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Seth Low has sixteen nominations for mayor of New York, but some of them are "such little ones."

Only four widows of soldiers who fought in the American revolution now remain on Uncle S——'s pension roll.

Emperor William has conferred on Field Marsal Count von Waldersee the order of Poor Le Mrite with oak leaves.

The Albuquerque fair is meeting with an unparaleled success and the management should be more than pleased.

The assessed valuation of the state of Idaho has increased $4,649,580 in a single year, and the total now is $52,195,486.

The cost of Grant's tomb, up to April 27, 1897, was a little less than $500,000; the association has a small balance still on hand.

Is there any relation between the feuds existing between companies and officers in the British army and the failure of the war in South Africa?

It seems now that Oom Paul knew what he was talking of when he said the cost to the British to conquer the Boers would be a price that would stagger humanity.

And now comes a Frenchman who proposes to cross the Atlantic in a balloon. The French seem to have a penchant for decreasing the census of their country, anyhow.

There is a good and great work for the board of public health in the examination of cess pools, etc. in this city. That germs of disease are propagated in old vaults can not be doubted.

A good deal was expected of Admiral Schley in the Santiago campaign. He was placed in a position of great responsibility, and then all the important information was kept from him.

The full foreign trade statement of the United States for August shows that exports in every quarter of the globe increased during the month except to South America, where there was a decrease of $194,000.

The work of stamping out the anarchists in the civilized countries has begun in earnest. An editor in Germany who published an article commending the murder of President McKinley has been sentenced to the penitentiary. Let the good work go on.

When the Sultan of the Sulu learns that the congressmen whom he declined to receive have votes on the appropriation of his salary, he may be more complaisant to future members of the legislative branch who are taking junkets in that quarter of the world.

A marble bust of the late vice-president of the United States, Garret A. Hobart, the work of F. E. Elwell, has been placed in the senate chamber at Washington. This is the second bust to occupy a niche in the gallery; and the other, which is of Vice-President Levi P. Morton, is also by Mr. Elwell.

It is proposed that the Agricultural building at the St. Louis fair shall cover thirty-two acres of ground. Perhaps it is the intention to give practical demonstrations of farming under roof. It would be possible, for example, to give an acre each to about thirty farm products, but there would be only limited scope for the actual operation of reapers, binders and threshers.

About the only thing that the New York papers are saying of Edward M. Shepard, the democratic nominee for the mayoralty in New York, is that Tammany is supporting him. Personally he is a clean man and is perhaps the best man that his party could have selected. The betting odds, whatever they may signify, are in favor of the fusion nominee, Seth Low.

When Governor Otero said in his speech at Albuquerque, that the assessments for the purposes of taxation in this Territory were ridiculously low, he hit the nail on the head. But who, with the entire machinery of the legislature at his command, was in better position to change the system of assessment by a wholesome law, instead of permitting bills to pass that added largely to the tax-payers' burdens, than the governor. You can't blame a tax-payer for dodging taxes when he knows his money is being squandered to pamper a lot of political favorites.

A great many large papers in the country are advocating measures in their city governments that will improve their cities as residence places. We heartily join the crusade and raise the cry!. Make Las Vegas a good place to live in. When an epidemic breaks out in our city calling for a quarantine, each man wants the quarantine applied strictly to the afflicted family and house. But when it reaches him and his family there is a different song. The carelessness of the quarantine last spring, when the city was threatened with scarlet fever, was criminal. Every man and every official should cooperate to keep a quarantine inviolate when once placed.

FUSION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Reform movements in Pennsylvania have progressed to the point where it remains for the people of that commonwealth to decide whether the corrupt state machine and the still more corrupt Philadelphia ring of the republican party shall be overthrown. The Philadelphia situation was crystallized some time ago by the organization of a new party, called the union party, at first composed largely of protesting republicans, but later augmented by powerful democratic leaders who bolted the regular democratic convention for refusing to enter into fusion with the new organization for the purpose of defeating the republican ring. The truth of the matter is that the inner organization of the Philadelphia democracy has been working for many years with the republican administration for a division of the spoils and for a part of the corruption fund accumulated from corporations and illicit establishments.

