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May Abolish Mounted Police

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 9.—The first gun in the fight to abolish the mounted police of the state was fired on Thursday afternoon in the senate by Senator H. L. Kerr, who introduced a bill to repeal the act under which that body was organized. The bill is only about three lines in length, but it contains more concentrated dynamite than any other law that has been proposed during the present session of the legislature. It is practically agreed that the bill will pass the senate, unless the strenuous efforts that are being made by the members of the force and their friends should bear some unexpected fruit; and there is also a strong probability that party lines in the house will be disregarded when the bill reaches that body, as it is an open secret that the free stock interests of the state are almost unanimously opposed to the further existence of the organization, and this opposition is certain to make itself felt when the bill comes up for passage.

It is maintained by those who favor the abolition of the mounted police that the organization has gone to seed and has signally failed to perform the duties for which it was formed. Instead of spending their time on the range, protecting the interests of the cattlemen, as was intended when the mounted police were organized, the members of the body are to be found more often than not in the towns of the state, where they spend their time chasing petty offenders and absorbing the duties of the regularly elected peace officers of the different cities and towns of the state, and causing friction among the officers whose duty it is to preserve the peace of such cities and towns.

Another aspect of the fight for the abolition of the mounted police is expected to develop on Monday, February 10th, when a meeting of the Sheriffs and Peace Officers association will be held, at which the principal subject to come up for discussion will be the continued existence or otherwise of the mounted police. It is stated that the peace officers of New Mexico are practically a unit in demanding the abolition of the organization and they will come to Santa Fe prepared to exert their influence to the utmost for the accomplishment of this purpose.

Apollonio Sena, the recently appointed captain of the mounted police, has been as busy as a bird dog in his efforts to line up his friends against the bill, but with very little promise of success so far.

In case the mounted police are disbanded the preservation of peace on the ranges and the prevention of depredations by stock thieves will be left in the hands of the mounted inspectors of the Cattle Sanitary Board, an organization which even now contributes materially to the maintenance of the mounted police, and which is said to prefer the appointment of its own inspectors for the protection of its members.

Al C. Thomas came to this week from Albuquerque and is registered at the Gurney House. Mr. Thomas is secretary and principal owner of the Consolidated Iron and Steel company. His company owns some very valuable iron deposits in the Oscura mountains.

To Become a Bride

From the Rio Grande Republic, Las Cruces, on the date of the 7th, we take an item that will be of interest to many of our readers. It relates to the coming marriage of one of our Lincoln county girls who, with her mother and sister, is at State College. During vacation the family live on the ranch north of Carrizozo. Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rentfrow, the parents, are among our best known people. Their daughter, who is soon to become a bride, is a charming and accomplished young lady and has a wide circle of friends in this county to wish her great happiness. We quote from the Republic as follows:

Miss Dottie Rentfrow has been the guest of honor at a number of lovely parties the past week, which have taken the form of pre-nuptial showers, looking forward to her marriage early this month to Captain Shaler Ladd of the Marine Corps.

Miss Alice Stewart was the charming hostess at a miscellaneous shower for Miss Rentfrow. The home was lovely with its decorations of cut flowers, the color scheme of red and white being carried out in every detail. From the red carnations that centered the table and the shaded candles at the three-course luncheon. Interesting games and contests formed the entertainment.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Duncan Mathewson entertained at another shower, the bride-to-be being the recipient of many lovely gifts. The living room was decorated in pink, the flowers being pink carnations. Delicious refreshments of pineapple sherbet and cake were served.

Again, on Saturday, Miss Rentfrow was honored, when two of her former classmates at State College, Misses Corrine Woodson and Margaret Byvans, entertained at a china shower. The Byvans home was pretty in its patriotic decorations of the national colors and flags of the Allies—the colors being skillfully used also in the refreshments of ice cream and cake. Besides merry games and contests, a part of the afternoon was spent in the hemming of dust cloths and making of hot dish holders for the house. The friends who were bidden on these several occasions included: Mrs. Rentfrow, Misses Era and Dottie Rentfrow, Anna Berrier, Mae McIntosh, Margaret Byvans, Corrine Woodson, Ada Latham, Dorothy Robbins, Esther Stuart, Alice Stuart, Joyce Rea, Bessie Ledford, Ruth Boan, Helen Williams, Eleanor Price, Olive Dutton, Gertrude, Margaret and Avis Turner, Inez Bavers, Barbara and Ann Howarth, Florence and Anne Quensberry, Gertrude Seagins, Mary Hagarty, and Mesdames W. E. Gillespie, Charles Vesper, Lee Woodson, Richard Byvans, S. P. Stewart, J. H. Stevenson, Duncan Mathewson, Rupert Stewart and Josephine Latham Langham.

