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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

EVERYONE in Albuquerque will find something of more than usual interest in tomorrow's edition of the Evening Herald. It will be a "Christmas Greeting" edition, and while it will be in no way pretentious or sensational it will be something different and of very material general interest, because of the representative character and varied activities of the advertisers in its pages. It will carry greetings to the people from every line of business, wholesale and retail; from banks and public utilities and from public officials.

The edition will carry a sincere expression of appreciation from the active business interests of Albuquerque to the city's buying population, for a year of business that has been substantial and that in its total represents a truly prosperous year in all business lines. There will be a special note of appreciation all through the advertisements for an exceptionally generous holiday business. It is, in a word, Albuquerque business men and business houses extending the season's best wishes to the people.

Read the Christmas Greeting edition with care. It will put more of the Christmas spirit into you and lend to the happiness of your Christmas day.

PROSPEROUS ALBUQUERQUE.

YOU can gauge the financial status of any community by its Christmas purchases. It may be said that people spend freely at Christmas time; more freely than at any other season. That is true; but people do not spend what they do not have, as a rule, and the bulk of the holiday business in any city is that contributed by the wage earner the man or woman of average or small income.

When there is an unusual volume of Christmas buying in a community it is a sure indication that that community has had a year of prosperity. The holiday buying in this city this year has been far ahead of the average. Almost every merchant who deals even to a limited extent in special holiday lines, reports a substantial increase on his sales of a year ago.

"I must be very careful in my advertising," a merchant said to a representative of the Herald yesterday. "Because with a limited Christmas stock I am likely to be sold out of this line or that over night and between advertisements in your paper. It has been an unusual season and several of our best lines have been literally cleaned out."

When Christmas stocks are wholly sold out in this way, and the man quoted was one of several who reported such cleaning out of stocks, it is certain that buying has been not only liberal but strong.

Therefore we can predict with reasonable certainty that tomorrow's Christmas eve will be an exceptionally busy one in Albuquerque homes and that the Christmas day will be an unusually happy one.

FINANCING THE WAR.

NO ONE in this country will ever know to what extent we have been financing the war in Europe. It is known that we loaned half a billion dollars to the allies, and the fact that Americans have bought more than a hundred million dollars' worth of German war bonds is also well known. The records show that we have so far taken a hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of Canadian war paper, and there have been isolated sales of the securities from other countries. But the grand total is not known and never will be known.

One financial institution in this country thinks we have absorbed more than a billion dollars' worth of securities for the warring nations, but this firm admits the figures are only an estimate. It would not be surprised, it says, to learn after the war that the total amount is far in excess of a billion dollars, because the private parties return from Europe with bonds to be peddled out among friends.

But whether the sum is one billion or two, it is certain we have done much to finance the struggle—and done so from a neutral standpoint.

Money is not patriotic; it doesn't care much about nationalities. Individual citizens may have their preferences for this country or that, but when it comes to making investments, wealth closes its eyes to creeds and faiths and races. The pro-ally is tempted to buy a German bond if he can get it cheap, and the chances are many a man in this country with German sympathies has secured a few of the bonds of the allies. And this is exactly as it should be, so long as the war is on the other side of the ocean. It is not our war. We are not advancing money to anybody because we want that anybody to win. It is purely a commercial transaction, capital seeking investment where it will be certain of the best returns.

WHITE INSTRUCTS ALL SCHOOL OFFICERS IN HANDLING NEW LEVIES

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 22.—A letter of instruction relative to the handling of the new school levies, changes having been made in the law this year, has been sent out by State Superintendent White. He says in part:

"It must be kept in mind that the proceeds of the special county school levy does not constitute nor are such proceeds to be considered as any part of the county general school fund. The county general school fund is made up of apportionments from the state current school fund, one-third of the saloon licenses, forest reserve earnings, and all such other revenues as have heretofore been covered into this fund, except that there is now no three-mill county levy. The county general school fund is apportioned by the county superintendent of schools as heretofore.

"This office will appreciate receiving a transcript from the records of the county commissioners which provides for the allowing of estimates to the various school districts of your county, in a statement similar to the one which we have indicated above. If this office can be of any assistance in giving suggestions or advice with reference to the handling of school funds it will give me pleasure to cooperate to the best of my ability."

Superintendent White classifies the funds available for maintenance as follows:

1. Poll taxes, two-thirds saloon licenses, and some other revenues belonging exclusively to the district and paid directly to the district.
2. A share of the apportionment of the county general school fund.
3. Such part of the proceeds of the county special school tax as may have been allowed by the county commissioners.

SCHOOL OF MINES CLOSES FOR BRIEF HOLIDAY VACATION

Socorro, N. M., Dec. 22.—The School of Mines closes for the holidays this afternoon. A few of the students who reside in the state will spend Christmas at home. Those who come from outside states will remain in Socorro and do special work in the laboratories.

The concrete is now being poured for the new power house which is being built about the two new semi-diesel oil engines and dynamos. This equipment was tried out about two weeks ago and was very efficient. The plant is the most complete and up-to-date of any similar school in America.

Two new students have taken up studies at the school and more will register at the opening of the second semester, January 28.

