

CAMPBELL WANTS TO PUT THROUGH ECONOMICAL, BUSINESSLIKE PROGRAM

TO put the Arizona state government as nearly as possible on a business basis, to administer its affairs as economically as possible, and to remove some of its most important institutions from political influence—these are the ambitions of Gov.-elect Thomas E. Campbell of Arizona. It is a sound program to be hailed with satisfaction by long suffering taxpayers of the state who have seen their money going out and have believed it was not being used to the best advantage.

As a measure of economy and close accounting, Gov. Campbell two years ago, when he was known as the "de facto" governor, recommended to the legislature a bill creating a budget system for the state. It failed of passage through the expiration of the session. This bill is similar to the Maryland law which is regarded as one of the best in existence, and Gov. Campbell will again urge its passage when the fourth state legislature convenes in January.

To see how each department stands and how the money has been spent, a general audit of all state institutions will also be recommended by the governor. The legislature will be asked to name a general auditing committee to report to the legislature. It is expected that 60 days, which will be the life of the legislative session, will be time enough for the audit.

Gov. Campbell recognizes the need for good roads, realizing that good communications between towns are of vital necessity and that first class highways are not only of great convenience to residents of the state but promote the tourist trade. To the end that a permanent highway policy may be developed and that the state's roads may not suffer from political influence and changes, the governor will recommend the creation of a state highway commission, to be a non-political body and to be named by the state engineer. The latter will pick competent men where he can find them, regardless of party ties, and their sole function will be to build good roads and maintain them, administering as economically as possible the funds provided for that purpose.

Another recommendation the governor is expected to make provides for long terms for requests of state institutions, two of whose terms would expire every two years. Nominations would be made by the governor and sent to the senate for confirmation within five days after the assembling of the regular session of the legislature. As the term of the governor is but two years, the purpose of the legislation would be to remove requests of the state institutions from political influence.

One matter which will undoubtedly be brought before the legislature, not at the instance of Gov. Campbell, is an alteration of the primary law so as to prevent members of a political party from voting in the primary of another party. The Democratic state central committee has gone on record as favoring such a change and it has been claimed by Democratic leaders that the alleged defect in the primary law was largely responsible for the recent defeat of the Democratic nominee for the governorship. The reasoning is not quite plain, inasmuch as the Democratic nominee for the governorship, Fred T. Colter, was defeated in the general, not the primary election, and was defeated by Democratic votes cast for Mr. Campbell, the Republican nominee. If Republicans voted in the Democratic primary, as alleged, the result was only to defeat the rivals of Mr. Colter and to aid in the selection of Mr. Colter as the Democratic nominee. And the Democrats themselves seemed to consider Mr. Colter their strongest man. However, it is entirely right that voting in primaries should be confined to members of the party holding the primary, although there must be some provision whereby those desiring to change from one party to another may be allowed to do so. Otherwise a voter would be held forever bound to one party, no matter how his convictions might have changed. This would be manifestly unfair and undemocratic.

It will be interesting to see whether Gov. Campbell's program will go through the legislature. He is a Republican governor. The legislature will be overwhelmingly Democratic and it could, if it would, tie his hands in respect to legislation. But conservative Democrats helped elect Mr. Campbell and the conservative Democrats, together with the Republicans, are numerous enough to control the legislature. It remains to be seen whether these conservative Democrats live up to the forecasts and give the new governor their willing cooperation.

Some of these El Paso boys who come back home will run for office on their qualifications, aided by their war records, and win hands down.

Little Interviews

Organized Campaign For Commerce With Mexico Needed Light Christmas Mail Shows People Have Learned To Save

NEW attaches should be assigned in Mexico City and other important capitals to meet the vital work that will be forced upon the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce at the start of the war," said H. A. Dow, American consul at Juarez. "Our country is looking to the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce to do its share in preparing the country for economic security and prosperity after the war, when the chief industrial and commercial forces in both hemispheres will be launched in great organizations in quest of trade. The instinct of self preservation demands organized action. This is not the time for short sighted drift. Other countries are looking ahead and spending money to organize their commercial security. It is our duty to make preparation now will mean industrial prosperity for our labor, and will mean strength for our economic structure against adverse conditions and sharper competition from any quarter."

"We are having the lightest mail of any Christmas time in the history of the office," said assistant secretary M. L. Burtison. "Some people are neglecting their sweethearts and their mother-in-law. I have never seen so few packages mailed at this time of the year, and the same is true of the incoming mail. We were prepared for a rush that hasn't materialized yet. I suppose people are putting their money in war savings, or something like that, and not using it to buy presents."

