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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Republican Territorial Convention.

HEADQUARTERS REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO, Santa Fe, September 9, 1898. A convention of the Republican party of the territory of New Mexico is hereby called to meet in the city of Albuquerque at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Saturday, October 1, 1898, for the purpose of placing in nomination for the suffrages of the voters of New Mexico one candidate for delegate from New Mexico to the 36th congress.

The several counties will be entitled to representation in this convention as follows: Huerfano 2 delegates, Chaves 1, Colfax 7, Dona Ana 1, Eddy 1, Grant 5, Guadalupe 7, Lincoln 5, Mora 11, Rio Arriba 15, San Juan 12, Sandoval 23, Santa Fe 16, Sierra 2, Socorro 12, Taos 10, Union 4, Valencia 16; total number of delegates 171.

Proxies will not be allowed unless held and voted by citizens and residents of the same county from which the delegate giving the proxy is sent. Alternates will not be recognized. County central committees will call regular county conventions for the nomination and election of delegates to this convention at such time and place in the several counties as in their judgment seems best, provided that all such conventions must be held at least three days prior to the date of the meeting of this committee at once provided that where there are no regularly constituted county central committees members of this committee are charged with the duty of calling and holding of the proper county conventions.

Chairmen and secretaries of county conventions are requested to forward to the secretary of this committee at once upon the holding of the conventions in their respective counties, a full list of delegates elected and also copies of resolutions passed by such bodies. By order of the Republican Territorial Central Committee. E. L. BARTLETT, Chairman. MAX FROST, Secretary.

And again it is shown that Admiral Dewey's head is level. He is not sitting up nights writing complaints or making charges.

German exports to this country are decreasing and American exports to Germany are increasing. Score another for the Dingley tariff law and the policy of the Republican party.

Missouri has long claimed to be "the land of the big red apple," but that claim will have to be relinquished. Missouri never saw red apples the size of those displayed at the Horticultural fair in Santa Fe this week.

The action of the Republican territorial central committee yesterday in this city in fixing the holding of the Republican convention to nominate a candidate for delegate to the 56th congress at Albuquerque on October 1 was well advised and proper.

General Miles is a wise man in his generation. He conducted the campaign in Puerto Rico in a masterly manner, and when he returned home he knew enough not to talk about the campaign or of things unpleasant that had happened while he was absent from the country.

It is stated authoritatively that the alliance between Germany and Great Britain has been signed, and that it will be far reaching in its effects. Just the same Great Britain favors the retention of the Philippine Islands by the United States. The question now arises, did Emperor William know that part of the program, or was he "buncoed" when the alliance was agreed upon?

County finances in several of the counties in this territory are in a deplorable shape, brought about mostly by incompetency or illegal or dishonest actions of county boards and county collectors. A few removals of offending or derelict officials would improve the situation greatly and would bring about a greater respect for law and for the requirements of the territorial statutes. And this is certainly needed.

It seems a foregone conclusion that Colonel Roosevelt will be the Republican nominee for governor of New York. This may not suit some of the old timers in Empire state politics, but they are accepting the situation with more grace than was to have been expected. After receiving the nomination, if the colonel thinks he needs help, a short notice to that effect sent to New Mexico will result in many volunteers for the work.

The gold output at Klondike has not proved what was expected and it is now found that the estimates were vastly overdrawn. With the same amount of money and energy expended in the mining sections of New Mexico the average mining man and miner can do much better in this territory within a given space of time than he possibly could in the Klondike to say nothing of the hardships and deprivations he would escape by being in sunny and healthy New Mexico.

One of the provisions included in the proposal for a universal peace which the czar will doubtless submit to the peace congress at Paris, ought to provide that it is not good form to shoot houses at the rulers of great nations. The scheme of killing the czar with a house loaded with gas was certainly original, and the

effect upon the persons passing at the time it was touched off clearly demonstrated it to be dangerous. It is pretty tough luck to be poor and obscure, but there are advantages connected with a position of that kind which are to be appreciated.