The new college paper, to be known as the "School of Mines Good Jacks," will appear early in January and will be devoted to the interests of the school and the mining industry.

President Jones will take Christmas dinner with his daughter, Mrs. Cortez Enloe, in Albuquerque.

PLANS MADE FOR MEET OF TEACHERS OF OTERO

Alamagordo, N. M., Dec. 22.—Plans have been made for the entertainment of the Otero County Teachers' association when that body meets here in January. The meeting has been divorced from the county contests with which it formerly was held, that more time may be devoted to each event.

The following committees have charge of the various phases of the work:

Program committee, whose duty it is to set time and place of meeting and arrange program for same: Miss Curtis Covington, chairman; Miss Lena Eldridge, Dale Kreigh. Spelling committee, to select words for the contest: Miss Helen Higgason, chairman; Miss Jewell Diggen, Miss Daisy Murphy. Chairman oratorical section, Henry L. De Busk. Chairman declamation section, T. M. Springs. Chairman recitation section, Miss Lydia Hughes. Athletics, Clare V. Koogler, Mrs. Laura B. Patrick.

STEAM ROLLER RUNS AMUCK IN ROSWELL

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 22.—A steam roller, kind and well-behaved on all occasions until yesterday, ran amuck on the crowded main street here yesterday afternoon and battered several automobiles badly before it ran into the cement sidewalk and was stopped.

A considerable portion of the walk was crushed so badly as to need rebuilding. The roller was a six-ton affair used by the paving contractors. It was left standing with steam up and in some unknown way the throttle was opened, immediately following which the monster started on its way without an engineer.

TRALLES BUYS NATIONAL COPPER COMPANY ESTATE

Silver City, N. M., Dec. 22.—Forest P. Tralles, of St. Louis, is the buyer of the National Copper company's property, sold here under court order this week. The price was $4,250 for the real property, eight mining claims totalling 125 acres, on which much development work has been done, and $700 for the personal property, tools and equipment.

Considerable sums have been spent on the property. It formerly was owned by St. Louis interests.

Books are Best Christmas Gifts

The perfect gift is of both use and pleasure. From books we acquire the most useful thing in the world—knowledge, and in them we exercise the most pleasant thing—imagination.

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INDEPENDENTS OF STATE TO DEMAND CHANGE, SAYS ELY

Republican Committee Chairman Declares There is Decided Trend Toward Republican Policies.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 22.—In a statement made public here today, Ralph C. Ely, chairman of the state Republican central committee, forecasts a Republican victory in the state next fall, but warns his fellow-members of the G. O. P. that there is a large independent vote in the state and that it cannot be carried by that party unless good men are nominated and good principles advanced. He also declares in favor of an equal division of offices between the Spanish speaking and English speaking citizens.

The statement follows:

"During the last four weeks I have been over the state pretty thoroughly and have met a large number of people; not only active politicians but good citizens. I find that the conditions in New Mexico are not unlike those in other states and there is a decided trend toward the principles of the Republican party. These, of course, affect the national ticket more than the state ticket. There is also a feeling of confidence on the part of our state leaders, and among the people generally, that if the Republican convention acts wisely in the choice of its candidates and in the preparation of its platform, it should win in the next election.

"There are two or three observations which I think are pertinent at this time. First: In 1911 and 12 there were a large number of progressive votes cast in this state. In 1914 there were not as many; but these voters are all independent Republicans now, and they were as thought centers along the same line. If I am not mistaken there are more independent voters in New Mexico today than ever before in the history of our state. An analysis of the vote by counties in 1914 and in the two preceding elections gives striking evidence of this fact. The presence of a large number of men who vote for measures and for men rather than according to the dictates of a party organization, is an assurance of safety to the state and the strongest possible check upon the arrogance of any political party. I don't view their presence in New Mexico with the slightest degree of uneasiness. On the contrary, I recognize their presence with a large measure of pride and satisfaction in my state, and I am glad to know that these independent voters are about equally distributed among our so-called 'native' and Anglo-Saxon citizenship. It means that both the Republican and Democratic parties must absolutely recognize their existence if they hope to win, and must sue for their support by nominating a thoroughly sound platform, and by absolutely independent and upstanding men.

"Second: I notice a good deal of newspaper talk in regard to statesmanship by both parties; but the fact of the state matter strangely is passed. It certainly is passing in the older states ordinary election laws of various kinds afford to the people a participation in the selection of the candidates of their different parties. And in 1912 the Republican party met with overwhelming defeat nationally, more than for anything else because the people of the country as a whole resented the arrogance of its party leadership. That feeling is strong throughout the country still. In national affairs I am satisfied that we must nominate a man of national caliber and personal popularity. We cannot take a machine-made man and shut him up in prison. In New Mexico the same thing is true. We have no primary election law, and for that reason the work of our state convention will be considerably scrutinized by the independent voters, and any failure of our state convention to detect the popular preference will awaken resentment and lose us votes.

