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Editorial Comment

Deliberate Knock at Statehood.

Notorious New Mexico, which has for years been responsible for the keeping of the Territory of Arizona out of the Union, again comes into the limelight in a manner deserving of the severest censure, by tendering to the president on the occasion of his visit to Albuquerque a deliberate insult.

Standing out in the front rank of the doubters and knockers is the Albuquerque Tribune-Citizen, which said relative to the remarks of the chief executive of the nation in Albuquerque: "His statement was a keen disappointment to the thousands of New Mexicans who had gathered from every section of New Mexico to extend a hearty welcome to the chief executive of the United States."

And further on this same sheet, which is most bitterly and narrow-mindedly Democratic says: "His attitude in stating that his influence would not be used for New Mexico unless her constitution conformed to his ideas, killed what warmth there was in the hearts of the New Mexico multitude."

And in the face of all this they wonder why New Mexico does not get statehood?

It will be recalled most strikingly that it was New Mexico that tried to force Arizona into joint statehood. It is still fresh in memory that Judge B. S. Rodey, Attorney Childers and several others came to Arizona from New Mexico at the request of disappointed and disgruntled politicians, seeking selfish ends to tell the residents of this Territory that joint statehood was their only salvation.

It is distinctly remembered, moreover, that the delegation from New Mexico was given a most chilly reception. They were informed in language that was unmistakable that Arizona is settled by Americans, who can attend to their own affairs without any advice from New Mexico politicians. Whereat the delegation, cowed by the frigid reception they received in the warm southern section of Arizona, beat a hasty retreat back to New Mexico. And it can truthfully be stated that the only reason that they were not entirely frozen was that they did not come to Northern Arizona.

It is a matter of deep regret, but nevertheless publicly known and most scandalous that New Mexico has for years really been ruled by a bunch of politicians whose corruption has been so bold and so notorious that it has worked untold injury to that territory. It has even gone so far that Arizona has suffered despite the fact that it is generally known throughout the east that Americans rule here and that political bosses are not supreme.

It was a matter generally commented upon that New Mexico politicians in league with Arizona disgruntled gentlemen who had tried the political game and been sat down on by the citizenship of this Territory, were hoping to annex this Territory that they might reach with their tainted fingers into the mineral and agricultural resources of this Territory and collect tribute therefrom.

The voters of this Territory have, however, most emphatically shown that they can attend to their own affairs. They demonstrated by the overwhelming defeat of the jointure proposition with New Mexico that they are alert and alive and are not to fall into any trap set by politicians. They have shown, in brief, by their action that they possess ample fitness for statehood.

That the New Mexico politicians and their newspaper organs should have made spectacles of themselves in their insults to the nation's chief is naturally to be regretted.

But then it is up to New Mexico to atone for and correct her own mistakes.

Arizona can well look after her own affairs.

HAPPY DAY FOR PRESCOTT.

(From Wednesday's Daily)
Prescott yesterday experienced what was perhaps the happiest day in the history of this city, for the metropolis of northern Arizona had for more than an hour the nation's ruler as its guest.

His approach was heralded by the blowing of whistles in the various manufacturing plants in the city. At a given signal as the presidential train was nearing this town, all of the whistles were blowing and for several minutes there was a din such as never before had been heard in this city.

However, pursuant to the request of the general arrangements committee, everything became silent before the presidential train had reached the depot.

Thousands cheered as the president stepped from the private car Mayflower, in which he is traveling, and a few minutes later the famous Taft smile became most pronounced as the chief executive acknowledged the salute tendered him by the lads and lassies of the public and parochial schools of this city. The recognition shown them by the president pleased the children immensely and they were not slow in showing their appreciation.

President Taft in his address was not at all backward in discussing statehood. He came out flat-footedly in favor of the admission of this territory into the union and declared that he would do all in his power to bring about this much desired end.

That the citizens of Prescott and the visitors from the surrounding towns were keenly alive to events, was evidenced by the hearty cheers which greeted the president all through his address and especially on his remarks regarding statehood. His sentiments were heartily cheered and in every possible way the citizens of Prescott showed that they appreciated his visit to the Queen City of the Southwest.