Delegate Ferguson has on hand about 30,000 copies of a speech, giving the native New Mexicans tally, which it is said he delivered in congress, for distribution among the people of this territory. The speech is in the Spanish language and was, according to information received here, printed at the government printing office and reads well enough. It is true, but will not elect Mr. Ferguson. The people of this territory are dead on to the record of the Democratic party and know that there is neither rhyme nor reason in electing a Democrat to the 56th congress, which, in the popular branch, will be overwhelmingly Republican.

The opposition in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic to admitting the soldiers of the Spanish war will give rise to another civic organization in the country that in years to come will exert considerable influence in more ways than one. Many of the men who enlisted in the army the past year are the sons of veterans, and there is no good reason why the new order should not be made a branch of the G. A. R. Such a concession on the part of the veterans of the war of the rebellion would please the younger generation and detract nothing from the fame of the older.

Comparisons may be odious, but they often serve to call attention to the difference in the manner of doing business, and the state of the gold reserve in the treasury at this time shows the difference of that important matter of national finances under Democratic and Republican administrations. Under Cleveland's second administration, when the Democrats were in power in both branches of congress, the gold reserve reached the low figure of \$44,000,000, and it was found necessary to borrow millions in order to pay the expenses of the government in times of peace. Under President McKinley, when every branch of the government is Republican the amount of the gold reserve has reached the enormous sum of \$219,320,000. The condition of the national treasury under a Democratic administration was the direct result of a foolish and impractical policy of free trade; the present condition is the result of a policy of protection and sound business sense used in administering the affairs of the country.

Increase of the Army. The latest proposition relative to the increase of the United States army is to increase the artillery regiments from seven to fourteen. Until last winter it was impossible to secure any increase beyond the five regiments that had been in the service for years, and it was not until it became apparent to the congressional mind that war with Spain was inevitable, did the military committee of the house succeed in having the number of artillery regiments augmented.

But the remarkably changed conditions now demand that this increase be itself further enlarged. The coast defenses of the United States are being developed as never before; heavy ordnance of a complicated description is being placed at the exposed points on both coasts of the United States, and besides, there are Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the Ladrone Islands and the Philippines to care for in a military way. The result is that the army of the United States can no longer be confined to a little handful of 25,000 men as in the past, but a permanent armament of 75,000 to 100,000 men is demanded. Congress and the country at large are realizing this, and the way is being steadily prepared for enlarging the present size of the army, to keep pace with the navy.

Probabilities point to an increase of the infantry arm of the service to 40 regiments of from 1,000 to 1,200 men each; an enlargement of the cavalry arm of the service from the present ten cavalry regiments to 15 with 1,200 men each, and the increase of the artillery commands from 7 to 14, as indicated with 1,200 to 1,400 men to a regiment. This will give a very respectably sized army. The three battalion system of regimental organization in the infantry regiments adopted during the late unpleasantness with Spain has evidently come to stay. For years, army officers have striven for this, with ex-Senator Manderson to lead the way in congress, but the way seemed perpetually blocked until the war came, and then the knot of difficulty was severed very quickly. The cavalry and artillery arms of the service have had the three battalion organization "from time immemorial."

One change in the artillery branch ought to be insisted on, and that is the separation of the light from the heavy artillery. In European armies there are no light batteries merged in with the heavy artillery as in this country, but are organized in regiments by themselves. It has a disorganizing, deteriorating effect on the men to mix them up in light and heavy batteries.

The matter of this increase will occupy a fair share of congressional attention this winter, and extended changes will be made.

Another Chapter in San Miguel County Affairs. The New Mexican desires it known that the San Miguel county board of commissioners deliberately paid to the collector of San Miguel county commissions on taxes never collected by him. Within a few days the figures will be forthcoming taken from the records of the proceedings of the board. Perhaps the Optic can seek to justify this action

on the ground of necessity. It is safe to say that had the board refused to pay the collector and assessor the commissions provided by law to be paid upon taxes collected by the collector, there never would have been any abatements made by the board.

