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KEEP UP INTEREST

Now That We Have Started Let Us Keep

THE BALL A ROLLIN'

And Lend All Our Strength Toward Building Up San Juan County.

Orchardists in a fruit growing community cannot help but find it to their advantage to join and help support a fruit growers' association of their own. By having an association they are combining their efforts to show the outside world the kind and quality of fruit their county produces, and it gives the man who takes an interest in fruit raising an idea of what he may expect from that country, having a tendency to lead him where this fine fruit grows and should be the desirous of a home the chances are two to one that he would locate where the people are enterprising enough to band together in an effort to reach the outside world with their fruit and produce.

The idea of having an association is this: It places you in a position to ask better accommodations from transportation companies, gets you better freight rates and you also have the advantage of combining to fill carload lots. This has a tendency to make buyers in cities in the east look to such a country for a large part of their fruit and produce, providing it is of a

San Juan county fruit cannot be excelled and in very few instances equalled. It has the flavor, size, color and is noted for its keeping qualities. With proper packing San Juan county fruit could be sent to any part of the world and if our fruit growers would take especial care in packing our fruit would always reach eastern markets in good shape and it would only be a question of a short time until you would notice in all the fruit store windows in the large cities the following placard:

THE FAMOUS SAN JUAN CO., NEW MEXICO, FRUIT.

Rocky Ford is famous the world over for the raising of watermelons and cantaloupes as is also Greely for raising potatoes and Grand Junction for her peaches. There is no reason why San Juan county should not have alike reputation. We can raise cantaloupes, watermelons, strawberries, tomatoes, potatoes, etc., that are of a superior quality and there is no reason why the fruit and produce grower of this county should not take advantage of this association in order to establish a market for his crop.

This great American country of ours is rapidly progressing and if we wish to be in the race we must wake up. The way we have been trodding along in the same old furrow for the past number of years reminds one of the old song, "Then I Must Have Been a Dreamer". So long as we depend upon Durango for a market, just that long will we have our "bones to the grindstone". Of course it is natural for our people to blame Durango merchants for the small prices received for their fruit and produce, and perhaps at times they have been eliquish in regards to prices, but we must take into consideration that their little city and contiguous country is not large enough to absorb the output of San Juan county fruit and produce. We are a free and independent people and there is no reason why we should depend upon another people to dispose of the products of our community. Of course some will argue that freight rates are so high that there are no profits derived from products that are shipped. Possibly that is true, but the opportunity has presented itself whereby the fruit and produce grower can, through the offices of the San Juan County Fruit and Produce Growers' Association, place his output on an eastern market at a profit.

That every citizen in San Juan county would welcome a railroad there is no doubt, and we contend that the best way to get a railroad is to develop the country by way of getting more land under water, thereby inducing capital to put in canning factories, sugar beet factories, etc., and along with these create a greater demand for our fruit on eastern markets. If we can work along these lines for a few years with an untiring hand this county will soon become so well developed that there will be no trouble in getting eastern

capital interested in way of building a railroad. We are for San Juan county first, last and all the time, but we don't think that eastern capital is going to build a railroad through this part of the territory just because San Juan county is situated in the northwestern part of New Mexico, and all of her people are "good looking." We must demonstrate to them that we have the resources. Now that we have got the ball to rolling, let us push it along, and if anyone gets in the way, just "roll it over 'em."

Silver City Gets Convention.

At a meeting of the territorial central committee of the Democratic party in Santa Fe on Feb. 17 it was decided to hold the territorial convention in Silver City on April 13. An attempt to endorse William Randolph Hearst for the presidency failed, but resolutions were adopted thanking him for his efforts to secure statehood for the territories.

A resolution favoring joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona, since the Republican party has made single statehood impossible, was passed.

