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In an editorial THE WILLIAMS NEWS credits Councilman Ashurst with the statement that he will vote for the repeal of all railroad tax exemption. It is to be hoped that Mr. Ashurst has been incorrectly quoted. It is time that Arizona ceased voting tax exemptions for railroads, but we should keep faith with those roads that were built, and are being built, as a result of the passage of such laws in the years past. It will be but a few years until their exemptions expire and they can be lawfully taxed. No more tax-exemption laws, but let us keep those laws already passed.—Douglas International.

Having had his attention directed to the above paragraph, Councilman Ashurst reiterates his former statement, and in the letter following assures his numerous friends that the interests of the public will not suffer at his hands. Mr. Ashurst writes:

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Territory of Arizona,
Phoenix, Jan. 28, 1903.

EDITOR WILLIAMS NEWS.—Permit me to thank you for your interest in me.

Regarding railroad exemption you are advised that I have given the subject close attention and am familiar with the law of the case, as well as the moral side. It has been decided by the court of the United States that exemption from taxation is not a privilege, within the province and power of the legislature to repeal. Public policy demands that the exemptions were conferred there is not one essential feature or element of a contract in any one of the acts. The reason for this exemption from taxation has ceased to exist, and, therefore, the exemption should cease. Of course, a great many of the newspapers who are "kept organs" of the railroad will howl against the bill that I am resolved to do my duty as I see it, and I care little, if any, what is said about it.

Enemies of the bill say that it is "repudiation," but that is only a subterfuge in order to keep the easily-frightened from supporting the bill. I assure you that I shall labor diligently at all times for the interests of the people who have upon so many occasions testified the loyalty to me. Very sincerely yours,
HENRY F. ASHURST.

THE legislative assembly appears to be in waiting for something

THE NEWS, a few weeks since, took the Wickenburg News-Herald to task for apparently having succumbed to the hypnotic influence of the territorial secretary. The criticism was, perhaps, a little caustic, but the attitude of the Herald warranted us in jabbing Dick-Wick under the ribs. The article had a healthy effect in that Editor Hall justifies the friendly attack of the NEWS and writes explanatory of his position. He admits that Secretary Stoddard attempted to placate him with cheap advertising contracts, that attention might be diverted from the guerrilla warfare upon the territorial press. For this lack of esteem in which Mr. Stoddard holds the press, Dick Wick strikes the official several solar plexus blows, and in his inimitable style makes an abrasion every time he wields the lash. In unity there is strength, and the press is fortunate in having the able co-operation of the News-Herald, making of us now a band of brothers fighting for a common cause. The press of Arizona owes to Isaac T. Stoddard much well-earned space, which should, and will be, unstintingly donated in double-leaded denunciatory articles of the questionable methods resorted to by him to "turn an honest dollar." Mr. Stoddard's action is not in keeping with the integrity of other federal appointees for Arizona, nor are his methods in consonance with President Roosevelt's ideal of a conscientious official, and if allowed to retain the secretaryship will bring such odium upon the administration as to alienate the republicans of Arizona from support of Mr. Roosevelt's second term aspirations. The bird that befouls its own nest is not in demand as a household pet.

THE NEWS is in receipt of a letter of mourning bearing the sad intelligence of the demise of George W. Moss, of the J. W. Butler Paper Company of Chicago, Illinois, who passed away at Tampa, Florida, on January 23. Mr. Moss is greatly mourned by the Butler Co., with whom he had been associated for the past thirty-three years, during which time he endeared those about him with an undying love. We extend condolence to a bereaved family and numerous friends and business associates.

OUR thanks are due to Delegate Marcus A. Smith for a copy of the "Congressional Directory," a work replete with valuable statistics and information that is interesting and permanent. Statehood or not, Mr. Smith always remembers the extreme density of friends, hence this valuable work of reference.

THE heavy snowfall throughout northern Arizona is an assurance of prosperity for this section during the year 1903. It is a welcome visitation, appreciated by all—miner, stockman, preacher and layman.



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NO. 10	MILES	STATIONS	NO. 11
2:30 pm	8	Lv Williams Ar	11:50 am
3:00 pm	9	Red Lake	11:20 am
3:30 pm	29	Prado	10:50 am
3:50	29	Valle	10:30 am
4:10	38	Willaha	10:10 am
4:28 pm	45	Anita	9:55 am
4:50 pm	-	Apex	9:35 am
5:08 pm	59	Coconino	9:17 am
5:30 pm	65	Ar Grand Canyon Lv	9:00 am

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