All the arrangements that had been cleverly planned by Chairman Joslin went like clockwork and the guard duty performed by Sheriff Smith and his special deputies, and also by Company E of the national guard deserved commendation. In fact all the committees from Chairman Robt. E. Morrison down, did both energetic and excellent work.

JUDGE WELLS BACK FROM TRIP TO THE CANYON

(From Saturday's Daily)
Judge E. W. Wells, one of the Prescott contingent that was a guest of Governor Sloan in the presidential journey, reached the city yesterday morning from the Grand Canyon, leaving the party at Williams. Judge Wells gives an intensely interesting review of the day's doings on the rim, in which the distinguished guests participated and thoroughly enjoyed the magnificent attractions of the sublime surroundings.

In the evening a noteworthy gathering was assembled at the banquet and in this connection he speaks of the memorable oration delivered by Postmaster General Hitchcock, who was the principal speaker of the evening. Hitchcock created a profound impression and his address was somewhat of a startling nature when he advocated openly and freely the admission of the territory to statehood, candidly and zealously supporting the movement, and asking President Taft to also become the sponsor of Arizona to the good cause. Mr. Hitchcock also informed the many present that in the past four years he had spent his vacation days annually with in Arizona, and he intended to do the same in the next four years, no matter where he was or what position he was in. His address brought his hearers to their feet and a remarkable demonstration followed when he ceased.

Mr. Hitchcock won the hearts of all and those residing without the territory were won over to the cause he advocated. Judge Wells terms his speech as one of the most convincing and masterly he ever listened to in connection with the issue that is now before the people and that it will have weight in official circles in Washington is admitted by all who were present.

In the days to come Mr. Hitchcock electrified his hearers when he said that he will roll his sleeves up for another star in the flag and that Arizona's admission will be his watchword from the time he reaches the national capital.

UNIQUE RECORD BROKEN.

STEBENVILLE, O., Oct. 16.—The visit of Misses Sarah and Agnes Wells to Gambler last week broke a record for the family of their grandfather, Bezalel Wells, as it was the first time in 100 years there was not a member of the family in Steubenville, which their grandfather founded. It was the first time the Manor house was unoccupied since 1832.

PRESCOTT PLEASSED PRESIDENT'S PARTY

(From Saturday's Daily)
If there are any skeptics running around loose that believe that Prescott, Arizona, is not on the map of the president's itinerary they should have been present at the Grand Canyon last Thursday and heard the comment of the people of the Taft party.

Arrivals from that point yesterday say that Assistant Private Secretary Mescher to the president, frankly admitted that so far as the Arizona journey was to be considered and rated in enthusiasm, perfect detail in arrangement, and thoroughly western in hospitality, the Mile High city was at the top of the Arizona column.

The city was awarded the laurel leaf, in other words, and this was the sentiment of all. Several prominent Phoenixians were free to admit it as well and the absence of numbers was characterized as of no moment when other matters were to be taken into consideration.

In making the assertion that Mr. Mescher did, he was evidently speaking for the president and while the latter cannot personally be quoted on incidental lines of favoritism in places visited, it is a pleasant matter, however, for the city to know that he was pronounced in saying that it was one of the liveliest hours he had yet experienced and the ground covered was the most extensive in entertainment and pleasure that had yet faced him. The executive went far in other ways, by saying that the air was exhilarating and notwithstanding the elevation it was refreshing and enjoyable, compared to the desert stretches that he passed even on entering the territory.

Prescott but sustained its proverbial name of good fellowship in entertaining the executive. Its citizenship is so patriotically imbedded in the long chain of generous and considerate fellowship that after all it is but a characteristic of the people who make up its cosmopolitan life, that only cements firmly and on an occasion like the Taft reception, the old rule was followed out and practiced because the people do not know how to deviate from it, whenever any public event is on the boards.

