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DEMOCRATIC LEADER IN SENATE ADMITS POLICY ONE OF OBSTRUCTION

Washington, Oct. 18.—In the course of a Senate debate on the new tax measure Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, Democratic floor leader in the Senate, gave official confirmation to the general belief that the policy of the Democratic organization and the Democratic party is to be simply a policy of opposition to anything that is proposed, regardless of the merits of the proposal, thus living up to the Democratic party's traditional record of being a party of obstruction rather than of construction.

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HIGHWAY ENGINEERS SEE ROAD AID VICTORY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

Washington, Oct. 18.—The executive committee of the National Association of Highway Commissioners has just completed an important meeting in Washington. It was held for the purpose primarily of considering the situation in Congress relative to the federal aid road bill, now in conference, and which calls for from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in appropriations.

The judgment of the country that the federal aid principle as applied to the building of highways is correct, which opinion Congress has repeatedly endorsed, in itself is proof that the judgment of the people would be the same as to federal aid in the furthering of the cause of education.

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GRAND MASTER LESTER WARNS MASONS AGAINST KU KLUX KLAN

Las Cruces, N. M., Oct. 20.—"Definite evidence has come to my notice of solicitation among Masons and officers of Masonic lodges in this grand jurisdiction for membership in the organization known as the Ku Klux Klan, for which reason I deem it my duty to address this communication to all Masons in this grand jurisdiction."

Francis E. Lester of Mesilla Park, Las Cruces, grand master of Masons in New Mexico, says this among other things in a two-page letter addressed to subordinate lodges in this state.

"It is not material to this discussion whether or not the Ku Klux Klan is responsible for all the occurrences charged to it. The practices of the organization are generally known and understood and it must be apparent to any man who thoughtfully considers the relationship that should exist between our citizenship and our government that these practices are contrary to the true principles of Masonry and of good government."

"Our government is a democracy that governs through the law. None of these principles is more vital than the maintenance of law and order through our constituted authorities. Our system of government is opposed to the administration of punishment in disguise and to the theory and practice of secret punishment of any similar form of tyranny. It guarantees to every citizen charged with an offense a fair hearing before punishment can be inflicted."

"Judge by our recognized standards of good government, masked violence, mob rule, the setting up of any secret self-governing authority of law, or the substitution of the reign of the far bucket for the reign of the law of the land, are absolutely un-Masonic and un-American. Any body of men, any sect, any clan or any organization that seeks to independently arrogate to itself the functions of government and the enforcement of the laws of our country is un-American and directly opposed to the principles of Masonry that we teach and practice."

"The excuse that our laws fail at times to administer deserved punishment falls to the ground in a free government that is no better and no worse than what we make it; and if examples exist of the failure of justice they should serve as a challenge to Freemasonry to more actively function for good government."

STRYKER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY HAS TWELVE STATE ROAD CONTRACTS

Down on Lincoln avenue, is a one-story brick building of about 25-foot frontage, one half of which is occupied by a real estate office and the other half by a company that pays out monthly between \$75,000 and \$80,000, and that has contracts pending in the state of New Mexico amounting to over \$900,000. Over 2,000 men, 400 teams of horses and mules and nearly \$300,000 worth of equipment are worked by this concern, which is the J. V. Stryker Construction company of Denver, Colo., and which is engaged in road and bridge construction.

All the details of the 12 road projects and one bridge project now on the drawing boards of the company are being handled from the little unpretentious brick building which is this housing one of the largest business institutions in Las Vegas.

Two hundred and eight miles of graded and surfaced highways comprise the 12 projects under way. A concrete bridge, 300 feet in length, is being built on the Rio Grande river near Espanola, 26 miles from Santa Fe make up the contracts the company is now working on in New Mexico. The work was obtained on competitive bids, opened and let by the state highway commission. The engineering specifications were drawn up by the state highway engineer's office, and the work is all supervised by state and federal engineers while under construction and carefully examined before being accepted. All the roads, whether graded or surfaced, are equipped with concrete drainage, and the bridges being either of steel or of concrete with wooden superstructures.—Las Vegas Optic.

STATE READY TO RENDER SERVICE IN UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS

If the federal government will enact the necessary legislation, the state of New Mexico will be ready within 90 days to begin the construction of federal aid roads costing \$1,500,000. Gov. Merritt C. McChesney has wired Secretary Herbert Hoover, in response to the secretary's inquiry. Secretary Hoover wired:

"The president's unemployment conference has recommended expediting of road construction during present period of unemployment. Will you kindly inform me how much new road work could be started by your state within ninety days if additional appropriations shall be made available by congress within ten days."

