

EAGLE RINGING BELL OVER STATE

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Some time since a rancher who lives in the Skull valley section told the writer that an eagle had been discovered in that community which seemed to have a bell-ringing voice.

Phenomenon Explained.

"An eagle which announces its approach by ringing a bell is a curiosity, yet there is one bird of this breed, now flying over the Sulphur Springs valley and neighboring territory, that has this habit.

I was at Gabe Choate's ranch in the mountains about 40 miles from Douglas a week or two ago, when I heard a peculiar tinkling noise and commenced to investigate.

I learned that seven years ago, Mr. Choate had set a steel trap for an animal which had been raiding his chickens and in it caught the eagle. Instead of killing the bird, he turned it loose, first strapping a small bell around its neck.

A few weeks ago it again made its appearance. The bird is a large one and is probably old. It seems probable, and indeed is possible, that the eagle referred to in the Douglas paper is none other than the one which was "belled" by the Sulphur Springs valley ranchman, and that the bird has been migrating backward and forward between northern and southern Arizona.

AUSTRIANS AND HUNGARIANS PROTEST

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Arrivals from Jerome yesterday stated that last Sunday afternoon the Austrians and Hungarians in that place held a meeting and adopted a protest against the enforcement of the eighty per cent law passed in Arizona at the election.

It has already developed that Governor Hunt personally favors the enforcement of the law. And it has been stated in dispatches from Washington that Secretary Bryan has referred the matter to the attorney general of the United States for his opinion, upon which is proposed to base whatever action may be taken.

Many lawyers seem to think the law will not hold water. It is feared that if it is placed in operation in this state it will result in the closing down of many mines and mills where foreigners are employed in positions which Americans will not fill.

PROBLEM SOLVED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A committee of three women from the Political Union left for Washington to present Bryan with a constructive plan to prevent war.

RETURN IS NOT ADEQUATE FOR TAXES PAID

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The paper read by Tom Campbell state tax commissioner-elect, at the open night meeting of the Yavapai club, was the subject of much comment after the meeting, in that it dealt with phases of the subject which are new to many people.

Open house at the club on this occasion was of particular interest, not only because of the address of Mr. Campbell, but because of the special music rendered by the colored quartette and the large attendance at the meeting.

Campbell's Paper.

The text of the paper of the evening was as follows:

Gentlemen: I consider it an honor as well as privilege to be delegated by one of your number to appear before you tonight to discuss more or less informally such questions of moment as will be pertinent to the occasion and of general communal interest.

The power of taxation is the most arbitrary power vested in a sovereign state. This power is sustained by the right of eminent domain. All private property is owned subject to the demands of the state and title to private property can be retained only by satisfying the demands of the state.

These safeguards are not concrete standards, and while the former safeguard is rarely used to the detriment of the private owner as compared to the good obtained by the greater number, the latter is and has been so often abused, and I believe is in our present state at this time, that my further remarks will be, in a general way, pertinent to the latter subject.

Taxes are the enforced proportional contributions from persons and property, levied by the state by virtue of its sovereignty for the support of government and for all public needs.

The state demands them from the subjects of taxation within its jurisdiction that it may be enabled to perform its manifold functions; the citizen pays them in order that he may be secured in the enjoyment of the benefits of organized society.

This is the whole "meat in the coconut." Are the people of Arizona, the taxpayers, both direct and indirect, by the latter I refer to those who pay no taxes direct to the city, county or state but indirectly through the shifting of the tax to the consumer, being fully compensated by the state in proportion to the "enforced contributions" therefrom? It is not my purpose to burden this paper with statistics, but let everyone for himself or herself who contributes to the support of the state make answer. The question briefly put is: Are you getting a 100 cents worth of value in your schools, highways, state institutions, courts, etc., and is your property, increasing in value proportionate to the increase of your taxes. If you are, then you have no complaint to offer; if on the other hand, and judging from the numerous

complaints that have come to my attention during the past few weeks, you are not, in your own opinion obtaining "value received," you have a "kick coming" and the time is now opportune to register the same to those state senators and state representatives, who through your selection have been vested with the power to correct through remedial legislation some, if not all of the causes of your tax burdens, beyond what you honestly and fairly believe to be your "enforced proportion."

At this point allow me the privilege to step out of this discussion and make a very personal statement, in effect: I believe Yavapai county has been very fortunate in the selection of its various legislative members to the second state legislature and will welcome such ideas and suggestions as may be imparted to them by you men, both as individuals and as a part of the community, whereby they may better and more intelligently represent you as constituents, taxpayers and citizens of the state, to the end that a better and more economical administration may be had in both local and state branches of government.

Theories can be proven correct by the records of experience only. Facts stop arguments. Did you ever make an attempt to ascertain from the numerous records and pamphlets published almost daily of the public expenditures of money by city, county and state and reach any definite conclusion as to the exact amount which might have been expended for any particular improve-

ment, and if so, the details entering into and making the whole; if not try it sometime when time is heavy upon your hands, and I feel you will concur with me that Arizona needs to know first where her public moneys are being expended and how, before she may be able to economize in the cost of local and state government, say in such minor matters as will have but little effect upon our present tax burdens.

Inasmuch as the legislature is responsible for the enactment of all measures for good or for evil, for extravagance or economy, within the constitutional provisions, save of course the administration of laws by individuals, unfortunately ability cannot be legislated, allow me to conclude with my definition of a legislator: A true legislator is one who, clearly, seeing the public good, seeks to take but one step at a time in that direction. Never be disturbed by the rate of progress, but concerned that every step taken is right. Let him not fear to act with the minority when it is right, nor hesitate to act with the majority in every case when the tendency of action is right. Civilization is a growth, not a creation.

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FORTUNE TELLERS ARE FORBIDDEN TO PRACTICE

LUBECK, Germany, Dec. 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Fortune tellers now are forbidden to practice in any part of the German Empire. Soon after the war broke out, they began to do an enormous business with relatives of soldiers in the field, who wanted to know how things were going with them. Visits to the fortune tellers often had tragic consequences, as many of the callers were in a high state of nervous tension.

STOCK GROWERS TO MEET AT DOUGLAS

(From Thursday's Daily.) Arrangements have been made for a great time by the cattle men of Arizona at the annual meeting of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association, which meets this year at Douglas on January 4th, and remains in session three days.

BRINGING BACK MEMORIES OF LONG AGO

(From Thursday's Daily.) F. P. Cruice, assistant freight and passenger agent of the S. F. P. & P. in this city, left for Alaska, New Mexico yesterday on a very interesting mission, that of exploring the prehistoric village of Acoma, situated near the Enchanted Mesa.

ANOTHER SHIPMENT FROM THE EUREKA

(From Thursday's Daily.) The Eureka mine, near Walker, under operation by Stucky Brothers, made a special shipment to R. H. Hetherington in this city yesterday of a fifteen-ton batch of gold ore that will go to Hayden smelters later.

YAVAPAI COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION RETURNS, NOV. 3, 1914—AMENDMENTS

Table with columns for Proposed by Initiative Petition, Referendum Ordered by Petition of the People, and Proposed by Initiative Petition of the People. Rows list precincts and various amendments (100-327) with corresponding vote counts.

We, the undersigned, the Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County, Arizona, sitting as a Board of Canvassers, hereby

certify that the foregoing is a true, correct, and complete tabulation of the returns of the General Election, held in the County of

Yavapai, State of Arizona, on November 3rd, showing the vote For and Against each proposition submitted to the People at said election.

WM. STEPHENS, Chairman; H. W. HEAP, Member; ALONO MASON, Member; Attest: R. T. BELCHER, Clerk.