

Editorial Page

THE PRESIDENTIAL SITUATION

With the virtual announcement of Col Roosevelt that he will be a candidate before the republican national convention...

It is not now a question so much as to whether Harmon, Wilson or Clark can be NOMINATED, but which of them can hope to beat Roosevelt in vote getting if he is chosen to carry the party banner.

La Follette says he has not withdrawn, but some of his most important supporters, Johnson, Pinchot and others have taken an aeroplane journey into the Roosevelt camp, weakening his cause materially.

Taft is going after the nomination with all the "machinery" at his command, though he has been repeatedly assured by shrewd judges that he cannot win the election.

Mr. Wilson is stronger in the east than perhaps either Harmon or Clark, but the west knows him not. He is a "high-brow" a "silk-stocking" and as such the rank and file of the party have little use for him.

The New York, Ohio and Illinois democratic leaders have omitted him from their program.

Champ Clark is "IT" in Missouri, half of it or more in Oklahoma and a part of it in Kansas His strength does not pervade the entire east but a few inches.

By the process of elimination it would appear that Judson Harmon is the man who can do most to solidify the party organization, and more than all the man who can get the most votes; the only one we can count on to beat the "lion-hunter." Neither Wilson nor Clark can beat him.

The question is: Will Teddy stampede the convention and relegate Taft to the back ground? If he does it is up to the democratic convention to consolidate on Harmon and back him to the last ditch.

THE SALARY QUESTION

The most difficult problem with which the Board of Supervisors had to deal at their first session was the fixing of the salaries of precinct and county officials, not otherwise fixed by law. This will be a vexatious problem to confront the legislature when it convenes and before it is finally settled there will be, no doubt much wailing and gnashing of teeth.

REV. CRUTCHFIELD'S INVOCATION

The prayer delivered by Rev. James Crutchfield at the inauguration of Governor Hunt bids fair to become world-famed from the amount of newspaper space devoted to a discussion of his fervid utterances.

That he committed a "bodily assault on the Throne of Grace" has been freely admitted by critics generally, but his evident sincerity must be accepted as full explanation that he uttered his convictions according to his lights, but many people think he overstepped the dead line of pulpit prerogative in his extreme laudation of man, man-made laws and his great tribute to the glories of Arizona as an earthly paradise.

It remained for Mr. Crutchfield to raise the issue as to Gov. Hunt's anarchistic tendencies. To the best of our knowledge and belief, nobody, even the most rabid of his political enemies, has attributed any such beliefs or tendencies in his make-up as citizen or official. To deny that the governor as an anarchist at heart—or in mind—was protesting too much, too unnecessarily much, "Caesar's wife was above suspicion in this regard until Rev. Crutchfield raised the suspicion by his denial.

We have a good governor—in prospective—and a good set of state officials. The votes showed what the people of Arizona think of them.

We expect a first class administration and are going to have it or know the reason why not.

We are aware that the constitution's excellencies have been made known even beyond the confines of the American continent but were not aware that the abode of "heavenly rest" had lost any of its biblically invested attractions in comparison with Arizona under democratic rule. The desire of the Christian heart will still tend heavenward, and even Rev. Crutchfield, after residing in "Arizona the best" through a democratic administration may be willing to pass the pearly gates, even if only to find how the streets of gold and the celestial choir compare with the pavements of Phoenix and earthly music.

THE OUTPUT OF METALS

A few months ago the statisticians were in evidence with an array of figures to show that gold production was not up to the standard of requirements—if the procession is to be kept moving. Today the stories of new discoveries and the increased output from old producers would fill pages and pages and no scarcity of the yellow metal is to

apprehended.

The rise of silver to a 60 cent basis has agitated the silver mining group like a March windstorm. If the Mexicans would quit scrapping and behave themselves there would be a rush into the silver country, like the '49 stampede. Copper ores, carrying silver are in good request at every milling center and in many cases a low grade copper value will be greatly aided by the silver content.

