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Republican Territorial Convention.

HEADQUARTERS REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO, Santa Fe, September 3, 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 our candidate for delegate from New Mexico to the 56th congress.

The several counties will be entitled to representation in this convention as follows: Huerfano 2 delegates; Chaves 1; Colfax 1; Dona Ana 1; Grant 1; Guadalupe 2; Lincoln 2; Mora 1; Rio Arriba 1; San Juan 1; San Miguel 2; Santa Fe 1; Sierra 2; Socorro 1; Taos 1; Union 4; Valencia 16 total number of delegates 71.

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 the territorial convention.

Where there are no regularly constituted county committees, the 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. HAWLEY, Chairman.
MAX. FROST, Secretary.

Colonel Paty de Clam, of the French general staff, is still in the Dreyfus soup.

Admiral Dewey desires re-enforcements. He should have them and that in great strength and at the quickest possible moment.

This is Republican year in New Mexico. The Republican convention at Albuquerque October 1 next will nominate the winning man.

Willie Aguinaldo, over in the Phillip islands, has the swelled head. A few compresses, consisting of shot and shell and dynamite bombs may relieve his ailment.

General Herbert Kitchener has shown himself the wizard of the Nile and has swept the Kalifah and his hordes of fanatical followers of Mohammed off the earth. Great thing this for civilization and humanity.

The free silver shouters in Colorado propose to have a regular blood and thunder campaign. In the meantime the state is losing much eastern capital and is being shunned by eastern investors. The moral is obvious.

In civilized Austria, ruled by the bluest blood, they have a peculiar way of showing their grief at the assassination of Empress Elizabeth. The populace is attacking and killing inoffensive Italian laborers in many cities of the empire.

Strict and impartial justice in the cases of public officials charged with dishonesty or malfeasance or corruption in office is all that is asked by the people at the hands of the territorial government. But let justice prevail, let the chips fall where they may.

Colonel Roosevelt will likely be the Republican candidate for governor of New York, and Congressman Sulzer aspires to be the Democratic nominee for the same position. If both should be nominated, Mr. Sulzer will be beaten by the "man on horseback."

Some fellow in Santa Fe, who thinks he is a great genius and a great politician, is writing letters to our esteemed contemporary, the Albuquerque Democrat, wherein dirt is thrown at Governor Otero and some of the officers of the "Rough Riders," who volunteered from New Mexico. This sort of business may please a few enemies of Governor Otero, but certainly outside of this, does not and cannot do him any harm.

The London Times publishes the following dispatch from Crete under date the 13th:

"About 600 men, women and children were either burned alive or massacred in the outbreak last week. The Turkish troops are now patrolling and blocking up the streets. The Mussulmans are ransacking the ruins of the burned quarters of the town, where the devastation is complete. Blood is visible everywhere. Such bodies of the slain as were not burned were removed yesterday in carts and buried outside the town limits."

But the European concert is doing nothing to stop the wholesale murder and rapine in the unhappy island. That is a way monarchies have. Republics like the United States act upon a different idea.

The way in which Republican papers in New York, that two weeks ago were opposing Colonel Roosevelt as a candi-

date for governor, are now explaining how it has become necessary to abandon Governor Black, is almost pathetic. The sentiment for the nomination of the commander of the "Rough Riders" in the Empire state has become so strong that papers and politicians alike are getting under cover for fear that lightning will strike in unexpected places. That Colonel Roosevelt will be the next governor of New York is now practically admitted by both Democrats and Republicans.

Declaration of Principles.

The policy of the Republican party to be declared by the coming convention should cover, among other points, the following:

First, An indorsement of the St. Louis platform, the Dingley law, the administration of McKinley and the retention of every foot of foreign soil acquired through conquest and the fortunes of war.

Second, A declaration that expenses must be cut down so that counties can pay cash for current expenses and maintain their credit not only here but abroad where county securities are largely owned.

Third, A rigid economy in public expenditure along every possible line, including every public institution of whatsoever character now established.

Fourth, The vesting of the territorial auditor with authority and making it his duty to make quarterly examination of the books and accounts of every county or territorial officer charged by law with the collection or expenditure of public funds.

A campaign fought upon these lines can result in only one way, and that a complete success for the party. An offensive campaign conducted in this manner will redound to the benefit not only of the party as such, but to every citizen and taxpayer of this territory.

Immediate Action Necessary.

The impression seems to prevail in the southwest that the actions of the commission now in session in Quebec, for the purpose of formulating a commercial treaty between this country and Canada, cannot affect the prosperity of this section of the United States. A more erroneous idea was never entertained. In the first place, what is to be gained by a reciprocity arrangement with Canada? There is nothing produced in the dominion that cannot be raised or manufactured in the United States and what is more the people on this side of the line can supply the home market with every thing the Canadians have to sell. A former experience of this kind now proposed in making a commercial treaty resulted in benefitting the Canadians about 600 per cent and a consequent loss of home markets to the American farmer.

