

MRS. FLETCHER

That would be the same as the post office, in case you're wondering, Mr. Prentis. Three years ago, my husband combined the two under one roof.

PRENTIS

I see you've got several thriving businesses here. Mind if I take some photographs?

MRS. FLETCHER

Guess it's a free country. (She and Esther joke) Be sure to see our hotel, the Boles House. (photo) You can get a good meal and a bed there for 50 cents. made of stone. Solid as a rock.

PRENTIS

(photo) Now, those are the livery stables?

ESTHER

Yes. And there's John Lee's Blacksmith Shop. And our lumber yard. (photo)

PRENTIS

Can you direct me to the sod building where you held the first election?

MRS. FLETCHER

Well, we didn't. The gentlemen did. In case you're forgetting.

PRENTIS

By my count, Nicodemus has 35 buildings. That sound right?

MRS. FLETCHER

Now, you're a journalist, Mr. Prentis. Seems to me you should be able to do your own counting. A pleasure to meet you, Mr. Prentis. (exits)

ESTHER

I need to be starting supper myself, Mr. Prentis. (she gets up, leaving quilt, and exits) Pleasure meeting you.