

STATEHOOD MEET FOR TERRITORIAL FAIR AT PHOENIX

Both Sides Plan to Have Big Meetings in Arizona Capital.

RODEY LIKELY TO BE ONE OF JOINTURE SPEAKERS

The managers of the Arizona Fair association are rather more enterprising than they have been given credit for, if the recent announcement of the Phoenix Enterprise is correct. The Enterprise states that two big meetings are to be held in Phoenix during the coming fair, one of which will be by advocates of joint statehood and the other by its opponents. As an attraction for the Phoenix fair, under present conditions these meetings promise great things.

B. S. Rodey, of Albuquerque, is expected to be one of the speakers in the joint statehood meeting. And although the Enterprise thinks Mr. Rodey's logic twisted, on the statehood matter, it expects him to be the chief attraction of the meetings. The Enterprise says:

If any of the people of Phoenix, or any of those who are here from all parts of the territory have any doubt as to how they stand on the statehood question they will be given the opportunity next week to hear both sides of the question.

W. B. Cleary, acting for those who oppose the union of the two states, is preparing to have a gigantic mass meeting some day next week, at which everyone, regardless of what side he prefers, will be made welcome.

Attorney C. F. Almsworth, the local leader of the jointists, is arranging to have a meeting here during the fair, and expects B. S. Rodey, New Mexico's former delegate to congress to be the principal speaker.

While Rodey was in Tucson he assured Almsworth that if he could possibly make his arrangements to suit, he would come to Phoenix during the fair to address a gathering on the subject of joint statehood. Some of those who heard Rodey in Tucson, say he is a good talker, but that his logic on joint statehood is slightly out of gear.

Cleary and his assistants and Almsworth and his abettors have all been busy yesterday and today laying their plan for the meetings that they hope to hold. Both are preparing something in the way of surprises to spring, which they are guarding carefully.

Asked today what was doing among the anti-jointists, Cleary stated that the general sentiment was in favor of an open meeting, not to be called for those who oppose the jointure alone, but for all the people of Arizona who have views on the subject.

It is planned to hear from as many Arizonians as possible and not to have any set program of speakers. It is believed that by this means the gathering will be more cosmopolitan than if the impression is given out that only those opposing joint statehood will be received cordially.

Should it be known in time, it is probable that the holding of conventions here for and against joint statehood would attract a large number of people, who might otherwise not come.

Packard Says It's a Crime.

H. A. Packard, a member of the Arizona legislature, who has been passing a few days in this city, will be one of a large delegation of prominent citizens of the territory to go to Washington next week to watch the progress of the Arizona statehood matter and to work for individual admission, says the Los Angeles News.

"Individual statehood is not a party measure, in our territory," said Mr. Packard today. "Republicans and Democrats are almost unanimous in the matter. We want statehood, but not joint statehood. We are young, but we are sturdy. We are progressive; we are growing. We feel that we are competent to take on statehood of ourselves and by ourselves. We do not expect to do much in going to Washington, other than to lend a moral influence to our cause. We believe if the lawmakers in Washington see how deeply in earnest we are in this matter it will have some effect. Incidentally, we may be able, by being on the spot, to furnish information and advance arguments which will give some of the representatives a better understanding of the matter."

"Arizona is, of course, slightly democratic in its sentiments just now. By joining New Mexico to us it might be supposed that it would make a republican state of it. As a matter of fact, it would make Democrats of a large number of Arizona republicans, a sufficient number, perhaps, still to hold the state to Democracy. On the other hand, I believe the admission of Arizona by itself would result in the making of a republican state of it."

McSpadden, the exchange man, 300 South Broadway.

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NOTICE.

PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE JULIA MINE THAT REPRESENT ARON FLOREY'S INTERESTS LOCATED IN HELL CANYON DISTRICT, ARE REQUESTED TO COME FORWARD AND DO THE ASSESSMENT WORK FOR THE YEAR 1906.

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MACKENZIE SAYS THE PRESIDENT IS STANDING FIRM

Shows No Sign of Yielding on Freight Rate Matter.

