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## KERBY NOMINATED FOR SECRETARY OF STATE ON 1ST BALLOT

The delegation from Greenlee County to the Democratic State Conference, held at Tucson on the 15th and 16th, returned home the latter part of last week enthusiastic over the democratic candidate who was recommended to the democrats of the state as a candidate for Governor, Hon. Chas. B. Ward, of Phoenix.

The delegates from Greenlee county to the conference were: Senator H. A. Elliott, and W. B. Kelly, of Clifton, W. T. Witt, of Duncan; Hon. T. P. Wilson, of Eagle; and M. J. Hannon and Prof. W. E. Lutz, of Morenci.

The Greenlee county delegation voted as a unit on all recommendations made, casting the entire seven votes en bloc. On the first seven or eight ballots the delegation from this county cast its vote for Col. John C. Greenway, of Cochise county. On the next four ballots the delegation voted as a unit for Judge Stanford, of Maricopa county, but the Maricopa Judge failed to show sufficient strength to secure a two thirds vote.

On the next ballot both Greenlee county and Graham county changed their votes to Hon. Chas. B. Ward, of Phoenix, who had been steadily gaining strength during the afternoon and evening.

The ballot by counties when Ward received a two thirds majority was as follows:

For Chas. B. Ward—Apache, 1; Cochise 18; Coconino 1; Graham 6; Greenlee 7; Maricopa 19 1/2; Mohave 4; Navajo 4; Pima 12; Pinal 7; Santa Cruz 4; Yavapai 12; Yuma 6. Total 101 1/2.

For Judge Stanford—Yuma 6; Maricopa 25 1/2—Total 31 and 1/2.

On this ballot Gila county voted 18 votes for Judge Duffy of Santa Cruz.

As soon as the ballot had been announced Purdy Bullard, of Maricopa county was on his feet and made the motion that Chas. B. Ward be recommended by acclamation which was done.

James H. Kerby, from this county, was not a candidate for secretary of State when the Conference convened. In the beginning of the conference the Greenlee county delegation were assured by several delegations that the only 100% democratic county in the last election was entitled to a recommendation on the ticket for one of its citizens. The Greenlee delegation caucused and proposed the name of Prof. W. E. Lutz, of Morenci, for Secretary of State. For personal reasons Prof. Lutz desired to continue his work in the educational field, and after considering the matter for some time, asked the Greenlee delegation to propose another man for the place. At almost the last minute, when the conference was called to order for the last time, the recommendation was tendered to Kerby and he was nominated on the first ballot over Raymond Earhardt, of Santa Cruz, the vote being Kerby 97, Earhardt 35.

Senator H. A. Elliott, of Greenlee, was chairman on the important committee on platform and W. B. Kelly served on the Committee on Permanent Organization and Order of Business. Prof. W. E. Lutz was chairman of the Greenlee county delegation.

## TUCSON MAN KILLED WHEN AUTO TURTLES IN RACE WITH TRAIN

Tucson, Ariz., May 22.—While engaged in racing a west bound extra freight train on the Southern Pacific late this afternoon, a touring car driven by E. J. Foret of Tucson left the road near Cortaro and turned over on its side, killing the driver and injuring Anita Roe, also of Tucson, who was a passenger in the machine.

The mishap occurred when the car ran into soft dirt and the driver lost control, causing the machine to go into a ditch.

The injuries of the woman were of a minor nature, consisting of lacerations on the right hand.

## DEMOCRATS RE-ELECT MAYOR AND ALDERMAN IN NOGALES ELECTION

Nogales, Ariz., May 22.—James A. Harrison Democrat, was re-elected mayor of Nogales today at the regular biennial city election. Aldermen chosen are Benjamin J. Jones, T. M. Ford, Jr. Samuel Leeker, J. C. Tomrea, Joseph Wise and A. I. Schleimer. All of them are Democrats. The Republicans decided several weeks ago not to put a ticket in the field.

## W. P. STUART ASSUMES COMPLETE OWNERSHIP OF PRESCOTT COURIER

Prescott, Ariz., May 22.—W. P. Stuart, who for the last two years has been editor of Prescott Evening Courier announced today that he has become sole owner of the newspaper and plant as the result of a deal closed Saturday. Mr. Stuart said the new ownership will not result in any change in the policy of the publication.

## BASE POLITICAL INGRATITUDE

Hon. G. W. P. Hunt, former President of the Territorial Council, several times a member of the legislature, President of the Constitutional Convention, twice Governor of Arizona, and later Minister to Siam by appointment of President Wilson, has returned to Arizona.

Referring to the above paragraph it is self evident that Geo. W. P. Hunt has been highly honored at the hands of the party which he professes to be a member.

