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While there has been more or less talk in years past of the scarcity of house room in Carlsbad and quite a number of assertions to the effect that the town needed more cottages, it now proves to be chimerical and like nearly all such talk, pure falsehood. Cottage building for rent is the most unprofitable business possible to engage in. For instance a person with $1,000 desires to invest it profitably, and casts about for an avenue wherein to make the best possible use of the money; the $1,000 would probably purchase a lot and build a four room cottage which would rent at say $10.00 per month or $120.00 per annum. The taxes on the cottage and lot would not be less than $16.00 and possibly $24.00. Insurance $6.00 and repairs, taken for ten years, not less than $20.00 per year, making at the lowest estimate $42.00 per annum expense, leaving only $78.00 per annum for the use of $1,000 or a little over seven per cent interest. Then the chances of losing this $78.00 through bad tenants, for many are poor pay, is greater than the chance of losing live stock on the prairie of a dry year. On the other hand $1,000 invested in yearling heifers properly cared for will double in a year, so the difference between cottages and heifers as an investment is about ninety per cent. There are very many houses and fine rooms in this town which health seekers can obtain very reasonable and the climate far excels any town in the territory for winter. It is this continual harping about scarcity of houses which keeps people away from Carlsbad. If the naked truth was always told concerning the town and country adjoining there would be more people come here who would make homes and engage in business. There is too much effort to boom and not enough of the naked truth.

As an instance to show how few of the stockmen are paying their taxes, two horse owners were called upon to go the bond of a third accused of horse stealing. The two bondsmen qualified for $500 each above exemptions and the third gave a chattel mortgage on eighty head of horses to secure his bondsmen. None of the three names were found on the assessors books, so the collector simply assessed the amount to each that he swore he was worth to make the bond and will collect some $50 for the county or sell the stock. Instances of this kind are not only the exception but almost the rule in Eddy county. If each stock man would give in every head to the the assessor there would be a general reduction of taxes in this county; on the other hand the town lot owner and the little valley farmer are assessed for about four times what they should pay and the county is hard up. Until we have officials with the courage of their convictions, men who will assess and collect taxes on every head of cattle and horse stock owned in the county we may expect to see taxes double what they should be. Of all the property owners the men who escape taxation are best able to pay and a little assistance from them would bring down taxes in Eddy county to less than half of the present rate. These remarks are not aimed at honest stock men who pay their taxes like men, but those who own possibly 300 head and pay taxes on 30 or those who own 1,000 and pay taxes on 300. All good citizens should be willing to contribute to the support of the county and territory.

Lieutenant Max Luna of this territory, speaker of the house in the last term of the legislature and captain of a company of rough riders during the war in Cuba, was drowned in the Agno river in the Philippine Islands one day last week. The news came from Washington under date of Nov. 18. Max Luna was 34 years of age and the youngest man ever elected to the New Mexico legislature. The news came from Otis in the following dispatch:

Lawton reports the drowning of Lieut. Luna of the 24th infantry, his aide, and two men of his escort, while crossing the Agno river. He also reports as still missing Lieut. Thayer and ten men sent to communicate with Wheaton.

Carnegie is hot about the Boer and Philippine war. Speaking of the Boer war, Mr. Carnegie, who just arrived from England a few days ago, became greatly wrought up: "That war," he said, "is an infamous piece of business and it is England's last for dominion, which is on a par with our attack on the Filipinos. Both are a burning disgrace to our race."

The time is fast approaching when Gov. Otero will come to a realization of some of his errors in the appointment of county and territorial officers.—Socorro Chieftain (Rep.)

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By Way of Reloader.

Here is an object lesson that will not fail to interest a very considerable number of American people: Nails in 1896 $1.50; nails in 1899 $4.35.—Houston Post.

Well, wasn't it an era of rising prices that you and other free silver organs were howling for in 1896.—Minneapolis Tribune.