Now, through the action of the democratic state committee, which met at Harrisburg yesterday, and through the withdrawal of the democratic nominee for state treasurer, the democracy of Pennsylvania has declared for fusion with the independent republican party, which corresponds to the union party in the city of Philadelphia. In both city and state the independent movements of the republicans are led by some of the most influential men of the party and are supported by many of the ablest republican journals, while the bolting democrats are led by ex-Governor Pattison and other strong democrats, supported by the Philadelphia Record and other weighty democratic organs.

Although the normal republican majority in Philadelphia is very large and that in the state is about 150,000, it is not improbable that the corrupt organizations that have disgraced the state and its chief municipality will be repudiated. Such a result would be but a repetition of history. No other state in the union has shown more sweeping political courage than Pennsylvania.

ROOSEVELT ON STATEHOOD.

When President Roosevelt was in Las Vegas, in June, 1899, attending the Rough Rider's reunion, he put himself on record as favoring statehood in the words quoted below, which is a part of his speech in response to Mr. Springer's address, on the occasion of the presentation to the noted Rough Rider of a medal from the people of New Mexico, and was taken down by The Optic's stenographer at the time. It is as follows:

"I cannot say how glad I have been to come here. I never was in New Mexico before, but I never felt like a stranger for one moment among you. I claim the same right that each of you can claim of glory, and take pride in the name and fame of New Mexico. I am an American, as you are Americans, and you and I alike, have the right to claim as our own, every acre and rod of country from Florida to California.

"All I shall say is, if New Mexico wants to be a state, you can count me in, and I will go to Washington to speak for you, or do anything you wish."

TAKES HIGH GROUND.

The following sentiment is attributed to President Roosevelt by a prominent republican of South Carolina:

"I am going to select the very best men for public positions. Men appointed to high public places must be high in morals and many other respects. If the American people care to show their approval of my course during the three and one-half years that I have to serve by placing me at the head of the republican ticket in 1904, I should feel deeply grateful. It would be an honor that it would be difficult for any man to decline. But if I have to pander to any cliques, combinations or movements for their approval, I would not give a snap of my finger for it or a nomination for it, under such circumstances. My indorsement must come from the people of the country."

Real Estate Transfers.

Charles Tamme and wife to George W. Ward, conveys seventy-five feet of five lots, consideration $1.

Cristeano Bustos and Maria de la Luz Garcia de Bustos to Sadie Hall Smith, Charles Early and Robert Friedlander, conveys real property, consideration $100.

Jacobo Garcia, Carmel Garcia and Candelaria Baca de Garcia to Marcos Garcia and wife, conveys forty-five varas of land, consideration $50.

Jose Gaoriel Montano and wife to Epitacio Quintana, conveys real estate, consideration $162.85.

Placida Hernandez one of heirs of Marcela Sanchez, deceased, to Encarnacio Aragon de Perez and wife, conveys lot west of Old Town, consideration $1.

Jas. P. Wells to G. H. Winn, conveys one hundred and sixty acres of land, consideration $300.

Annie Hancock and husband, Joseph Hancock, to Felix Martinez, conveys part of lot, consideration $130.

Nils E. Peterson to Mrs. B. C. Thornhill, conveys 159 acres of land, consideration $1.

Henry F. Brown (widower) to George W. Ward, conveys lots, consideration $4,250.

Simon Garcia, of Chaperito, homesteaded 160 acres of land today.

THE STATEHOOD CONVENTION.

Addresses by Prominent Men and Appointment of Committees—The First Day's Work.

