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HON. W. E. MARTIN

Writes a Strong Letter to the New Mexican on the Subject of Statehood

SUPPORTS JOINT STATEHOOD

And Gives Good Reasons Why He Waives His Strong Choice for Single Statehood

The following is taken from a recent letter by Hon. W. E. Martin to the Santa Fe New Mexican:

A great majority of the people of New Mexico, as is well known, have been many years in favor of single statehood. We have the population, we have the resources, and these backed and supported by the rights that were many years ago guaranteed to us by the different treaties entitled us to single statehood. However, notwithstanding the pledges that I claim have been broken, with reference to extension of citizenship which was guaranteed the people of New Mexico; notwithstanding the loyalty which has been displayed by the native sons of our soil, when in less than ten years after this country became a part of the United States they joined the volunteers, shouldered their muskets and shed their life's blood on New Mexican soil to manifest their loyalty to the Stars and Stripes—after all this, I say, the native sons of New Mexico are still ready to abide by the edicts and mandates of President Roosevelt and the great Republican party to the extent of standing by the policy which in their wisdom has been ordained.

WERE NOT AIDED AS OTHER TERRITORIES.

While I do not believe that we have been justly dealt with by the United States government, since the time that New Mexico was taken as a part of the United States because it is a well known fact that the government of the United States has not helped the people of New Mexico in the way of education as it has in the last ten years the people of Porto Rico, Cuba, and the Philippines while the provision in the present bill of five million dollars for school purposes is considered largely by our people practically as a bribe to secure our votes in favor of the jointure proposition I can see but one alternative, that is, to accept it. And I call upon every native son of New Mexico to walk to the polls in solid phalanx and cast his vote in favor of it. The educational feature for the natives of New Mexico is the one of all others that should be taken heartily into consideration. Nature has endowed the natives of New Mexico with as many talents as it has those of their brethren—the Americans, so-called. All that is needed for the native to make his mark is to have a fair show, an even break and a "square deal." Let the natives of New Mexico have an even show with their brethren, the Anglo-Saxon, and I am not afraid but that he will be able to hold his own, not only in business circles, but in the management of state affairs. Let every native believe that the time has come when he must either join the educational van, study, and fit himself to battle with the different vicissitudes of life as will every day meet him, or run the risk of remaining uneducated, and either be compelled to leave the land of his birth or simply remain satisfied in being the common hireling, or woodchopper of his better educated brethren.

NEW MEXICO IS ENTITLED TO STATEHOOD.

New Mexico is entitled to statehood, not only entitled to joint statehood but we are entitled to single statehood. Every man in New Mexico should vote for joint statehood, irrespective of what Arizona will do. Let us show the President of the United States, let us show to the Congress of the United States, let us show to our present delegate in Congress, W. H. Andrews, who

will be our next delegate, if we have one, that we have stood by the policy that they, as our leaders, and who represent the advanced thought of a nation's policy as it should be; let us do our duty, let us furl up a big majority, let us show by our suffrages that we want the people of New Mexico better educated; let us show that we have complied with their edict to the letter, whether Arizona does or does not. Now, then certainly I will not believe that the Congress of the United States, composed, as it is, of the broad-minded and brainy men of our nation, backed by a man who has endeared himself to the hearts of all of us and who is willing to give us a "square deal," will turn us down. If we do our duty, we can then present our claims to Congress and demand our admission as a single state, for surely our Congress is too great to say just simply because Arizona does not wish to become a part of New Mexico or come in with us, that the people of New Mexico, who are far greater in number, and who are willing to come in, should be rejected.

Let me say to the people of Arizona, those whose greater objections to coming in with New Mexico seems to be that the new state will be controlled by the natives, commonly called Mexicans, they need not have any fear from that source. Natives of New Mexico will rise in their might, they will do justice in the future, as is a well known fact they have done in the past.

