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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen.  
—St. Luke, 24-5.

### A Fine Beginning

The appointments made by City Manager Farish and the recommendations he has offered are in fulfillment of the prediction that he would be an efficient administrator. He has disregarded the appeals of personal and political friends of appointees for office and so far, has named men who he believed would contribute more largely to the public service.

His recommendations for the consolidation of various offices, such as the inspectorships of planning and city buildings; the offices of sealer of weights and measures and electrical inspector; the sanitary and the health offices, we believe, are in the line of economy and efficiency, and we trust that the commission will adopt the manager's suggestions.

It is evidently the belief of Mr. Farish that if one man can be given employment that will occupy his time so that he may devote his time to it the duties will be better performed than if they were divided between two or more men who would each regard their official duties as a side line to be neglected for their own private affairs. The greater measure of responsibility placed upon an official, the greater will be his attention to his work.

The duties of the offices which the manager proposes to consolidate are not such that they could not be discharged by a single man, such a man as could be found with the proper qualifications, and such a man could be found if the compensation were made commensurate. It would then be less than is now paid for the discharge of the duties of the two offices. These duties are not more inconsistent than many an employee in a private business is often called upon to perform in order to earn the salary which the business can afford to pay.

The time will probably come in the course of the growth of Phoenix when these offices now proposed to be consolidated can be better administered separately, but at present such a separation of duties is not warranted. The city has passed into a new era when men are to be chosen for necessary offices and when offices are not to be maintained or created for as many men as possible.

The city manager has already furnished proof of his intention and ability to give us a business administration and in making his appointments, he has removed entirely the apprehension that there will be any partisanship in the government. The appointees represent all political parties and all shades of such. The most of them have never taken an active part in politics and none of them, so far as we know, has ever been identified with a political clique or ring.

### A Good Recommendation

Mayor Young's recommendation of an ordinance compelling the owners of vacant lots to keep them clean and presentable is a good one. The mayor would have them cared for by the city when the owner neglects to do it, the expense of cleaning to become a lien against the property. Such an ordinance well enforced, would greatly simplify the clean-up movement which is only annual and, to a large extent, superficial.

Many of the vacant lots, most of them, are eye-sore in the districts where they lie. They have a depressing effect upon surrounding property values. A whole block, and if the area of vacant property is very great, many blocks in the same district will be affected. A worse effect is the contagion of carelessness and shiftlessness in the neighborhood. A home owner adjoining one of these wastes of weeds and empty tin cans, is apt to feel that he cannot give his property a good appearance amid such surroundings. The weeds encroach upon him. His neighbor on the other side becomes a victim of the contagion and finally, it spreads over a whole district.

The owner of a vacant lot may not be able to improve it with handsome buildings and may not be able to pay for abutting sidewalks and paving. But if he cannot afford to keep it clean and decent, he cannot afford to keep it at all. The neighborhood in which it is cannot afford such an ownership of it. The owner of most vacant lots, that is, those held in the larger tracts are either absentees or persons who are holding them for an advance in value in consequence of the improvements about them. Such owners are retarding the improvements for which they are waiting. A stiff lien placed upon their holdings, in the end, would be a benefit to them as well as to their neighbors.

We hope that the city attorney may be able to find no bar to the enactment of such an ordinance as the mayor has recommended, and, if it should be

enacted, we trust that the enforcement of it will be prompt and rigid.

### The Return of Mr. Smith

Hon. Marcus A. Smith has returned to Tucson, presumably to see what breaches, if any, have been made in the fences surrounding his senatorial field and to make such repairs as may be necessary. In the course of this repair work he will shortly visit Phoenix, armed with a full kit of tools for the joining of any loose ends of wires that may have been cut by that trespasser, Hon. Reese M. Ling. Much of this work will be undertaken at the Jefferson club banquet in this city, where Mr. Smith will be given a broad subject, a free hand and unlimited time to strengthen his position. Whatever damage may be accomplished by Mr. Ling on that occasion must be done, under the rules of the committee in charge, in five minutes.

Mr. Smith has evidently lost none of his political astuteness. On his arrival at Tucson, almost as soon as he alighted from the west bound Golden State Limited to go to his rooms at the old Pueblo club he was asked "How about free tolls?" Mr. Smith replying to that embarrassing interrogatory said that he had not yet expressed himself on that subject which seemed, he said to be more acute in Arizona than in Washington. He intimated that he would keep his views to himself until he should be called to vote on that question.