Special to The Optic.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Oct. 16.—The statehood convention reconvened this morning, every county in the Territory being represented by delegates. Col. J. Francisco Chaves of Valencia county was chosen permanent chairman. J. F. Hinkle of Roswell and H. G. Coors of Las Vegas vice-presidents; E. V. Chaves of Albuquerque, secretary. Addresses were made by Governor Otero of New Mexico; Gov. Murphy of Arizona; Edwin A. Munger, of Chicago, and Col. J. Francisco Chaves, the presiding officer. Strong resolutions favoring statehood for New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma were adopted. A letter was read from President Roosevelt favoring statehood.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION.

The statehood convention, which was called to meet in this city as an adjunct to the great twenty-first annual fair of the New Mexico Territorial fair association, convened at the public library building at 10 o'clock this morning and of the 500 chairs almost every one was occupied, many of the occupants being resident and visiting ladies.

In accordance with the details as arranged by the committee on arrangements, the band and two hacks were at the Commercial club at 9:45 o'clock this morning. In the first hack were President Marron of the fair association; Delegate B. S. Rodey, Colonel J. Francisco Chaves and Hon. H. B. Ferguson, while in the second hack were the speakers—Governor M. A. Otero, Governor N. O. Murphy, Hon. Edwin A. Munger, president of the Hamilton club of Chicago, and Rev. Bruce Kinney, and led by the band the march to the convention hall on East Railroad avenue was commenced.

Arriving at the hall, a large crowd had already assembled to greet the distinguished statehood convention advocates and to view in advance the artistic manner in which the hall had been decorated and arranged for the occasion.

The convention was called to order by Governor Otero, and on motion, Nestor Montoya was chosen interpreter.

Rev. Bruce Kinney was announced, and on stepping to the front of the platform made a fervent prayer in favor of statehood for the two territories—New Mexico and Arizona.

This was followed by a short address of welcome from Governor Otero on the part of the Territory, who, in his remarks, stated that the convention should be non-political in its efforts to secure statehood.

The governor then introduced Mr. Marron and that gentleman, as the mayor of the city, and as the president of the fair association, made a very appropriate address, short and directly to the point, in which he "bid all a most hearty welcome and wished that the prayers for statehood may be granted."

Governor Otero then announced that the only business (so the statehood convention would not interfere with the opening of the fair) to be transacted this morning was the appointment of three committees, namely: On permanent organization, on rules and order of business and on resolutions, and it was up to the meeting as to how these committees should be appointed and how many members to constitute a committee. In any event all committees must have their reports ready when the convention reconvenes at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Hon. F. A. Hubbell moved that twelve members constitute the membership of each committee and that they be at once named by the chair.

Hon. F. W. Clancy moved as an amendment to the previous motion that the appointments of the committees as to membership and number be left to the chair and that he be given time to make his selections, so as to publish the list in the Citizen this afternoon.

On being informed by the governor that he did not have a prepared list of those whom he wished to serve on the committees, Mr. Hubbell with the consent of his second, withdrew his motion, after which the convention adjourned to meet at the same hall tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

On the platform with Governor Otero and President Marron were Governor N. O. Murphy, Hon. Edwin A. Munger, Colonel J. Francisco Chaves, Delegate B. S. Rodey, Judge L. S. Trimble and Rev. Bruce Kinney.

Nearly every county in the Territory is represented in the metropolis today by large delegations of representative citizens. The delegates are wearing neatly printed badges and all are having a most enjoyable time.

Teachers' Examinations.

At the examination of teachers held this week at the court house, the following were awarded first-grade certificates: Miss Maggie J. Bucher, general average 96; Miss Lena Johnson, general average 92; Miss Alice M. O'Brien, general average, 91. This is a very creditable standing as the Territorial questions in the first and second grades are somewhat difficult. A goodly number of the third grade applicants were successful. The examiners will have completed their work by this evening.

DONGS AT ROCIADA.

An Old Prospector Sends The Optic His Observation at the Camp.

Rociada, N. M., Oct. 12, 1901.

To the Editor of The Optic.