RACE PREJUDICE DOES NOT FIGURE

In 1873 the natives of New Mexico were in the majority, they nominated the now well known and esteemed Senator of the United States from West Virginia, S. B. Elkins, and elected him, when he was practically unknown throughout the Territory at the time. And since that time, the natives of New Mexico instead of showing the race prejudice which has been attributed to them, have on every hand, that I have known, thrown their weight and prestige to support the Anglo-Saxon when it was deserved. S. B. Elkins and others, whom I could mention, would perhaps never have been heard of, had it not been for the native people. So the people of Arizona need not have any fear on that score. So far as I am individually concerned, I want to say right here that I am willing to take my chances whether New Mexico remains as a territory, whether we are merged in a joint state, or whether we finally become a single state. It is a foregone conclusion that Oklahoma and Indian Territory will be admitted—and further that they will elect two Democratic senators, it is further my firm belief that should Arizona refuse to adopt a merger with New Mexico, and New Mexico votes for it, that we will finally be admitted to single statehood. This is from the political standpoint of view. It seems but reasonable to believe that when the party in power sees that two Democratic senators are elected from Oklahoma and Indian Territory, they will probably want two Republicans to offset those Senators.

The only place to get them will be in New Mexico
Yours for Joint Statehood,
W. E. MARTIN.

W. D. Newcomb, who recently resigned his position as chief clerk at the territorial penitentiary, is in the city as a guest in the home of his sister, Mrs. W. E. Martin. Mr. Newcomb brought to the city a couple of well known horses, one, "Billy" the driving horse formerly used by Mrs. Martin and once owned by Adolph Laffont, and the pedigree horse, Johnny Wilkes, whose record is 2:24 on the tracks at Kansas City, and is the property of Hon. W. E. Martin; also a half breed Shetland pony belonging to little Miss Clara Bursum.

J. A. Macdonald of the Macdonald company of Kelly was a business caller in the city Monday. The new company is erecting a business building in Kelly and will be ready to begin operations there in the near future.

Fresh vegetables at Winkler's.

EARTHQUAKES AGAIN

Socorro Experiences the Severest Shocks in Half a Century

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 12th.

Buildings Rock like Ships in the Storm, Walls Crack, Chimneys and Plastering Fall, Shelf Goods and Bric-a-brac Hurled to Floor.

A new record for earthquakes has been established at Socorro. For ten days immediately preceding Thursday of this week slight shocks had been felt at frequent intervals and the inhabitants of the city had given them but little heed. But at ten minutes past five o'clock Thursday morning a loud and ominous subterranean rumbling was immediately followed by a wave-like movement of the ground that caused the buildings of the city to rock like ships in a storm and the frightened inhabitants to rush into the yards and streets for safety. Walls were cracked, chimneys and plastering fell, shelf goods, book cases, dishes, bric-a-brac were hurled to the floor. The commotion was at its height for only a few seconds, but that was an abundance of time for not only human beings but also for dumb brutes to become thoroughly terrified. A second shock nearly as severe as the first shook the city an hour later. From that time until yesterday morning light shocks were felt at intervals of about an hour. Many of the city's inhabitants did not dare remain in their houses any length of time Thursday and many of them have slept out of doors since. Luckily nobody was hurt through the property loss was considerable.

Abrahan Abeyta's two story brick residence on Eaton avenue was one of the buildings of the city most severely damaged. The walls were so badly cracked and thrown out of plumb that Mr. Abeyta and family abandoned it at once. One of the walls of the Kiehne cottage in the same neighborhood was so badly damaged that the occupants of the building, Prof. O. R. Smith and family, betook themselves to a tent. Hundreds of pounds of plastering fell from the ceilings of the court house and the partition walls were slightly cracked. The chimneys on the Cortes residence were partly thrown down and the interior of the house considerably damaged. The gable of an adobe wall of R. J. Terry's residence in the south part of the city fell in, ruining a set of fine furniture, recently purchased by Miss Madge Terry. The walls of the old Chavez residence a little back from California street were so badly cracked that the house, now

