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THE DAWN OF A NEW PROSPERITY

It is not a criticism on the perspicacity of the average resident of Globe that he cannot, or does not, read the handwriting on the wall, interpret the signs of the times and realize that before he is fairly prepared for it this already great camp will double in population and the elements necessary to support the increase handsomely.

Men are engrossed in their daily affairs and rarely take time to "chase rainbows" or indulge in dreams of future greatness for the home of their selection.

Moreover, they have had this fact intimated to them in many ways at divers times and the expected has not happened, because some cog or other in the calculations of the forecaster slipped and unforseen circumstances arose to block the onward march and retard the inevitable forward movement.

But strangers note the signs and, going back from whence they came, tell their auditors how much better and more prosperous Globe really is than they had been led to expect, thus helping unconsciously to keep the ball in motion and hasten the day of realization.

The further development of existing industries and discovery of new sources of mineral supply are continuous, and with the coming of new blood, strong aggregations of capital and fresh seekers after fortune progress is as certain as it is rapid.

If the financial atmosphere remains tranquil and the national prosperity has no serious setback during the next two years the future of Globe will be assured beyond all doubt. A number of important transfers of large mineral deposits are imminent and from the hands of the prospector and developer they will pass into possession of men of brains, capital and energy, who will make producers of them in the immediate future.

It is well to consider these indisputable facts in every improvement by the present owners of property, as well as those made by the city authorities. The present is not a proper criterion for the requirements of the new era. We must build up-to-date buildings, provided with twentieth century appliances and accessories of comfort. The city must be made attractive as a place of residence for the families of the new business population. There may be a year, possibly two, in which the returns may be a little disappointing, but in from three to five years the taxpayers and building investors will realize that they planned wisely.

Property values are now quite reasonable. The cost of building is not excessive, and there is leisure to prepare a substantial foundation on which to erect the splendid structure which is sure to rise on this city's site. It is poor policy to wait until the rush comes, for come it will, and pay increased pric for land, double rates for material and rush-work prices for labor.

Arizona is receiving more attention from the outside world at this time than ever before in her history and it would be a sad commentary on the shrewdness of the old-timers and present citizens tp allow the outsider to come in and reap the rich harvest which should belong to the residents of Globe today, simply because they had more courage, foresight and judgment than the man who should have known.

The celebrated case of Nan Patterson, charged with the murder of Cæsar Young, has again come to a halt by reason of a hung jury. A third time twelve good men and true failed to find evidence to convict, though the testimony at times seemed almost conclusive of her guilt to those who followed the tedious evolution of the story. She will probably be admitted to bail or allowed to go on her own recognizance, and that will be the last heard of the matter unless her press agent still keeps the incident before the public in his efforts to boom the former Floradora girl. The question of bail will not be decided until next week, District Attorney Jerome not having yet determined what action he will take.

In the issue of May 4, the SILVER BELT made the statement that the April output of the Old Dominion smelter exceeded that of any other in the territory except the Copper Queen. The figures are now available for comparison and are here given: Copper Queen, 7,750,000 pounds; Old Dominion, 3,082,937, and the Calumet & Arizona, 2,638,000. Returns from the United Verde are not available at this writing but are believed to be less than those published by the Calumet & Arizona. Globe is certainly on the map and will be found nearer and nearer the top of the list as the increased facilities of the smelter are utilized. It is something to be second when the gross output exceeds three million pounds monthly.

A recently published cartoon anent the teamsters' strike in Chicago pictures capital and labor in the form of two giants assailing each other with bludgeons, while between them Miss Chicago stands in a position to receive the blows of both, her face betokening anguish and terror unspeakable. The artist portrayed a great truth most effectively; it is always the innocent and helpless who suffer most when men's passions engulf their reason and drive them to violence to settle what arbitration could arrange equitably without the loss of a dollar, an hour's time or a lapse of manhood.

The Chicago strike of union teamsters still drags along its weary length with no settlement in sight. There is less violence than during last week, and the sheriff is maintaining a fair degree of order. The employers claim to be gaining steadily in the amonnt of goods handled by non-unionist strike breakers, but the strike leaders threaten to call out the affiliated unions and paralyze business generally. No tropps have yet been brought into the melee.

THE PARCEL POST

The Philistine for May contains one of Elbert Hubbard's most powerful and logical appeals for a "parcel post" service as an evolution of the rural free delivery in the United States. Great Britain has long enjoyed many enlargements of her postal service which have been ardently advocated by progressive Americans before the postal authorities. Operations of the telegraph, postal savings banks, free carrier delivery throughout the kingdom, life insurance and the parcel post are all decided steps in advance which will wholly, or for the most part, be adopted in this country eventually.

John Wannamaker, when postmaster-general, was approached on the subject, admitted the desirability of the idea, but said there were five insuperable obstacles to its accomplishment. He gave the names of the five leading express companies as the "insuperable obstacles." Mr. Hubbard puts upon the sloping but powerful shoulders of Senator Tom Platt the burden of being the stumbling block in the way of the progressive innovation implying that his influence as a United States senator is used in lobbying against all measures tending to interfere with the express monopolies.

For a time the free delivery carriers were allowed to carry parcels, do errands, make purchases for patrons along their routes and in various ways serve the public. This did not prevent their completing their duties as mail carriers on schedule time, and was a great convenience and time saver to the rural populace thus served. "But," says the Philistine, "soon the express companies saw what the carrier was doing and complaints were lodged with the postoffice department. * * * * On July 1, 1904, an order went out that no carrier should carry anything that was not strictly mail matter."

In conclusion the Philistine says: "Then the farmers howled, and they will howl more. They will howl until they get their parcel post."

