

DEMOCRATS CAN'T WIN NEW MEX. ELECTION, SAYS MEMBER OF PARTY

Pessimistic Utterances of Albuquerque Democrat, Who Thinks Republicans Will Win Unless Secondino Romero is Nominated For Governor; Has a Chance, But Only a Bare One, Asserts This Man.

By GUTHRIE SMITH.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 18.—"Any ticket that may be nominated by the Democrats in New Mexico will go down in defeat this year. The one bare exception is in the event that Secondino Romero is nominated for governor."

By heavy odds the most sweeping prophecy of defeat that I have heard on this swing through the state of New Mexico. The strongest part of the prophecy is that it was not made by a Republican, but by a Democratic worker, one of the best informed and most effective workers in the state. He is now supporting the Democratic party, and will continue to do so until the votes are counted, but declares he cannot foresee any possibility of success for the party.

This stands out in striking contrast to the belief expressed by state senator Isaac Barth, who is expected by many to be the standard bearer of the Democratic party. He said Saturday evening that he thought this would be a good year for the Democrats. Friends of Barth have said that he believes this will be a good year for the Democrats, and that it is for this reason that he is willing to accept the nomination. It has been pointed out that he is too practical a man to desire to be nominated in a year when the likelihood of election is very slight. The pessimistic leader quoted above continued his dissertation as follows:

Pecos Valley Democrats Hopeless. "The feeling of utter hopelessness is the greatest and most widely prevalent in

the Pecos valley, which is the stronghold of Democracy in New Mexico. I have recently visited that district and talked with a large number of the Democratic leaders. Not a man in the valley, of state office caliber, is a candidate for office. Reports throughout the state have been that the Pecos valley would demand substantial reorganization of the convention.

"There was a time when this was true, but that time is passed. Hill, former president of the New Mexico Educational association, and frequently mentioned as a candidate for state superintendent of education, has changed his plans and sought the nomination for county superintendent of schools. Atkinson, thought to have a good chance for state treasurer, switched to county treasurer. It had been said that Judge Granville A. Richardson would be a candidate for governor or supreme court justice, but he will not be a candidate for any office.

"Spanish-Americans to Carry State. "The Spanish-Americans will nominate and elect a governor or a senator. Sixty-five per cent of the total vote of the state is Spanish-American. If I had the time, and you had the time, we could go through the record of the vote in the last few elections and prove this statement. I think that the Republican ticket will be headed as follows: Holm O. Bursum for governor; Frank A. High for senator; Hernandez for congress; Clarence J. Roberts for the supreme court; O. A. Larrazole for attorney general, if he is nominated for any office.

"Frank W. Clancy, now attorney general, will not be nominated for any office. He has felt there was some call for him to go to the senate and

McDONALD WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Expected To Be Nominee of New Mexico Democrats For Governor.

has been sounding out the sentiment, through letters and other inquiries. Chief justice Roberts did not care to make the race, but has been prevailed upon to do so. W. H. Murray, of Grant county, probably will be the candidate for treasurer. His nomination by the Republicans and the failure of the Democrats to nominate W. B. Walton, of the same county, for congress, will have a tendency to reduce greatly the Democratic majority in Grant county.

"In my judgment, governor W. C. McDonald is an active candidate, though his activity may not have been in the public eye. He will be the nominee of the party. The Democrats of the Pecos valley favor him for the nomination. As I read the signs, the Democratic ticket will be as follows: William C. McDonald for governor; Andrew A. Jones for the senate; E. C. delaca for congress; Judge N. B. Langhorne for the supreme court; W. B. Walton, endorsed by the Grant county convention for congress, can have the nomination for attorney general, if he wants it. I believe, but my opinion is that he will not be satisfied with anything less than the nomination for congress.

Romero May Stumpede Delegates.

"If an agreement is reached before the convention is called to order, Bursum will be the candidate for governor. If the matter is settled on the floor of the convention, then I would not be surprised to see Secondino Romero stamped that body and secure the nomination. There is little reason to fear that any hitch will occur in the plans to nominate Hill. The Anglo-Americans will let the congressman and senator be selected from the ranks of the Spanish-Americans, but would secure the nomination for governor with an Anglo-American. If Romero should secure the nomination for attorney general, the financial and business interests of the state would organize and raise a campaign fund large enough to

NO CHANCE FOR JONES IN SENATE

Belief That if Martinez Had Lived, He Would Have Been Elected.

control all the voters who are susceptible to such influence.

Cunningham Out of It. "The nomination of J. M. Cunningham, of Las Alamos, cannot be forced by the people who are trying to change matters to this end. The Spanish-American delegates might possibly be swung to Romero himself, but they never could be delivered to Cunningham. Bursum's hold is much too strong to be broken by any one other than Romero, and it is exceedingly doubtful that he could do the trick. Ralph C. Ely's chances of securing the nomination are exactly nil. He will have one delegation in the convention. That will be his home delegation from Luna county, and its vote will be complimentary.

No Chance for Jones.