"In the old territorial days a few men having an ear of the government at Washington might, because of their great influence, assume to speak for the people, but today the people are speaking and going to speak for themselves. Our ticket must be responsive to the popular will. And when we put forth our candidates we must select them because of their special fitness for the work they have to do, always giving a fair consideration to the claims of their geographical distribution over the state, and of the racial differences of our people. We are about equally divided numerically between those of Spanish origin and Anglo-Saxon origin, and while I don't think any man should be elected or defeated because he belongs or does not belong to any particular race or nationality, I do think that conditions are as they are, and that every thought and impulse and phase of our state life should be represented on our ticket and in the administration of our affairs, and that as far as possible, we should divide state offices equally between the two peoples, always endeavoring to harmonize their interests and to make them as one.

"Third: The party platforms next year are more important than ever. The people are entitled to know for what measures and what character of administration they are voting, when they vote for a man. It is their privilege to believe that the platform is the statement of principles for which this man stands, the performance of which promise they may reasonable expect if our candidates are elected. Our people want better schools and more industrial training. They want the earning power of the people increased. They hope to see better homes; they want more farm demonstrators and an increase of production from our fields. They desire to see our resources developed, our railroads extended, our timber manufactured, our mines opened, our waters stored and our rivers diverted upon lands that are now unproductive. They want tax laws that will work so that the burden of government shall rest equally upon all and that the dollar of the poor man and the rich man alike will contribute to the support of the state. There is a new era of growth beginning in New Mexico, and our people will give success next year to the Republican party and its candidates if we can make them understand and really believe that our party is today as it has heretofore been, the greatest organization for constructive legislation that the world has ever known. We are entitled to that claim. Our record in state after state as well as in the nation sustains and supports it. And our nominees must be men of such character and of such records as will make it possible for us to come before the people with an aggressive campaign for development and growth. It is no time for a defensive campaign. The acts of the last legislature so far as it went, were good on the whole. A year of growth has developed more needs, and another year will point out increased demand for wisdom in our counsels.

"I believe that the Republican party when it assembles in its convention next year, will, through its delegates, promulgate a program for constructive work that will appeal to the good sense and sound judgment of our people; and that it will place in nomination a ticket made up of men of character, standing and ability whose nomination will be an assurance of good faith on our part, to the voters, and whose election will be an absolute guarantee to the people of the honesty, intelligent and efficient management of the public affairs of our state. If we do that we will win. If we don't we have only to consider what happened to us before to know what will happen again.

"The men who will make the nominations are tending their stores, tilling their fields, watching their flocks and herding their cattle at this time. They are not thinking much about politics, but the time is at hand when they should begin to think. The state mood is very much in evidence but the voter is, after all, the man who rules the country, and if he doesn't wish to be deprived of his privilege he should prepare now to act with intelligence and vigor a little later. All of this talk about preparedness in case of war is trivial in its importance compared with preparedness in case of a caucus, a convention and an election. War is a very remote possibility. The election of 1916 is an absolute certainty and on the wisdom of our people, the good sense of our voters, depends the prosperity of every one of us for the next four years, and the growth of the state institutions in our state through which we hope to see it work out its destiny during the next two years. I will take my chances on the good sense of the people if they will stop and think, but they must not leave the thinking to the other fellow for that is where the state mouse, the boss, the ruler through the invisible government gets in his work. Let the people think. Let the Republican leaders plan on attracting to our support the large independent vote which we must have if we would win.

SCHOOL HELP IN FOREIGN TRADE DRIVE PLANNED

Special Courses of Study to be Discussed at Pan-American Congress in Washington: War Creates Intrest.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A plan for the immediate introduction into the high schools and colleges throughout the country of special courses of study for foreign and the consular and diplomatic services will be discussed at a special educational conference called by the United States commissioner of education, P. P. Claxton, on Friday, December 31, in connection with one of the sessions of the second Pan American Scientific congress which opens here on Monday, December 27. Addresses will be made by college presidents and professors from many parts of the country, by business men, trade experts and representatives of the departments of state and commerce. Following a round-table discussion of the plan, a committee will be appointed to render a report to Commissioner Claxton.

This feature of the congress has received the special attention of Dr. Glen Levin Swiggett, assistant secretary-general, who as professor of romance languages in the University of Knoxville has been deeply interested in preparing young Americans for commercial work in Latin-America as well as for the government foreign service. In connection with an announcement regarding the conference, Dr. Swiggett said:

"Congestion and expansion lead invariably to foreign trade. But the war in Europe has done more to crystallize interest in foreign trade than anything else in the last century. This sentiment is especially manifest in the larger ports and trade marts on the coasts, and it is for these centers that we should plan at once a vital course of study for our foreign trade. Various large business corporations already have evolved methods of training their employees for foreign trade. This, however, must have its shortcomings and cannot be permanent. What is needed is the formulation of a definite plan for introducing specially designed courses of study in our regular educational institutions and it is hoped that such a plan will be decided upon at the conference."

There is now in operation a course on Latin-American trade and economics at the University of New Mexico, under the direction of Prof. Roscoe H. Hill. President David R. Boyd of the university, has gone to Washington to attend the Pan American congress in response to a special invitation. The invitation was extended in recognition of the university's pioneer work in the direction of trade expansion.

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