Doubtless Mr. Smith believed that that was the only safe thing to say and that it was reasonably safe. The voting in the senate is a long way in the future. Nobody expects that the matter will reach a vote within three months and it is quite possible that the session will end with the subject still in the air. There will probably be some early voting on Senator Owen's motion to hurry the consideration of the bill which will line the senators up, but while Mr. Smith is in Arizona he cannot be lined up. These preliminaries will probably be over before the return of Mr. Smith to Washington and the contest will have become one of endurance in which only those who desire to do so, will come out from under cover and take part.

But, after all, things have so shaped themselves that it will be difficult, if not impossible, for one to keep his position hidden, and it may be fatal to keep the people guessing where he is. The Democrats, all over the country who are against the repeal appear to be in the large majority and they are without exception, outspoken. Mr. Ling has already gone on record in a long communication to the Los Angeles Examiner. Senator Ashurst, though not a candidate this year has recorded himself in a widely published interview. Representative Hayden has made his position clear by his vote in the house against the Sims repeal bill. Democrats generally assume that those who are silent, favor repeal of the free tolls clause.

The question is like a barbed wire. One cannot sit on it. O'Brien tried it for awhile in New Jersey and was forced off on the losing side. A republican candidate in a Boston congressional district tried to ignore the question and the voters, assuming that he was for repeal dug a grave for him both wide and deep.

This, we realize is a democratic affair in which we have no selfish interest. But any time that we can give any advice or offer any suggestion that our democratic friends of either faction can turn to profitable use, we will do so cheerfully. They are as welcome to our services in this respect as they are to the air, the water, the delightful climate of the Salt River Valley, the perfume of its flowers, the songs of its birds or any thing else that we can give without crippling our resources.

### Spaniards in Mexico

For nearly a hundred years, or ever since Humboldt's rebellion of 1821, ending in the destruction of Spanish sovereignty in Mexico, Spaniards have suffered more in the wars of that country than the people of any other nation who happened to be there, notwithstanding their relationship of blood and language to the native Mexicans. All Spaniards taken in war during the turbid rebellion, though he himself was a Spaniard, were shot. Many Spaniards sought to save themselves by claiming to be natives. There was only one way to determine that they were not and that may not always have been accurate. Probably it would never have been if the Spaniards had known in advance that the test was to be applied.

For establishing the nationality of suspected Spaniards the revolutionists put their knowledge of the Bible to use. They remembered the test-word "shibboleth" that Jephthah applied to the fleeing Ephraimites who were caught. The suspects were asked to pronounce the words, "axucar," (sugary) or "caballo," (horse). If they replied to the first test, by saying "athucar," or to the second, "axalvav," they were shot, for Mexicans, being more hurried of speech give the "s" in the first word its English sound and give the "th" of the second, the sound of "j."

### SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

My richer rival's orchids fine  
Are on the dump.  
He sent them as a valentine,  
The purse-proud clump.

He caused for one day quite a whirl,  
I must allow.  
But all the gifts he sent the girl  
Are vanished now.

His costly bon-bons went to feed  
Her pretty face.  
But she still has my 10-cent scrap  
Of paper lace.

Mrs. R. as an extremely careful mother, and had repeatedly cautioned her 6-year-old daughter against handling any object that might contain germs. One day the little girl came in and said, "Mother, I am never going to play with my kitten any more, because she has germs on her."  
"Oh, no," replied her mother, "there are no germs on your kitten."  
"Yes, there are," insisted the child. "I saw one hop!"—Harper's Monthly.

### CONFEDERATE VETERANS HONOR GA. GIRL



Miss Regina Rambo.

The Georgia division of the United Confederate Veterans' association has appointed Miss Regina E. Rambo of Marietta sponsor for the division at the Jacksonville reunion next month. Miss Rambo is a member of one of Georgia's oldest and best families, and is known perhaps more than any young lady of the south among the ranks of the Confederate veterans.