ANTI-JOINT STATEHOOD

A determined effort is being made to secure a large and representative attendance of Arizonans in Phoenix May 27, at mass meeting to be held for expression opposed to the detested plan of joint statehood with New Mexico. Statehood is not like greatness, in that it is not born, but evoluted, though it may be acquired or even thrust upon a section of this great United States. Arizona desires to acquire it on her own merits and feels entitled to the glory singly—not as a partner in a limited corporation. New Mexico says: "Me too," and wants no mixing. After a life experience few people with a memory would desire to be born a twin, if they had a vote in the proposition in advance. It is to avoid having this twinhood statehood thrust upon us that the people of both territories kick, and it is to register this kick most emphatically that the mass meeting is called. It is to be hoped that every section of Arizona will be represented by its best and most active and influential citizenship at Phoenix on May 27. Let the protest there formulated be given such voice that its thunders shall ring in the ears of every national legislator who has a vote on the question when next it shall be presented for action.

Phoenix is revelling in a "haunted house" with all the charming accessories which frighten the superstitious out of their senses. An investigation is talked of. Just now the census of calves, sheep, dogs, cats and other night prowlers is being taken and this may solve the problem.

Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, commanding the army of the United States, will visit Fort Whipple on Tuesday next, accompanied by his staff. The general is making a tour of all the posts in the country. Prescott citizens will tender him a great ovation.

EMBELLISH YOUR HOMES

A handsome residence surrounded by asphalt pavement would lose half the effectiveness of its architecture, however ornate. A patch of green sward, an orderly hedgerow and a few well filled flower beds tend to make even a plain dwelling more impressive, to say nothing of adding to the homelike appearance. Nothing tends to stamp a place as desirable for a residence as tidy, well kept gardens or lawns and climbing vines, flowering shrubs and those carefully tended. The result is worth the effort no matter how laborious. The soil and ordinary conditions in Globe do not make such results as above enumerated easy to obtain, but there are a few examples of what may be accomplished, which surely are an adequate reward for any possible outlay of labor or money. This season is unusually favorable for experiments in home embellishment. Half as many cultivated flowers in the yards of Globe homes as have blossomed wild on the hillsides this spring would make of the town a veritble garden. No matter how neat, cosy or ornamental the buildings, or any of the desirable sites in or about Globe, their attractiveness may be enhanced an hundred fold by making the most of the possibilities in the way of floral embellishments. Grow grass if you can, make raised flower beds of imported earth if necessary, plant vines, shrubs and sow seeds, and tend them carefully and intelligently. If the ground is hopelessly barren there are the porches, window ledges and odd corners which can be made to produce a fringe of bloom from boxed or potted plants. The stranger and visitor who come as homeseekers will marvel that such results are possible in a mining camp. The result will attract them. Is their interest and applause worth the effort and expense? Will your own satisfaction not repay you richly?

J. Edward Britt, of the city by the Golden Gate, and one Jabez White of England, which is in Great Britain, held a debate in San Francisco last Friday night on the comparative aggressive abilities and enduring powers of two branches of the Anglo-Saxon family. The argument was under conditions formulated by a noble Marquis of King Edward's court, Queensbury by name. The English champion argued himself into a state of complete exhaustion so that he became unconscious at a critical moment. The American champion still had some wind, presence of mind and jaw force left and was awarded the loving cup contested for. Whereat the Eagle Bird moved up a limb higher on his perch and deftly adjusted a fresh chip on his left wing.

NOW END THE WAR

The invincible Russian has been found in the person of George Hackenschmidt, a famous wrestler. During the past week he won a match from Tom Jenkins, the American champion (so-called because he is a Welshman) in two straight falls. He also vanquished the English wrestling champion, in three straights, and in a short time with ridiculous ease. Now it is time to call off the dogs of war in the Orient and settle the dispute between Russia and Japan by arbitration. The Japs swear by jiu jitsu and claim to be invincible. Georgius Hackenschmidtsky believes he is it, and ought to be pitted against a champion exponent of the Japanese wrestling art, even as David and Goliath battled while their respective armies filled the bleachers. War or peace might be settled without jarring that sense of honor which is the chief stock in trade among crowned heads in foreign parts. The Hague tribunal isn't in it and the white winged dove might flutter down in a week or two and peacefully gather kernels of grain neglected by the overfed Bear and bask in the genial warmth of an oriental sun.

THE PHOENIX ELECTION

We doubt very much if the better element among the republicans of Phoenix find anything to rejoice over in the result of the recent city election. They will certainly object to being included in Gus Hirschfield's "we," when he says "we got everything we went after," and he adds: "People voted for what the candidates stood for and not because they happened to belong to some political party." The issue was public gambling and, therefore, Mr. Hirshfield's inference must be accepted that Mayor Adams and the other candidates on the republican ticket stood for the gamblers' interests. We can not believe that the majority of the respectable taxpayers of Phoenix are in favor of "a wide open town." Rather would we conclude that some well meaning republicans were blinded by partisanism when they worked with Mr. Hirschfield. In our opinion the result of the election is to be ascribed to gross mismanagemeut of the campaign for reform on the part of the democratic and citizens' leaders. Reformers are seldom good politicians and the incompetence of the democratic managers of the capitol city is notorious.

We have heard of "winter lingering in the lap of spring" for lo, these many weary years, but Arizona has rarely seen a season wherein sping so persistingly clung to the draperies of summer and so retarded her genial advance.

The merchants' trade excursions from Bisbee, Douglas, Santa Rosa, Alamogordo and intermediate points, on Friday last, proved a disappointment to the El Paso people who contributed for their entertainment. The number of guests was much less than had been confidently expected, and the merchants and board of trade are now trying to locate the loose screw.

It is a mistake to longer refer to this territory as Arid-zone-eh.

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