To this the governor replied: "Replying to your telegram, New Mexico could start construction of over \$1,500,000 federal aid road work within ninety days if federal legislation is enacted promptly."

HALL RESIGNS TO GO INTO INSURANCE AND BONDING AGENCY EXCLUSIVELY

P. A. Hall, who has been one of the assistant state traveling auditors for the past seven years, has resigned to take effect November 1st.

Mr. Hall will after that date devote his entire time to the Insurance and Bonding business of Hall & Wiley, and those who appreciate Mr. Hall's energy have no doubt but what he will make a thorough success of it, as they have several state agencies for Bonding companies.

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BERNALILLO

Bernalillo county schools received \$30,000 Saturday from the state school fund. A voucher for the amount, authorized by law was received by County Treasurer Ed Swope from State School Superintendent John Conway. The state law provides that each county shall receive from the state funds a sum for school purposes computed on a basis of \$2.50 for each student in the public schools, as shown by the last census.

The fund was apportioned Saturday morning, \$4,075.50 going to the city schools, and the remainder to the county system. The money was deposited to the credit of the schools yesterday afternoon by Treasurer Ed Swope.

William Hunter arrested some time ago on a charge of bigamy, indicted by the grand jury and released on a \$1,000 bond, who was to have been tried Friday in the district court at Albuquerque has disappeared. His case was postponed from last week until Friday at his request. Failing to appear, the court declared his bond forfeited. Albert Simms and Charles Roehl are his bondsmen.

The moving pictures taken of Albuquerque and vicinity by H. T. Cowling, camera man for the Paramount-Burton Holmes corporation have turned out splendid according to information received by the Chamber of Commerce from Mr. Cowling. The officials of the company are so pleased with the pictures that an entire release will be made of the pictures.

These pictures will be started at once on their circuit of the county, and will probably be in Albuquerque about December 1. They were tried out in the finishing rooms of the company at Chicago. The sunset pictures taken on the Rio Grande from Balcones bridge are especially attractive.

CATRON

Quemado was well represented at Datil last Sunday, where a meeting was held for the object of discussing plans which deal with the removal of the county seat from Reserve to Datil.

Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Doepp, of Carlsbad, N. M., were met here Tuesday by H. E. Barber of Reserve, where the Dr. and his wife will visit the ranch.—Magdalena News.

CHAVES

Sheriff John C. Peck of Roswell brought to Santa Fe a few days ago, Bob Whittle, Carl E. Beckman and Ralph Nicholson where the three will begin their terms in the state penitentiary. Whittle received a sentence of six months, Beckman 18 months and Nicholson one year. All three pleaded guilty before Judge Brice to the charge of having violated the state prohibition law.

The Grand Haven Orchard, of seven acres of trees, this year yielded a total of 17,500 bushels of apples, which is regarded here as a record and proof positive that an orchard in the Pecos valley will pay a very handsome return on the investment.

The net profit on his crop this year, after every expense had been deducted was \$10,711, or over \$630 an acre profit. S. I. Redfield has been manager of this orchard for the past seven years and during this time this orchard has given a net return to the owners of over \$40,000.—Roswell Record.

C. W. and Ray Bartlett have returned from Kansas and Nebraska, where they had been several weeks on business. They shipped a car of apples to Kansas and followed the shipment by auto, and after disposing of their apples went to their old home at Fairburg, Nebraska, for a short visit. They disposed of their apples at a good price, and all things considered had a very successful trip.—Hagerman Messenger.

Joseph J. Jaffa and associates have purchased the interest of Roy Ammerman in the Bank of Commerce at Roswell. Mr. Jaffa will take active charge of the institution in the capacity of vice-president.

Good progress is being made by the contractors on the new road between Dexter and Roswell. Work began two weeks ago at Orchard Park and crews are working both ways.

COLFAX

The main pipe line of the city water system in now completely reconstructed with steel pipe, replacing the old tile pipe which was originally laid. This thoroughly protects the city in its water supply, which has been endangered in the past because of the liability of the tile pipe to give way at any time.

Another recent improvement has been the repairing of the filter house in Sugarite canyon, which has been greatly needed.

Lead connections to the water main on North First street are being made in anticipation of the paving of the street. This work has had to be made with much rapidity to keep ahead of the street improvement crew, which is vigorously pushing ahead.—Raton Range.

Architectural plans are now being prepared for a third story to the entire block of the Seaberg hotel. The ground construction has been made sufficiently strong to support this construction, but for additional safety and a possible story in the future, it will be supported from the ground up by a net work of iron girdles and concrete abutments. The entire third story will not be completed at one time, but will be built in units, so that when completed it will form one harmonious building.