owned by W. H. Byerts and occupied by the family of Chas. Sperling, had to be abandoned for repairs. Doctor C. G. Duncan's office was badly wracked and considerable repairs will be necessary. W. Homer Hill recently completed some expensive improvements on his residence, but it is probable that the west wall will have to be rebuilt. The entire brick business block extending from the plaza along the north side of Manzanera avenue was greatly damaged. The Socorro Drug and Supply company suffered considerable loss from goods being thrown from the shelves and damaged. J. J. Leeson suffered a similar loss in crockery and glassware. In the front of the A. C. Abeytia and Garcia building on the opposite side of the street two or three large panes of glass were broken, and on the west side a part of an adobe gable fell out. On F. G. Bartlett's residence, on the Santa Fe station, on the jail, and on several other buildings, chimneys were wholly or partly demolished. These are only a part of the visible marks of Thursday morning's earthquake. In fact, a great majority of the buildings of the city give some indication of the severe shaking and wrenching they received. The disturbance was the severest of its kind that has been experienced at Socorro in forty years at least and was such a one as nobody would care to experience a second time.

The extent of the disturbance was greater than those usually occurring in this region. Magdalena, Kelly, San Antonio, Carthage, San Marcial, Silver City, and towns as far north as Albuquerque were more or less severely shaken. On making his regular morning trip to Magdalena, Conductor P. J. Savage found every cut on the railroad between Socorro and Water Cañon more or less obstructed with loose rocks that had been shaken down. It is reported that one rock weighing no less than ten tons had to be moved before the train could pass, also that a good many ties were broken. From all reports, however, it appears that Socorro has the unenviable distinction of having gotten rather a worse shaking up than any of her neighbors. She is quite willing that the distinction be disregarded.

Mrs. L. N. Barnes is in receipt of the sad news of the death of her father, J. M. Kincaid, which occurred at the Soldiers Home at Los Angeles on July 1. A very sad feature of the case is that Mrs. Barnes was not aware of her father's demise until he had been buried some six or seven days, and was then advised of the same by the postoffice department through the return of a photograph sent to her father some weeks since. Mr. Kincaid was quite well known in Socorro, having visited his daughter here as late as last winter.

The management of the 26th Territorial Fair which will be held in Albuquerque September 17th to 22nd inclusive, are making a special effort to have all parts of the Territory exhibit the products of New Mexico. Previous fairs did not attempt to do this to any extent, but the coming one will have an exhibition hall that will compare favorably with many of the eastern state fairs.

Oats, oats, oats for sale at Geo. E. Cook's livery stable.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Regular Meeting Monday Evening Proved to be a Very Important One.

The city board of education held an important meeting Monday evening, Chairman John E. Griffith presiding.

The board's financial condition was found to be very satisfactory. There is now \$1,900 in the city's school fund, partly due to the fact that saloon and gambling licenses have been quite generally paid. It was agreed to make a 5-mills levy for school purposes for the ensuing year. It was also agreed to pay Prof. R. W. Twining five dollars a month extra for acting as superintendent of the city schools.

On the recommendation of the committee on teachers, the grades to be taught were assigned to teachers as follows: To Prof. Twining, the eighth and ninth grades and a part of the seventh; to Miss James, the fifth and sixth grades and a part of the seventh; to Mr. Chavez, the second, third, and fourth grades; to Miss Harris, the first grade. The foregoing was the assignment for the first ward building. At the second ward building Sister Regis will teach the second, third and fourth grades, and Sister Malachi will teach the first grade. Each will occupy a lower room in the building. At the first ward building Professor Twining and Miss James will use the rooms on the second floor and Mr. Chavez and Miss Harris the rooms on the first floor. The assignment of pupils to the four lower grades is left entirely to the principal. It will be noticed that the ninth grade has been added to those taught in the city schools last year, which is an important step in the right direction.

On motion of P. J. Savage, Conrado A. Baca was elected clerk of the board. Mr. Baca served the board very satisfactorily in the same capacity last year and has been holding over for some time on account of the board's failure to elect his successor.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Griffith, Abeytia, Stackpole, and Hilton was instructed to examine the first ward school building and report upon the repairs necessary to put it into first-class condition. The building committee was asked to report upon the advisability of placing a bell in the tower of the high school building.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS INSTALL.