Fourteen cent copper has glued on the smile that comes not off—or off—to the producers' lips. Notwithstanding a full output that will soon be largely increased in many camps, it is gratifying to know that Europe is taking all our surplus and dipping into reserve stocks at the rate of 5,000,000 pounds a month.

The outlook for Arizona, and the Clifton-Morenci district is certainly very gratifying for 1912 at least.

There were two noteworthy incidents connected with the Governor's inauguration. One was the prayer by the Chaplain; the other was the refusal of the Chief Executive to stand on a street platform which had not been erected by union carpenters. We are quite certain that the Chaplain's prayer was not recorded above. Let us hope that the Governor's discrimination may not rise up in the future to embarrass his administration.

Looking at it from a financial standpoint, it were better to be Sheriff in some counties in Arizona than Governor, and bear in mind, dear reader, that both are subject to the Recall.

If, under the plan of the Initiative and Referendum, the people themselves are to become their own legislators, why not insert a provision that the expense of circulating initiative and referendum petitions should be borne by the state? The state pays the legislators for their services. Why impose the expense of making laws, or annulling laws upon those patriotic individuals who have the laudable ambition to save the country?

The low level right of way through the Gila Box Canyon has been refused by the Interior department. It is therefore supposed that the government sooner or later intends to carry out the irrigation reservoir project with which the railway lines would interfere. The railways can doubtless find a way higher up or round about and this much needed railroad gap be filled. Meantime the isolated fragment of Gila county in its southwestern corner is clamoring to be annexed to Pinal.

However the selection of United States Senators is ratified at Phoenix let it be the quickest. The people have advised as to whom they desire for the positions and technical points may well be waived to the end that we beat New Mexico in the race and secure for the two democratic members from Arizona the long term plums.

The Apache Box Canyon gold discoveries are attracting widespread attention, exhaustive articles appearing simultaneously in El Paso and Los Angeles publications. The sale of certain claims for a total of \$250,000 during this month give evidence that there is a stable value to the find and if the engineers who have reported upon the properties are correct there will soon be operations on a large scale in this new territory. As Duncan and Sheldon are points of entry to these claims, Greenlee county people will profit by the development.

Mexico is considering a new minister of war. What that disturbed country seems to need most is a minister of peace.

The Kaiser has just launched a new battleship costing \$12,000,000. It is now up to King George to launch two new ones to cost \$15,000,000 each. Unless George raises the bet Bill is likely to rake in the pot.

London duds are wearing sail-cloth clothes. Many of their ancestors have worn similar suits as they passed over the rail for a final resting place in the depths.

It begins to look as if Gen.-Pres. Taft would have the command of the republican army (?) when it goes down to defeat in November.

Most of the recent "straw" votes anent the coming presidential contest seem to have been taken through "rye" straws.

LORIMER CASE CLOSES AGAIN

The second investigation by a committee of the United States Senate into the election of William Lorimer has wound its weary way through to a close. The final step taken by the attorneys for the Illinois Senator was a brief arguing that their client's election had been adjudicated by the first investigation and that it could not therefore be legally the subject of this second investigation.

Such a plea may have some influence with the investigating committee, but it can only confirm the general opinion that Lorimer is guilty of winning his seat in the Senate by fraudulent means.

The public will not believe that a man seeking the vindication of truth would resort to a plea of a legal technicality.

And whatever the decision of the committee may be, whether it declares Lorimer to be in all things the impeccable soul of honor he claims to be, there is no doubt that he will be regarded as guilty by the people.

It is beyond their comprehension that so gigantic a conspiracy as he alleges could or would have been formed against him.—Examiner.

DR. WILEY LOSES HIS CHEER

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, who knows all about pure food, should keep to his text. In an address in Washington the other day, on the subject of college education he said:

"We are rapidly approaching a state of affairs in this country when we will be facing a mob in the streets instead of justice in a court of law, and our only hope lies in the educated people of the country. When the working people of this country are deprived of their means of subsistence, there is going to be an uprising, and every day their position is becoming worse."

