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THE CITIZEN's bow line is strong.

Some Democrat pays a patronage to be a democrat.

Leadville mining camp is attracting wide attention.

With a good ticket the republicans can carry this city by at least 200 majority.

The republicans of Seattle and Valencia counties will hold conventions tomorrow.

The franchised corporations will enjoy the construction of the democratic city ticket.

It will be a short campaign. The republican and may be found on the last page of this paper.

Dr. [illegible] arrived last Tuesday [illegible] the occasion. Sunday and Thursday [illegible] were pleasant.

The Silver City Enterprise says: "Hon. [illegible] Mr. Catron [illegible] the people [illegible]

The territorial republican convention will be held in the city of New Mexico [illegible] will [illegible]

The New Mexico [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

What's been taking you in law.

[illegible] secretary of the interior [illegible] Homestead [illegible] compiled on the mineral resources of New Mexico will be ready for the press in a few [illegible]

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A MINING exchange in Albuquerque would stimulate operations in all the various mining camps in this section of the territory, which regard this city as their headquarters. And such an exchange could be organized in two days if a committee of two or three active men would take hold of the matter. The public sentiment in favor of it is fully ripe, and all that is now required is for somebody to take interest enough in the matter to devote a few hours to the work of bringing the elements together.

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THE SANTA FE BOND CASE.

The people of Santa Fe have worked themselves into a fever of excitement over the effort of Senator Irion to have certain railroad bonds, in which he is interested, validated by congress, and the worthy governor of the territory, with his usual [illegible] for getting himself into an unfortunate position, has gone to Washington to try to prevent the contemplated legislation. The democratic newspapers are trying to make political capital against our delegate in congress on this matter and have filled their columns with a number of false and misleading statements.

It has been asserted that these bonds issued by the Santa Fe county have been by the courts declared fraudulent and void, and that Mr. Catron was the attorney for the bond holders in the case. It is also now asserted in their behalf in congress. There is not a word in either of these statements. Several years ago, I was issued to aid the construction of a railroad from Lamy to Santa Fe, and have never been in litigation or passed upon by any court. Mr. Catron was never, at any time, even an attorney for the holders of these bonds, called in as an expert.

An appeal to the supreme court of the United States does not lie in certain municipal bonds passed by congress. Arizona, that the courts have no jurisdiction to issue such bonds, but Congress, which is the supreme [illegible] Congressional [illegible] open was the lack of power in the county [illegible]

[illegible] application to Senator [illegible] Santa Fe county to remove the [illegible] to congress. As the law now defaulted [illegible] fraud and the minutes of the [illegible] and paying the Irion [illegible] have much from [illegible] There wasn't a [illegible] the bargain [illegible] The county [illegible] people [illegible] the price of [illegible] times.

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Col. Max Frost, a county commissioner at the time referred to, made his promise to refund the bonds a condition precedent to the appointment. The sentiment at that time in Santa Fe was practically unanimous in favor of the refunding and payment of the bonds. At a meeting of the Santa Fe board of trade held at that time a resolution was passed unanimously demanding that the board of county commissioners refund the bonds. The resolution was inspired if not actually written by E. L. Webster, now president of the board of trade, and the very man who is now denouncing Delegate Catron and who called the indignation meeting. Every prominent man and taxpayer of Santa Fe endorsed the action of the board of trade, and boards all of them attended and voted for the resolution.

In the face of these facts how absurd is the position taken by the New Mexican and the Albuquerque Journal, as to the matter of fraud and public sentiment. It may be that all of the territorial bonds issued under the act of the last legislature will fall. Senator Irion knows that they are invalid. The legislature knew the law was invalid when the act authorizing them was passed. Senator Irion took his fees in the wheel and gave to the territory of New Mexico. No more bonds until congress shall vote at least [illegible] Santa Fe and her representing individuals are responsible to the territory and the people of New Mexico as soon as they get a chance will very [illegible] to find fault that her representative in the matter of passing [illegible] and speak to the interest of the which territory. Santa Fe has been powerful in the past, but such sentiments as the last indignation meeting will take away her capital and place it among a people who are at least [illegible]

CAINSE IN EXPLANATION

The following remarks are taken from an editorial in the Las Vegas Optic relating the measure now pending in congress which aims to make Santa Fe county pay its honest debt.