### LITTLE JAMES

(Concerning a Series of Commercial Festivals Which Are Being Arranged by the Tucson Chamber of Commerce)

I see 'at th' Toocksoon Chamber of Commerce 'at th' Bekwest of th' Toocksoon Bakery Sossashup has set apart May th' First an' made it Sacred as Egg Day an' every body in Toocksoon 'at is proud of th' Ole Pueblo is ast by a Sossidie Proodmashun to Bust therselvs on Egg Day by Devourin' all th' Eggs they can get Hold of. They got th' Noospinners to Advertise it so's pokes'll know it's Comin' Off an' I'de therselvs a few days before May th' First so's 'at they can Hold more Eggs. They got th' Noospinners to print a lot of Rossigns showin' how Eggs can be cooked more'n 47 ways 'at nobody ever hear of before. Th' Chamber of Commerce sez: "It's th' Duty of all Citizens to do thier Part towards givin' Toocksoon th' Commersible Sossashup in th' Egg an' Bakery Bussness."

Th' Chamber of Commerce was dazed in th' next Day by th' Secretary of th' Beef, Th' Mutton an' Hog Sossashup which sez: "Where do we get off while th' Inhabitants of Toocksoon is Trainin' for thier here Egg-Eatin' Contest by eatin' nothin' for 3 days before th' Pullin' Off? They'll eat so much then 'at they won't want nothin' for 2 or 3 days Afterwards. Which becoms of th' Branch of th' Commersible Sossashup of Toocksoon which it represented by our Sossashup, in th' Meatin'?"

Th' Chamber of Commerce sez: "We hadn't thought of that, but we can get Around it by havin' a Meet-Eatin' day," an' a Proodmashun was issued to th' Fokes, tellin' 'em 'at as soon as they was Recovered from th' Effects of th' Egg Day, say about May th' Fourth, thier Turn therselvs Loose on Meet so's to Clinch th' Commersible Sossashup of Toocksoon."

Then th' Milk Proodmashun Sossashup comes around an' sez: "We'd like to know if yee've been puttin' up our Good coin to thier here Chamber of Commerce so's it can Set Around an' Devise Wage an' Means an' other Sossies to Put us out of Bussness by Incurridin' th' Penalties to fill itself with Eggs an' Meet?"

Th' Chamber of Commerce sez: "That was a Oversteer on our Part, but it ain't too Late to Remedy it yet. We'll call a Milk Day when th' Be On-handly to eat any other Side Vep't Mils an' th' Proodux thereof, that is, of Milk, an' th' Water Works. We can't fix th' Egg an' Bakery of Milk Day which depend on th' Star of th' Spaniards of th' People after Meet Day."

Th' Grocery Keenerz comes next to th' Chamber of Commerce an' sez: "Is it th' Purpose of thier here Chamber of Commerce to Wipe th' Grocery Bussness of Toocksoon off th' Map by settin' Hollidays for th' Consooin' of Home-Grown Proodux?" But th' Chamber was Loded this time, an' sez: "No, we got a Better Sossidie made out. We're goin' to Arrange for a Potato Day an' a Caud Goods Day an' a Flour Day, etsetry."

Th' Medicine Sossashup had a meetin' an' adopt-ed resolutions which sez: "This is th' First Lave Chamber of Commerce which we ever had, th' First win 'at ever had th' Red Intrusts of th' Frazshunns at Hart. Every Day'll be Popcorn Day by an' By."

### KNOWING THE ROUTE

A woman who, by bearing and dress, could be distinguished as "newly rich" entered a street car and, with a very haughty air, seated herself near an old Italian.

When the conductor came to take up the fares she said to him in a loud voice: "Let me off at my husband's bank."

The conductor, evidently knowing her, assured her that he would, and passed on to the Italian.

"Let me off at my present stand," called out the old fellow as he paid his fare.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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### TAKING LIFE EASY

United States Senator Lee S. Overman of North Carolina is always supplied with a stock of good southern tales.

"In the southern part of Arkansas," relates Mr. Overman, "where the natives take life easy, a man and his wife were one day sitting on the porch when a funeral procession passed the house. The man was comfortably seated in a chair which was tilted back on its hind legs against the side of the house, and was engaged in whittling on a piece of wood. As the procession proceeded he said:

"I reckon of man William has got about the biggest funeral that's ever been held around here, Carolina."

"A pretty good sized one, is it Bud?" queried his wife, making no effort to move.

"You betche!" Bud answered.

"I certainly would like to see it," said the woman. "What a pity I ain't facin' that way!"

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