PARTISANSHIP WAS STRIKINGLY ABSENT

(From Sunday's Daily)
While visiting the city yesterday from his mining interests at the Madizelle camp, Secretary of Arizona George U. Young spoke feelingly and patriotically of the generous reception tendered President Taft and party from the moment the executive entered the territory at Yuma until the notable event was closed at the rim of the Grand Canyon.

From the beginning to the end of this notable occasion, Secretary Young says that partisanship was shoved to the background and the spirit of patriotism was so evident that those firmly tied to partisan beliefs lost their footing and extended the free hand of American fidelity to the great and good cause that this executive represents. A striking illustration of the whole-souled welcome that was given President Taft was shown in the fervent and splendid assistance of men not identified with his political views and linked to them were a score of men who are behind some of the heaviest industrial enterprises in the southwest.

In the lobby or on the street it was simply a patriotic demonstration of the people to the Americanism of the man who presides at the head of the nation's destiny, and as each element was linked to the strong chain of loyalty it was a refreshing spectacle to witness such an inspiring event.

In speaking of the scenes at the Grand Canyon Thursday night, Mr. Young signals that closing chapter as one that will go down in the history of the day as the most beautiful and impressive that has ever taken place within the boundary of Arizona. The same rule was observed on this memorable evening as prevailed in the morning of the welcome and not a sentiment escaped the lips of the many speakers that carried the least intimation that the spirit of partisanship was entertained or thought of. It was truly an Arizona day and it may truthfully and consistently be said it was the greatest day Arizona ever enjoyed.

FALL PROVES FATAL.

REDLANDS, Cal., Oct. 16.—Frederick Hodges fell off a load of hay at his mountain ranch this afternoon and was crushed beneath the wheels of a heavy wagon. He died in a few minutes.

STANFORD WINS.

BERKELEY, Cal., Oct. 16.—Stanford freshmen reversed the history of the past four years by beating the University of California by a score of 5 to 4 at football.

PIONEER POSSIBLY MAY RESIDE EAST

J. H. Lee, Resident of Arizona For More Than Two Score Years, To Visit Former Home.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

J. H. Lee, one of the sterling and popular pioneers of Arizona of the 1865 period, leaves Prescott this morning for an indefinite trip to his former home in Ohio and other eastern points, which he has not visited in over a quarter of a century.

The departure of this worthy man is an interesting one in pioneer annals and in several respects it is also one in which the thrilling days of the past are recalled and in which his personality is strikingly brought to the surface again. He is prominently known in this section through his long years of ownership of the famous American ranch, a valuable strip of ground that lies at the foot of Granite mountain, nine miles from Prescott.

For over forty-three years he has occupied that domain constantly and today it is the resort of pleasure seekers, through the natural creation of a fine lake of water and as well it is utilized for agricultural purposes. In the early days of staging this particular place was the center of accommodations for all travel to and from Prescott and incidentally speaking it was the beginning of the zone where the Apache ruled the day.

Mr. Lee in those Indian days had his home burned to the ground twice but in each instance he triumphed by rebuilding the structure. He has had his animals run off and his crops destroyed, passing through a fiery furnace of the red man's hatred and to cap the climax has on many occasions had narrow escapes from death at their hands.

His tales of the past are thrilling and in the long chapter of the Apache day, he has figured in more than thirty-five instances of burying men who fell at their hands. One interesting chapter in this old landmark is not generally known. It is that of the original purchase of this same ground that Mr. Lee has retained for all these years. He says that he secured the place from Dan

Connor in 1866 and the consideration was nothing more nor less than an army six-shooter.

Mr. Connor, since the death a few days ago of Sam C. Miller, is the sole survivor of the Walker party. A revolver in those days that had six chambers was most valuable to the American that ten times its weight in gold and the deal was closed immediately for that season by Mr. Connor while the two were coming to Prescott.

Mr. Lee says that he regretted lake of water looked good to him and yesterday he said with a significant smile that he was glad of the transaction as it was the only asset left of the pioneer era that he did not lose or the Apache had not got away with.