The representation at the territorial convention was fixed at one delegate for every 100 Democratic votes cast at the last general election, no county to have less than two votes. In the evening a banquet was tendered the visiting Democrats by the local Democracy at the Hotel Normandie. The statehood resolution adopted read as follows:

"Be it resolved, by the Democratic territorial central committee in regular session assembled, that, on the all-important question of the admission of the territories to statehood, and voicing the individual sentiments of the members that compose it and deeply deploring the inability of congress to accord to the territories that independent recognition as states to which we believe they are entitled under the constitution, and which they have won by their loyal conduct as citizens of this nation, in the absence, however, of that individual recognition. We believe that the joining of the territories of New Mexico and Arizona into one state is not compatible with the welfare of their people, but that it will conduce to greater strength and progress than they can possibly attain under a territorial form of government; and, as believing, we declare that, upon our failure to obtain single statehood, we will cheerfully accept a joint statehood with Arizona; and if that be the only means by which our rights can be established in congress we earnestly request the Democratic members of both branches of the national legislature to support a bill to that effect.

"We denounce the conduct of the Republican territorial central committee of New Mexico in opposing joint statehood in its recent meeting as untrue to the promises heretofore made by them to the people of the territory, for their failure to endorse the only means of becoming a state which is offered us by congress, and for openly antagonizing the measure, thereby showing that they are not, and, as we have constantly believed, never have been in favor of statehood in any form."

Editor and Doctor.

If an editor makes a mistake he has to apologize for it but if a doctor makes one he buries it. If editor makes one, there is a lawsuit, swearing and the smell of sulphur, but if the doctor makes one, there is a funeral, cut flowers and the smell of varnish.

The doctor can use words a yard long without knowing what it means, but if the editor uses it he has to spell it.

If the doctor goes to see another man's wife he charges for the visit, but if the editor goes to see another man's wife he gets a charge of buckshot.

An old medical college can make a doctor. You can't make an editor. He has to be born.

When a doctor gets drunk it's a case of "overcome by heat," and if he dies it is heart trouble. When an editor gets drunk it's a case of too much booze and if he dies it's a case of delirium tremens.—Ex

The days of chivalry have not yet ended, and optimists may take courage. In congress on Monday Congressman Shafroth, Democrat, of Colorado rose in his place and astonished the house and elections committee by resigning his seat and moving that his opponent be admitted in his place, long and careful scrutiny of the election returns having convinced him that the ballots had been tampered with to his advantage, and he refused to profit by it. Such an exhibition of integrity was unprecedented and members of both parties applauded him with great enthusiasm and deep feeling.

The Japanese torpedoes are deadly instruments of war and are capable of independent motion through the water at great distances, being nicely balanced, so as to float a short distance below the surface. Striking a vessel below the water line, its most vulnerable point, the charge of gun cotton is exploded and inevitably a hole is blown in the ship's side. Even the torpedo nets, always used by the heavy warships when at anchor at night, are not proof against the attack of the cunningly devised scissors attached to these torpedoes.

POSSIBLE WAR COMPLICATIONS.

England and France Awaiting Developments.

The Pueblo Chieftan in an editorial writes as follows in regards to possible war complications in Asia and elsewhere:

"Outside of the raging storm in eastern Asia, there are many war clouds that threaten to deluge the world with blood. The most menacing of these in its possible consequences is the entanglement of France and Great Britain in the struggle between Russia and Japan. Complications are likely to arise at any time which will involve France and England in serious quarrel and under the present circumstances such quarrels are usually dangerous. And as the war progresses it is likely to be increasingly difficult for these two powers to keep out of it. If Russia is successful England cannot allow the destruction of Japanese power and the preponderance of Russia in north China, without a tremendous loss of her own prestige and a serious injury to her own interests. And on the other hand if Japan is victorious, Russia will need more than ever the friendly aid of her ally, France, which will not be indisposed to grant it.

"Another matter of very serious importance is the question of how the Asiatic race, as going to be influenced by this war. For the first time in modern history an oriental nation is making a successful stand against a European one. If Japan follows her naval victories by triumphs against Russia's army it is going to give the millions of China and the millions of India a different view of matters from any they have previously held. It is reported already that the people of North China are greatly excited over the reports of Japanese victories. Just what will happen when the knowledge is spread over Asia it is hard to predict.

