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And it didn't erupt—another lot of bum foolishness about "High P." and other celebrities.

Governor McDonald is to be commended for his action in pardoning Irvin Ogden, editor of the Roy Spanish-American, who was convicted of libel by a prejudiced jury. The governor has again demonstrated the fact that a man cannot be sent to the penitentiary in this state, while he is governor, because of his politics. This is new doctrine to the old republican gang of New Mexico, and it is a pleasure to see them forced to abide it.

The successful use of jimmy methods in Union county civic affairs is a thing of the past. The people of this county remember well the treatment accorded them through the instrumentality of the instrument in the last so-called legislature, when they were practically disfranchised through the disgraceful ejection from the law making body of their two legally and lawfully elected representatives. Such stuff as that won't go a second time, and if it is tried the time for a revolution will have arrived.

Hon. A. A. Jones of E. Las Vegas, at present first assistant Secretary of the Interior, is being prominently mentioned as a democratic candidate for United States senator in the next election. The News is more than willing, because Mr. Jones is one of the really big men of the state, and one who could be trusted to do his whole duty in any position for the people of New Mexico. The only objection we can advance to Mr. Jones' candidacy, is the fact that it would remove him from his present position, in which he has been of great benefit to the entire nation and especially to the great western states.

The latest sensation in political circles is the discovery that some very influential men of the state are strongly in favor of W. H. Andrews for the United States senate, and against Catron. This is an element not taken into consideration by many of the state fixers, and it is disturbing them. Andrews, if he is a candidate, will be a hard man to beat in any republican convention around this state, and there is a strong probability that the opposition to Catron can get together on him. If they can he will be nominated, and if they can not they will probably be able to beat Catron anyhow, because everybody seems to be against the Santa Fe man.

**Bankers and Farmers**

Bankers are trying to get in closer touch with the farmer, and their efforts are bound to produce results profitable to both. This paper, again and again, has urged a closer cooperation between banker and farmer, and the cry has been echoed all over the country. The Missouri Bankers' Association is making a first definite step in cooperating with the state board of agriculture and other organizations to organize rural associations in every county in the state for the purpose of working up sentiment for good roads, farm advisors, better schools and more scientific methods of agriculture. Men Will represent the bankers' association in every county, and will be charged with the duty of organizing the county associations. The state board of agriculture then steps in, and will send speakers and workers to aid. The railroads will also lend assistance. The new movement is the dawn of the era of rock roads and the death knell of the little backwoods school house on the hill.

The Canova, S. D. Herald, was approached recently by anti-prohibitionists for advertising rates to present the "wet" side of the state

wide prohibition fight in South Dakota. The letter asking for rates stated that the proposition was a clean-cut business one—not intended as a subsidy—"the only purpose being to prove that prohibition does not meet the expected end and will be inexpedient." The letter added: "The policy of your paper on the prohibition question will not involve a consideration. You are offered this business irrespective of whether your paper is for or against prohibition." The editor of The Herald—which is a prohibition paper—accepted the business on the grounds that advertising was the paper's "stock in trade" and "for sale for the use of any legitimate business enterprise." "We want to be fair to both friend and foe alike," said the editor, "and we don't believe it will hurt the public to have both sides of the question presented. It should enable us to cast a more intelligent ballot." Thus the Herald will carry "wet" arguments in its advertising columns and, editorially, will support the "dry" cause. Agitation always produces beneficial results, but suppression of facts may cause great harm. The editor of the Herald is honest in his espousal of the "dry" cause, and at the same time, he is big enough to allow his opponents a place in the forum.

**Old Timer vs. New Comer**

Woodrow Wilson wrote "When a Man Comes to Himself," and I wish I could write "When a State Comes to Herself," for I know a state which is coming to herself and Union county is a part of it. Like young men, I believe states have their wild-out-Sowings, and, like a debutante, a state has a coming-out party. Sometime ago the House of Representatives and Senate announced the coming-out of Miss New Mexico in Washington, D. C. She came out, looked about and rather blushed at the advanced state of development and beauty of her sisters as compared with her own awkward adolescence. As a result this capricious Miss dropped her old bag, is quitting prodigaling and "playing at running her State government" as fast as she can. Also a very short time ago a public sentiment became felt, insisting upon reformatory and curative legislation. However fast this public sentiment for said legislation and efficiency and economy in government for New Mexico is growing, unfortunately it has not gained sufficient momentum heretofore to make itself felt by the legislature of this state which is a relic of the territorial days and a last morsel of the gang that is holding over as tenants at sufferance.

But across the borderland is spilling the imperial American farmer, banker, manufacturer and merchant and they are the ones who, in cooperation with the True Old Timer, is bringing the territory comprising New Mexico, which was so kindly fashioned by Nature's God in the beginning, into her own.

But these remarks are entitled "Old Timer vs. New Comer," and as a fitting conclusion to the above statements I hasten to justify the title. In fact, the object of this article, if it has an object, is to point out a few usurpers and distinguish them from the Old Timers. The term "Old Timer" seems not to have been defined by our courts and therefore they have possibly made quite as many distinctions as the legislature and framers of our constitution. Merely being here in the west a long time doesn't constitute one an Old Timer, does it? If it does I don't really think the words ought to be capitalized. An Old Time Westerner is usually thought of by the easterner as a big-hearted, liberal-minded, charitable being who would go much farther for the love of a woman than the love of a dinero, and merely being in the west a long, long time has ingloriously failed to instill these virtues into many. In fact these very golden qualities in the real Old Timer has caused him to tolerate laws and looseness in government which has

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But the real Old Timer extends the glad hand to the New Comer and they are working hand in hand in the transformation of the unused prairies into prosperous farms; and this is as it should be and in perfect accord with the spirit of the government of the United States in respect to reclaiming the public domain.

Amalgamation of the different races and of the people of the different states into one cosmopolitan composite body of Americans working for the upbuilding, betterment and development of one of the grandest New States on the map should and will be the motto of all.—Contributed.