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TERRITORY OF ARIZONA.

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WORKING CONVICTS ON PUBLIC ROADS

That money spent on public roads is money well spent is admitted by every intelligent man, but when good roads can be secured at practically no cost it seems foolish that the territory does not accept the gift. As the matter now stands Arizona is paying a goodly sum annually for the maintenance of its convicts. These convicts are a dead weight upon the territory. They are the closed cells of the experiment building at Yuma, and, it is said, that the terrific heat of the summers causes diseases that finally result in the death of these men. It is not the purpose of the territory of Arizona to slaughter men who are sent to the penitentiary. They are sent there to be punished, not killed, for the crimes they commit, and measures that will give these men fresh air and plenty of it during the summer and at the same time make them useful would be welcomed by the convicts and the people. At the same time it would not be right to carry them into competition with the paid laborers of the country. The only way to do this is by working them on the public roads. Each taxpayer is going down into his pockets and digging up five dollars a year for public roads and is also helping keep up the penitentiary. By working these men on the public roads a portion of this tax would be lopped off. That the plan is successful has been demonstrated by New Mexico, where the convicts are given road work to do. Concerning their work the Santa Fe New Mexican says: "It is an established fact that New Mexico is the first commonwealth in the Union to solve the problem of the best employment for convicts in penitentiaries. This year ago the experiment was commenced and has been going on successfully ever since. At that time a small detachment of convicts was put to work on the scenic route between Santa Fe and Las Vegas, a distance of about 45 miles. This number was increased until today 50 convicts are at work. The number of guards required with this detachment is very small and the expense incurred is very light. But few escapes have occurred during the three years mentioned, although the guards might have seemed very inadequate in number. The convicts at work on the scenic route have been better satisfied, more contented and have advanced more in morality and in understanding of conditions that concern them than have those within the prison walls. With the present statement of 50 there are but a half dozen guards. In addition, in New Mexico it has been possible to keep them in the field most of the time as they are at work now, even in the cold and snowy mountain region between this city and Moscow City. This goes far to prove that the best solution of the convict labor problem is the construction of public highways and roads by them."

If New Mexico can succeed in the undertaking there is no reason why



The Earth: "And now they're hanging 'em in the air." - Evans in Cleveland Leader.

Arizona should not and the coming legislature should seriously consider the matter and look carefully into the conditions existing at Yuma. The territory owes it to humanity to properly provide for the convicts and it owes it to the people to lighten the burden of taxation as much as possible.

growing automobile industry will require continually larger amounts. "We may say, then, in general that the price of copper will remain very high as long as the present activity prevails in the industrial world and as long thereafter as demand shall exceed production."

CALIFORNIA AND THE JAPANESE.

Was Secretary of State Root thinking of California and the Japanese question when he said in his address, before the Pennsylvania society of New York, that "no state can live unto itself alone and regulate its affairs with sole reference to its own treasury, its own convenience, and its own special interests?"

"Every state," the secretary tells us, "is bound to frame its legislation and its administration with reference not only to its own special affairs, but with reference to the effect upon all its sister states."

If these maxims of political conduct were intended to apply to the course of California with respect to the education of Japanese in separate schools says the Washington Herald, we think they ignore a very important element in the relations of the federal and the state governments, namely, the guardianship of the former over the latter. There are federal obligations as well as state rights. From this point of view Mr. Root's maxims might be reversed with equal, and we are inclined to think, juster applicability to the California situation. Suppose Mr. Root had said that the federal government had no right to conduct its foreign affairs without reference to the interests of particular states, and that no secretary of state had any business negotiating a treaty which ignored the constitutional distribution of power between the federal government and the states, would he not have come nearer to an accurate statement of the rule which should govern our national course of action? In other words, have not the states as much right to ask that their special interests be regarded by the national government as the national government has to demand that the national interests be regarded by the states?

AS TO THE PRICE OF COPPER.

Commenting on the price of copper Hayden, Stone & Co., brokers of New York say:

"The action this week of the United Metals Selling Company in advancing the price of electrolytic copper to 23 1/4 cents has induced a number of people to ask us how long in our opinion present conditions will continue in the copper metal market. It would, of course, be absurd to attempt any definite prediction, but there are one or two factors in the situation which may be worth noting.

"In spite of the excessive demand for the metal, Arizona is the only copper-producing State or Territory whose output for 1906 will show a material gain over 1905. The increase here will be roughly 50,000,000. Since last August the monthly output of the Butte camp has fallen off from 25,000,000 to 26,000,000. Michigan will have actually less copper for sale this year than last. In short, the output of the country at large will show a gain of not over 5 per cent.

"The present excessive industrial activity not only stimulates an upward demand for the metal but it actually tends to a curtailment of output, as it makes it impossible for the mining companies to procure an adequate supply of men and supplies. "So much for production. On the other hand, there are several large sources of consumption now opening up which foreshadow a continually increasing demand. Electrification of railroads proceeds gradually but steadily. If electricity is adopted, even on the more congested sections of the eastern trunk lines, as now seems fairly probable, the amount of copper that has hitherto gone into the street railway properties will be insignificant compared with the enormous quantities that will be required for this purpose alone. The recent establishment as a commercial success of steam and water turbine engines will soon mean a very large demand for the metal from this source. Then, the rapidly

fused to do so or to have anything to do with it, according to his own statement. It is known that Chairman Kirk's action is approved by many republicans in Douglas who believe that Ben Rice was fairly elected to the office of justice of the peace and should not be put to the expense of defending in a contest case which is based entirely on a failure of the election board to follow the strict letter of the law from the time of the opening of the polls to the finishing of the count. In the contest in Yavapai county the democratic candidate for district attorney sets up the plea that the board of supervisors failed to designate the place where the voting should be done in one of the precincts. This ground is just as tenable as the reasons given for the contest in Douglas. In Prescott the democrats have given it out that they are not responsible for the foot contest instituted by the defeated democratic candidate for district attorney. These two after-election incidents go to prove that Arizonans, regardless of politics, are always ready to stand for "the square deal." The failure of the board of supervisors to designate a voting place in Prescott was no fault of Hon. R. E. Morrison, who was elected district attorney of Yavapai county, and the democrats of Yavapai will not approve of the contest there on such flimsy grounds. The fact that the Douglas election board, in Douglas took the ballot box to a restaurant, half a block away, while they ate a morsel, was no fault of Ben Rice, who was elected justice of the peace; why should he suffer because someone else failed to perform their duty in holding the election.

The Phoenix Gazette takes pleasure from time to time in pointing out the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining company as a horrible example of how the big mining companies of Arizona are escaping their just proportion of the burden of taxation. Did the Gazette know that the Copper Queen Mining company is paying more taxes, in proportion to the production of copper, than any other mining company in the territory. We are charitable enough to allow for the Gazette's ignorance. This mathematical fact would take away its pet hobby. Where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise.

The Review takes the liberty of calling to the attention of the members of the legislature from this county that the Justices of the Peace and Constables fees cost this county approximately \$50,000 for 1906. Who will be the member to remedy this condition, which if allowed to exist much longer, promises to bankrupt the county.

Several of Bisbee's young men have cleaned up fortunes in C. & A., Shattuck and Denn-Arizona. To forestall a rush of marriageable young ladies to this locality the Review believes it a duty to add—that most of them are married.

The call of \$5.00 on Globe Consolidated may cause some of our local speculators to exchange their diamond Christmas presents for five dollar bills in currency.

The way the Denn-Arizona is plunging ahead, in full breast of fifteen per cent copper ore, makes some of the older companies sit up and take notice.

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