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NOT ONLY BEST, BUT INDEPENDENT.

In determining to send the very best men to the constitutional convention, the people of Arizona are facing a little harder task on account of the pernicious activity of the federal machine. If the people want a constitution that will not be in harmony with the Cannon-Aldrich purpose in government, they will have to see to it that the men elected to the constitutional convention, whether republicans or democrats, are independent of the machine. It ought to be plain to any man who can see anything at all that a constitution framed by Ralph Cameron and the federal office holders will be unsuited to the best ideals of popular government. It would be a federal constitution, forced upon a new state, and made to conform to the particular purpose of men now dominant in Washington.

The complexion of government changes in Washington occasionally. Party policy is not a stable thing, even within the party. It is something distinct from the broad ideals of government, and varies as the moods and personal interests of politicians vary. It is narrow, and often at variance with the sentiment of the people. Yet, republican logic in Arizona seems to be that since we have a standpat, high tariff, corporation favoring administration, the new state must frame its constitution in harmony therewith.

This purpose of the federal republican machine is cheap and tawdry. It could be put forth by no men who were not more concerned over their federal jobs than for a truly popular and just fundamental law. It fails to rise to the great occasion, and cannot be expected to. The success of the machine in carrying out its evident purpose would be nothing short of a political calamity.

It is the duty of republican voters, as well as of democrats, to see that independent men are chosen to frame the constitution. The republican voters are more concerned with the welfare of their new state than with the little personal ambitions of Delegate Cameron, the carpet baggers who itch for office, and the others who are holding small offices by grace of Washington. We do not think the majority of republicans are in sympathy with the purpose to give Arizona a constitution dictated in Washington, and we believe that they are loyal enough and intelligent enough to understand that they would be eternally disgraced by going to the constitutional convention like a flock of sheep, without purpose except to obey orders.

The constitutional convention will be composed of both democrats and republicans. But if we are to have a constitution worthy of the name, and one which preserves our self respect, those delegates have got to be broad and independent citizens of Arizona first, last and all the time. They should look with supreme contempt upon the purpose of the federal office holding crowd. The occasion is great. It calls for men, not salary grabbers. The outcome is in the hands of the people themselves. Upon their action in choosing delegates will depend the future standing of Arizona before the nation, whether it shall have respect or contempt. Choose not only the best men, but independent men.

THE COLONEL AND THE FENCE

The efforts of Colonel Roosevelt to ride the fence with regard to the internecine strife now blasting the republican party, when all his leanings by heredity and conviction are toward the insurgent and against the standpat element, are amusing.

He has steadily vociferated that he was open to conviction as between the factions and that he would not intermeddle in the interests of either.

Yet he seems to have interfered pretty effectually in the state of Washington, and in the state of Indiana, where he proposes to speak in behalf of Beveridge, a branded-in-the-button-hole insurgent.

"I cannot support any candidate for nomination," averred the colonel, in discussing the situation in Ohio, "but," he continued, "I can only say that I hope a PROGRESSIVE platform will be adopted in Ohio."

No American has a call to question the good faith of Colonel Roosevelt. But any citizen of ordinary intelligence, knowing the man's temperament and directness, would not be surprised if, at any moment, he cast expediency to the winds and rode forth boldly under the flag of the insurgents.

The Douglas republicans failed to send a speaker to the meeting to address the laboring men's voting club on Thursday evening as invited to do. The republicans are taying low when it comes to discussing or making known what they propose to stand for in the constitutional convention.

It is said that George U. Young quit the republican committee because the leaders of that party declared their opposition to the initiative and referendum. Mr. Young ought not to let so small a thing as a constitutional provision jar him away from the political plum tree.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon has remained silent now for several days, but the insurgents may expect another blast from the old standpatter at any time.

As yet the insurgent republicans have not named one of their number to pit against "Uncle Joe" for speaker.

Should the report that Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock is to soon leave the Taft cabinet prove true it is more than likely that there will be a rearrangement of the federal patronage in Arizona and that those who put up the campaign coin may yet be left without adequate remuneration. It is well known that Hitchcock has been the real dispenser of federal patronage in Arizona and it is further believed that the federal appointees stand ready to back him for senator whenever he gives the word.

Give us competent and honest men for the constitutional convention.