"I understand that the city engineer's force is at work, getting preliminary data on the high line canal proposition for the use of the engineer in charge," said Capt. A. F. Wilson. "This is evidence that the committee in charge of the work is actively pushing it, and I hope that, before many more Christmas days have come and gone, El Paso will have presented to it a completed high line canal and power project. This gift, if it may be so called, will be the greatest that El Paso has ever received, and no great as can be seen in the future. The advantage of the project will accrue not only to our city, but also to the people of the entire region, by giving opportunity for farmers, and particularly soldiers who have served their country, to become independent, self-supporting citizens."

"We are so very much rushed with work at the Associated Charities headquarters," said Mrs. Hooper. "not only because of the Christmas season being on hand, but also because there are so many people without work as a result of the change that has come since the signing of the armistice and the result of so many being unable to work because of the influenza epidemic. The work of locating people in new positions and giving them the opportunity to work is a task that keeps us so busy that we have had time to do anything towards packing our Christmas baskets. We have received anything to pack yet. Only one contribution of \$2 has come in and that will not go far toward the 125 baskets we must get ready."

"When I left New York city several days ago, it was raining and rain fell all the way to New Orleans," said C. Thompson, a mining man of Chihuahua, Sonora, Mex. "I spent several days in New Orleans and it rained all the time I was there. After leaving there, it still continued to rain during the remainder of my trip to El Paso and since I arrived here Thursday, there has been rain. It seems that no part of the country has been alighted, and the greater part of it was greatly in need of rain after the long drought of the past season. If conditions continue as they have begun, the outcrops will make more money than they will know how to spend."

"It will be several weeks before troop L Third Texas cavalry, is fully established, as there are 105 horses to come here. The stables have not been decided on," said Capt. A. F. Wilson. "As soon as a desirable location is found, I shall wire for the horses. About 40 will be shipped first, the remainder will be shipped. I am expecting big horses, as these make the best appearance for a parade or race and they put them all in the same bag and he got out first, he wouldn't take the three big ducks and leave the three little ones."

Irrigation In Texas

ALTHOUGH the functioning of the state board of water engineers in Texas has been thrown into uncertainty by the decision of the eighth court of civil appeals declaring certain sections of the state irrigation law to be unconstitutional, the applications which have been made for water prove the awakening interest of Texas farmers in irrigation.

The biennial report of the board of water engineers shows that during the past two years 172 permits have been granted, authorizing the use of water from the rivers and lakes of the state for irrigation. In the same time, 56,198 acres of land have been put under cultivation and 51 dams for impounding storm waters have been constructed.

This is not a bad showing, although extremely small when compared with the great area of land in Texas needing irrigation wholly or in part. Texans living in that area need to get away from the idea that they can afford to depend on rainfall for crops and take the droughts as they come. The experience of the past three years has been so disastrous that it should be averted in future if possible.

Scarcely a beginning has been made at working out the irrigation possibilities of the state. Where the storage of storm waters is not possible and there are no streams from which water can be diverted, there is often water to be found near the ground surface by digging or drilling for it, and in such cases it is worth digging or drilling for.

The Present Need

CONCERNING a recent suggestion that El Paso study the methods of Houston and benefit accordingly in the matter of growth and prosperity, the Houston Post says: "The El Paso Herald advises El Paso to pattern after Houston. It is good advice. Faithfully following Houston's example may not enable a town to be as progressive or to grow as rapidly as it ought, but it would impart an inner beauty and spirituality to its culture and civilization that would be gratifying and admirable."

Well, what we need most is industries, more business to occupy more buildings, and more people to occupy more homes. Let us have these and we can take care of the inner beauty, the spirituality, the culture and the civilization ourselves.

In fact, we have plenty of those things to satisfy all present needs.

When a man pays poll tax for himself and again for his wife, how about it? Is that double taxation?

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw has been sworn in as a member of the Washington police force. What? The suffragists aren't picketing the white house any more.

The war is over but Sir Tom Lipton announces he is about to start a naval action for the purpose of capturing one cup as a prize. If he gets away with the loot he will first have paid his indemnity by having had to go some.

Perhaps some of those Hun soldiers have had dreams at night. Perhaps they see the straggling, bleeding body of a bayonet-pierced babe.

We are getting stories of American prisoners being killed by brutal German guards. Make Germany produce the guards for court martial.

Ty Cobb says he thinks he is through with baseball. But he might have another thought if a few thousand dollars more were offered him.

The count at whose house Wilhelm is staying says his distinguished guest is about to talk him to death. Well, he went out of his way and deliberately invited trouble.

If several hundred thousand of our soldiers have married French girls, as claimed, should they be listed as missing in action? Many of them won't come back.