Under the present tariff law the farm products of Canada are compelled to pay the same duties as those from any other foreign country. Enter into a treaty of reciprocity with that country and the large cities of the northern border and even as far south as Cincinnati and St. Louis will become extensive markets for Canadian beef, mutton, wool, grain, and fruits. The effect will be to lower prices for the very things New Mexico depends upon for prosperity, and to close the most available markets for the products of the territory. More particularly will the effect of a treaty of the kind contemplated be felt by the sheep and wool industries.

The significance of the effort to secure that sort of a treaty is shown by the action of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. That organization of eastern manufacturers and business men has sent a strong delegation to Quebec to urge "that we desire a chance to sell our manufactured goods in the Canadian markets. In Massachusetts alone we make \$900,000,000 of goods each year, and we want a market for these goods. We don't fear competition, for we have the greater wealth and facilities on our side." The fact of the matter is the Massachusetts manufacturers do not care a continental for any one in the world but themselves. They do not remember that under a former treaty with Canada, the trade of that country with the United States increased 600 per cent, while the trade of the United States with Canada decreased fully one-fourth per year. What is wanted is a market for Massachusetts goods, the industries of the balance of the country amount to nothing.

Another factor of the case is more threatening even than in throwing the home markets open to Canadian competition. Once established reciprocal trade between the United States and Canada and a precedent has been established for allowing the wool and cattle and sheep to come into the country from Australia and South America free of duty in exchange for the privilege of selling Massachusetts manufactured products in the markets of those countries. The American farmers and stockmasters have troubles enough under a protective tariff, without throwing them into direct competition with the products of countries where the matter of wages and caring for stock is a very small item of production.

Reciprocity is all right where it is applied to products which can not be raised by the Americans, but when it is used to admit the articles which can be produced in this country, the effects of protection are nullified and the system which has made prosperity possible becomes a farce. The wool growers of New Mexico owe it to themselves to make a vigorous protest against the Canadian commercial treaty, and it should be made at once.

The effect of the Dreyfus sensation in France has spread beyond the borders of that country into Germany. The German ambassador at Paris has served notice upon the French government that in the event certain letters in the case purported to have been written by the German emperor are produced in court

he will ask for his passports and sever diplomatic intercourse with France. When a nation involves itself to that extent in an attempt to uphold a military establishment it is time for peaceable citizens to be looking out a safe place in which to hide until the trouble has passed over and political skies are clear again.

The assassination of the empress of Austria, the attempt upon the life of the czar of Russia, and the arrest of a man in Milan yesterday, caught distributing revolutionary literature indicates that the anarchists of Europe are unusually active, and startling results from the efforts of the members of that society may be expected at any time. The shibboleth of the organization is "death to kings" but they fail to offer any substitute for the time honored institution of "Divinely appointed rulers." It is the old story of tearing down, but nothing done to build up. Anarchists are like other people after all. Fault finding and killing can be successfully carried out by lunatics; but it requires men of brains and justice to replace the old order with something better, and a combination of that kind is so rare that the possessor rarely lives beyond the age of childhood.

Trying to Throw Sand.

The poll tax, which goes to the school fund, must be paid. This is the only tax that many people pay at all, and many of these people have large families of children and beneficiaries of the public school system. Even those who have no children should be more than glad to pay their tax to the public schools, on which rests the immovable foundation of American liberty. —Las Vegas Optic.

Why, of course! Step up everybody and pay your poll tax! It only costs a dollar. A dollar represents considerable to that class of people in Las Vegas who on account of their poverty need every cent to keep the wolf from the door. Only 100 cents. Oh, yes, but that is a day's wages. Only 100 cents, but that represents a day of toil and is the product of a labor far more honest than the action of a board of San Miguel county commissioners laboring to assist the rich so that their taxes may be cut in half. Why don't you go after the rich? Don't you know that "the immovable foundation of American liberty" rests upon the proposition that the state pays for the education of the rich and poor alike? The rich man is always ready to pay a dollar poll tax. He spends that daily on cigars. The dollar of the poor man means more to him than hundreds to the tax dodging schemers who shout so loudly about "American liberty," "foundations of success," and kindred rot. Why does not the paper quoted above go after those who can afford to pay instead of supporting them in their violations of the law? The poor always "have large families," but that is no fault of theirs. The chances are that, taking all things into consideration, the poor and mediocre taxpayers contribute their full share and more to the burdens of education in Las Vegas and San Miguel county.

FORGOTTEN BATTLE

Mint Julep Colonel Describes the Fight at Santa Cristo, Thirty Years Hence.

SPANISH DRIVEN INTO BAY

Sergeant Easley Came to the Rescue with Hardtack—Fight Took Place After History of War Was Written.

Thirty years hence, As usual, "the heroes of the late war" have developed into sublime liars.

