

## STANDPAT TICKET IS NOMINATED AT WILLARD

Steam Roller Works Smoothly and without a Hitch. Amble Nominated over Romero on Third Ballot

Member of the Legislature,  
James W. Chavez  
Probate Clerk,  
Manuel Sanchez, Jr.  
Probate Judge,  
Cesario Montoya  
Sheriff,  
Cristino Chavez  
Treasurer and Collector,  
Dr. C. J. Amble  
County Commissioners,  
Jesus Candelaria  
Serafin Candelaria  
Librado Valencia  
School Superintendent,  
C. L. Burt  
Surveyor,  
Fred L. Hill  
Assessor,  
Antonio Salazar

The republicans of Torrance county met in nominating convention yesterday morning at Willard, delegates being present from each of the seventeen precincts. A contesting delegation from precinct No. 13, Abo, appeared, and was apparently settled in the committee on credentials. Later on, however, it broke out, but prompt action on the part of the steam roller smoothed things down in short order.

Tranquilino Labadie, son-in-law of Don Eugenio, was chosen temporary chairman, with W. M. McCoy as secretary, Juan C. Jaramillo, James W. Chavez and Acasio Gallegos as interpreters. Committees were appointed by the chair after having consulted those higher up. Adjournment was taken till two o'clock.

About three o'clock the convention was again called to order by Chairman Labadie, and the reports of the committees taken up and adopted in one, two, three order. The resolutions were short and sweet, favoring Taft's administration, the state convention at Las Vegas, the administration of Governor Mills and pledged their nominee for treasurer to place the county funds in the county banks.

The nomination of James W. Chavez as candidate for the legislature went through as if specially greased.

The nomination of clerk started the fun. Neal Jenson, Manuel Sanchez, and Juan C. Jaramillo were placed before the convention. The vote being taken showed Jenson to have eleven votes, Sanchez 31 and Jaramillo 16. According to the rules and order of business as adopted, it became necessary to vote again on the two having received the highest number of votes, notwithstanding the fact that Sanchez already had a majority of

the votes cast. A motion being made to suspend the rules and declare Sanchez the nominee, Chairman Labadie informed the convention that "the rules could not be suspended!" A second vote being taken showed Sanchez to have received 35 and Jaramillo 23 votes.

Probate Judge brought forth four candidates, M. B. Fuller, Cesario Montoya, Eligio Gutierrez and H. B. Hawkins, the first ballot showing 23, 17, 8 and 9 votes respectively. The second ballot gave Montoya 30 votes and Fuller 28, Montoya being declared the nominee.

For sheriff, Cristino Chavez of Willard was the lone candidate, J. W. Collier and Roman Montano having withdrawn from the race. The nomination was made by acclamation.

Dr. C. J. Amble of Manzano was placed in nomination against Raymundo Romero for the office of treasurer and collector. The first vote resulted a tie. While several delegates switched votes on the second ballot, a tie resulted also in this. The third ballot gave Amble 30 votes and Romero 28, placing Amble in nomination.

For county commissioner of the first district Jesus Candelaria, the present incumbent was placed in nomination as was also J. E. Braxton of Estancia, the former receiving 47 votes and the latter eleven. To represent the second district, Dr. V. S. Cheyney received 23 votes and Serafin Candelaria of Manzano 33. In the third district Librado Valencia was nominated without opposition.

For school superintendent C. L. Burt received 32 votes and Enno Brecklein 26.

Fred L. Hill was named as nominee for surveyor without opposition.

George W. Armijo of Santa Fe, candidate for corporation commissioner of the state ticket, was present during the convention, assisting in keeping the steam roller well oiled, and moving smoothly. It was announced that he would address the delegates at an adjourned session at 7:30.

Fred Chavez was elected chairman of the county central committee over Candido Padilla by a vote of thirty to twenty-four. The members of the central committee were to be elected at the night session, as also the choice of an emblem.

O. K. Lippard left Sunday for San Marcial, N. M.

## PROGRESSIVES WILL MEET TOMORROW

A Progressive Republican County Convention is called for Wednesday, October 18th, at Estancia, Torrance County, New Mexico, for the purpose of considering proper measures in connection with the affairs of Torrance county.

It seems, at the present time that good government and a good set of county officials are within our reach, and your presence and co-operation to that end is most earnestly desired.

Very truly yours,  
G. H. Van Stone,  
County Vice President.

## Babe Sets Jackson Home on Fire

Yesterday morning just before seven o'clock, Mrs. Harvey Jackson, after having built a fire in the cook stove at her home, just northwest of town, left little Delphine about three years old in the house, while she went out to milk the cows. Delphine in playing around the kitchen, must have pulled some fire from the stove, which set fire to the house. The walls had been lathed and were to have been plastered as soon as the plasters could get to the job. The fire spread rapidly, and by the time Mrs. Jackson discovered it, she had her hands full in rescuing little Delphine, who had taken refuge under the table to get away from the flames. The house burned to the ground with all the contents, only the seared adobe walls remaining, before the neighbors could arrive to save anything. Mr. Jackson is at Santa Fe, where he is working, trying to get his home completed and free from debt.

The neighbors have contributed some clothing, where possible, as the home was an entire loss, there being no insurance. Mrs. Jackson is at present at the Lasater home, northeast of town. She expects to join her husband in Santa Fe shortly. Anyone who can give articles of wearing apparel, will be doing a gracious deed, in this hour of need.

