them are much better than last year.

Dr. Arnold Aronson the famous Chicago optician who has been here for five weeks at the Grand Central and who advertised he would leave yesterday found it impossible to get off on account of the rush of patients and was unable to finish up with them. He will be at the Grand Central until Monday morning. This is a rare opportunity for those who are afflicted with their eyes to consult a fine city optician. Examination free at the Grand Central. 152 1t

An Important Question.

Clerk Bates of the Grand Central, and four or five guests in front of the hotel were discussing the disposition of the large crowd that would arrive during fair week. Mr. Bates said he did not know what the citizens in general had done for the accommodation of the visitors, but they had fifty cots in readiness which they would put in the hallways and every available place.

Special Notice.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give a supper on each day of the fair if they can secure a suitable room on or near Main street. 151 1t

Dressmaker.

Mrs. Haynes has moved her dressmaking parlor over Stringfellow & Tannehill's and will be glad to see all her customers there. 151 3t

FOR RENT:—Office rooms in Hobson-Lowe Bldg. See H. P. Hobson. 147 1t

ZERO AN ANCIENT TERM.

It Was in Use in Babylon Thirty-six Centuries Ago.

The term zero, which is used to designate a cipher and in meteorology the entire absence of heat in the atmosphere, was, according to a mathematical historian, Moritz Cantor, used by the Babylonians about the year 1700 B. C. This, however, is merely a supposition. It has not been definitely established that zero was in use any earlier than 400 A. D. About this time it was used in India, and several centuries later the Arabs began to employ it. Through the Arabs its use became known to Europeans during the twelfth century. It was not generally adopted in Europe until several centuries later, notwithstanding its great advantages. For a considerable time there were two parties among the European educators. One party, known as the algorists, favored the adoption of the Hindoo system of notation (falsely called Arabic), with its position values, while the other, known as the abacists, favored the Roman notation, without zero or position value.

The general adoption of the Hindoo system was greatly facilitated by the facts that it was explained in most of the calendars for more than a century, beginning with 1300, and that the medieval universities frequently offered courses devoted to the use of this notation.—Chicago Tribune.

An American Waterloo.

Wellington at Waterloo and Meade at Gettysburg each held the highlands against his antagonist. Wellington on Mont Saint Jean and Meade on Cemetery Ridge had the bird's-eye view of the forces of attack. The English batteries on the plateau and the Union batteries on Cemetery Heights commanded alike the intervening undulations across which the charging columns must advance. Behind Mont Saint Jean, to conceal Wellington's movements from Napoleon's eyes, were the woodlands of Soignes. Behind Cemetery Ridge, to conceal Meade's movements from the field glasses of Lee, was a sharp declivity, a protecting and helpful depression. As the French under Napoleon at Waterloo, so the Confederates under Lee at Gettysburg held the weaker position. In both cases the assailants sought to expel their opponents from the stronger lines. I might add another resemblance in the results which followed. Waterloo decided the destiny of France, of England, of Europe. Gettysburg, not so directly or immediately, but practically, decided the fate of the Confederacy.—General John B. Gordon in Scribner's.

Ladies Who Wore Knives.

In early English days knives were worn by Englishwomen in imitation of the anelace, a dagger carried at the girdle. Chaucer speaks of them in the prologue to his "Canterbury Tales": "Her knives were y-chaped not with brass. But all with silver wrought, full clean and well."

In Ross church, Herefordshire, is a monument to a lady of the Ruddle family, temp. Henry VIII., who wears a purse and a knife. Brand tells us that knives were formerly part of the accoutrements of a bride. In a play, temp. "Edward III.," occurs the passage:

Here by my side do hang my wedding knives.

In the "Archaeologia" Mr. Douce, the antiquary, wrote a paper on this practice of wearing knives by European ladies in the sixteenth century, and an engraving shows a specimen of a case of these wedding knives, dated 1610, which are described as having amber handles and cases of purple velvet embroidered with gold.