It is also known that in two or three instances the court house gang actually suggested to big tax payers, who were ready and willing to pay their taxes in cash, that if they would buy their certificates of indebtedness that their taxes would be abated 25 per cent. Let this immaunulate board deny this if they dare. Let the Optic howl against the editor of this paper for showing up the official rottenness of the officials of that county. When the grand jury meets probably it will not be difficult to subpoena a few witnesses with letters written by certain San Miguel officials which will show that these officials made direct propositions to big tax payers to abate their taxes provided the tax payers would purchase from certain persons their certificates of indebtedness at a discount and that these would be allowed at par in the payment of taxes.

Nobody can compel these tax payers to publish these letters but a grand jury can secure them and the crowd of beneficiaries of San Miguel official corruption will get a chance to tell what they know about settlements with the county board.

One of the latest deals with the board was that of the settlement with one of the biggest taxpayers in the county and the true inwardness of that agreement will be ventilated in due time. If the San Miguel board and their advisers in Las Vegas think that this matter will be overlooked, they are much in error and it shall be demonstrated whether rottenness under the guise of public necessity shall obtain and an open and direct violation of the laws be permitted by the gang of plunderers who dominate in San Miguel.

The Optic thinks this paper is meddling. The same old excuse. The devil once said that all he wanted was to be left alone. The shouters and howlers of East Las Vegas will probably learn after awhile that the courts are not now being run for the particular benefit of the Union party nor any of its beneficiaries. Justice will now be administered for the benefit of all the people and not for any particular political clique who were able under the last administration not only to get opinions from a judge of the Supreme court upon questions not before him for judicial determination but also to get any kind of an opinion wanted in order to meet the demands of a gang of political bloodsuckers whose sole object was spoils and political supremacy.

Mora County Republican. (Albuquerque Citizen.) Mora county will roll up a big Republican majority this fall. There are no Democratic leaders in that county who care to combat the proposition so well understood by the native people of that county. The Republican party is the true friend of New Mexico and the only protector of its interests.

The San Miguel County Official Ring. (Albuquerque Citizen.) The efforts made in the past by the Union party in San Miguel county to make the people believe that it is the true friend of the poor people of that county, were somewhat shattered by the New Mexican's expose of the misdoings of Felix Martinez and his crew of office holding cronies. Only the corporations and the rich stand well with the leaders of the Union party.

Have Not Complained. (Albuquerque Citizen.) Three of the newspaper editors of this city sent their sons to the war with Spain in Roosevelt's regiment. These boys took part in all the land fights in Cuba. One was wounded at La Quasina; another had the yellow fever, and the last and jolliest one nearly fell dead the other evening in New York watching the scenes in the Bowery. Neither of them had complained about the rations or the treatment received from officers; neither have they boasted about what they have done. At La Quasina one of the boys was sergeant of a firing squad of nine men, and came out of the fight inside the Spanish trenches with one man killed and four wounded. At San Juan heights two of the boys mentioned reached the top of the hill together among the first.

We are not speaking of these boys to praise them, but to show that the howl about the bad treatment of the soldiers in Cuba is false. It is true that during the battle of Santiago at times rations were scarce, but this is one of the exigencies of war, and is expected among soldiers. The boy who had yellow fever wrote on his recovery that he had received every care and attention. The testimony of these boys is of more value than that of editorial writers who never saw a battle, or suffered in a hospital.

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FUNERAL IN CAMP

Soldiers at Whipple Barracks De-pressed by Death of Member of Santa Fe Company.

HEALTH CONDITIONS STATED

Difference Between Conditions Surrounding Regulars and Volunteers—Destination of Regiment Discussed—Presents from Santa Fe Appreciated.