This third story will be used exclusively for apartments until such time that the regular hotel business will need the accommodations. It will contain one main structure on Third street and four wings to the alley, and will have fifty apartments, each apartment of sufficient size to afterwards be used as two large hotel rooms, with an abundance of closets, vestibules, bath, etc.

Cooking will be allowed in these apartments, but with electricity exclusively. Leases will be made for five-year terms, with privilege of re-letting to parties satisfactory to the hotel.—Raton Reporter.

ten days, were ordered Friday morning by the town authorities to leave town.

Capt. Charles Hill, a member of the town board of trustees, accompanied by Town Marshal Angel, called on the young women after Prof. H. L. Kent, president of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, had made complaint, and ordered them to depart at once.—Las Cruces Citizen.

EDDY

The sensational murder trial of Wm. Murrah for the poisoning of his brother, John Murrah, on his ranch in the Lakewood district, is now being heard in the district court, with Judge C. R. Brice sitting as magistrate. District Attorney Dillard Wyatt, assisted by Assistant District Attorney F. E. Wilson and former District Attorney Robert C. Dow, are handling the case for the state, while Judge W. Lamb considered one of the ablest lawyers in the state, conducting Murrah's defense.

Many witnesses are present from the neighborhood of the trouble, and the case is attracting much attention.

Plans are being formed to reorganize the Carlsbad band under the direction of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce.—Carlsbad Argus.

The baseball game last Sunday for the benefit of the Sisters' Hospital resulted in a gift of fifty dollars for that institution.

GRANT

During the past week development work on the Volcano has continued to show good results. Especially is this true of the 300-foot level, where a cross-cut is being driven. Ore values here are over 100 ounces and the size of the body is undetermined.

The cross-cut on the 200-foot level is showing 9 feet of good ore in the vein and the other wall has not been reached. Work on the north face at the 200-foot level exposed ore running 40 to 100 ounces. Work on the Wyman shaft shows a large vein assaying 37 ounces.

The way the mine is showing up on the 300-foot level is particularly pleasing to the owners.—Silver City Enterprise.

Hugh McKean and other residents of the Alma district of western Grant county are enroute to Silver City with 1200 steers which will be shipped from the stockyards there.

The steers were sold to J. G. Hall, El Paso cattle buyer, and their destination is not known. It is understood the price received was on the basis of \$18 for yearlings.

Bids have been asked for a group of three new buildings and other improvements at Fort Bayard, to cost, when completed, at least \$100,000. The new buildings will cost \$85,000, and another \$15,000 will be expended on other improvements, including a steel wire fence to be erected around all buildings.

It is expected that thirty days will elapse before the bids are finally passed on, and the contracts awarded, following which the bidders will have approximately sixty to ninety days to begin actual construction work.

The expenditure of so large a sum at Fort Bayard assures the permanency of the United States Public Health hospital, which will be made one of the largest and most modern in the entire county.—Silver City Independent.

A strike of a rich vein of silver-bearing ore is reported from the North Star mine, located on one of the tributaries of Rain creek, about 35 miles from Silver City. The mine is one that has been worked for a number of years off and on and was operated a few years ago by Theo. Carter. It was then considered a gold prospect.

The Alexander brothers have been developing the mine for several months past and have opened a vein of high-grade silver ore which gives every indication of placing the mine in the producing class within the near future.

The chief drawback to the mine is that it is located in very rough country and so far supplies have to be hauled in. However, the ore that has been exposed in recent operations is of such a character that road difficulties will cut little or no figures in the successful operation of the mine.

The Alexander brothers have a force of about 30 men working out there and the strike was made in an extension of the main tunnel which is over 100 feet long.

DONA ANA

Thirty-three cantaloupe growers in the valley, shipping through C. H. Weaver & Co. Chicago, received \$20,575.41 net on 55,767 crates, an average of 36.9 cents a crate. The average yield on 234 acres was 238.2 crates, returning \$86.91.

The largest shipment in this deal was I. D. Hale with 58 acres, on which he averaged 285.3 crates an acre. He received a total net return of \$6,788.87.

Mike Barnert raised 5972 crates on ten acres, 2 miles northwest of town. He received \$2,881.92 or an average of 48.3 cents a crate. The next highest yield was from B. H. Henry, who harvested 4219 crates an acre on four acres. E. Banegas harvested 419 crates an acre from eight acres.

The officers of the cadet battalion organized a society among themselves. The name of the society is "Diamond and Disk," the purpose to foster a spirit of good fellowship among the officers and back up any good moves for the benefit of the college.