Your valuable paper reaches us occasionally with a small note about this our mining camp nearest to Las Vegas but lately our searches through your columns for such an article has been in vain. You must not, however, attribute to this fact any retrogression of the camp nor of the boys who are pounding away at the rocks in the hopes of future wealth, and prosperity for New Mexico. Our greatest sensation lately has been an influx of capitalists, experts and promoters in the persons of Messrs. Hartmann, Esq. Fimberg and Friedlander, all of Chicago. The above named gentlemen spent a few days examining different properties and though their verdict of the camp was "not guilty" they took options on several claims and bought outright ten acres of mineral land from Don Cayetano Bustos of this place.

It is reported they intend operating at least two locations in the camp and are trying to secure options on all the best claims which have so far opened up.

J. L. Matt, of the Gold & Copper Co., struck ore in the deep shaft that gives a test of six and one tenth ounces of gold besides five and one-half per cent copper and some silver. Success to the Gold & Copper Co. The "Ason" people are steadily shipping ore to the smelter and will resume work soon in the old shaft. Gov. O. A. Hadley is steadily sinking on the "Codilla" and expectes shortly to begin work on the "Rising Sun" and two other claims of his group on Copper Mountain. The governor is also putting up a comfortable house at the mine for his men to occupy this winter.

Mr. Geo. S. Beaty is saying nothing and pegging away at his claims south of Maestas canon. He comes around occasionaly to show some very fine samples of copper pyrites or glance.

Messrs. Block & Kelley are working their claims, in the Jackson canon, with every possible show of success. The smelter will start up again in a few days after a long rest on account of bad weather and repairs.

Messrs. Grounds, Butler, Blake and others are working on what they consider gold indications at the head of the Sapello in this district. The indications for gold are as good here as anywhere and we hope our neighbors in the Sapello will find lots of it before spring. Don Jose Ignacio Martinez & Co. intend starting work on their claims the first of next week.

Several other parties, both American and Mexicans are prospecting over the hills with occasional reports of a good find.

Observations of an

OLD PROSPECTOR.

DAWSON CITY.

The New Town on the Banks of the Vermejo in Colfax County.

From the Raton Reporter.

Colfax county's natural resources are gradually being opened up which will soon make it the most populous and wealthy county in New Mexico.

The town of Dawson, located in Ball canyon about a mile above the Dawson home ranch on the Vermejo, is about twenty-six miles south east of Raton. It now presents quite a busy appearance with the various artisans and laborers constructing houses, building coke ovens, developing coal mines, getting out timber for ties, bridges, lumber, etc. Everything is in process for the building of a large city in the center of a region where nature has been lavish in bestowing its blessings. Rich agricultural lands, thousands of acres of virgin forest land, underlying which are veins of coal of enormous thickness and of exceptional good quality for steaming and coking purposes.

With such resources Dawson cannot help but grow and become one of the important towns of New Mexico. At present something over two hundred and fifty men are employed there and the town is already supplied with a good water system—pure spring water conserved in a large reservoir about a mile above town from where it is brought in pipes by gravity.

The preliminary survey, on which the engineers are now putting the grade stakes, of the branch line connecting Dawson City with the main line of the Rock Island railroad, crosses the Santa Fe road about thirty-two miles south of Raton, where it follows the Vermejo river to the city, the average grade being something less than one per cent.

Two coal mines are being developed at Dawson, one on a vein eleven feet thick and the other about nine feet thick. Everything is being put in readiness so that when the railroad reaches there, which will be about January 1st, the mines will be ready to ship coal and the coke ovens to produce coke. The parties having the enterprise in charge are great pushers the proof of which is their energetic action up to date.

C. M. Phelps, Ferrisbiria, Vt., says his child was completely cured of a bad case of eczema by the use of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of all counterfeits. It instantly relieves piles. Winters Drug Co., K. D. Goodall.

NEW MEXICO MINERALS.

An Extract from the Report of the Director of the Mint.