A college education will not help a working man who is out of a job. The problem of better wages and better conditions for all classes of people will be solved by common sense and a better understanding between employers and the labor organizations.—Examiner.

Proceedings of Board of Supervisors Greenlee County, Clifton, Arizona, Feb. 5th, 1912.

The Board of Supervisors met this day at 10:30 a. m., in regular session.

Present J. H. T. Cosper, Chairman. B. F. Billingsley, Member. Geo. Webster, Member. And Clerk, W. O. Wheatley.

The minutes of the meetings of the Board of Supervisors of December 30, 1911, January 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th and January 15th, 16th and 17th, 1912 read and approved by the Board as read.

At 12:30 the Board stands at recess until 1.30 p. m.

At 1.30 the Board reconvenes. Upon motion by Geo. Webster seconded by B. F. Billingsley and carried unanimously the appointment or contract of Reece M. Ling as Tax Attorney in and for Greenlee County, by and between John M. Webster, County Treasurer and Reece M. Ling, is approved by the Board and signed by the chairman and Clerk.

The following claims are audited allowed and ordered paid out of the Salary, Expense and Road Fund, and The Court House and Jail Building Fund.

Table with columns: Claim No., By, For, Amt. Al'wed, War. No. Includes items like '24 E. B. Van Been, salary for Dec. 1911' and '182 Edward M. Ried post mortem exam. of body of Alberto Chavez'.

EXPENSE FUND

Table with columns: Claim No., By, For, Amt. Al'wed, War. No. Includes items like '182 Edward M. Ried post mortem exam. of body of Alberto Chavez' and '1 S. D. Smith, bounties'.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

Professional cards for W. C. McFarland & John B. Hampton, Attorneys at Law, Office 161 A, Chase Creek, Clifton, Arizona.

Professional card for E. V. Horton, Attorney at Law, Clifton, Arizona.

Professional card for M. J. Egan, Attorney at Law, Office: Northeast of the Lawn Tennis Court in the shadow of a great rock, Clifton, Arizona.

Professional card for James S. Fielder, Attorney at Law, Will practice in Western Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, Deming, New Mexico.

Professional card for L. Kearney, Attorney at Law, Notary Public, Office Chase Creek Opposite Dunn's Drug Store, Clifton, Arizona.

Professional card for Edward Gomez, Interpreter and Translator, English and Spanish.

SOCIETIES

Copper City Lodge No. 18

Advertisement for Copper City Lodge No. 18, M. O. O. F., Meets every Monday Night, Visiting Brothers Cordially Invited.

Century Chapter O. E. S.

Advertisement for Century Chapter O. E. S., No. 10, Meets the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month, except July and August.

Advertisement for Evening Star Rebekah Lodge No. 15, Meets first and third Tuesday evenings of each month, Visiting members cordially invited.

MESQUITE CAMP No. 19

Advertisement for Mesquite Camp No. 19, W. O. W., Meets each first and third Thursday night, Masonic Hall. Visiting members extended a cordial welcome.

B. P. O. Elks Clifton Lodge No. 1174,

Advertisement for B. P. O. Elks Clifton Lodge No. 1174, Meets MASONIC HALL First and Third Wednesdays P. M. Visiting Brothers Welcome.

Crescent Temple No. 10

Advertisement for Crescent Temple No. 10, PYTHIAN SISTERS, Meets the first and third Thursday evenings, and the second and fourth Thursday afternoons. Visiting sisters cordially invited.

Fraternal Order of Eagles

Advertisement for Fraternal Order of Eagles, Cliftonerie No. 1690, Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at Masonic Hall. Visiting brothers will receive a hearty welcome.

Clifton Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias

Advertisement for Clifton Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias, Meets every Friday night at Masonic Hall. Visiting Brothers will receive a fraternal welcome.

Coronado Lodge No. 8 F. & A. F.

Advertisement for Coronado Lodge No. 8 F. & A. F., CALENDAR FOR 1911, REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS: August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd. Special meetings when blue flag hoisted. Visiting brothers cordially invited.