The new boarder had been three weeks in the house. "It is usual," said the landlady, with great delicacy, "for my boarders to pay as they go."

"Oh, that's all right," he replied affably. "I'm not going for a long time."

Sounded Like It.

"What is that piece you are playing? Is it by Wagner?"

"No; the piano is out of tune."—Brooklyn Times.

With the Persians the writing of poetry and beautiful and witty sayings is described as the "threading of pearls."

THE FOOL WHO WON.

Horace Greeley's First Experience in New York City.

When Horace Greeley first went to New York city, a green, awkward country boy, he met with discouragement. For two days he tramped the streets, visiting two-thirds of the printing offices in the town and always receiving a cold refusal of his services.

His biographer, Mr. W. A. Linn, says that by Saturday night Greeley was satisfied that the city offered him no hope of a living. He decided to leave for the country on Monday, before his last dollar was gone.

It happened that some acquaintances of his landlord, who called on Sunday, told him of an office where a compositor was wanted. Greeley went there Monday morning before the place was open. His appearance was so uncouth that he would have been rejected there also if the foreman had not had difficulty in getting a compositor for a piece of work he wanted done.

This was setting up a small New Testament with narrow columns, the text interspersed with references to notes marked in Greek and other unusual characters. So complicated was the task and so little could the compositor earn at it that several men had abandoned the work almost as soon as they had begun it.

The foreman offered the work to Greeley, believing that in half a day the boy would prove himself incapable of performing it. When the proprietor saw Greeley at work he asked the foreman why he hired that fool and said, "Pay him off tonight."

But the foreman did not pay him off. This boy had worked on a New England farm, had cut wood in the winter cold and in summer had worked in the fields under the noon sun. He was not afraid of toil. He set that Testament. When the foreman examined the first proof he found that Greeley had set more type and set it better than any one else who had tried.

SHOPS OF CANTON.

Every Art and Industry Represented in the Chinese City.

The merchants' alleys are the paradise of the stranger who visits Canton, China. The shops have open fronts on either side the narrow lane, and every art and industry, the homeliest trade and the most fascinating pursuit, thrives in the dark passage. Black swinging signboards proclaim the business in characters of red or gold. Pandemonium triumphs in a series of yells as the chairmen scream for pass room. The poles hit the pedestrian in the eye, and the mandarin joggles the stranger. The native tilts his huge hat sidewise to avoid a crush, and often the coolies swing aslant in the alley or duck into a store to avoid a catastrophe.

The Chinese as a people are modest in their dress. The person is rarely exposed. Women wear double-breasted sacks which fit tight to the throat, and men are usually covered. But under the stress of hard labor the man at the forge is stripped to the waist, and in the foundry a nearly nude workman strides the iron seesaw like a horse in the treadmill. The butcher cleaves his fletcher on the block amid dried rats and skins of fowls stretched taut on the rack. Next door the gold beater hammers in his cave. Beyond the kindling man piles high his forest of fagots. Near by the miller is beating the meal through coarse sieves. His neighbor skins fish and hopes to sell them from the box where they float under a feeble spur of water. In the adjoining den beautiful embroideries are piled mountain high, with silks, satins and brocaded tuffetas in wondrous designs of dragons and flowers. Hau Cheung Tai patiently transfers them by the hundred from shelf to table in the hope that some stray bit may catch the buyer's fancy. Feathers are an important industry, and fans, folding or open, line the next shop, painted in every fanciful conception.—Detroit Free Press.

Grotesque English.

No doubt purchasers in other lands have reason to smile at English attempts to worthily describe English wares in a foreign tongue. It is to be hoped, however, that our business houses do not send forth announcements quite so grotesque as some that come to this country. Here is a form issued by a very considerable continental firm: "Does your dressing case need, by chance, a superfine antiseptic soap, an energetic perfumed lotion, a delicious cream, an impalpable velveteen, a very delicate and lasting extract and unmatchably efficient dentifrice? Or do you wish to buy those articles to make a present, the most desirable one, to a very dear person on his saint's or birth day?"—London Express.