The following is an extract from the report of the director of the mint upon the production of precious metals in the United states and territories during the calendar year 1899:

NEW MEXICO.

Cabel Whitehead, Ph. D., Assayer, Bureau of the Mint.

The value of the gold, silver and lead produced in the Territory of New Mexico during the calendar year 1899 was $8,225,000 being an increase over the production of 1898 of $243,388.

This increase was mainly brought about by the work done in the Pinos district where large concentrating plants have been erected for the treatment of the ores of that district.

The company owning the mines in the district have acquired the smelters located at Silver City, and by improved methods of treatment are enabled to handle ores which a few years ago would have been considered unprofitable.

In the lead camps the production was slightly increased during the past year, but the great activity in the copper market has led to the opening of a large number of copper properties.

At Baline the large Cyanide mill has been increased in capacity, until now they are enabled to treat 400 tons of ore per day, and there is every evidence of a largely increased production during the coming year.

The Cyanide plant at White Oaks is still at work upon the tailings from the milled ores, and have added their quota to the gold production of the Territory.

The value of the gold produced from the placer mines in New Mexico during the year 1899 was about $60,000, while that from Cyanide works was about $30,000. The remainder, $765,000, was derived from quartz and smelting ores.

The copper produced in the Territory during the year 1899 was valued at $553,849, while the lead production at about $500.

The amount of silver derived from lead ores was about 125,000 ounces, the amount differing very slightly from the production of last year.

The chief change in the conditions existing in the Territory over previous years is the increase in the amount of silver derived from copper ores.

Following is a statement of the output of metals in New Mexico.

The values are estimated upon the average New York quotations for the year:

COUNTY	GOLD		SILVER		LEAD		COPPER	
	Value		Com'l Value		Com'l Value		Com'l Value	
Bernalillo	$ 33,700	$	18,147		.....		.....	
Colfax	$ 97,900		5,700		.....		.....	
Dona Ana	1,350		6,510	$	4,750		.....	
Grant	76,740		117,308		296,864		$325,760	
Lincoln	49,970		309		.....		25,000	
Santa Fe	59,900		2,500		.....		.....	
Sierra	377,000		31,714		.....		.....	
Socorro	116,800		142,612		96,411		.....	
Total	$805,360	$	318,9 1		600,000		$350,340	

The above report can be seen along with other U. S. reports at the public library.

GUADALUPE COURT.

Puerto de Luna Overcrowded With Court Attendants—A Big Docket.

To the Editor of The Optic.

This "gate of the moon" is filling up with people to an extent not heretofore known in the history of the court in this county. Fred Braun, the popular young merchant, has his house filled to overflowing and more. Last night a dozen or more found accommodations on Fred's store floor, on camp beds. It's a queer arrangement in this region. Each man carries his bed with him, so in town or country his bed room and toilet set is ever present. With a good wool matress under him, blankets galore for covering, and the bright skies above, he sleeps as only the honest man with a clear conscience can. The chief justice with all the court officers came in last night, and this morning the hall of justice will begin to grind its annual grist. The docket is unusually large. Four men are confined in jail on charge of murder, several others are there for furnishing mothers for maverick calves, while the stockmen who have been the victims, are here. At this early day in the term every thing indicates that the way of the transgressor will be unusually hard. Many old timers are here, noticeable among whom are Messrs. Lott, Conant Abreu and others. The festive wheel rolls its regular round in Tom Comb's saloon and Santa Rosa has an unusual lot of representatives. All hands agree the Rock Island is pushing along and the perdiction is general that this will be the last term of court in Puerto de Luna. The future capital is already predicted will find a place on the new Rock Island and rival Las Vegas, conceded by all to be the beauty of the rockies.

NEW MEXICO.

George E. Roe, division freight and passenger agent for the Santa Fe, with headquarters at El Paso, and who succeeded F. B. Houghton, promoted, is in the city motting acquainted with merchants and making contracts. He is a man of wide experience in railroad affairs and a courteous gentleman to do business with.