STOCKMEN WILL FIGHT THE TWENTY-EIGHT HOUR LAW

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 22.—The freight rate bill will be passed at this session of congress. When the session reconvenes the bill will pass, President Roosevelt is with us just as strong as ever, notwithstanding the fact that some parties who are enemies of the bill have started a rumor that the president is weakening.

This is, in part, a statement of Murdoch Mackenzie, who has recently returned from Washington. Mr. Mackenzie was appointed a member of the committee by the Interstate Commerce Law convention recently held in Chicago to go to Washington.

They called on the president to present to him the resolutions adopted by the convention regarding his attitude on the rate question and to discuss with him informally the general subject of railroad rates. The committee consisted of E. P. Bacon, Milwaukee; Murdoch Mackenzie, Trinidad, Colo.; S. W. Gardner, Clinton, Iowa; S. B. Burnett and S. H. Cowan of Fort Worth, Texas.

The committee met with a cordial reception from the president and was immediately assured that he was his friend and fellow worker in behalf of the freight rate bill.

The attitude of Hon. Stephen B. Elkins, chairman of the senate committee on interstate and foreign commerce, while he does not object to the passage of a freight rate bill, seems to indicate that he would leave the bill incorporated in such a manner that the courts could invalidate it. This is just what the committee of which Mr. Mackenzie is a member, does not want. They want a bill that the courts cannot juggle with and from the stand President Roosevelt has taken it is not believed that he will sign a bill unless it is a bill that will stand every test.

Some members who claim to be in favor of a freight rate bill desired to insert a clause limiting the life of the bill to one year. This is also being vigorously fought by the committee from the interstate commerce law convention. This committee believes that if the bill would prove after a six months trial to be a great hardship on the railroads that it would be unjust to force them to comply with the provisions of the bill.

It is the purpose of the committee, assisted by President Roosevelt, to pass a bill that will prove a benefit and not hardship to anyone.

Mr. Mackenzie was more than pleased with his visit to Washington and the outlook for the new freight bill. Enough of senators and congressmen have already pledged themselves to the measure to insure its passage. The point that the committee has to look carefully after is not to leave any loop hole in the bill so that the railroads can carry it into the courts and have it invalidated.

The committee of which Mr. Mackenzie was a member addressed a letter to Hon. Stephen B. Elkins in which they outlined just what kind of a bill they desired so that there may be no misunderstanding on the part of Mr. Elkins. This letter and its acceptance by Mr. Elkins puts that gentleman and the committee both on record. While it was not said in so many words, it is plainly evident that the committee is afraid that Mr. Elkins will try to leave a loop hole in the bill so that he can crawl out without being scratched. That was one reason why the committee sent the letter, so that he could not say afterward that he had "received the committee, but did not remember all the vital points they desired to inculcate in the bill."

The committee did its work well and will be on the ground to see that there is no juggling.

Mr. Mackenzie also stated that the cattlemen are making a vigorous effort to have the bill amended in relation to the length of time stock can be kept on the cars when being shipped to market. The law as it is now compels shippers to unload, feed and water cattle at least once in every twenty-eight hours. The cattlemen desire to have this time extended to thirty-six hours, and advance good reasons for it.

In the first place there isn't a road in the west that can get the cattle to the Missouri river in twenty-eight hours. This often compels the shippers to unload their stock one hundred miles or less from the market which is a great loss from shrinkage to say nothing of the expense of feed.

Mr. Mackenzie gave some inside history of the passing of this twenty-eight hour cattle law of which the general public knows nothing about. Several years ago when private car companies commenced to make cars with water and feed troughs, they had the twenty-eight hour cattle law passed which compelled the railroads to use their cars.

Officers of the humane societies later were strong advocates of this law and claimed the credit of fathering it, when as a matter of fact they had nothing whatever to do with it.

Mr. Mackenzie has talked with several members of the humane society in this state and elsewhere and is invariably met with the answer "Well, I don't know anything about shipping stock but someone told me that it was inhuman to keep stock on the cars any longer than twenty-eight hours at one time." Mr. Mackenzie has not yet met a member of the humane society that has personally investigated the matter, and take their opposition merely by hearsay.

A monster petition will be circulated throughout the west asking that this law be amended so that it will be possible to keep cattle on the cars for a period of thirty-six hours. The stock can then be gotten to the market with the stock in much better condition than now possible under the present law.