The first step toward getting new industries is getting a low rate on coal. As soon as possible, coal must be replaced by water-generated electric power.

On The Run



By Harry Murphy

14 Years Ago Today

COMMANDER YEZOE, who was killed while torpedoing the Russian battleship Sevastopol, has been promoted after his death, for the service he rendered. Admiral Topo reports that after personal observations, he is under the impression that the Sevastopol is permanently disabled. Russia admits the partial wrecking of her fleet in Port Arthur harbor and dispatches indicate that the misfortune which has attended this squadron is a bitter chapter in Russian naval annals. Only small skirmishes are reported from Manchuria. Russia orders the mobilization of reserves in seven military districts. Advances from Hongkong are to the effect that the Japanese battleship squadron is sailing southward to intercept the Baltic fleet and give battle.

More evidence of Democratic fraud in the Denver election is being brought to light. It is said to have been written by five crooked election officials. Mrs. William Gladden of near Crisp, Colo., shot and killed her husband, whom she says has been in the habit of beating her. Her home, where she lived, was commented, showed signs of a terrific struggle. The blow shops of the J. Thompson's Sons Manufacturing company at Belden, Wyo., were very near totally destroyed by fire today, causing a loss estimated at \$20,000. George L. Shouse, former senator from Idaho, is dead at his home in Boise, at the age of 68. Congress has adjourned for the holidays.

Jimmy Britt was given the decision over Battling Nelson at the end of the 20th round in one of the most furious battles ever fought in San Francisco last night. Nelson's jaw was broken, strenuous efforts were made to stop the fight, but he took much punishment from Britt.

The Hon. Dan, above Rowell, N. M., will be the speaker at once, contractors having ordered material for the work. Rowell says he also wants a sanatorium, federal building and railroad. Pedro Rodriguez, in proving his American citizenship to immigration officials, triumphantly produced his discharge from the state penitentiary at Huntsville. A male kicking over a lantern in the mine of the Eagle Pass Coal and Coke company, caused a fire which burned for 48 hours. Strenuous efforts prevented the destruction of the mine. Henry C. Stiles, Cal., who recently visited southwest Texas, says oranges, lemons and similar fruits can be probably raised in this section. The Woman's Charity organization is preparing to gladden the hearts of the needy on Christmas day. The association has on its list 43 persons whom it desires to help.

An estimated deficit of \$10,000 per annum of the city's revenue which resulted from the suppression of gambling and kindred vices, will be met by a raise in the tax rate to \$1.75 per acre. The present tax rate is \$1.25. The deficit of the city amount to \$12,000,000.

There was a meeting of the Mesilla Valley War Veterans' association today at Las Cruces to take the first steps to secure the great dam which will reclaim their valuable watered lands. Mrs. M. H. Hall has been made an address. Some of those attending from El Paso were J. A. Smith, H. D. Slater, A. Krakauer and H. M. Murdy. A rich harvest of platinum has been made on the Piedra Lumbre grant in Rio Arriba county, N. M. by James Carpenter. Emperor Nicholas formally notified the country today that the agitation for a constitution and a national convocation of the national assembly were useless.

Hogwallow Locals



THE Hearsay club met and sewed in special session Thursday afternoon. All agreed that the man ought to have been cow-hided.

Wedding bells have again pealed forth. This time Miss Peachie Sims, one of our fairest young damsels, was carried to the altar of hymns by the young gentlemen from near Boarding Hillows who has been a constant attendant upon her for some time, and whose name now escapes our mind. The marriage was intended as a surprise and was carried out with much secrecy, as not everybody knew who the preacher was going to be nor how the bride's mother was going to stand it.

There is some talk of having rollers put on the heating grate at the post-office so that it can be moved back whenever it gets too hot.

Elks To Distribute Charity Throughout the Entire Year They Cease Their Activities During the Holidays Only

EL PASO Elks are not sending out the usual baskets this year to the poor, but are sending their annual Christmas charity collection and will save the money and spend it over the entire year in alleviating any distress that may come to their attention. Really needy ones will be remembered Christmas, too.

Little Chris left his pushmobile a block away from home and came on in, dragging his little feet as if very tired.

"Why didn't you bring in your car, Chris? Were you too tired?" he was asked.

Stammering with an air of uncertainty to a note, where he threw himself down to rest, he said: "I ran out of gas and had to leave it."

Henry Eide says if he went hunting with a friend and killed three small ducks and the friend who took him out in his car killed three big ones and they put them all in the same bag and he got out first, he wouldn't take the three big ducks and leave the three little ones.

Melville says: "I fear the new El Paso Manufacturers' association."