The officers of the society are to be: charter commander, vice-commander, adjutant and quartermaster, who are to be chosen shortly.—Las Cruces Republic.

Three young women, who, it is alleged, have been practicing the oldest profession in the world here the last

started on the self building and rushed to completion. Several other homes will be built in that part of town this fall and next spring.

On the west side George Ames is also building a fine new six room home, all modern throughout and of the bungalow style.

The Kitchell home south of town is rapidly nearing completion. The Strickland home is being rushed as fast as possible in the north part of town. The Montezuma addition the Schnell home and the Hephner home are practically completed and several more new homes will be erected in this addition soon. In the Floresheim addition the prospects are bright for a building program that will make that addition look like a city within its self.

HIDALGO

City Attorney Ralph S. Spann is "camping" in Highway Garage No. 2 since Monday night, when his office, in the Ownby building on East Railroad avenue were wrecked entirely out by fire, which destroyed the entire building. The blaze was the work of careless tramps or a vicious incendiary, as there had been no fire in the building for weeks. The city records, and papers were in the building, but most of them were removed. Mr. Spann had about \$6,000 worth of books, records and furniture, about one-third covered by insurance. Much valuable property could not be taken out.

The building loss, according to Mrs. Ownby's statement is about \$1500 with insurance of \$1,000. No decision has been made about re-building.

Development of the Last Chance which has been in progress since May 1st is still being pushed with very satisfactory results and in the near future preparations will be made to sink the main shaft 200 feet deeper, then to develop the main ore shoot from the levels by extensive drifting and cross cutting. At present there is developed on the 275 ft. level an ore shoot 650 feet long on the main vein and about 400 feet on the north vein making a total of 30,000 tons of ore developed between the 180 and 275 foot levels. This is considerable of this ore that could be classed as shipping ore but as the company is getting machinery on the ground for a new mill, they intend to mill everything. The average of the entire ore block out should be far better than \$12.00 per ton. The values all being in silver. The mine is equipped with a first class assay office also a good compressor plant and drills.—Lordsburg Liberal.

LINCOLN

Claunch & Sons sold 30 carloads of stock cattle to Oliver Lee of Alamogordo last week and the same were shipped from this point Saturday. This is the first big shipment of stock from Carrizozo for some time, but considerable activity in this important industry is noticeable.

The presentation of the beautiful has relief, "The Spirit of '76," was recently given to the High School by the class of 1921. The presentation was made in a letter from Miss Eva Wack, now a freshman in the State University of New Mexico, and a member of the class of 1921. The acceptance was by Miss Herndon Reilly and an essay on "The Spirit of '76," was given by Miss Marie Adams. Two patriotic songs closed the program. A large number of visitors were present.—Carrizozo Outlook.

Johnny Skinner from the Mesa says he has his crop practically harvested and he and Mrs. Skinner will soon move to Carrizozo for the winter. Crops were the best in years and Mr. Skinner believes he had acres of corn that produced 60 to 65 bushels. Some record for "dry farming," we insist.—Carrizozo News.

The Titsworth Co., shipped two carloads of beef cattle Tuesday, consigned to an El Paso buyer. Will Titsworth accompanied the shipment and will probably be away several days.—Capitan Mountaineer.

LUNA

Work began last week at the oil well to be put down a short distance east of Columbus by the Redlands-New Mexico Oil Co., and the big derrick is nearing completion.

The derrick is 116 feet high, 25 feet at the bottom and five at the top, and is built upon a foundation of 24-inch square timbers and is said to be the largest and heaviest derrick in New Mexico.

The machinery and drills are expected to arrive in the near future and work will be rushed as soon as it can be installed.

The company is very optimistic in regard to the well, believing from the report of a geological geologist, as well as the log of the old well, that a great body of oil awaits them. They are prepared to sink a hole 4000 feet unless they strike oil in saving quantities at a lesser depth.—Columbus Mirror.

What E. F. Baker of Siltan can do with one arm in the way of farming many others with two arms and the same will to work, ought to be able to accomplish.

Mr. Baker's specialty is Poland-China hogs—he has about 200 of them. He farms 40 acres under irrigation for feed crops. The main line is grain on the bottom and he says that he is doing well and is happy to be a Mimbres Valley farmer.

The drive for the benefit of the library shows that institution backed by 166 new members who have paid \$1 each. All workers have not yet reported so that it is possible that the sum will be augmented.

Work is still progressing at the date cannery and it is estimated that (Continued on page five)

"Never kiss a girl on the impulse of the moment," says an exchange. Certainly not. She prefers to be kissed on the lips.