We do not know what may be Mr. Catron's position in the premises, but it may be that Mr. Catron has ascertained since his advent in Washington that he can accomplish little in the way of territorial [illegible] validating so long as Santa Fe county, the owner, refuses to pay the [illegible] bonds issued in aid of the capitol building and in fact refuses to pay [illegible] to pay said interest and [illegible] to liquidate large portions of its [illegible]

[illegible] are compelled to [illegible] which is that notice [illegible] to pass any bills [illegible] to validate new issues validating [illegible] the legislature [illegible] will [illegible] their [illegible]

CAUSE FOR CHOLLERS

[illegible] Senator John Sherman [illegible] of the Wilson law the against [illegible] as imports, direct, which at such as are produced in the United States. The [illegible] products of our farms, were to the value of $[illegible] during the last year of the McKinley law the imports of the same farm products were of the value of $[illegible]. So under the Wilson law the imports of agricultural product which we produce in the great [illegible] were doubled in amount as compared with the amount imported under the McKinley law. The tariff for revenue, no matter what else it may do, is not helpful to any American interest.

A VALUABLE DOCUMENT

The illustrated edition of THE CITIZEN, for which the matter is now being prepared, will be the most valuable immigration document ever issued in Albuquerque, and every man who is interested in this city, and wants to bring the advantages and attractions of the place to the notice of people abroad, should provide himself with copies of the forthcoming edition. There will be many thousands of them printed enough to supply all demands, and every copy should be sent where it may be read by a prospective settler or investor. The people of Albuquerque must never forget that the town which blows its own horn is always the one that "gets there."

GEN. WEYLER has issued another proclamation, but he has not yet given the world any reason to believe that he is the kind of a man in whose hands the pen is mightier than the sword.—Globe Democrat.

We beg to differ. Gen. Weyler's pen hasn't been as mighty as some other pens we read of, but up to date it has been a mighty sight mightier than Gen. Weyler's sword. It has at least attracted some attention.

THE San Marcial Bee is authority for the statement that Secretary Lorin Miller, of unsavory reputation, has written to Washington protesting against any change in the present method of organizing legislative assemblies in New Mexico.

THE drouth in Australia, our principal competitor in the sheep industry, has killed nine and a half million sheep. Now if the wool business here had any such protection in tariffs as formerly it would experience something of a boom.—Pueblo Chieftain.

SENATOR FRYE, of Maine, has introduced a bill providing for another cabinet officer. If future additions to the cabinet, says the Topeka Journal, are to prove as unfortunate as the last one, we would better get along as we are. The country does not want any more J. Sterling Morton.

THE new arrangement of the stars on the flag, to make room for Utah, gives six rows of seven and eight stars alternately. Another "seven to eight" arrangement, but it will not last long, we hope, by another year the stars in one of the rows will have to "crowd over" and let New Mexico in.

A. van der Laande Ite, general passenger agent for the Netherlands railway, over in the old country, passed through the city this morning for Los Angeles.

ARIZONA SCHOOL LANDS.

The bill for leasing Arizona school lands, introduced in the senate by Senator Irion, to take the place of the bill vetoed by the president, is framed to meet the demands of the people of Arizona, in the matter of protecting the timber. It is thought this measure will accomplish all that was aimed at by the other bill, and at the same time be free from the objections to which the other was open. It is very short, and for the information of our Arizona readers we give it here in full:

"That the lands reserved for university purposes, and all of the school land in the territory of Arizona reserved by law for school purposes, may be leased under such laws and regulations as may hereafter prescribed by the legislature of said territory, but until such legislative action the governor, secretary of the territory and superintendent of public instruction shall constitute a board for the leasing of said lands under the rules and regulations heretofore prescribed by the secretary of the interior for the respective purposes for which the said reserves were made, except that it shall not be necessary to sell said leases to the secretary of the interior for his approval, and all necessary expenses incurred in the leasing, management and protection of said lands and leases may be paid out of the proceeds derived from such leases.