Here's one contributor sent in: "A world-famous editor lay dying, but when the doctor bent over, placed his hand on the fellow's heart and said: 'Poor man! Circulation almost gone!' The dying man sat up and shouted: 'You're a liar; we have the largest circulation in the country.' Then he got out of bed and wrote six articles on the merits of unsuccessful rivals."

A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS JOY IS MORE IN ANTICIPATION THAN IN THE REALIZATION. BUT AFTER ALL ARE CHILDREN ANY DIFFERENT FROM ADULTS?

Indoor sports. Guessing what Mrs. Neighbor is going to get from her husband for Christmas.

Our idea of a snail. Being too young to have to give financial thought to Christmas.

Tom W. Crutcher, secretary of the Eastland chamber of commerce, has sent out a booklet as a Christmas greeting to his friends and others whose address he has been able to procure, setting forth why Eastland is, while not yet, destined, however, to be the greatest oil center on the American continent. Tom is an El Paso Elk, hence his boasting qualities.

Roundabout Town

tion will fall just as the Chamber of Commerce has failed and for the same reason. We have not yet learned the proper relationship that should exist between the secretary and the board of directors. The secretary should direct the plans of management while the directors assist him in carrying them out. When we consult an oculist we do not undertake to direct the treatment. Why should we try to direct the business conduct when he tries to cure El Paso of commercial short-sightedness?"

"Why don't you run the marriage licenses in the casualty list?" asked the galley boy. Then by way of enlightenment, he added: "They are crippled—mentally."

Somebody called an El Paso street car a sardine can and manager Alka Warren didn't seem to like it.

He asked Jack Sheehan why they did it.

Jack replied: "That must be, Mr. Warren, because they are not well acquainted with sardine cans. For when they get a sardine can full, they stop getting them in."

There is an old saying in the south that "white Christmas means a fat graveyard next year."

Who can remember when children were called "young 'uns" and made to wait for the second table when there were visitors?

This is the first snow I ever saw that looked like the snow they have on Christmas trees. This morning the mica-like flakes covered the surface of the snow and the bottom layer looked much like cotton.

AND HE DID I'LL PUT THIS CHAIR WHERE SANTA CLAUS WILL FALL OVER IT WHEN HE COMES IN!

AND HE DID

Duck hunting is fine if the ducks would only let you shoot them.

At a public meeting the speakers and audience were much disturbed by a man who constantly called for Mr. Smith. Whenever a new speaker came upon the platform, this man

The Smaller We Are the Bigger Things We See

THINGS don't seem as big to us now as they did when we were children.

Don't you remember how you used to look forward to Christmas and the Fourth of July and other festive days in the year's calendar? You couldn't eat or sleep from being so excited.

Santa Claus used to come down the chimney with eight reindeer and now since we've grown up, he comes on Christmas cards with little greetings underneath.

Folks don't have as good things to eat as we used to have. Christmas turkey used to taste better, and the apples and candies and everything we used to have were so much bigger and better than any they have now. Candies and tinsel on Christmas trees used to shine and sparkle and twinkle, now they are lousy.

It isn't that people can't cook things "like mother used to make" or that the candles don't burn as brightly as they used to; it is that our eyes have become so dulled with the glare of life, and the fact that our sophisticated brains are no longer able to appreciate the little things, that things seem different.

Short Snatches From Everywhere

If the German people are really going to elect their officials, the first one they'll need is a censor.—Brookings, Ede.

The ex-killer's third son has just joined the "Reds." Any old flag in the German war is evidently the motto of this heroic family.—Dallas Times-Herald.

Britain's dead alone number more than six times America's total casualties. Let's not get cocky about our earnest but secondary part in the late war.—Waco News-Tribune.

It is safe to predict that during the first two weeks of the approaching session the Senate will be introduced 1213 bills, covering every thing from Abaraz to Zynurgy.—Waco Times-Herald.

An American correspondent says he got pig knuckles and sauerkraut and goose beer in Coblenz, of course, if the Germans were that sort of thing it is all right with us, but American occupation is not going to be easily forgotten. The first step is to get rid of the German.—Houston Post.

Germany is planning a Trans-Atlantic air line. She is constructing one reputed to have crossed the ocean in three days. The United States is experimenting with long distance flyers. We might just as well get ready for what the forthcoming shadows portend. All aboard for a week end round trip to Paris.—Galveston Tribune.

Abe Martin



SPEAKIN' o' marryin' young, I see 's' where a bride of a year wants a divorce from a man o' 60. Miss Myrt Pash is th' hog killin' guest o' friends in th' country.

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Why We Are Happy



HOME AGAIN!

By T. E. Powers

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