Captain Ladd, who is well known in this community, is the third son of Dr. and Mrs. George E. Ladd, former president of State College, and whose harrowing experiences as an officer of Marines in their work against the Germans has been closely followed by friends here, will arrive this week to claim his bride—the love of his college days here. Miss Rentfrow, who is also a graduate of State College, has made this her home for the past ten years, endeavoring herself to all by her gracious manners, her thorough goodness and sweet sincerity. A host of friends wish them bon-

Would Check the Bond Swindlers

There follows statement by Secretary Glass on a matter which is fast assuming the proportions of a public scandal.

"My attention has been directed to the activities of unscrupulous persons who have been operating extensively throughout the country and who are swindling the owners of Liberty Bonds at prices far below their actual worth.

"These swindlers get the attention of Liberty Bond owners by publishing advertisements calculated to make the unsuspecting bond owners believe that the highest market price can be secured for his bonds through the agency of the advertiser. Such is a ruse, if ever, a ruse. Records of transactions of this character, brought to the attention of the department of justice and the treasury department, prove conclusively that these swindlers take every advantage of bond owners who are forced into their clutches by paying the lowest possible price which the owner will accept—and generally far below the actual value of the bonds.

"Owners of Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps should in no circumstances part with these securities unless necessity compels, and then they should deal only with reliable banks, trust companies, banking institutions and others whose reputation for integrity is beyond question.

"The treasury department will welcome information concerning the operations of these swindlers in any part of the country.

CARTER GLASS,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Zumwalt -- De Armon

One of the prettiest and most interesting events of the season took place at the Providence Nazarene church Sunday morning, January 19, at 11 o'clock. In the presence of about half a hundred witnesses. This occasion was made memorable by the marriage of Miss Dottie De Armon to Mr. Clifton Zumwalt, both of the Mesa.

The bride, who wore a beautiful gown of blue serge, was attended by Miss Chole Zumwalt, the groom's attendant being Mr. Gilbert Peters.

As the organ pealed out the wedding march the bridal party entered the church over branches of evergreens strewn along the way by Irene Zumwalt and Marion Skinner—two little flower girls. At the altar the beautiful marriage ritual of the Nazarene church was solemnized by Rev. W. H. Phillips, of Artesia, N. M.

Immediately after the ceremony they, with the guests, in autos, wended their way to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. De Armon, where a sumptuous dinner was served.

The bride was the recipient of many gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Zumwalt will be at home to their friends after February 1st.

Percy Buchanan returned Sunday night from Kelly Field, San Antonio, having received his discharge from the military service.

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voyage. The Washington Times of January 17 had a picture of Capt. Shaler Ladd on its first page, as a recent arrival from overseas. His promotion to a captaincy followed his recovery from wounds received in the battle of Chateau Thierry.

Cattle and Horse Growers At Albuquerque in March

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 11.—The fourth annual convention of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' association, to be held in Albuquerque, March 25, 26 and 27, will disclose in annual reports of officers and executive committee one of the most remarkable records of growth in the whole history of such organizations in the west. Organized in 1913, this association boasted a charter membership of 17 men, owning about 16,000 cattle. The organizers realized that New Mexico cattlemen faced their own peculiar problems, differing from those of cattle growers in other states, and that a New Mexico organization had become essential, one devoting its whole time and effort to New Mexico problems of the industry. They went to work on that basis and have made the association, within a period of four years, one of the strongest and most effective in the nation.

The Albuquerque convention will show the association at the end of its fourth year with a membership of 500, owning more than 400,000 head of cattle, about 50 per cent of all the cattle now on the range in New Mexico. The association is now working toward a membership mark of 1,000 men. Officers say they have good chances of reaching that number in another two years.

There is a balance of around \$6,000 in the association treasury. That remains after various efforts which have required time, hard work and money, but which have produced notable results for the cattle industry throughout the state. The officers and executive committee hold frequent meetings and serve without pay. They form a working organization which is always on the job when the interests of the cattle industry are at stake. The program of the coming convention will deal with all phases of present problems before the industry. An effort is being made to bring out a record breaking attendance.

Funston-Bliss Highway

The action of the New Mexico legislature one day shows quite clearly that the advocates of the Camp Funston-Fort Bliss Military Highway have been busy. Both houses passed a joint memorial asking congress to create a Camp Funston-Fort Bliss Military Highway.

Now, of course, a joint memorial by the New Mexico legislature does not build a road any more than one swallow brings spring, but it's a starter, all will admit. The proposed highway not only now has every county in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, through which projected, behind it, but has the endorsement of the State of New Mexico as well. No doubt other states through which the proposed road is to run will take similar action, for its construction means as much to those states as it does to ours.

Should the government create this as a national highway the act would almost surely carry an appropriation, which would mean one of the best roads in America. This is all the more likely because of the enlarged road building program proposed by the government, and the additional incentive on the part of the government, in which the people give hearty support, to inaugurate a system of public improvements that will give employment to labor.