Whipple Barracks, Sept. 6, '98.—The funeral services of Eugene Burton were held yesterday and the remains interred in the post burying ground. The entire regiment turned out and marched to the cemetery headed by the band, and members of the Odd Fellows lodge in regalia. While the sight was decidedly impressive it was none the less depressing to the comrades of the dead volunteer. Burton came to Santa Fe from Bland for the purpose of enlisting. He was engaged in mining at that place, but usually followed the business of miner, steam fitter or machinist. But little is known of him here. He has a brother in Patterson, N. J.

Glucose typhoid fever has caused the admission of the hospital corps. Fears are entertained that the disease will make further encroachments unless the regiment is moved promptly. Every possible sanitary precaution is being observed by the doctors and men.

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HAPPY AT LAST.

John Overton sat alone, smoking his pipe. He could hear the men as they laughed and joked around the campfire, but he could not join in their merry-making.

Five years ago he had left his eastern home to endure the privations of a mining engineer in a new country. A scheme carried out successfully placed his name permanently before the scientific world. He felt elated that night, yet his thoughts would turn to her. In the years that had gone by much of the attention of that quarrel had passed away. After all, she was only a girl then, sweet Priscilla Grey.

His mother had dreaded to see him go away so far. She had enough for both, but when he and Priscilla quarreled the course of his life seemed changed.

His mother had died since, and he had come into her fortune. Yet still he tarried. He had grown to love the west.

"Why is the paleface brother sad?" "Why, you naughty little girl, why did you stray so far from home at this time?" Overton exclaimed as he looked upon the dark, sweet face so near his own.

"Father came to see you, and I came too. I am going away, Overton. The heart of Robin aches within her. She loves the mountains, she loves her father, she loves Overton. When he is sad, she is sad. When he is gone, the winds sigh more deeply in the pines; the brook, as it leaps over the stones, is not so gay. Even the sun shines not so brightly when Overton is not here."

As her sweet, monotonous tones ceased Overton looked into her face. Her mother had been the daughter of a noble chief of a tribe of Indians, and her father was an officer at the fort. She was perhaps 15 and carried herself with the dignity of her race. She had her father's classic features, but the sadness of her mother's people shone in her great black eyes.

When Overton came to the northwest country, he had some work to do at the fort where she lived. He had killed a huge snake one day. An instant later and it would have been upon her. Since then she had loved him with the unreasonable affection of an animal. Her father joined them as they sat there. Taking Robin's hand, he drew her to him.

"Poor little one! I am going to send her east, Overton."

"No better plan could suggest itself. You should have loved her some time ago. Be a good little girl, Robin. Learn a lot, but don't forget your old friends."

"I shall never forget," and, turning quickly, she glided away.

Unusually bright, her constant companionship with her father had deepened her intellect. She had no fear of the school. With careful treatment her skin grew fine grained and fairer. Her hands were very small, soft and dimpled. She did not look like an alien, and few could guess that Indian blood ran in her veins.

Her habitual sadness never left her, but her smiles were ready and often. She combined the best of the two races from which she sprang, and a more charming woman was never introduced into the gay world than Robin, daughter of Captain Southworth.

Overton had made rapid strides in his profession. The years seemingly left no impression on his handsome face. To his heart he still clasped his dream of Priscilla.

She had been married and was now a widow, still as lovely and fair as in her sweet girlhood, so rumor had it.

For the first time in many years he decided to go home, back to the old haunts, the old friends and Priscilla.

Alas, he found them changed! The old house was the same, but his mother had gone away. He found the old faces greeted him. Selfish, narrow, aimless men stagnated in the little town. He felt then and there like taking the next train back where he could breathe the pure, sweet air and feel the freedom and ambition of the plains.

A relative was to entertain that evening, and he was the guest of honor. He came in a little late and paused a moment in the corridor. Looking across the room, he saw the object of his dream, the Priscilla of long ago. She was certainly lovely.

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