In the event that he had not been previously informed the Minister to Siam discovered upon his return to the state that the Democrats in the last state election had suffered a disastrous defeat, including a Governor and a United States Senator. He also was informed that in January last a meeting of the State Democratic Central Committee, representing the Democratic party of the state,

## RALPH CAMERON FREED OF PERJURY CHARGE BY COURT

Phoenix, May 18.—The indictment charging perjury against United States Senator Ralph H. Cameron was ordered dismissed yesterday by Judge William C. Van Fleet in United States district court.

The dismissal followed the sustaining of the demurrer to the indictment returned against Senator Cameron nearly a year ago by the federal grand jury. Each count of the indictment alleged failure to account for money he had received for campaign purposes.

Court Room Filled Judge Van Fleet read his decision to a crowded court room, taking about 45 minutes to fully review the case. He held that neither the first nor second count of the indictment stated a public offense against the defendant. He pointed out that the first count does not charge that the defendant was either a candidate at a primary election or before a nominating convention, or by endorsement at a general or special election or for election by the legislature of a state as a senator in congress and therefore he is not brought by the allegations of the pleading within the category of those required "under this provision of the act," referring to the Corrupt Practices act.

The Judge maintained that the second count of the indictment "gives rise to much the same considerations" and that the "second count, like the first must be held to state no public offense against this defendant."

## STOLEN HORSES RUMOR DENIED

For several weeks there have been rumors circulated of horses in this vicinity being stolen and driven across the border into Mexico. Sheriff Bradberry made the statement this week that after an investigation of the complaints for several weeks the horses alleged to have been stolen have either been rounded up or accounted for and that the rumors were without foundation.

## GLEN THOMAS GETS TROPHY

Glen Thomas, of Clifton, is the winner of the trophy offered by the Kiwanis Club of Phoenix for the highest individual rifle shoot score. The silver cup is on display at Riley's Confectionery.

## HIGHWAY CHIEF CLERK HERE

Wm. Ingraham, of Phoenix, Chief Clerk in the office of the State Highway Engineer, is in Clifton on business connected with the Mule Creek Link of the Interstate Highway connecting Clifton and Silver City.

## SOUTHWESTERN GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION MEETS

At the annual meeting of the Southwestern Good Roads Association, held in Silver City last week, E. H. Green and C. J. Brooke were chosen President and Secretary, respectively. Mr. Brooke expects to return to Clifton shortly and will accept a position with Coey & Black on the Clifton Springerville Highway.

## SLIGHT STROKE OF PARALYSIS

J. H. Cready, of Duncan, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis last week and was taken to the hospital at Lordsburg by W. T. Witt on Monday last. The physician reported it to be only a slight attack.

Born—To the wife of D. V. Beal, on Saturday night, May 27th, a son, weight 11 1/2 pounds.

and elected by the Democrats under the primary law, had held a meeting in Phoenix for the safe purpose of conferring and devising ways and means in the approaching election for overcoming the defeat that had befallen the party and its principles as distinguished from the Republican party and its principles.

More than three hundred democrats from different sections of the state attended the Phoenix conference of the state committee in January and the duly elected representatives of the party, WITHOUT A DISENTING VOICE, decided that a statewide conference of Democrats, duly chosen from each precinct, should meet in Tucson on May 15th.

## FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

To confer and counsel together and to RECOMMEND to Democrats of the state, candidates in the approaching primary election possessed of recognized ability, integrity and character.

For two days and nights the chosen representatives to the Tucson Conference labored in an effort to unite the party; to recommend candidates able and honest, and to bring forth a platform of principles upon which all elements could unite.

That conference was composed of one hundred and fifty six simon pure and loyal democrats, actuated by but one motive, the success of their party and its principles. William Jennings Bryan, who was in Tucson at the time, spoke to the Conference and brought a word of good cheer from the east. Every candidate recommended to the consideration of the democrats of the state in the primary election received his recommendation by not less than two thirds majority, most of them received it by acclamation. Every section of the state was recognized in making the recommendations and Greenlee county received a recommendation for one of its citizens for the second highest office in the state.

For Governor the recommendation went to Hon. Chas. B. Ward, a democrat who measures up to the job in every particular. The Democrats will have the opportunity to judge the candidate recommended by the

## Capt. Jos. P. Hodgson Is Optimistic Over Situation

In answer to an inquiry by an Era man on Friday, Capt. J. P. Hodgson, manager of the Phelps Dodge Corporation, Morenci Branch, stated that the copper situation in general, looked better, and that in his opinion the bottom had been reached, and the future will show a steady improvement.

"The real test of the situation," said Captain Hodgson, "will come when the output of copper since the resumption of operations in April, is placed on the market. In the event the market is able to absorb the new production, without depressing the present price, it will be an indication that the worst is past and better conditions may be expected in the immediate future."