Mrs. W. H. Mason returned from Albuquerque where she has been a few days attending the Fair, and visiting her daughter, Mrs. Will Minerman

## Free for All Scrap Puts Padilla to Bed

A free-for-all scrap, in which whiskey played the bigger part occurred on Saturday night, and as a result, Leo Padilla is at home in bed with a wound in his side and another on his head, Daniel Dow is in jail awaiting hearing on a charge of assault with a knife, and David Sanchez has a bruise on his head. The details are hard to get, but will probably be brought out at the preliminary hearing.

## JONES REPLIES TO JARAMILLO REGARDING NON-PARTISAN JUDICIARY

Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 13th, 1911  
Hon. Veneciano Jaramillo,  
Chairman Rep. State Cent. Com.,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:  
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. The first sentence of this letter contains the following: "Appreciating fully the desirability of eliminating the state judiciary from politics." I also find in the platform adopted by the Republican party at Las Vegas, the following:

"We pledge our party to the enactment of laws to provide for the separation and independence of the judiciary from political influence." I am glad indeed to receive this evidence that your party has at last concluded that the judiciary should be non-partisan and free from political influence. The history of some of the courts in New Mexico justifies the belief that no question of more importance than this can come before the people of New Mexico for solution at this time. The evil of political influence in the courts is of such magnitude that all our good citizens must desire and earnestly seek for some effective means for its elimination. Your platform declares for the enactment of laws for this purpose. Of course the enactment of any law must be in accordance with the constitution. The constitution, Article VI, Sections 4 and 12, provides that the judges of the Supreme Court and the District Courts shall be elected at general elections. In view of these constitutional provisions, it is difficult to conceive of any law which a legislature might pass so as to effectually divorce the judiciary from political influence.

The only remedy suggested in your letter is that the candidates for the Supreme Court shall not make speeches during the campaign. I suppose the legislature might pass a law which would be constitutional, prohibiting candidates for the supreme bench from making political speeches. I assume, therefore that your letter contains an interpretation of what is meant by the above quoted plank in your platform, and that the only remedy which you propose for the purpose of freeing the judiciary from political influence is that the candidates for the Supreme Court shall not make speeches during the campaign. I cannot agree that this furnishes an adequate remedy, or any remedy for the evil. In the first place, it is of perhaps even greater importance that the District Court judges, who are brought in closer contact with the people, should be free from political influence than the judges of the supreme court.

The letterhead upon which your letter to me is written bears the name, as a member of your executive committee, of one of your candidates for District Court judge, and also bears the name as another member of the committee, of one whom I understand will receive the endorsement of the Republican organization for United States District judge in New Mexico, and there is no suggestion that these gentlemen and other candidates for district judge, will not take an active part in the pending campaign. All of your candidates, both for the Supreme bench and the district courts, have been nominated as Republicans, and are candidates for the respective positions upon a declared partisan ticket. Under these circumstances I fail to see how the judiciary would be less partisan if these judges should make no speeches during the campaign. They are running on the Ticket and a discussion by them of governmental issues before the people cannot make the situation worse provided they tell the truth.

Under the Constitution it is impossible to have a separate election of judges, and candidates for judicial position must necessarily be discussed during a general campaign, but to secure a non-partisan judiciary as far as possible under the Constitution. The Democratic

party in its state convention nominated unsolicited a candidate for the supreme bench who is not affiliated with it. In addition to this there will probably be nominated by the Democrats in some of the judicial districts, candidates, who are not affiliated with the Democratic party. This is as far as any party can go under the provisions of the Constitution.

A few days prior to the adjournment of the Constitutional Convention, which was controlled by your party, a committee of which I was a member, was appointed by the Democratic Central Committee to secure from your leaders in that convention some provisions which would make the judiciary of New Mexico nonpartisan. To that end the Democratic committee held a conference with your present candidate for Governor, your member of the National Republican committee, and one other person who was then an active leader in that convention and is understood to have considerable support in your party for the United States Senate. In that conference the Democrats urged and pleaded for a provision in the Constitution whereby the judges should not be elected at general elections. This proposal from the Democrats was not accorded to by the above mentioned members of your party and of course was not adopted by the constitutional convention. It seems to me that the only effective way of making the judiciary non-partisan, is to have the judges elected other than at general elections.

I commend for your consideration the provision in the Democratic platform adopted by the first state convention held in Santa Fe which contained the following: "We favor a non-partisan judiciary, and the amendment of the Constitution providing for the election of the members of the Supreme and District courts at a separate election so that the courts may be removed from political influence as far as possible." In order to accomplish this result it will be necessary to amend the constitution. In my opinion, the provisions in the Constitution providing for amendments are so framed as to make the constitution practically unamendable or so difficult of amendment that even the adoption of an amendment providing for a non-partisan judiciary would be greatly jeopardized.

In order to overcome this difficulty I earnestly urge that the method for amending the constitution as provided in the so-called "blue ballot" should meet with universal approval in New Mexico.

Your letter to me was given to the public press and I trust you will give to this reply the same publicity which your original letter received.

With kindest personal regards I am,  
Very Truly yours,  
A. A. Jones, Chairman.  
Dem. State Central Committee

LOST—In, or in front of Baptist Church a spectacle case, Mrs. A. W. Lemp, in guilt letters on bottom. Finder please leave with Mrs. A. W. Lemp, or News Office.

The local lodge of Rebekahs will serve Chicken Pot Pie dinner on next Wednesday, the day of the Democratic county nominating convention in Estancia. A good square meal will be served at twenty-five cents. Everyone is invited.

The City Council will meet Thursday night, October 19, at the Estancia Drug Store, promptly at seven o'clock, for the purpose of taking up the sidewalk work. All who are interested are urged to be present.