A republican exchange says that both republicans and democrats in Cochise county are for Judge Sames for delegate to the constitutional convention. Well, this republican newspaper will have another opinion, later on Judge Sames deserves well of his party, but the democrats will not forget the "Cameron and Statehood" bunco game in the coming election.

A PLUNDERING MONOPOLY.

One of the grossest abuses of the patent laws has recently attracted attention. The United Shoe Machinery company has declared a stock dividend of \$6,500,000. It has done this in order to avoid the announcement of a higher dividend rate on its capital stock of about \$20,000,000, after declaring dividends during the past eight years totaling more than \$28,000,000, or an annual average of 17 per cent.

These immense profits are made by machines that are patented. It is right and proper that under the patent laws the person who discovers a useful invention should have the exclusive use of it for a time and be properly compensated by that exclusive use. But there should be a reasonable limit, and when a patent is so used that it becomes a monopoly and bjeeds the public, there should be some means to terminate

the patent or regulate its use. The United Shoe Machinery company is a case in point. Under the patent laws and the New Jersey corporation laws it has been enabled to impose an onerous burden on the manufacturers of shoes, and naturally these manufacturers have passed along the burden to the wearers of shoes.

The company secures its monopoly in this way: It does not sell its machines but leases them and binds the lessee not to use them on any work that other machines are used on. Thus it secures a monopolistic protection for the use of its own machines and suppresses the manufacture of other machinery. It is no use to appeal to the courts, because the patent laws grant the authority that enables the company to perpetuate this abuse of the government's bounty. It is another case where privilege, and not the people, rules, and the only way to put an end to such monopolistic abuses is to amend the patent laws so that they cannot be used for plundering the people.

Allen T. Bird of the Oasis, who supported joint statehood and was run out of the republican territorial convention in Bisbee four years ago because of his love for that iniquitous measure, has been received back into full fellowship of the republican party and at the meeting of the central committee sounded what was conceded to be the "key note" of the republican position in the coming campaign, which was everlasting opposition to the initiative, referendum and recall.

The impression seems to be growing stronger that Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock will take up his residence in Arizona early enough to make him eligible for United States senator. Listen to Ralph Cameron's praise of Hitchcock and look at Hitchcock's college chum, Albert M. Sames, at the head of the republican territorial committee. Hitchcock knows that it is necessary to have trumps in the political game.

Jimmy Williams, in his abuse of democrats, discloses his belief that Ralph Cameron was elected to congress by republican votes. Go it, Jimmy, there is an awakening ahead for you.

The name of Judge A. C. Baker is mentioned in Phoenix for delegate to the constitutional convention. Judge Baker would be a useful man in that convention.

There is probably no truth in the report which comes from Tucson that Jimmy Williams has corraled the labor vote for the republican party.

Hoval A. Smith has removed himself from the danger threatened by the visible democratic cyclone. Back to the mines for him.

If Arizona is to have her magnificent resources fully developed capital must be invited and encouraged to come here to do this work. This capital can only be secured by a guarantee of its protection and liberal treatment. Capital can only be concentrated in any development effort by the incorporation of companies for that purpose. Hence, in this progressive age we cannot have capital without corporations. They own our railroads, mines, cattle, stores, banks and all enterprises of importance. Certainly Arizona should encourage legitimate corporations rather than do anything which would discourage those now here and those needed in the future, and the people of Arizona will see that this is done. The indiscriminate howl against corporations or those connected with them has already gone too far here. While Arizona should provide and will provide for the proper regulation of all public utility corporations and see that they do no wrong to the public, it should also guarantee protection and encouragement for every dollar invested in the territory for its development and prosperity.

Jimmy Williams, editor of the Tucson Citizen and prominently mentioned recently for successor of Hoval A. Smith as chairman of the republican territorial committee, thus briefly, but editorially, refers to the new chairman. Coming from a rival certainly Judge Sames should appreciate this:

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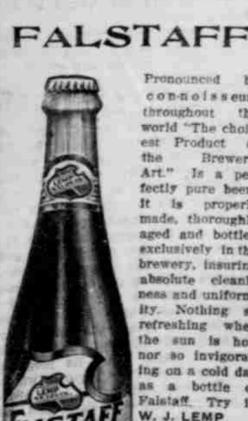
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