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Call for Democratic Territorial Convention.

HEADQUARTERS DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Prescott, Arizona, August 10, 1898. A Democratic Territorial Convention is hereby called to meet at Prescott, Arizona, at 10 o'clock a. m. on September 16, 1898, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Delegate to Congress, selecting a Territorial Central Committee, and the transaction of such other business as shall come before the Convention.

The basis of representation for the different counties shall be one delegate for each fifty votes or fraction thereof over twenty five, cast for the Hon. M. A. Smith in 1896. Each county will therefore be entitled to the following number of delegates:

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| Apache..... | 5 |
| Cochise..... | 10 |
| Cocconino..... | 7 |
| Gila..... | 6 |
| Graham..... | 18 |
| Maricopa..... | 28 |
| Mohave..... | 4 |
| Navajo..... | 5 |
| Pima..... | 12 |
| Pinal..... | 5 |
| Yavapai..... | 18 |
| Yuma..... | 4 |
| Total..... | 120 |

Proxies will only be recognized when presented by bona fide residents of the county sought to be represented.

All persons who believe in the free and unlimited free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 are invited to participate in all primaries throughout the Territory.

W. A. ROWE, Chairman.
REESE M. LING, Secretary.

The Phoenix Enterprise has been viciously assailed. "Pinhead" Hughes of the republican Tucson Star essays to take the little paper under granny's wing. Editor Mills is a gentleman with a bright future and cannot afford to trot in the Hughes hurdle.

CUBA will no doubt annex herself to the United States so soon as she can become orderly enough to get an expression of the people of that island at the polls. Every former Spanish citizen will favor annexation and probably the better class of Cubans. The guerrilla class, now bent on rapine and plunder, want things as they are.

If upon mature reflection, "Pinhead" Hughes discovers that he is a nonentity, not a man, a thing, who reflects no sentiment then he would settle down to the level of intelligence where mongrels bay at the moon. "Pinhead's" shining star disappeared when Clara Edwards left the Tucson stage.

The business men and citizens generally of Bisbee appreciate the honor given our town in selecting it as the place for holding the Democratic County Convention. Thanks are due our local representatives on the county central committee, who place the interests of our town ahead of political consideration. Will the republicans follow their example?

We are in receipt of a printed circular from Wells, Fargo & Co. trying to explain why they refuse to pay their share of the war tax, but it is too big a dose for us to swallow. The use for that institution is growing less and this imposition upon the public as well as the mean and unpatriotic position the express company has placed itself in will do much toward ending the existence of that company.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY should not wait for a congressional investigation of the war department before removing Alger. It is his plain duty to do it now. He has paid whatever political debt he owed this person, and one would suppose that Alger must have paid his political debts to his supporters in contracts and in appointments. At all events, the country has had all of Alger that it can stand, and enough to swamp the administration that is responsible for him. From the start to the close, the management of the soldiers of the United States, regulars just like volunteers, has been one story of conspicuously bad management and inhuman incompetence. It makes no difference what shall be discovered in detail by an investigation, the incompetence of the war department is absolute in every branch, and the head of it is responsible for it. Mr. McKinley is an accomplice in the murder of our soldiers so long as he retains this unworthy person.

"PINHEAD" HUGHES is doing good work for the people by attracting attention to Mark Smith's superior ability as an attorney. In his mad endeavor to belittle a gentleman who has obeyed the behests of the people, cleansed his skirts and endeared himself to the public by reading out of the Democratic party one of the most degenerate of degenerate. This double-dealing scoundrel, referring to the acts of conscientious attorney, says:

"It was during a session of congress, when Smith was delegate, drawing his salary and sworn to uphold the constitution and laws of the United States, that he voluntarily absented himself from his seat in congress to defend the notorious Wham robbers, who shot down a squad of U. S. soldiers and robbed U. S. Paymaster Wham of \$30,000."

Taking it for granted that Mr. Smith did do all as attributed by "Pinhead" Hughes, those who are personally acquainted with the two men will uphold the man who never swerved from duty. It is sufficient in the eye of the public that Mr. Smith did not sell his clients, but being the able attorney that he is, acquitted them of a heinous offense. Mr. Smith was "sworn to uphold the constitution and laws of the United States." But how about the judge before whom this case was tried? Was he not superior in his official capacity to Mark Smith? Who are the jury who sat upon the case and rendered an "impartial verdict?" How is it that the people have time and time again heartily endorsed the gentleman whom this pigmy would besmirch did he carry sufficient weight? Such poisonous darts from the Tucson Star are relished in the household of decency; they are calculated to purify public sentiment; to place people upon their guard against such shysters as "Pinhead" Hughes who, in order that he might be heard, would not hesitate to assassinate character. One who would palm off a "fallen dove" upon an innocent brother is capable of stabbing a gentleman in the back. And if this man "Pinhead" Hughes persists in imposing himself in decency's circle and criticising his worthies, THE ORB's searchlight will reveal to the people of Arizona a state of affairs that even "Pinhead" Hughes will blush to recognize as facts. Public servants should be criticised, but the criticism should come from those who are above reproach; not from men who have been weighed and found wanting in every scale that judges decency. In every balance that weighs manhood. It is indeed a scaly scale that would leave anything on "Pinhead's" side. As the campaign progresses THE ORB will show up some of the deceptions of this republican-democratic Tucson Star.

THE republican Tucson Star is not pleased with the action of the democratic county central committee of Cochise. The committee is composed of representative gentlemen of the democratic party, chosen by the representative people of Cochise, whose actions are heartily and unreservedly endorsed by the rank and file of the party who protect the peoples' interests and keep such men as "Pinhead" Hughes in the slough of despond, guessing if their noses will ever be able to protrude the slime which keeps their filthy carcasses from view of decency. Cochise county has managed so, these many years to care for her own, without consulting the republican Tucson Star and its horde of hoodlums as to who shall uphold the public's interest. Whether our judgment has been good or not can best be determined by the fact that Mark Smith has always been endorsed, has been nominated and elected, and has demonstrated his efficiency and integrity by booting such men as "Pinhead" Hughes out of the democratic wigwag. No wonder that the Tucson Star is not satisfied with Cochise democracy. Aspersions from the Star source are but reflections of integrity upon the Cochise county democratic central committee.

WHILE THE ORB will not be sparing with those who attempt to flirt with the public, you will observe that partisanship cuts no figure here. If occasion requires we will score those who are derelict in their duties; if, upon the other hand there are those who are deserving—it matters not to what party they belong—this journal will champion them to the deserving point, and no farther.

Secretary Alger declares that he "is distressed more than he can say" because of the sufferings of the soldiers at Santiago. His distress will not bring back the dead, nor satisfy the living victims of political war making. He could do nothing that would go so far to quiet just public indignation as to resign his place in the cabinet and relieve the president of the imputation of condoning his mistakes and misdoings.—Philadelphia Record.

This war has, indeed, emphasized the fact that it is no less than wicked folly to appoint a man, as a reward for political services, to a place he is unfit to fill. Alger would have been no more fit in peace than in war, but the latter event has illustrated his unworthiness. The principal civil service reform shines more clearly in such illustrations.—Springfield, Mass., Republican.

The country moves that the vaction which Secretary Alger expects to take shall not be less than for four years.—Kansas City Star.

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