Their Newly Elected Officers for the Ensuing Six Months

Rio Grande Lodge No. 3, K. of P., conducted regular semi-annual installation ceremonies at the lodge rooms in this city Wednesday evening. Officers were installed as follows:

Julius Campredon, Chancellor; J. A. Smiley, Vice-Chancellor; J. J. Leeson, Prelate; A. Mayer, Master of Work; Sam'l C. Meek, Keeper of Record and Seal; M. Loewenstein, Master of Exchequer; H. Boutwell, Master of Finance; F. Fischer, Master at Arms; A. Winkler, Inner Guard; Jos. Wolf, Outer Guard.

A. Mayer and B. Ruppe were elected representatives to the grand lodge, which holds its regular annual session in Albuquerque September 19th and 20th. At the conclusion of the evening's business Julius Campredon treated the members present to appetizing refreshments.

C. H. Elmendorf, general manager for the Socorro Company south of San Antonio, drove up to the city on business yesterday. Mr. Elmendorf said that a gentleman from Kentucky who came out to visit him the first of the week, expressed great interest in the earthquakes here of which he had recently heard. After Thursday morning's shake the gentleman from Kentucky said that he had had quite enough, in fact that his interest in that particular style of phenomenon had quite ceased.

Hon. W. E. Martin, the efficient and popular clerk of the third judicial district, returned Wednesday morning from a week's visit in Santa Fe.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS

And Takes Important Action in Regard to Financial Feature of the Water Service

PRICES FOR USE OF WATER

Raised in Many Instances for the Purpose of Making the System Self Supporting

The city council held an important special meeting in the council rooms Tuesday morning, Mayor Bursum presiding.

The meeting was called for the purpose of taking such action as might be found necessary both to improve the city's water system and also to make that system self-supporting. To accomplish that purpose, raises were made in water rates as follows: Santa Fe Railroad company, to \$600 a year; court house, to \$300 a year; School of Mines, to \$300 a year; Illinois Brewing company, to \$70 a year; Crown Mill company, to \$60 a year; Geo. E. Cook's livery stable, to \$3.50 a month; lawns, to 35 cents for each 25 feet front. It was hoped that with these and some minor raises that were made the city's revenue from this source would be enough to provide for the proper maintenance of the water system. To pay the annual interest of \$1,800 on the city's water bonds the tax levy was fixed at 8 mills. Also, the levy for current expenses was fixed at 2 mills and that for school purposes at 5 mills.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, The Socorro Hose Company No. 1 is a volunteer fire company, self sustaining, and the members of which serve without pay; and

Whereas, Said fire company renders valuable service for the benefit of city property, and the mayor and city council being desirous of rendering every possible assistance to such volunteer fire company, to further the efficiency of said organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the mayor and city council that the water master of the city of Socorro is hereby instructed to test all fire plugs at least once a month, and that such water master whenever it may be convenient to make such test shall give two days notice to the foreman of the Socorro Hose Company No. 1, inviting said foreman as the representative of said volunteer fire company, to participate in making such test of said fire plugs. Be it further

Resolved, That during the existence of a fire and until such fire shall have been extinguished the said Socorro Hose Company No. 1 shall have complete control of any and all fire plugs necessary for the extinguishment of such fire. Be it further

Resolved, That it is hereby made the duty of each and every user of water in the city of Socorro that whenever the fire alarm shall have been sounded, to at once shut off all hydrants upon his or their premises, and such hydrants shall remain shut off until such fire is extinguished. Be it further

Resolved, That whenever the fire alarm shall have been sounded, it is hereby made the duty of the water master to at once ascertain the location of such fire and he shall thereupon immediately proceed to shut off such valves of the various water circuits, laterals, or mains as will furnish the fullest possible supply for the use of the Hose Company at such point where the fire may occur; and if for any reason such water master should be absent, or fail in any way to shut off such valves necessary in order to furnish the fullest possible supply of water for the use of such Hose Company at any fire, then and in that case, the foreman of such Hose Company, or any member thereof under his direction, is hereby authorized to shut off such valves during any such fire in order to furnish an adequate water supply, and whenever such fire shall have been extinguished, such valves shall be immediately re-opened.