The manager of the Morenci Branch is of the opinion that the new production, on its present scale, will not disturb the market.

Following the visit of President Walter Douglas and General Manager Beckett last week, on a periodical tour of inspection, no announcement has been forthcoming regarding a decision to commence the remodeling of the No. 5 concentrator.

Commencing the first of June shipments of concentrates from the Morenci district will be made to the Phelps Dodge smelter at Douglas. The output from the No. 5 mill at Morenci will be shipped monthly and will be augmented by an additional amount of concentrates from the reserve stock pile now stored at the new smelter sufficient to produce one million and half tons of copper. The shipment of concentrates from this district to the smelter at Douglas will probably be continued until the concentrator at Nacozari, now being remodeled, is again ready for operation, which will probably be during the next ninety days.

When the smelter at Clifton will

conference for themselves and the ERA promises them in advance that they will see and hear a high class man, a scholar, a lawyer and a gentleman of ability who abhors demagoguery, and is fearless and honest, knowing no faction, clique, corporation or organization.

The Democrats of Arizona will have the opportunity to pass upon the recommendations made by the Conference in September and in every county there will be found able defenders of the platform adopted and the candidates recommended.

It was hoped that Geo. W. P. Hunt, who was elected a delegate from Gila county, and who the Democrats of Arizona and a Democratic President had so highly honored in the past, would attend the Conference in Tucson. He would have met with a cordial reception and his participation in the deliberations of that body would have been welcomed. On the contrary the man who has received more honors and favors at the hands of his party than any other citizen of the state sulked in his tent in Phoenix and preferred to dictate the action of the Gila county delegation over the long distance telephone located in the convention hall. Instead of joining hands with other democrats from the different counties of the state in an earnest endeavor to harmonize the party and to recommend a strong ticket for the approval of the democrats of the state the ex-Governor, ex-Legislator, ex-Minister to Siam, preferred to hold a convention of his own, attended by himself alone, and nine days after the conference adjourned, on May 24th, in the town of Globe, the result of that Hunt convention held in Phoenix and agreed by Hunt, on the same day that one hundred and fifty-six representative democrats were in conference in Tucson, was made known.

## HUNT HAD NOMINATED HIMSELF FOR GOVERNOR FOR THE THIRD TIME.

By this act the ex-Governor and ex-Minister has shown himself in his true light—a political ingrate and a would be autocratic dictator, and a selfish office seeker.

After holding the highest offices in

the gift of the democratic party locally and nationally, and after an absence of four years, his position is now that nobody but Hunt is able; nobody but Hunt is honest, nobody but Hunt is fit to lead the Democratic party and he would rather see the democratic party in the state go down to defeat than to acquiesce in the nomination of another worthy democrat.

The cat is out of the bag. The issue in the primary will be clean cut. Is the Democratic party in Arizona to be a one man party and owned by one man? Shall the Democratic party in Arizona be compelled to worship at the throne of the King of Siam? So long as Hunt desires it shall the Democrats of Arizona nominate him as their Governor?

Douglas, May 22.—While returning to Tombstone last night in a car with H. D. Palmer, who was driving, Sheriff Joe Hood and Mr. Palmer had a wonderful escape from accidental death. Just prior to the accident they passed the car in which J. F. McDonald was going to Bisbee, and their speed was about 35 miles per hour. In some unknown manner the driver failed to make a turn in the road, with the result that the car plunged down the embankment, and the front axle struck on a large rock, throwing the men from the machine and turning the car on its side. Had they not struck the rock, they would have gone over a second declivity which is about twelve feet deeper than the point at which the car came to rest.

Palmer was seriously injured, sustaining a minor fracture of the skull two broken ribs and severe contusions about the body, but as far as could be learned, there are no internal injuries and Mr. Palmer will recover. Sheriff Hood was dazed and severely bruised. Somewhat badly cut by flying glass, the sheriff was taken to the C. & A. hospital in Bisbee where his wounds were dressed; after which he was able to proceed to his home in Tombstone with his wife who, having heard of the accident, came in haste to Bisbee to see her husband.

The car was badly wrecked, though not so much that it will not pay to salvage it.

## BISBEE VOTERS NAME JAMES M. BALL MAYOR

Bisbee, Ariz., May 22.—Democrats and Republicans divided honors in the city election today. James M. Ball, Democrat, was elected mayor. Ball polled 588 votes to 403 for his opponent, Ed. C. Hicks. The Republicans elected four aldermen, John Caretto, E. R. Tonkin, Dr. Robert Ferguson and Lee Blair, and the Democrats two, W. M. Cox and John Campbell. None of the present aldermen were candidates for re-election.