"On the other hand if Russia should win against Japan it would give her a tremendous prestige throughout Asia, and if Russia really has designs upon India and Persia it would be increasingly difficult for the British to maintain their paramount position in the east of the globe.

"The Turkish complication is not of the proportions involved in a war between France and Great Britain, but it is a most serious one and unfortunately it is all ready a fact. An outbreak has all ready occurred in Macedonia and the temper already shown by the Turks on one side and Bulgaria on the other leaves little room to hope that it can be suppressed without great bloodshed and suffering.

"The general situation is a most threatening one, and the fight between Russia and Japan may be far from the most important military event of the year."

LAND BATTLE ON THE YALU.

"The Yalu river is a comparatively small stream which flows southward into the Yellow sea and forms the boundary between Manchuria and Korea. Near its mouth is the city of Yungangpho and about one hundred and fifty miles up the stream are two other cities, Wiju on the east or Korean bank and Antung on the west or Manchurian bank of the stream. These cities have recently been opened to trade, largely through the efforts of American ministers to China and Korea, although the final arrangements have not been accepted by Russia.

"The valley of the Yalu promises to be the theater for events of world wide interest in the next few months, and already the Russian and Japanese armies are pouring into it from both sides and preparing for a great battle which may possibly determine the results of the war.

"The Siberian railroad was originally built down the valley of the Amur to the sea at Vladivostok. But after the Russians secured control of Port Arthur and negotiated an arrangement with China by which they gained possession of Manchuria, a branch railroad was built from a town called Harbin southward to the old Manchurian capital of Peking and onward to Port Arthur. This road passes considerably to the east of the Yalu river.

"While the movements of the respective armies are being carefully kept as long as they can afford to do so, without giving the Russians the opportunity to bring reinforcements over their railroad. It is urged in support of this latter view that the Japanese now have command of the sea, and can thus bring their full military strength to bear at the most desirable point. It will be of great advantage to Japan to establish her position at Seoul and other points in Korea and also to arrange her forces

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on the frontier is the best position for offensive and defensive warfare.

"On the other hand the Russian is already threatened with the destruction of the railroad, the cutting off of their supplies and the interruption of communication. It is doubtful whether the Siberian railroad will suffice to keep the troops already in Manchuria supplied with food, clothing and ammunition for the next three months, to say nothing of bringing in reinforcements. Under such circumstances the Japanese may well feel that their position is constantly growing stronger while that of their enemies is steadily weakening, and while a bold attack upon the Russians would, if successful, be of great advantage to them, they may decide that the waiting game is the best one for them under the circumstances.

"But whether the battle comes now or later on, it is pretty certain to come, and the only alternative would be the capture of Port Arthur and the Russian garrison of that place without a battle in the open field."

Last Tuesday seven life convicts in the penitentiary at Santa Fe overpowered Acting Superintendent R. G. Garret, cut him with a knife because he would not give up the combination for the armory and gagged and bound him. They then cut the telephone wires running to the city. When on their way up the stairway to the wives and children of the penitentiary officials with the intention of using them as shields, they were overpowered by the guards. Walter Hoffman, a United States prisoner, in the meanwhile drove into the city and alarmed the hurried to the scene to help in quelling the rioting, but they were not needed.

Congressman Howard of Utah has introduced a bill providing that all that portion of Arizona lying north and west of the Colorado river be annexed to the state of Utah. This bill would have a tendency to further complicate the statehood question.

The death of Senator Hanna virtually removes all opposition to Roosevelt in regards to nomination for presidential honors on the Republican ticket.

Stray Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has taken up the following described stray animal at her ranch, near Aztec, New Mexico, viz:

One sorrel horse, a years old, four white feet, white strip in face, ear-marks, and branded quarter circle size on left shoulder. The owner or owners of said described animal forfeits the same at the end of seven months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and will be liable for the expense thereof, or their agent, proving ownership and paying all legal charges thereon. MRS. JOB NIXON, Aztec, N. M. First pub. Nov. 23, 1913.

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