"Nothing in politics in New Mexico could please and gratify me more than the election of A. A. Jones to the senate, but I do not think there is a chance for him to be elected. It would have been different, materially different, if Felix Martinez had lived. With his death there faded all possible hope of a Democratic victory. Martinez was the most powerful Democratic factor that New Mexico has had for many, many years. It was through his influence that the Democratic vote was so much increased in the counties of San Miguel, Mora and Taos, in somewhat less degree in Colfax and to some extent in Union. It was his influence in the last election which helped the Democratic forces so greatly in Doña Ana county."

TENNESSEE DEMOCRATS ARE STRONG FOR PRESIDENT WILSON

Nashville, Tenn., May 18.—The Democratic state convention will be in session today after re-nominating Gov. Rye and selecting four delegates at large to the national convention. The convention also endorses the administration of president Wilson and his foreign policy, commits the party to temperance and calls for the submission of a constitutional amendment granting woman suffrage.

GOES TO JAIL TO TRY TO CURE THE MORPHINE HABIT

"Here is a man who wants to go to jail to get off the morphine habit," said Dr. Irving McNeil, who has entered justice J. M. Deaver's office Wednesday afternoon in company with Frank Menter. A complaint was made out charging Menter with insanity and he was taken to the county jail. Menter told justice Deaver that he had been "doing time" for about two years. He had acquired the habit through taking the drug to relieve the pain of an exceedingly sore hand. The hand is still bandaged.

"Where have you been getting morphine?" was asked. "Oh, everywhere; mostly from peddlers," he replied.

NAVY'S RECRUITING MEN EXHIBITING QUICK FIRER

To stimulate recruiting for the navy, which has suffered since the recent mobilization of the state militia, a five-cylinder Maxim rapid fire gun has been mounted in San Jacinto plaza by officers of the naval recruiting station in the old First National bank building. According to the naval officers only 20 applications were received during the past week, of which six were accepted. The gun, although of an obsolete model, is capable of firing 150 shots per minute, and it has been the center of interest of tourists and El Pasoans during demonstrations by the officers.

FIRE WHISTLE IS DUMB; BELL TOLLS THE CURFEW

Owing to a slight accident at the electric power plant, the fire whistle is out of order and will not be in operation again until several necessary parts arrive from the factory. The parts were ordered Wednesday afternoon shortly after it was discovered that the whistle was out of order. As a result of the accident to the whistle, curfew did not blow Wednesday night, the customary nine o'clock bell going being the only warning to the youngsters to go home.

MEN FOUND WITH MORPHINE FINED ON VAGRANCY CHARGE

Faustino Armendariz, jr. and Jose Estrada, arrested Monday morning on charges of vagrancy, were assessed fines of \$15 and \$10 respectively in corporation court Wednesday afternoon by judge Paul Thomas. According to evidence brought up by city detectives and police officers who made the two arrests, Armendariz and Estrada had a quantity of morphine in their possession when taken into custody.

JUAN N. MEDINA TO BE TRIED THIS AFTERNOON

On recommendation of chief of police Tom Johnson, the trial of Juan N. Medina, former mayor of El Paso, who was arrested Tuesday night by city detectives, was postponed until this afternoon by judge Paul Thomas, of the corporation court. Medina, according to the story of city detective Brown, returned to El Paso some time ago, and had been "hiding out."

CAMP COTTON CLUB IS CLOSED BY INJUNCTION

The Camp Cotton Literary association, a club in Camp Cotton, was closed Wednesday afternoon by a temporary injunction granted by judge Dan M. Jackson, of the 24th district court, on the application of C. W. Troom, county attorney, in behalf of the state. In the petition for an injunction it was alleged that Hoyor is being sold at the club in violation of the state laws. Willis Hutton, manager, is made a defendant in the suit.

THINK FLOOD PREVENTION BILL WILL PASS SENATE

Washington, D. C., May 18.—Advocates of flood prevention legislation for the Mississippi and Sacramento rivers were hopeful today of early action by the senate on the bill which the house passed Wednesday night by an overwhelming vote. The measure would appropriate \$45,000,000 for the Mississippi and \$5,000,000 for the Sacramento.

CANAL ZONE OFFICERS TO DIRECT TRAINING CAMPS

New York, May 18.—Sixty officers attached to the garrisons in the Panama canal zone will have charge of the business men's training camp at Platt'sburg this year, it was announced here today.

12 PEOPLE ARE INJURED IN EARTHQUAKE

Rome, Italy, May 18.—An earthquake of moderate violence has occurred along the Adriatic coast between Rimini and Ancona. At the latter town a dozen people were injured.

PREMIER GOES TO CORK IN HIS TOUR OF IRELAND

Dublin, Ireland, May 18.—Premier Asquith left here this morning for Cork, where he is expected to hold several conferences with the nationalist leaders in the south of Ireland.

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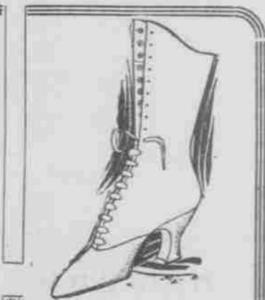


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