John Crites is back in school, and goes every day to football practice.

GUADALUPE COURT.

And Other Matters Pertaining to the Push, Political and Otherwise, Down There.

The third day of the district court began with the case of the Territory vs. Jose Manuel Gonzales on trial. Charge is the larceny of 416 head of sheep, the property of Leandro Casaus. The defendant, it is said, gambled off the money last night which he had saved with which to hire an attorney see that he had a fair trial. Probabilities are that he will be convicted.

H. L. Taylor, from near Des Moines, Iowa, was admitted to pratice upon a certificate of admission from the supreme court of Iowa, until the meeting of the Territorial supreme court in January, this upon the recommendation of the court's committee, Judge Long, Mr. Bunker and Mr. Chacon.

A new celebrity has arisen among the sprinters, known as "Navajo Steve." The challenge of his friends that he can out run for 300 yards any American, Mexican, Indian or Chinaman in the county of Guadalupe, yet remains untaken. Manuel C. de Baca was in trimming for a few days to accept the challenge, but the boys say that Celso Baca and Don. Manuel ran a race one night to see which one should tackle the Navajo and that Don Celso prove dthe champion, so the race between Don. Celso and this new Navajo may come off. A point yet to be settled is whether the race is for speed or strength. To even up the weight the Navajo may be required to carry a kicking burro.

Court business is well in hand, the docket is in good shape, and all cases will likely be disposed of before adjournment.

Don Carlos Spiess is proving to be a vigorous prosecutor, and yet by no means a vindictive one. It is quietly whispered around that he is excellent material for the next delegate in congress. Mr. Rodey will find it necessary to "hustle" if "Charley" takes a hand in the race.

Weather down here lays the Italian climate in the shade.

Twenty-four criminal cases on the docket charge sheep stealing. Verily this is the country for the sheep thief.

There are only four indictments on the docket for stealing horses. Sheep would seem either to be the more valuable property, or more easily stolen.

Joe Shuttleworth and Green Maxey, at the terms heretofore, have been prominent characters in court proceedings. It is charged Joe had a fondness for bovines, and that his lariat sometimes slipped onto the other fellow's cow. The jail door was Joe's strong point, and out of it he went and forgot to return. Green Maxey had no affection for cows nor burros but was fond of mutton, and after worrying the authorities for a few years, he took a trip to Old Mexico to find new pastures and is yet looking for them.

In political circles the question is mooted whether Don Celso will be able to boss Don Manuel. The latter has never had a love for bosses and he is not likely to change now he is a resident of Guadalupe.

Owners of sheep are at court from all parts of the county. They are not yet able to understand why, if the republican national administration raised the price of wool and sheep, it is that with the same administration and laws the price is down. When wool went to sixteen cents a pound all the talk was the republican administration raised the price. As wool is now eight to ten cents, it follows, the same administration has put down the price. The question is, if the republicans had the power to raise the price of wool, why don't they keep it up.

It is not Bryan now that is ashamed to look a sheep in the face, but the republican politicians. With a republican administration in power the bottom is knocked out of wool and this fact knocks the bottom out of the argument that the republican party raised the price of wool.

Court will last ten days. $2,000 is the amount in the court fund, and when that is gone the machine must quit grinding.

Opticalusions.

Statehood(?)

When this good Territory
Is a full-fledged state,
What will politicians do
For something to debate?
Well, nohow, there's this comfort—
Whichever side may win,
Whichever way the tide goes,
Both sides are counted in.

Lovers of music or no,
One note touches us all;
Lovers of music or no,
Answer we ever the call;
For saddest of all to me,
And truly as sad to you;
Yes, a note that touches all—
Is a note that's overdue.

The Las Vegas man in heaven was leaning against one of the golden gate posts trying to teach St. Peter Spanish, when he saw a shower of blessings pass by. "That was one good thing about Vegas," he said, reminiscently, "it seldom ever rained there."

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