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J. H. KOOGLER, Editor.
TERRITORIAL.

The Representative of Colfax on the County Question.

We have been requested to publish the following letter. It is a little out of date but the destruction of the printing office at Cimarron delayed its publication:

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, January 19th 1876.

W. D. Dawson Esq.

Dear Sir: our legislative labors are now terminated and with the two exceptions of the defeat of the school bill and the annexation of Colfax county to Taos for judicial purposes we are satisfied with the result, and while these two exceptions have not lost their sting I was disposed to suffer them to their natural death, if the New Mexican of yesterday had been content with the announcement of the event of the annexation. But instead thereof it goes on to make a very strong defence. An ingenious and convenient memory could easily forget the facts set up by us against this movement, among which, that the county of Colfax had been created for about eight years and during all this time had enjoyed the privileges derived from the courts and that the courts had been maintained without molestation and that Colfax county had paid more than its proportionate share towards the support of these courts, and that the law set on foot compelled Colfax county to support the courts in an other county and the judiciary created for the county carried across the mountains two hundred miles from some of her citizens. The far fetched research of the author of the New Mexican article cited in the history of Texas and Utah and sweepingly said that over fifty counties of Texas were annexed to other counties for judicial purposes, but will his elastic pen tell us if after the courts were established by law in any county, there is any precedent for taking them away again and at the same time requiring the county to continue to pay for their support in such other county and requiring the citizens of the county so deprived to travel two hundred miles across two ranges of mountains to get to their court, and subject their citizens to trial for charges which the law had declared and guaranteed should be tried in the county where they were committed, by a jury of the peers of the person charged of his own county. Utah is cited as holding courts in only three counties in the whole territory. It is no compliment to cite Utah as an example, nor is it a precedent, for even the justice of Utah towards its citizens has not, nor ever would not grant the privilege of the courts to all the counties of the territory and then isolate one county from all the rest and say that that county alone shall be disbanded from its equal right to the courts by reason of its crime. We have been taught, and all the ingenious wisdom of those who favor these moves cannot make us believe otherwise than that the courts are created for the most part to suppress crime and that in order to do this must hold forth with their power and justice in the midst of it, and if there is any truth in the sweeping statement of the article that lawlessness and anarchy have existed in Colfax county for several years then the demand for the courts in that county is largely magnified. I have not the time to answer these unauthorised and ingeniously contrived arguments in the article, nor to set forth those advanced against such a scheme but must content myself in saying that such action is unprecedented, unauthorized, unjust, extraordinary, unreplicable and oppressive. We have not been afraid to substantiate our declarations upon the record in the legislature and before his excellency and to protest in thundering tones to the best of our ability against it, and now that we are compelled to humbly submit and acknowledge the power, we continue loudly to disclaim the right.

Without these two stains upon the record of the 22nd legislature we are proud of our labors and believe we have done our duty. And I extend to the county of Colfax the credit of drafting and introducing the repeal of the criminal tax prosecutions, the obnoxious libel practice law and the organization of the county supervisors called for by the people of that county and other important legislation, with two unimportant exceptions asked of me.

The supervisors act was prepared with much labor and study and henceforth the Probate Judges of New Mexico will have no ministerial duties or powers and the supervisors will be a little home legislature to supply the wants of the people of each county. I selected for Colfax county supervisors who will hold their office until the election of their successors next fall and who are required to assume their duties the first of March next. Jesus G. Abreu, Andrew J. Howell and Irwin W. Lucy in whom I have, and believe the people have confidence sufficient for the trust. I see that an attempt is made by the Catholic Review printed at Las Vegas to charge the representative of Colfax with writing the article in your paper signed Janus Segunda and P. S. signed J. S. and throw literary stones at me for my opposition to granting any special privileges to the Catholic Church or any religious sect as such which I shall beg reply through your columns if I get time next week.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servant,
M. W. MILLS.

District Court is in Session at Santa Fe.

The Texas Pacific.

The prospects for the Texas Pacific railway bill going through Congress are said to be very good. Mr. Lamar of Mississippi is the chairman of the House Committee on Pacific railroads. The committee has had the bill under discussion every day since the holidays. Col. Scott and others have been heard in favor of the bill and President Huntington of the Northern Pacific against it. The committee have unanimously agreed upon a bill to be reported to the House. Mr. Atkins of Tennessee will have charge of the measure during the discussion of it. In the debate, the party in favor of the bill will be led by Mr. Lamar. Mr. Atkins and other southern democrats. The opposition by Mr. Holman, of Indiana and other northern democrats. Party lines will be entirely disregarded, members from the south and west supporting it and members principally from the north and east opposing it. The whole delegation from the south, irrespective of party, are nearly unanimous in the support of the measure. The democrats from Illinois, Ohio, Indiana New York and the New England States are opposed to it. The republican members are generally favorable to the bill and if it passes the House, it is thought it will go through the Senate without difficulty. The opposition have a powerful lobby led by Huntington, the President of the Southern Pacific company of California. The friends of the bill have no visible lobby, depending entirely upon the interest the delegates themselves take in this measure to advance it.

Uncertainty.
It is evident that there is considerable uncertainty about the location of the future railroad town of southern Colorado. The new town projected near Trinidad by the narrow gauge is not exactly stationary but is moving about searching for a proper location. La Junta is the junction of the two broad gauge roads but it is not definitely known how long it will remain the shipping point for the South. One or both of the roads will make an extension of 50 to 100 miles and then La Junta becomes but a way station. As soon as the position of the new town is definitely fixed La Animas will lose all the commission houses and most of her now flourishing trade.

GENERAL ITEMS.
Charles Holland, a negro, better known as Long Charley lately killed Charles Kast a constable of Las Animas, Colorado; Holland was arrested and lodged in jail at Las Animas.

The D. & R. G. R. is progressing south at the rate of two miles per day. Trinidad will be reached by the last of next month. Report has it that the K. P. is getting ready to build south.

The Las Animas Leader says Kit Carson's grave is no longer among the sequestered shades of Boggville on the Arkansas. He was only temporarily interred there. The remains were removed in the fall of 1868 to Taos, New Mexico, Carson's home.

The Pueblo Chief of Sunday, contains the following interesting personal: "Mr. Warren Hussey, who has been engaged with Joseph Kenyon, of Canon City for the past year or more in the sheep business, was in town yesterday. Messrs. Kenyon and Hussey are moving their entire band of sheep, four thousand head to a point in New Mexico eight miles below Las Vegas where they propose to follow the business on a large scale. The herd reached the St. Charles last night, and will move ten or fifteen miles a day until their destination is reached. Mr. Hussey is quite enthusiastic over New Mexico, and considers it the greatest wool producing region in the world."

Joint Stock Co. R. R.
There is some talk among our citizens of forming a joint stock company for the purpose of grading and tying a railroad bed from this place to La Junta, for the purpose of inducing some railroad to lay a broad gauge track and run into Trinidad. Whether this idea has been reduced to anything like practicality as yet we have not learned, nor are we aware whether those who are moving it have counted the cost of such an undertaking or not. About \$200,000 is talked of as the probable cost of this undertaking. Should the idea gain much favor with our citizens as it did with the people of Pueblo, we have no doubt it might be the means of bringing a broad gauge road into Trinidad in a short time. It is no child's play to build railroads however, and it is probably one reason that we have not already the certain promise of the K. P. to build here, that they are laying low to count the cost, and then count the noses in their company upon which it could conveniently be saddled. We shall hail with the greatest pleasure any movement on the part of our citizens which will aid in removing the present obstacles to our inducing a broad gauge road to build into Trinidad.—Enterprise & Chronicle.