There is no doubt but what this law can be amended when the real facts are laid before the members of congress. Mr. Mackenzie is satisfied that if the parties opposed to amending this law knew the real facts there would be no hesitancy in the matter, a cattleman is more anxious than anyone else to get his stock to market in the best possible condition and he would be the last person on earth to have his stock suffer.

BELIEVE THEY HAVE MAN WHO DID KILLING AT SILVER BELL

A dispatch from Bisbee, Arizona, says:

With a strong chain of circumstantial evidence confronting him, George Hall is a prisoner at the branch county jail, held as a suspect in the Hawkins-White murder case at Silver Bell a couple of months ago.

Action in his case, by the local officials is dependent on word that may be received from the sheriff of Pima county in response to a telegram sent there yesterday by Justice Howire of Lowell. Should the sheriff wire reply that he does not believe Hall the guilty man he will be given his freedom. In other case he will be taken to Pima county. Though reply was expected from the sheriff yesterday it did not come, which has led to belief that he may intend coming himself.

Both Hall and Hawkins, the latter one of the murdered men, were until several months ago residents of Lowell. Hall had difficulties in his home where Hawkins was a roomer, which led to threats to injure his wife. When he attempted violence Hawkins intervened and told him the woman should not be injured while he was there. Hawkins shortly after this left and Mrs. Hall a little later had her husband before Justice Hogan to furnish bonds to keep the peace. A compromise was effected through Hall agreeing to leave the vicinity. He went to Cananea.

A few weeks later Hall returned to Bisbee, and going to a friend asked him if he knew the whereabouts of Hawkins. The friend told him he thought Hawkins was in Cananea. Hall replied that he was not, for he had searched the town for him thoroughly. The next day he left the city, and from information gathered later by Constable Jack White went to Silver Bell. Within a short time after this Hawkins and White were shot from ambush at Silver Bell on the way to their home from a saloon. Mexicans were at the time thought by the Pima county officers to have done the killing. Who did it has not yet been ascertained. The Pima officials were later notified by Officer White of the trouble between Hawkins and Hall, and of the fact that he had ascertained through the discovery of letters that Hall was at Silver Bell at or about the time of the killing. The Pima officers are not known to have paid any attention to the information or to have endeavored to locate Hawkins at Silver Bell.

Hall was arrested at Don Luis yards by Officer Upchurch Sunday night for trespassing. He had built a fire and was warming by it. Before Justice Hogan on Monday he was arraigned and assessed a fine which he paid. He was then rearrested as a suspect and sent to the jail in this city. Threats he had made against Hawkins prior to the killing of the latter, together with the fact that he is believed to have been at Silver Bell at the time of the tragedy, make his position look ugly.

ROBBER GOT \$1,100 FROM SONORA POSTOFFICE WEDNESDAY

There was a very skillful piece of burglary done in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Monday night, according to the Douglas (Ariz.) International. From the best of the postmaster can gather by comparing notes with the officers the thing was done about 11 o'clock.

The robbers or robber entered the postoffice by noiselessly picking the lock. Once inside there was little difficulty in getting on the inside of the box containing the money, stamps, etc., of which the thieves secured \$500 in cash and \$300 in stamps. They had abundant time to get far away before pursuit began, as the robbery was not discovered until the postmaster came down to the office this morning, and found that the Mexican government at his post was shy about \$1,100. He gave the alarm and the local Mexican authorities got in shape to hunt the thieves, but didn't know which way to hunt. The robbers were notified on this side of the line, and they have been away ever since, keeping a sharp lookout along the border.

There are no brands or earmarks to the criminals, so far as known. From the way they did the job it is to be supposed they know their business and as they left no description of themselves that the humane people can translate, they are likely to get plumb away with the plunder, unless they become drunk and make a vulgar display of their wealth.

FRESH IN TODAY:

GRAPES, FRESH TOMATOES, CAULIFLOWER, HEAD LETTUCE, WATER CRESS, CUCUMBERS, STRING BEANS, WAX BEANS, GREEN PEAS, EGG PLANT, BELLE PEPPERS, CELEBY, STRAWBERRIES, BANANAS, ETC.

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