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For Delegate to Congress
RALPH H. CAMERON

PHOENIX, ARIZONA, SEPT. 18, 1908.

YES OR NO?

As to the amiability of the Hon. Marcus A. Smith, Arizonians are all agreed. Many, if not most of his fellow citizens, would be pleased to see him installed for life in such congenial surroundings as he has enjoyed for the last twenty years, but at the same time they have something else to consider just now—the welfare of Arizona and of themselves. We believe now that a majority of the voters of the territory are convinced that they can not serve themselves by serving Mr. Smith any longer.

There has been a biennial dispute for years as to whether Mr. Smith has been an efficient representative at Washington. That is immaterial and irrelevant now. Mr. Smith may have accomplished as much as it would have been possible for any democrat to accomplish against adverse influences but there is nothing in the present situation to induce the belief that he can accomplish any more in the immediate future than in the past. And we want something done in the immediate future. There is a greater probability that it may be done than there ever was before. We want statehood.

In all Arizona, there is not an intelligent friend of Mr. Smith who will undertake to tell an intelligent citizen that Mr. Smith can possibly contribute an iota to that desired end. Mr. Smith himself knows that his election this fall could only serve as a brake on our progress toward admission. He knows that if he should be elected all hope of statehood at the short session would vanish with the announcement of the vote on the night of November 2; that the weight of his triumph would crush the hopes of Arizonians for at least a year, and perhaps for a full congressional term.

No situation was ever plainer than this one; no contingency could be more of a fulfilled certainty. This is a matter which affects republicans no more than it does democrats; for once at least the interests of the members of both parties are identical and we believe that a majority of the voters realize it now and that still more of them will realize it before election day.

A vote for Cameron is not a vote for republican principles, for as we have frequently asserted, no party principles are involved in this contest. Nor could they be involved. The voters of Arizona have one plain issue before them and only one. It is immediate statehood. A vote for Smith is "No." A vote for Cameron is "Yes." The matter would not be plainer if the ballots were so printed.

SOME FOLKS WOULD CALL IT A BOOM.

It has often been comfortably observed that we of the Salt River valley would not have known anything about the panic if people had not come in from the outside and told us of its existence. All we know of the consequent depression we have learned from outsiders, returning tourists and the newspapers.

We are minded of this again by statements of merchants and others regarding local conditions. While generally throughout the country this has been the worst year since 1893, with more men out of employment, with money harder to get, with a greater number of business failures and with greater uncertainty regarding the future, the past summer has been the best in the business history of Phoenix.

The business of the postoffice for July exceeded the volume for the corresponding month of last year by \$396. The business of Wells Fargo & Co. for the same month was \$1,000 greater than for July a year ago. Lumber men and material men say, some of them, that their sales for July and August, two months during which very little has been expected, were six times as great as they were for the same months last year, and for each of those months this year,

greater than during the most active month of any earlier year.

Merchants, grocers, dry goods men and others estimate the increase of their business for the summer months at from 25 to 50 per cent over the same months of any previous year. It is said that the residence building which has been going on since the beginning of this year is of greater volume than that of any previous three year period.

We have frequently referred to the month of July, not because that has been a banner month, but because the figures for it have already been made up. In most lines, August is believed to have been better and September so far as it has gone has been still better. The prospect for the fall and winter is regarded as the brightest we have ever had. Almost anywhere else this would be called a boom.

The accident at Fort Myer yesterday, resulting in the death of Lieutenant Selfridge, will for a time be a sort of damper on aviation, following so closely the successful flights of Orville Wright. It emphasizes a danger of aerial travel which will always be present, a danger similar to that described by a negro always attending sea voyages. He was not afraid of railroad wrecks for one always landed on Mother Earth. "But," said he, "w'en de ship bus' up whah is yo?"

If the suspect in the Sherman, Texas, jail proves not to be Murderer Dunham, the California authorities may be excused from pursuing any more suspicions about the country.

It will be no real hardship on Mr. Bryan to be compelled to do all the talking at the Chicago banquet.

LIFE WAS A BORE.

A Bisbee Miner Tries to Commit Suicide at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Sept. 17.—Fred Giovanda, an Italian miner recently employed by the Copper Queen mine at Bisbee, attempted to commit suicide at the county hospital this afternoon by hanging himself. Giovanda was discovered by one of the internes before life was extinct and was cut down and revived. Giovanda came here from Arizona six weeks ago and was a patient at the California hospital under the care of Dr. Moore. He developed symptoms of mental disorder and was removed to the detention ward at the county hospital for observation.

It is believed that he will be committed to an asylum.

TO BEAT INJUNCTION.

Mr. Gompers Said the Federationist was Prematurely Issued.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The taking of testimony in the Gompers-Mitchell-Morrison case, in connection with the anti-boycott proceedings instituted by the Buck Stove & Range company against the officers of the American Federation of Labor, will be resumed by Examiner Harper this morning. Gompers was placed on the stand and testified that a certain edition of the federation organ had been gotten out earlier than usual, so as to precede the granting of the injunction restraining it from printing certain articles in reference to the case.

A WORLD PEACE

Being Arranged by the Interparliamentary Union.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—The Interparliamentary Union met yesterday in the chamber of the Reichstag to discuss anew the peace of the world and how it can be maintained through arbitration. More than seven hundred delegates filled the chamber, and the chamber was present, also nearly all the members of the Prussian and Imperial cabinets. David Jayne Hill, American ambassador, and Nicholas Murray Butler were also present. Prince Von Rudow delivered the welcoming address. He spoke in French, and said the Germans longed for peace and pointed to their efforts to that end.

CHICAGO IN A FOG.

In Spite of Care There Were Numerous Accidents.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Dense fog this morning proved a severe handicap to the transportation companies and was responsible for a number of accidents. Trains were compelled to run at slow speed, as the engineers were unable to distinguish signals.

An interurban car from Aurora crashed into an elevated train and several persons were injured. Two laborers were run down and killed by trains. A suburban train crashed into the Chicago Northwestern limited in the yards and half a dozen people were hurt.

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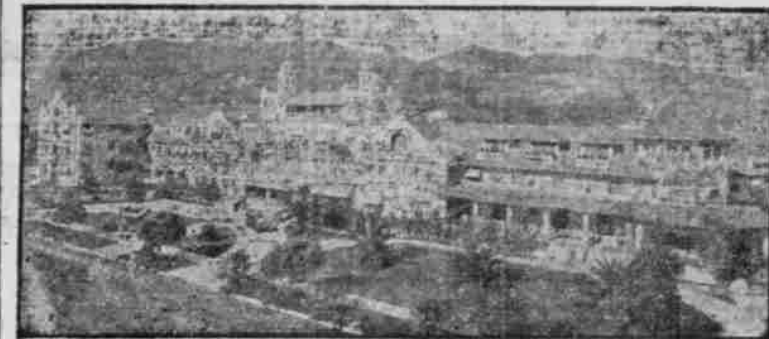
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