The "free silver organs" did not howl for an era of high prices to be ushered in and maintained by combines that advance the price of manufactures to the point of absolute robbery. Is such an era gratifying to the Tribune, and is the above interrogatory all that it has to say concerning the rise in the price of nails in one year? Will the indignant Tribune tell why the era of such exhorbitant advance in price has not come to agricultural products? Again, will the Tribune enlighten the country with some explanation of why silver bullion has steadily declined in value and silver mines closed throughout the silver producing states of the Union? After the Tribune shall have accomodated an expectant public, by the responses to these inquiries, will it not then be honest enough to concede the proposition that the Post and other free silver organs were right in contending that, with the government mints open to the coinage of silver, the great industry of its production would not have been destroyed and the stringency in the money market that is now frightening the republican party out of their boots might have been averted? Still again, does the Tribune hold as the gauge of National prosperity the enormous advance in the price of all trust-controlled commodities, and is it willing to encourage the trust system until everything that men buy will be under its conquest, and the enslavement of the masses be accomplished to the extent that there shall not be left to them a single hope of escape from the demon of licensed greed, except by the route of revolution.

Politics should not and does not cut any figure in the statehood question. Every enterprising citizen desires progress for the territory, and statehood would be a move forward which would prove the initiatory of a genuine boom. Now is a good time to push New Mexico's claims to admission as a state. Those politicans and others who have flourished under old conditions and who constitute the anti-progressive faction, no doubt "sicken and pale with grief" at the prospect of statehood, but the onward movement of New Mexico with her boundless natural resources is not to be longer impeded, it is hoped, by such stumbling blocks. Let all New Mexico awaken on the question of statehood. The time is ripe.—Las Cruces Democrat.

Texas is to be the scene of one of the greatest religious fights in history. The Baptist church is badly split as a result of the factional differences which resulted in a large number of delegates being refused seats in the recent general convention at Dallas, and the faction which was excluded, known as the "church party," will resort to the courts. The board of directors appointed by the general convention are to be sued to obtain control of the Baptist general convention; all the educational institutions of the Baptist denomination in Texas; the possession and collection of mission funds, and in fact all the machinery of the Baptist church in the state. It is also given out that the proceedings of the general convention will be reported to the various churches and denounced as illegal and of no force; that the amendments to the constitution are not binding; and a recommendation that a general convention be held under the auspices of the church party leaders will be made. It is expected that the fight will be carried into every church in the state, some 2500 in number. The ultimate result no person pretends to foresee, but it will certainly set back the "Christian union" movement for many years. If the members of one denomination cannot hold together, who can forge a chain strong enough to hold ten or more different denominations together?—El Paso Herald.

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Very Respectfully,

No Good Reason Against Admission.

The principal reason for giving statehood to New Mexico is that no satisfactory reason can be urged against it. The territorial form of government for an integral part of the United States at this end of the century is an anomaly. There was some excuse for it at the time when the west was sparcely settled, when the savages outnumbered the civilized people, when the means of inter-communication were limited, when the seat of government was weeks and months removed from the frontier, but to day every territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Florida to Washington, is entitled to statehood, and is deprived of statehood, not because there are any cogent reasons against it but because the representatives of other states fear that the admission of the territories as states may disturb the arrangement of the political checker board. It is the same reason that was urged against admitting Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, California and other states, right will finally triumph over political plots as was the case with those states, and before long it will come to pass that it can no longer be said that there are rich, intelligent, populous, patriotic, commonwealths in the United States that are regarded merely as colonies, that must bear taxation without representation.

FOOD ADULTERATION.

United States Senate Committee Resumes its Investigation

New York, Nov. 17—The United States senate committee, represented by Senator Mason, of Illinois, to-day resumed its investigation into food adulteration.

Dr. Edward H. Jenkins, vice director of the Connecticut agricultural experiment station, declared that the general adulteration of food products had increased with the business competition and the demand for cheap wares. In his five years experience Dr. Jenkins said he had found only one adulterant that was poisonous, and that was a coloring matter in a temperence drink. Cocoa shells, prune stones and the like, he said,

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were sold as spices. More than half the jellies examined were made of glucose and starch paste, colored with artificial coloring, flavored with artificial flavoring and preserved with salicylic acid. The cheaper grades of coffee were found to contain a large proportion of Canada peas, pea pellets wheat middlings and chicory.