"And it shall be unlawful for any [illegible] to cut any timber growing upon the land leased under the provisions of this act, and no more than one section of land shall be leased to any person, corporation or association of persons, and no lease shall be made for a longer period than five years, and all leases shall terminate on the admission of any territory as a state, and no lessee [illegible] shall be paid for any such leases in excess of actual expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the execution thereof, shall be paid to the credit of the public school and of said territory, and shall not be used for any other than public school purposes."

HE IS A GOOD SHEPHERD

The San Marcial Bee, in its last issue says: "A settler found at the county seat thought he saw an opportunity to make a little political capital and at the same time stab Mr. Catron in the back, by sending a special dispatch to the Albuquerque Democrat containing insinuations that the recent jail delivery at Socorro was due to carelessness on the part of Mr. Catron. Every resident of Socorro must have been aware of the fact that Mr. Catron was absent from town when the criminals effected their escape, and also that he had nothing to do in taking their trail on his return. More substantial and better guarded prisons than the one at Socorro have proved ineffectual in holding desperate men. While the escape of these men is greatly to be deplored, it is a total reflection attaches to the official who dared dangers and exercised rare skill in landing them behind the bars. An evil minded person is always envious of the great name and prosperity of his superiors."

STATEHOOD FOR NEW MEXICO.

It is said that the senate committee on territories has decided to report a bill for the admission of New Mexico as a step toward [illegible] which that territory should [illegible] years ago. Doubtless the [illegible] of one similar to that which passed the house last session, the action of the house in [illegible] Speaker Reed, [illegible] to the admission of the territory and if he could open his [illegible] an attempt will be made to put the new states west and southwestern in Washington are much stronger for a rigid house on the political views of the inhabitants of a proposed state as a condition precedent to its admission. Such a theory is an outrage upon free government and the right of American citizens to entertain whatever political views they may prefer.—Denver Republican.

Our advices from Washington, and they may be accepted as reliable, are to the effect that Speaker Reed will not put a straw in the way of the New Mexico statehood bill. There will be some opposition, as there has always been from certain quarters whenever the bill for the admission of this territory has been up in congress, but it will not be enough to defeat the passage of the measure. Mr. Catron understands the situation horoughly, and he states that there is not a doubt of the passage of the bill throught the house by a large majority. The success of the measure in the senate is conceded, and the only place where there is any doubt is at the white house. True, no president has ever vetoed a bill for the admission of a new state, but it is also true that no president before Cleveland was ignorant of the country over which he presided, or ever made public speeches in which he libelled and traduced certain portions of the nation. But there is good reason to believe that the bill would go through both houses of congress over a veto.

PROUD RECORD.

No city in any part of the country is governed more satisfactorily or economically than the city of Albuquerque under the present republican administration. In times like the present it stands the people in hand to have a regard for economy in their public affairs as well as in personal matters, and it is a well known fact that while democratic administrations in the past have squandered our revenues and run the city in debt, without giving us anything to show for it, the present administration has not only made no debts, but has paid off more than twenty thousand dollars of debts that had been created by the mismanagement of former years. That is a record that any administration might reasonably be proud of.

ON THE WRONG SIDE.

For the last quarter of a century or more it has been the invariable rule of the government to promote the commanding major general of the United States army to the rank of lieutenant general, and there is no good reason why the custom should not become law. General Miles is now the commanding general and he is recognized by the country and the world as one of the best and bravest soldiers that the age has produced. It is perfectly natural, therefore, that his friends should seek to have the grade created by congress upon him the same as it would have been vacated by the retirement of his predecessor, and it is certainly [illegible] to the interests of honest army officers. To solidify the army and to keep it in a healthy condition there should be no hamstringing law enacted. But it is certain that Lieutenant General Miles will be promoted