Origin of "Pants."

The words breeches, trousers and pantaloons are now used interchangeably, but originally the significations were quite different. Pantaloons were at first nothing but long stockings worn in Italy as a sort of religious habit by the devotees of St. Pantalon. Breeches originally reached from the waist half way to the knee and finally to the knee, where they were fastened with a buckle. Trousers are the present style of leg gear, a combination of the former two.

Her Right.

"What right has she to star?" asked the envious Thesplan.

"The best right in the theatrical world," was the reply. "She has secured an 'angel.'"—Chicago Post.

To complain of destiny is only to expose our own feebleness of soul.—Maeterlinck.

Prosperity gets followers, but adversity distinguishes them.

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RECORD PUBLISHING CO.

Charles D. Keys is in from his ranch.

Percy McCleny is in from his ranch 2½ miles east.

W. Pitt Barns of St. Louis, arrived on last night's train.

Fred Huggins of Sorora, Texas, is in the city on a business train.

J. T. Campbell of Paul's Valley, I. T., is here on a prospecting tour.

L. W. Atwood of Marshall, Texas, is among the new prospectors.

I have over two hundred customers who use distilled water.—Gamble. 151 3t.

John McGuire has returned to this city after an eight month's trip to points in Arizona.

William Purdy, the Carlsbad furniture man, passed through here enroute to the eastern markets.

G. G. Graham and S. M. Paul, two home seekers from Liberal, Kansas, were in the city yesterday.

J. Neston Ortiz, wife and son of Ortiz, Colorado, arrived last night and are registered at the Grand Central.

P. B. Hynes, president of the Hynes Buggy Co., of Quincy, Illinois, left this morning for his home, after a few days' visit in this city.

Pat Putman, who has been seriously ill for three weeks is now convalescent. He was able with the aid of a cane, to walk around some yesterday.

Blutero Voris visited Judge Peacock this morning in company with Henry Brown to explain a drunk and disorderly charge. \$11.50 was the charges. Teon Cisneros was another visitor who was charged up with \$11.50.

Delay in giving us your accounts for collection may cost you something. Remember the longer an account stands the harder it is to collect and in the meantime the parties may leave the country.—Roswell Collecting Agency. Phone 356, Office in Pioneer Block. 146 5t

FOR SALE:—New four room house, plastered, corner lot, south frontage, good water. \$650 cash, \$750 easy terms. S. TOTZEK. Office, Roswell National Bank Building. Phone 211.

Muncy's Bus, Carriage and Transfer Line.

Does a general bus service. Buses to both the Grand Central and Shelby hotels. Carriages for any part of the city. Day or Night. The best transfer service—prices right. Corner 2nd street and Pecos avenue. Phone 263.

THE ROSWELL MACHINE SHOPS.

Prepared to do all kinds of blacksmithing and Machine work promptly. Carriage and wagon work neatly done.

J. Q. CUMMINS, Prop.

PHONE 276. 222 SOUTH MAIN. ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO.

Bids Called For.

The board of county commissioners of Chaves county, N. M. will consider sealed bids for painting, papering and calcimining the court house, jail and coal house in Roswell as per specifications on file in the Probate clerk's office at Roswell. All bids must be to furnish the very best material and workmanship. No other kind of bid will be considered. Work to begin as soon as contract is awarded and pushed to completion. All bids must be filed with the Probate clerk at Roswell N. M. not later than 10 o'clock a. m. Sept. 28, 1903. Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board Sept. 9, 1903. W. M. ATKINSON, Chairman.

The place for bargains. The people are getting on to the place to buy: Artesia Racket Store. 151 3t

Jerry Simpson is prepared to loan a limited amount of money on well improved farms, at a low rate of interest. 151 3t

Boyd Williams of Elk, is in the city.

Frank Reedy of Dallas, came in on the morning train.