Dr. Jenkins presented for the instruction of Senator Mason a number of small bottles containing the coffee adulterants and imitation coffee beans; adulterated mustard which is 20 per cent plaster of paris, pepper that is 75 per cent charcoal, sawdust and flour, and cayenne pepper that 10 per cent is pure pepper.

Tomato catsup, the witness said, is made of tomato cores colored with artificial coloring and preserved with salicylic acid. Of thirty samples of olive oil twenty-six were adulterated with cotton seed oil. Of forty samples of beer tested eleven contained salicylic acid, while of seven samples of ale six were pure.

Speaking of the dyes used in temperance drinks Dr. Jenkins said experiments had shown that one glass of raspberry soda had enough analine dye to color a piece of flannel five inches square.

And Then for Settlement.

It is now indicated on the war map which changes with the daily developments of the Philippine campaign that Aguinaldo in person, with the insurgents based solely under his direction, is completely surrounded by American troops under the command of Generals Wheaton, MacArthur, Lawton and Major Swigert, the latter, with Third Cavalry, having, as now seems to look Aguinaldo's only remaining avenue of escape.

The officials are informed to make that Major Swigert yesterday morning sighted Aguinaldo, and immediately [illegible] the neighborhood of Pangasinan. For the first time since the opening of the campaign the Tagal leader has been definately located, and there is good reason to hope that his escape from his present position can be prevented. The men who are so close on his trail are old Indian fighters of veteran experience. They are apt to bag their game under existing conditions.

It is in order, therefore, to expect news of Aguinaldo's capture at any moment. Such news will mean the speedy termination of the war in the Philippines, prolonged only through Aguinaldo's untiring activity and effective control of native sentiment. The American people will hail the news with intense satisfaction. They are weary of the war in the Philippines. They desire the restoration of order at as early a date as is possible. And then they will look for a final settlement of the Philippine problem along lines that shall not involve a repudiation of American principles; that shall not declare, in effect, that those principles were proclaimed and upheld only as long as it was profitable to do so.—St. Louis Republic.

New Edition of Copp's Settlers Guide.

The twenty-first edition of Copp's settler's guide, a popular exposition of our public land system, is before us. It is edited by Henry N. Copp, of Washington, D. C., well known land attorney. Its price is only 25 cents. The chapter on surveys is illustrated and tells how decipher township and section corners. The book gives the latest ruling on the homestead and other laws. Mr. Copp desires the addresses of all union soldiers who made homestead entries before June 1874 of less than 160 acres. He has a matter of interest for their consideration.

Loving's Trust Busted.

For three months or more the press of the country has been talking about the plan of George B. Loving to build a monster cattle syndicate to breed and handle cattle in Texas. Now it is all off. A special from Austin says:

T. C. Ford and other prominent stockmen of the Panhandle of Texas who have been here during the past few days are authority for the statement that George B. Loving's gigantic cattle syndicate scheme will probably be abandoned. The failure to organize the big enterprise is due to the fact, that eastern capitalists have withdrawn their support on account of uncertainty as to whether the proposed syndicate would come into contact with the new Texas anti-trust law, which goes into effect January 31, 1900. Mr. Ford states that Mr. Loving has made efforts to renew options on a large amount of ranch property and many thousand head of cattle in the Panhandle which have recently expired.

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JOHN UNDERWOOD IN TROUBLE.

He is Held on the Charge of Bringing Stolen Cattle Into Texas.

Tuesdays Times.

John Underwood, an alleged cattle rustler, was brought to El Paso from Eddy by D. R. Harkey Sunday evening and had a preliminary hearing before Justice Spencer yerterday on the charge of bringing stolen cattle into the state.

The prisoner is wanted in New Mexico to answer to the charge of cattle stealing. But it seems that he brought some of his cattle into Texas and so the officers here decided to try and take a fall out of him.

As stated Underwood had a hearing before Justice Spencer yesterday and was bound over in the sum of $1,000, and he has not yet been able to give bail.

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