

Desperate Situation

EXISTS WITH THE CHOSEN FEW IN EDDY COUNTY

AT FIRST THEY MADE LIGHT OF THE INDEPENDENT MOVEMENT BUT THEY HAVE NOW CALLED FOR HELP FROM THE REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE

and

IN VIEW OF THE HARMONY WHICH HAS FOR YEARS EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO, AND A POSSIBLE AGREED DIVISION OF THE COUNTY POLITICAL SPOILS, HOW FAR, WE WONDER, THE OLD GUARD REPUBLICAN LEADERS WILL GO IN ASSISTING THE CHOSEN FEW TO ELECT A STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

Did You Know

That your County Commissioners are carrying 22 Insurance policies on the court house and contents and that by agreement they are divided between the republican county chairman and Swigart and Prater, except \$2,000 which is magnanimously given to Keinath and Son at Artesia.

The total amount of Insurance carried is \$102,500.

We favor carrying ample insurance, but just wonder who appraised the court house and contents and just about how much would actually be collected on these policies in case of a loss.

Your county commissioners do all this business for you.

Ask some one who knows what the court house cost.

Warrants are being drawn direct to county officials themselves for Clerk hire. This is not the fault of the official. It is the fault of the county commissioners. The excuse given is that the state auditor approved it. However, the law forbids. And the excuse is absurd.

Will Mr. Waller state whether or not he ever drew any such warrant when he was county assessor when no clerk actually put in the time in his office.

We blame the county commissioners for allowing this practice.

Vote for John T. Bolton and against Dugan Rickman.

Vote for Dean Smith and against G. R. Howard.

WARNING

If you should require any one to assist you in marking your ballot on Election Day you are entitled to call for any one of the Judges you personally desire. Be sure that your ballot is marked the way you intend to vote.

NOTICE

We are not mixing in any state politics unless the state candidates attempt to mix in this county matter. Don't let the chosen few fool you

DO YOU KNOW?

That just before the last Democratic Primary Election, Hon. G. W. Batton, now deceased, had printed a number of sample ballots at The Carlsbad Argus, instructing the editor to print the ballots on the same form which was to be used on Election Day and that said sample ballots were printed on the Australian ballot form; that these ballots were delivered to Mr. Batton and that he distributed them among many voters, showing them how to place an X in the square opposite to his name. Do you know that some ballots had been printed by the committee in an Artesia printing office on this form for use in the Primary, but that upon the eve of the election the form was changed to the scratch system by the county chairman and actually used in the primary.

This fooled many of Mr. Batton's friends who voted for him by placing an X opposite to his name. Do you know that under the Primary Election law any vote which clearly shows the intention of the voter should be counted?

Do you know that in the Carlsbad Precinct, the largest precinct in the county, these votes were not counted? This defeated Batton by five votes.

We wonder why this order for the ballots to be voted in squares or the Australian system was countermanded on the very eve of the election.

Why were these votes not counted by the committee?

Why were they so handled by the committee that they could not be seen?

Under their own rules a re-count was guaranteed. It was refused.

Why was the convention which ratified the nominees held on Saturday morning and precinct delegates to it chosen on the evening before, after a few hours notice only?

Why then do they preach that people who believe in self government are undemocratic?

Consistency, thou art a jewel! Will the chosen few pray tell us what Democracy is?

If you believe in a clean and self government, vote for Ned Shattuck for Sheriff and back him up with Dean Smith and John T. Bolton, for County Commissioners.

Don't let them fool you on how to vote. Leave the circle blank and put an X in the square opposite each person you vote for.

INDEPENDENT VOTERS COMMITTEE

OF EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.