In another instance of his long citizenship Mr. Lee is a conspicuous figure, that of his political bearing. He was one of the first men in this section of Arizona to advocate the cause of Republicanism and the organization of those principles into a body. From that early day he has remained steadfast to the party and while a principal of the splendid organization that is now universally in existence throughout the territory, he is pleased to think that he was among the first to start the ball rolling, even if his party never extended him recognition.

Mr. Lee says he will go to Carthage, Mo., where his brother, H. M. Lee, resides. After a visit there he will go to Joplin to see Mrs. Fred Wilber, another relative. Oklahoma will next be visited, where his nephews, Arthur and Fremont Lee, are living. He will then make a dash for the old home at Troy, Ohio, where his brothers, David L. and George E. Lee, are living, at which city Mr. Lee will remain indefinitely.

He is followed by the best of wishes from a host of friends and the county loses an upright and progressive citizen.

DEVELOPMENT WILL BE RESUMED ON MINE

(From Saturday's Daily)
In a few days hence the magnificent plant of the Central Arizona Copper company will be in position and the development of that splendid mining proposition will be inaugurated under the new order.

All the machinery is on the ground in position and the only delay that is attending the starting up of the enterprise is the connection of the Arizona Power company, which will furnish the electrical service. This company has a force of men stringing the wire from their sub-station about one-half mile distant, and are nearing the Shylock mine, where the main works are located.

J. B. Cleveland, the superintendent of this company says that all departments will be put under headway at the same time and an additional force of miners employed. The plan of development outlined is to sink the main shaft to a depth of 1,000 feet and while this work is going on crosscutting and drifting will follow.

The property is now equipped with a modern plant for development and with it an attractive mineral condition is evident to support any expenditure that may be placed upon the property. This company is one of the mining propositions in this field that has withstood the panicky times and with modern equipment now on hand an era before it that in mining circles is regarded as most flattering.

AFTER BANK OFFICIALS.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 16.—Suits were filed today against W. Cooper Morris, cashier of the defunct Oregon Savings bank, according to statements made today by Receiver T. C. Devlin, to recover certain assets of the bank alleged to have been withheld and not turned over to the receiver.

BANK CLOSURES.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 16.—The City Bank and Trust company in this city closed its doors today for the purpose of liquidation.

PUBLIC RECORDS.

Instruments Filed as Reported by The Prescott Title Co.

Clarence Rowe and R. B. Cole locate Hunters Rest mine, Walker district.

October 13.

Peter Giroux and W. H. Sargent locate three mines, Peck district.

W. H. Sargent locates three mines, Big Bug district.

George Montgomery and A. M. Horton locate five mines, Copper Basin district.

C. T. Joslin et al incorporate Western Realty company. Capital stock \$100,000.

Mark Bradley and Jacob Roth to R. W. Meador, M. D., Joe Don, Don Pedro and Golden Gate mines, Hass district.

R. W. Meador to J. W. Wilson M. D., one-half interest in same property.

Eugene Neuman to Frances L. Munds, W. D., lots 51, 197, 226, 285 in Idylwild tract, Prescott.

October 12.

James Gillespie to James Ross and E. L. Bartholomew, agreement, two years, one-half interest in Hillsdale and 7-17 interest in Protection, Old York, Lottie and Quartzite mines, Weaver district.

Otto A. Lange and wife to Pablo Caeceo and wife, W. D., south half of northwest quarter and south half of northeast quarter, section 28, 14 north, 1 east.

Prescott Electric company amends articles of incorporation.

P. C. Miller and wife to L. L. Harmon, W. D., southwest quarter of southeast quarter, southeast quarter of southwest quarter, section —, northwest quarter of northeast quarter and northeast quarter of northwest quarter, section 11, 16 north, 7 west.

October 14.

T. C. Frier and W. D. Powell and wives to J. E. Walker, W. D., lot 6, block 3, Jerome.

Kenneth R. Kent locates two mines, Big Bug district.

Decree of probate court in estate of Louis E. Sanglier, deceased, distributing lot 4, block 6, East Prescott, to widow and daughters.