Chaplain Lederle Dies

The death of Chaplain Francis Lederle at Fort Stanton Sunday came as a shock to his many friends here and throughout this section. Like many of his profession he practically died in the harness, giving his time and energy to suffering humanity. Notwithstanding the fact that he was himself suffering from tuberculosis, his was the presence at every sick bedside in the sanatorium until, exhausted by his labors and weakened by disease, he was confined to his bed; and suffering an attack of pneumonia, was an easy victim to its ravages.

Fr. Lederle was a graduate of a Catholic seminary in Denver, went to El Paso in 1915, and the following year was ordained to the priesthood and became secretary to Bishop Schuler. Following this he became rector of St. Joseph's and was later transferred to Fort Stanton, relieving Fr. Prand, with the hope of benefiting his health. Unfortunately, the recent epidemic of influenza at the sanatorium demanded almost continual service from him, and he gave freely—more freely than his weakened condition justified—and almost to the end he labored with the sick and suffering, heedless of results to himself.

Fr. Lederle possessed a sunny disposition, had a smile and a word of cheer for everyone, and was loved by all who knew him. His untimely death—he was in his thirty-fifth year—causes sorrow to all, be he Catholic, Protestant or Jew; for in his ministrations he knew no creed or degree, but served humanity for humanity's sake. And the best monument to this open-hearted, liberal-minded and God-fearing priest lives in the hearts of those among whom he labored and in whose service he died.

Two nephews reached his bedside ere death had closed those eyes that sparkled with delight at every greeting and stilled a tongue that had always spoken words of comfort and cheer. These two sorrowing relatives this week accompanied the remains to New York, where interment will take place.

Another Loan Necessary

A rumor has reached the national treasury that a mistake has been made by the authorities, \$15,000,000,000 to \$17,000,000,000 having been returned to the treasury as a result of the armistice, and that therefore another Liberty Loan is unnecessary. The rumor is absolutely unfounded. I suppose it has its origin in a failure to understand the discussion of the proposed repeal by congress of \$15,000,000,000 of appropriations and authorizations. This does not mean a return of money to the treasury, but a cancellation of authority heretofore given by congress to expend money in the future.

As a matter of fact, the whole proceeds of the fourth Liberty Loan and of all previous loans had, at the time the armistice was signed, been expended or anticipated by treasury certificates of indebtedness issued during the summer and early fall to finance the current requirements of the government and at that time outstanding and unpaid.

F. P. CLAYTON,
Publicity Bureau.

Just received, Wyeo Non-skid and Wyeo ribbed tires, and tubes Tires guaranteed 4,000 miles—most miles for the money. N. B. Taylor and Sons. 1-17 tl

Would Continue Council Of Defense System

Washington, January 30, 1919. Editor The News, Carrizozo, N. M. Dear Sir:

You are of course thoroughly familiar with the organization of the council of defense system throughout the country. Under the Council of National Defense in Washington, consisting of the secretaries of war, navy, interior, agriculture, commerce, and labor, and with Grovesvenor B. Clarkson as director, there has been built up under the governors of the forty-eight states a complete defense system now consisting, in addition to the state organization, of 4,000 counties, 16,000 women's divisions, and some 164,000 community and municipal units. This great field machinery has represented the people of the United States in Washington and has carried through to the smallest community the problems and measures of the national government during the war.

It had not originally been the intention to continue the state council of defense system beyond the date of the signing of the armistice. However, we find many problems that now require careful handling—problems in which the cooperation of the people throughout the United States is not only desirable but absolutely necessary. There is the problem of Americanization, the problem of unemployment, the transference of the \$37,000,000,000 of war risk insurance outstanding from a war to a peace basis in short it is no less imperative to meet the problems of readjustment than it was to prepare for war.

For that reason Mr. Clarkson, director of the council, at the personal request of the secretary of war, chairman of the council, has agreed to continue in office and has written the states suggesting that a special non-partisan, non-sectarian bureau or commission be established in each state which will draw from the council of defense system already created those dividends for peace which the war effort of the nation has created it to receive.

I should be very glad to receive from you any suggestions as to the methods by which the best possible results could be obtained in your own district. These suggestions will of course be tabulated and laid before the council.

Yours sincerely,

D. M. REYNOLDS,
Assistant to the Director.

Blue Law Legislation

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 11.—Determined that the unsuspecting public shall have protection against spurious stocks and bonds which are being constantly floated on the market in New Mexico, and which are fleecing the people out of millions of dollars each year, Democratic members of the legislature in conference this week have designed the support of legislation which in sister states is commonly known as the "Blue Sky Law." Such a restraint of illegitimate stock selling schemes, it is stated, has long been needed in New Mexico. The absence of such a law has made the state a mecca for sharks who promote all kinds of spurious commercial schemes. The proposed law will, however, be constructed so as to be no retardant to legitimate promotions such as mining propositions that have been sanctioned.

Cars washed at Western Garage.