"See that?" said the Mint Julep Colonel, as he bared his arm and displayed an abnormal vaccination scar to the admiring crowd. "I received that wound in the battle of Santa Cristo, and that's what the government is paying me a pension for today."

"Ah, but war is a venturesome thing at best; and fortunate indeed is he who ventures his life and comes home from the battle with a charge. When within about 40 feet of me, he shouted: 'Sur-render!'"

"Surrender be darned!" I hollered back. "I wouldn't take mercy from your hands, even if you'd wash 'em." I hadn't hardly got the words out of my mouth before he crashed into me. The bayonet pierced my arm and passed on to my body. I thought my time had come, and I shivered as I waited for the cold steel enter my heart.

"But it didn't enter there. No sirree! The point of the instrument of death struck a tendon which I like carried in the left side pocket of my blouse, and glanced off, ripping open my back instead."

"In less'n a minnit I put my contestant horse de come back, as the French say, and then I turned my attention to the wounds I received in the struggle. I was pretty badly chopped up, and had to carry my kidneys around in a hat for two days while I was looking for a doctor to sew 'em in again."

"Say! You fellows needn't snicker," said the colonel, as he noted a look of incredulity and amusement on the faces of his listeners. "I can prove every word of what I say. There's lots of folks here yit who recollect when them identical testaments was given out to us boys before we started for the front. And I could show the scar made by the bayonet across the small of my back, if it wasn't for a porous plaster on there that I don't want to take off for fear of catching cold. Talk about the saving powers of the gospel! There's nothing like a testament for protection in a real hard battle."

"Never heard of the battle of Santa Cristo before? Well, now that's funny, for it was one of the most important engagements in the war with Spain. But that's just like these history makers. Allus writin' about the battles won by the big generals and leavin' us fellows out in the cold."

FIRST FROST

Of the Season Visited Santa Fe on September 12 Doing Considerable Damage—Notes from Other Sections.

The weather for the week ended September 12 was cooler than usual, with a light frost in northern localities on the 6th, and a heavy white frost on the 12th, which in the more exposed localities of the northern sections, and in the higher altitudes, has caused great damage to green crops. Over the southern part of the territory, generally, good rains have occurred, and the late maturing crops were greatly benefited.

At Las Cruces the heaviest downpour on record took place on the 5th. In the more northern counties the rains were very light, and in these sections that rains are needed to prepare the winter feed on the ranges.

As yet advice concerning the effects of the frost of the 12th have not been received from neighboring sections, but it is likely that throughout the northern part of the territory the total loss in grapes, melons, tomatoes, cucumbers, etc., will be quite large. If the damage at Santa Fe can be taken as an index of the injury to crops of other northern counties the loss must run into thousands of dollars, not only in these products but also in green corn, which was caught in the milk and will sustain great damage. The weather for the most part has been very favorable for finishing up late harvests, and securing the third cutting of alfalfa. Peaches, pears, plums, nectarines, etc., continue abundant in the markets. As far as present food is concerned, the ranges are still fair, and stock of all kinds reported to be in first-class condition. There is no complaint of lack of water for irrigation purposes.

The following remarks of correspondents are quoted as showing the conditions in widely separated sections: Aztec—C. E. Mead—A dry week and with moderate temperatures. The cool nights are rapidly bringing crops to maturity. The third crop of alfalfa is being secured, and some are cutting corn. Peaches, apples, pears, plums, quinces, etc., continue in abundance, and also melons, tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, onions, etc. The ditches are full of water. A few miles north of here a frost on the 6th wilted tomato vines, potatoes, melons, etc. Highest temperature 87 on the 1st; lowest 41 on the 6th. Total rainfall, 0.77. Gallup, N. M., September 13, 1898.—A slight rain on the 8th, with thunder and lightning in all directions. Beans that were not irrigated are an entire loss, and corn nothing more than fodder. Up to the present time apples are doing well. Highest temperature on the 6th; lowest 45 on the 8th. Rainfall, trace.

Mesilla Park—Cayetano Thompson—An abundance of rain during the past week. An inch and forty-eight hundredths of rain fell on the evening of the 5th. This is the heaviest rate recorded here since a preliminary fairly well-ranges are good. Abundance of fine fruits on the market. Highest temperature, 95 on 4th; lowest, 53 on 8th. Total rainfall, 1.55.

Santa Fe—U. S. Weather Bureau—The weather for the past week was more cloudy than usual, and much cooler. A heavy frost on the morning of the 12th greatly damaged late garden vegetables, flowers, grapes, maturing corn, tomatoes and cucumbers were killed outright. The temperature dropped just to the freezing point. Harvesting has been conducted under favorable conditions during the week; much of the wheat and rye is secured, and some have cut their third crop of alfalfa. Highest temperature, 81 on 5th. Rainfall, 0.12.

Why He Doubts.
Eph, do you believe that the Cubans are colored people like yourself? No, Sah. If they used razors 'stead of dem dar machetes, den I'd take some stock in dat yarn.

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