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¶ The indications are that New Mexico is now entering upon a cycle of wet weather. While the weather men frequently fail to give us correct information as to what the day may bring forth, yet the statistics of this department go to prove conclusively that the seasons run in periods of three, seven and nine years. These facts are further corroborated by the forester's examination of the trees which show the periods of rapid growth in their cross-sections. It is further significant that the "wet" cycle should begin with the advent of the territory's immigration boom. New Mexico has made more rapid strides in development this year than ever before. People are coming within her borders by the train loads. Everywhere the note of optimism is being sounded. Statehood now seems an assured fact. The natural advantages and exhaustless resources of this territory are being exploited in a manner which is causing the people of the east to sit up and take notice. But the "wet" cycle will eventually prove the greatest advertisement New Mexico can possibly have. It means results itself—the greater cultivation of the farm land, the larger production of hay, grain and fruit. These are the things that really count. People, whether they come out of Missouri or a long ways from Missouri like to see results, and the coming years will undoubtedly reveal them. The "desert" will be quickly forgotten and the New State will become far famed as the garden spot of the southwest.

¶ There is now scarcely an eastern state but is instituting a campaign of some nature for the purpose of keeping their people at home. This activity of the older states along the Atlantic seaboard and even in the Mississippi valley is the result of the insistent call of the west to the young man with brain and brawn

and the desire to do things. The west is the land of endeavor. It is the field of opportunity. The young men are leaving the cities and the worn out fields of New England to settle on the fertile plains of the southwest. The exodus from the farm lands of the east is becoming alarming to those commonwealths who see their fields and orchards about to be left uncared for and abandoned. The average American has within his breast the indomitable pioneer spirit which has been handed down to him by his forefathers who conquered the wilderness. This thing of snatching land from the desert and making it into a garden appeals to that enterprise and progressiveness which is characteristic of the American. The west is the place for the man of courage and brain—the man who is willing to work for his reward, which shall then be the greater. The advice of Horace Greely—"Go west young man!" has been answered literally by the young men of the country, and they are here to build up a great commonwealth.

¶ The recent heavy rains have demonstrated that millions of gallons of flood water from the Tres Hermanas go to waste annually. There are numerous places among the foothills of these mountains where a large reservoir could be built at reasonable cost that would conserve a vast amount of this water for irrigation purposes. If the farmers owning land lying south and east of these mountains would get together, an organization could be formed, bonds floated, and an excellent supply of cheap irrigating water obtained.

¶ The Albuquerque Evening Herald and the Columbus Courier, the two leading papers of New Mexico, have both added cartoonists to their staff.

¶ Everything now seems favorable for a vote on statehood August 7,—if Senator Owen don't find 't out.

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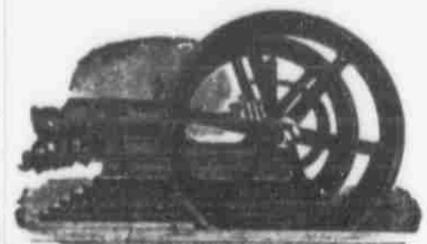
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