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The Legislature's Opportunity.

The various territorial institutions having been examined by special committees from the legislature, reports should be forthcoming, soon, as to what the statesmen found on their travels. As affairs are moving along in their measured routine, nothing but perfunctory comment is to be expected in most cases.

The fact that the maintenance of the prison constitutes the biggest item in the expense account of the territory is important to the taxpayers, of course. But that is a secondary consideration in view of the urgent necessity of finding employment for the prisoners.

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The law provides for succession in case of "removal, death, resignation or inability of both the president and vice president." "Who," the committee asks "would determine the question of 'inability' on the part of a president, and when such 'inability' ceased?"

"If a president-elect were to die before becoming president, would the vice president-elect be president for the term?" the committee asks. Again, "if a president-elect and vice president-elect should both die prior to taking their offices would the cabinet officers appointed by the outgoing president succeed, in the order named in the present law when the new term began?"

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All of which seems to indicate a good deal of uncertainty about a matter which, of all matters in our form of government, should be beyond doubt. While the peculiar emergencies contemplated by the members of this committee might never arise, still the law should certainly provide for the proper meeting of every possible emergency.

"God let the first murderer live!" exclaimed a Philadelphia pulpit orator last Sunday in an argument against hanging. Cain not only lived, but he was permitted to range at liberty. The clerical opponent of capital punishment refuses to follow the divine example so far; he would imprison the murderer for life with no possibility of pardon. But if he condemn capital punishment because he finds no sanction of it in the New Testament, he ought also to condemn imprisonment; can he find a sanction for that?

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The peculiar climatic conditions in Arizona make this an ideal region wherein to adopt the plan of road making by convicts. They could work every day in the year without discomfort, and the wide reaches of waterless desert would reduce the chances of escape to a minimum. The expense for guards would need to be little more than that involved at present.

The Presidential Succession.

A report made the other day by the house committee on elections directs the attention of the country to the insufficiency of existing law relating to the presidential succession. Several years ago a law was enacted which made the cabinet officers, in the order named in the statute, the heirs to the presidency in the event of the death of both president and vice-president, and congress thought at the time that all eventualities had been provided for.

The bill upon which the report is based does not deal with these questions, but simply adds the secretary of agriculture and the secretary of commerce and labor to the presidential succession, which, under the present law, runs down through the cabinet in the order of the establishment of the executive departments.

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Little James

(Concerning the attitude of the sheriff's office toward Cave Creek.) Sheriff Walker he sez: "Between the Contes' with Dock Richmond an' in' Contes' with Cave Creek, I got my hands full an' I'm libal to get beet by you or the other. I don't like this here Dublin Teems' no mo. The Contes' with Richmond is wearin' me out mently an' in' Contes' with Cave Creek is exostin me fizickly."

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Department of the Interior, office of the U. S. surveyor general, Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 24, 1905. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon on Feb. 9, 1905, for running, measuring and marking, in accordance with official existing regulations, and such special instructions as may be issued by the surveyor general, the following described surveys, viz: The Fifth Guide Mer. W., bet. Rs. 18 and 19 W., through Tps. 20, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 N., through Rs. 19, 20 and 21 W., bet. Tps. 16 and 17 N.; the S. E., and a portion of the N. bdy. of the Camp Mohave Indian Reservation; the survey of the N. and S. bdy. of T. 17 N., R. 21 W.; the N. bdy. of T. 16 N., R. 21 W.; fractional S. bdy. of T. 15 N., R. 21 W.; fractional N. bdy. of T. 17 N., R. 22 W.; the E. bdy. of T. 16 N., R. 21 W.; the E. bdy. of T. 18 N., R. 21 W. and 22 W.; the E. and W. bdy. of T. 17 N., R. 21 W., and fractional E. bdy. of T. 15 N., R. 21 W., or so much thereof, together with the lands of 30, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 W.; Tps. 15, 16, 17 and 18 N., R. 21 W.; Tps. 17, 18 and 19 N., R. 22 W.; Tps. 16 and 17 N., R. 20 W., and the meander of the left bank of the Colorado river through Tps. 15, 16, 17 and 18 N., as may be necessary to properly include all the lands of the Mohave valley, Mohave county, Arizona, said valley being described as follows: beginning at or near Ives' Point, which is the point where the Mesa, or elevated lands comes to the channel of the Colorado river in said Mohave county, said point being about two miles S. of Camp Mohave, and following the base of the Mesa in a general southerly direction, and again comes approximately to the channel of the Colorado river, at a point near the station of Mellon, on the line of the Santa Fe Pacific railroad; thence following the E. bank of said river in a general northerly direction to the place of beginning, and containing by estimation, 50,000 acres excepting the Indian reservation. Estimated number of miles to be surveyed: Stand. 42; Meanders, 22; Indian reservation, 13; Township, Exterior, 10; bds. and subdivisions, 10; total, 112 miles. Legal rates of mileage are: \$9, \$7, \$5, \$18, \$15, \$12, and \$25, \$23, \$20, for Stand and Meander, Township, Reser. and section, and connecting lines, respectively, the latter rates \$18, \$15, \$12 and \$25, \$23, \$20, to be allowed only where the lands are mountainous, heavily timbered or covered with dense undergrowth. Bond with approved securities for the faithful performance of the contract will be required of the successful bidder. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, to accept any part of any bid, or to reject the other part, if the interests of the government require it. Proposals must be submitted, in duplicate, to the undersigned, and endorsed on the envelope, "Proposals for Executive Public Surveys." The proposals received will be opened at the time and place stated, and bidders are invited to be present at such opening. Further information in regard to the work will be furnished upon application to the undersigned, Frank S. Ingalls, U. S. Surveyor General for Arizona.

PROPOSALS FOR STONE MESS HALL.

Department of Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., January 9, 1905. Sealed proposals, endorsed "PROPOSALS FOR STONE MESS HALL AND KITCHEN, RICE STATION SCHOOL, ARIZONA," and addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., will be received at the Indian office until 2 o'clock p. m. of February 15, 1905, for furnishing and delivering necessary materials and labor required to construct and complete a stone mess hall and kitchen at the Rice Station School, Arizona, in strict accordance with plans and specifications and instructions to bidders, which may be examined at this office, the offices of the Arizona Republic, Phoenix, Arizona, Arizona Star, Tucson, Arizona; The Herald, El Paso, Tex.; The Improvement Bulletin, Minneapolis, Minn.; The American Contractor, Chicago, Ill.; The Builder & Contractor, Los Angeles, Cal.; at the U. S. Indian Warehouses, 119 Wooster St., New York City; 265 South Canal St., Chicago, Ill.; 602 South Seventh St., St. Louis, Mo.; 815 Howard St., Omaha, Neb.; 23 Washington St., San Francisco, Cal.; and at the school. For further information apply to J. S. Perkins, Superintendent, Tulkia, Arizona. F. E. Loupp, Commissioner.

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