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THEIR ARGUMENTS.

The framing and adoption of a constitution in any state is a grave matter. If adopted the instrument so framed becomes the fundamental law of a state and cannot be readily altered or changed.

Those now endeavoring to make a state of New Mexico have presented a draft for a fundamental law that they dare not discuss. As THE INDEX has repeatedly demonstrated it will not bear comparison with the constitutions of other states, and investigation of the numerous contrasts it presents plainly establishes its inherent and utter viciousness.

Anthony Joseph says he would rather live in a republican state than a democratic territory. Just hide your time Don Antonio; you will soon have that pleasure.

What is the matter with statehood for New Mexico? It is all right. Show us a republican editor who is not in favor of statehood, and we will show you a fellow who has upper rooms in his head to let, or is waiting for the "spider wagon" to come around.

THE INDEX makes digression right here to remark that it has a suspicion that the "spider wagon" has been around to the Chieftain editor, and that the "upper rooms in his head" he has let to the "statehood or bust" crowd are unfurnished. But to resume:

By the slights Jehovah and this great American republic, the state of New Mexico will be a fixed fact by the time another twelve months roll around.

Rats! The anti-statehooders are rapidly coming to see the error of their ways.

Rats!—again. Admission is opposed by none but a loud mouthed and discreditable minority of the democratic party, and a few republicans who do not see "anything for them" in admission at the present time.

There can be no just criticism of the provisions of the constitution; of course there can be and is unjust and untrue criticism, but such is directed against everything human, and it cannot be expected that the constitution of New Mexico should escape calumny and misrepresentation by dishonest and selfish politicians.

Whenver a disqualified preacher or a broken down pedagogue reaches the last strait for a living he invariably embarks in the profession of journalism. Accustomed to having his statements pass unquestioned he unconsciously falls into the ministerial and pedagogic habit of putting forth assertions without first making sure of their accuracy.

It would be really interesting to know how through all changes of administration, political and otherwise, during the past thirty-four years Territorial Treasurer Ortiz y Salazar has maintained an unbroken hold upon one particular public trust.

Now THE INDEX, the editor of which is a life-long republican, challenges the New Mexican, the Chieftain, the Citizen, the Republican and the Leader, all claiming to be republican newspapers, to an open discussion of the merits of the New Mexico consti-

tion. Now, gentlemen, come out from behind your mask of assertion and assumption and demonstrate that your constitution is a first-class, liberal, advanced and statesmanlike document in every respect.

Now, gentlemen, quit putting forth unsupported assertions and come down to demonstration and proof. That is republicanism. Your present methods are not.

The closer it is studied the more is THE INDEX satisfied that there must be a state election at the time of the constitutional election in November. As shown in these columns a week ago the legislative enactment authorizing the convention expressly provides that officers created by the constitution shall be filled at the same election that the constitution is submitted for ratification or rejection by the people.

A fine thing would it be should all the teachers of San Juan county accept the invitation to attend the Colorado Normal Institute at Durango next month. But should they do so by the time they had paid their fares to Durango, the registration fees at the institute and their hotel bills there would be nothing left from the meager (\$1) salaries they have received the past school year under the liberal (\$1) school law of New Mexico.

Wherever there is found in New Mexico a newspaper whose editor never had an original idea, (if one should chance to strike him he could neither put it into intelligible language nor print it so people could read it), that paper may be found asserting "the libel law is all right." Of course it is for such papers, for there is never anything in them, libelous or otherwise.

Nebraska democrats voted against statehood in 1868, but ran a state ticket and elected a portion of it; notably, their candidate for chief justice, William M. Little. That bit of history is liable to be repeated in New Mexico this year on a far grander scale.

"Rotation in office" will shortly be the battle cry in New Mexico politics.

The Gallup coal miners are out on a strike.

The president has signed the bill giving New Mexico an additional judge.

The Democratic territorial central committee has been called to meet at Santa Fe on the fourth of August.

Fred and Frank Townsend of Chama, formerly of San Juan county, have recently lost a very valuable colt by having its leg broken.

The tenth annual meeting of the New Mexico exposition opens at Albuquerque on the sixteenth of September, and will continue five days.

Gallup is only 124 miles from Albuquerque, yet, so says the Citizen, a ton of coal shrinks over 600 pounds in transportation between the two cities.

Thursday of last week Sheriff William Speer of Rio Arriba county, died from the effect of injuries received a few days previously at Amargosa, where he walked out of a second story window while asleep.

In the recent report of the director of the United States mint the output of the mines of New Mexico, for 1899, is stated as follows: Gold, \$1,156,320; silver, \$1,891,106; copper, \$640,920; lead, \$854,850; total, \$4,623,196.

On the 16th inst. Archbishop Salpointe left Santa Fe for Boston to attend the annual assembly of all the archbishops in the United States, thirteen in number, who will confer with Cardinal Gibbons in the interest of the church.

A special telegram from Gallup, dated the 17th inst., to the Rocky Mountain News, states that a large party of prospectors, numbering seventy-five men, is preparing to rendezvous at Ojo for another invasion of the Navajo reservation. People at Ojo report they have seen nothing of such a party as yet.

New Mexico's Future Boom. A recent number of the Denver Journal of Commerce contains the following article that will be read with much interest in this part of New Mexico.

"The San Juan country in Colorado, and the adjoining San Juan country in New Mexico, chiefly on the south side of the river, made fine fruit displays at the last Pueblo fair. It is justifying the wisdom of the old Pueblo and white settlers, who made it a great center of their race in the far away centuries of the past.

A Texas editor has been sent to jail for lying. That is all right. But New Mexico, with an infamous libel law and another infamy called a constitution certain men are desperately endeavoring to foist upon the people, proposes to send editors to jail for telling the truth.

Justice Harlan in a recent address to the students of the law college of the university of Wisconsin very pointedly and truthfully asserted that "it is almost impossible in the United States as long as the press is not muzzled for corruption to hold sway for any great length of time."

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Sheriff Carson was a visitor at Aztec yesterday and stated that he is in receipt of a letter from Judge Whitman to the effect that the gentleman will be here to hold the September term of court.

Mr. T. J. Arrington, the mail contractor was down from Durango Saturday. He went as far as Farmington and returned home Monday.

"It will all come out in the wash" is an old and expressive saying. Should it come out in the November wash that the republicans have carried the constitution while the democrats have a legal claim upon all the state offices and the legislature, (which is among the possibilities if the republicans neglect to run a state ticket) the "statehood or bust" crowd will think that "bust" has surely happened.

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LOCAL NEWS. The attention of the readers of THE INDEX is called to the new advertisement appearing upon this page of the paper this week, for Mr. W. C. Chapman, the well known hardware and agricultural implement dealer of Durango. Mr. Chapman is widely known throughout the entire San Juan region as one of the most enterprising and successful merchants in Southwestern Colorado.

THE INDEX is informed that when the new daily mail schedule between Durango and Jewett via Aztec, Farmington and Ojo, went into effect on the 1st inst., the people of Jewett got all that part of the route below Farmington excepted from the daily service and retained at the old schedule—twice each week.

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Summons. James A. Cox vs. Ella Cox. In the District Court of the County of San Juan, Territory of New Mexico.

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