

MR. PEREA'S DEFEAT.

THE OPTIC is really sorry that Pedro Perea has permitted himself to lead the Republican forlorn hope in this fall's campaign. Mr. Perea has no possibility of election, and those who induced him to man the breach fully realized the fact. But the party must not go without a candidate; and like Artemus Ward, who was willing to sacrifice all his wife's relatives rather than the rebellion should succeed, these all-time beneficiaries of the party did not care who was made the scape-goat, provided they were not called to bear the brunt and endure the loss.

Before the convention met, not a locality and certainly not a Republican paper in the Territory but had several candidates to propose, each and all of whom needed but the nomination to insure a walkover on the Congressional racetrack. But when the convention met, where were all these candidates? But two were mentioned; only one was brought forward to seem to show an opposition to the predestined victim.

There may come a time when Mr. Perea could represent his Territory in the halls of Congress, with honor to himself and benefit to the people of New Mexico. But that time is not now. H. B. Fergusson will be renominated by the Democrats, and no man in the Territory can defeat him. He has made a model delegate. Not one charge can be brought against him, of inattention, indifference, incompetence, indolence, neglect, forgetfulness or partiality. He has secured more desired and desirable legislation for New Mexico than all his predecessors combined ever secured in the same length of time. We are not forgetful of the magnificent services of Hon. Antonio Joseph, and the debt of gratitude which the Territory owes to his labors; but they were not secured during his first term in Congress. Mr. Fergusson stands absolutely alone in the magnitude of his achievements during the first term of his incumbency. Nor has this been the half of his labors. Not a son of New Mexico, whether obscure or prominent, rich or poor, native born or immigrant, Democrat or Republican, Unionist or un-naturalized—no man who lived in New Mexico, ever wrote to Mr. Fergusson concerning any matter, trifling or important, whether of public or personal import, whether of easy or difficult attention, but Mr. Fergusson answered him promptly and courteously and attended to the request to the utmost of his ability.

This is his record from San Juan to Eddy, from Union to Grant; and on such record his reelection is absolutely assured by the people.

The Silver City Enterprise is actually and amazingly horrified that THE OPTIC should use such language in describing the editor of the New Mexican, and asserts that such editorial utterances bring discredit upon the press of the Territory; but Col. Joe Sheridan fails to consider that if such is the effect of a mere description, what is, has been and must be, the effect of the thing described.

Just to think of the venerable Dr. Parkhurst lying in the teeth of Teddy Roosevelt!

SHOULD BE STOPPED.

The Interior department has unearthed a situation at Hot Springs, Ark., it is said, which is quite startling. The place is overrun by quack doctors and their agents, who prey on the ignorant and unsuspecting who come there for treatment.

One instance reported by an inspector who has been examining the situation, is of a colored man who was steered to a quack doctor by a runner. They thought he would stand about \$25 and charged him that amount after pretense of treatment, but when he came to pay, displayed a roll of bills that paralyzed the sharpers. After he had gone the runner went after him and brought him back on the plea that the doctor was uncertain about his symptoms.

The doctor made a more rigid examination of the man's abdomen, told him that he had a tumor, and that it would have to be removed by a surgical operation. The man became very much frightened, and, of course, yielded to the operation. He was chloroformed and an incision made across the entire width of his abdomen, just through the skin, not penetrating the cavity all, and the wound sewed up.

When the patient regained consciousness he was advised that the operation had been entirely successful. A tumor in a bottle was exhibited to him as the one which had been removed, and he was charged \$500 for the operation, which he paid. The government authorities are seeking for some method to stop such robbery.

PROBABLY A MISTAKE.

Colored Max Frost, editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican, has commenced suit for damages against the Las Vegas OPTIC for libeling his character and at the same time swore out a warrant for the arrest of George T. Gould, editor of THE OPTIC, for criminal libel—Trinidad Advertiser.

It is possible that THE OPTIC, the Advertiser and the people of New Mexico generally have been mistaken about Max Frost. As the negro minstrel said, it may be that he is not colored, but that he was born that way.

In speaking of Pedro Perea, the Republican nominee for Congress, for the Territory, the Santa Fe correspondent of the Rocky Mountain News says that Mr. Perea goes into the campaign sadly handicapped, since he is a strict goldite, and that it is estimated he will be defeated by at least 2,000 majority.

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It is now hinted in Wall street by way of explaining the recent decline in the price of stocks, that business is waiting on the result of the elections. This happens so often that it might justify a movement in favor of fewer elections. If the silver question is dead, however, as is so vehemently alleged, what reason can there be for fearing the effect of the elections on trade?

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