## MORNING BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. R. K. Minson was the inspiration for a Morning Bridge Party given by Mrs. Frank B. Laine on last Tuesday. Twenty guests gathered at her home at 10:30 o'clock and enjoyed cards until noon when a delicious salad and ice course was served. Mrs. Ling made high score and was presented with a silver bon bon dish. Mrs. Kelly was low and was consoled with a crueton covered sweet meat box. Mrs. Minson was given a portfolio of stationery. The following ladies were present: Mesdames, Minson, Riley, Quinn, Kerr, Cashion, Reardon, Backstein, Ling, Simms, Abraham, Kelly, Nonnamaker, Shirk, Webster, Penfield, Terry, Crawford, Virgon, Shortridge and Brubaker.

## THURSDAY BRIDGE PARTY

Mesdames H. C. Vinton and H. L. Brubaker entertained on Thursday with a delightful Bridge Party in honor of Mrs. R. K. Minson. The house was decorated with spring flowers and ferns. Several games of bridge were enjoyed and at one o'clock a tempting lunch was served. Mrs. Ling was awarded first prize, Mrs. Laine cut prize and Mrs. Minson was presented with a guest prize. The following ladies were present: Mesdames Crawford, Ling, Cashion, Kelly, Simms, Laine, Webster, Reardon, McNeil, Terry, Abraham, Backstein, Nonnamaker, Penfield, Minson and Riley.

Yours very truly, PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION By JOS. P. HODGSON, Manager, Morenci Branch.

## BURNT MAIL BAGS FOUND BY OFFICERS TRAILING SUSPECTS

Sheriff John B. Bradberry states that up to date no arrests have been made as a result of the hold up of the El Paso and Southwestern train, near Guthrie, on the night of May 12th, although some parties, residing in this county, are under suspicion, following the efforts of the sheriff and his deputies, and an E. F. & S. W. Detective and Post Office Inspectors.

All the evidence thus far secured is in the hands of the railroad officer and Post Office Inspector and the sheriff's office is awaiting further instructions from them.

On the morning following the hold-up deputy sheriffs were on the scene bright and early and struck a trail of two men on horseback leading from the scene to what is known as C. A. Bar canyon. Sheriff Bradberry, who was out of town Friday and part of Saturday as soon as he returned joined with his deputies in trailing the suspects. The sheriff followed the trail on foot and at the head of C. A. Bar canyon, just over the hill, discovered a camp fire with evidence that mail sacks and letters had been burned. While following the trail the sheriff also found a red hooded mask where it had been thrown into the bushes.

Without disturbing the burned loot the sheriff returned to Clifton to get the railroad detective, who had arrived in Clifton in the meantime, to accompany him to the scene.

In the meantime Ed Head, of Duncan, had been cutting sign in the vicinity of the hold up and had taken up the trail. He struck the right trail, and being thoroughly familiar with that section of the country, discovered the camp fire and the burned fragments and evidence of the destroyed mail bags, and gathering up the mail locks, etc. proceeded with them to Clifton where he turned them over to the postal and railroad authorities then on the ground.

The railroad and postal officers, in company with the sheriff, spent several days following the discovery of the evidence above mentioned in scouting the surrounding country interviewing ranchers and farmers in the neighborhood.

It is the expectation that some arrests will be forthcoming shortly and Federal officers are expected back next week.

## VAN DYKE ELECTED AT MIAMI; KINNEY WINS GLOBE RACE

Miami, May 22.—Democrats made a clean sweep of municipal offices in a spirited election here today, defeating opponents running on a "Tax-payers' ticket" by an average vote of 5 to 3. L. D. Van Dyke was re-elected mayor and six Democratic councilmen were chosen. A total vote of 1136 was cast, of which 626 were straight Democratic ballots, while 117 were split. A total of 393 votes were cast straight for the tax-payers' ticket.

At Globe, seven miles from here, Kinney Democrat, was elected mayor over Mayer, Republican, by a vote of 895 to 782 in one of the most heated municipal elections in years.

## ARIZONA SUPREME COURT WILL CALL CALENDAR JUNE

Phoenix, May 18.—The Arizona supreme court will call its calendar on Monday, June 5, according to an announcement made Saturday by Miss Virginia Davis, clerk of the court. At this time all cases at issue in the court will be set for a hearing and arguments will be heard each day thereafter until all cases ready have been submitted to the court.

On account of the heavy accumulation of cases filed in the course of appeal, the court hopes to dispose of the arguments as expeditiously as possible, so that the docket may be disposed of as rapidly as possible. Because the contingency fund of the court for the present fiscal year is exhausted, it will be impossible for the court to print the June calendar as has been the custom in the past and will therefore be unable to furnish the attorneys with copies of the docket. All attorneys not present when the calendar is called will be notified, Miss Davis said yesterday.

## ANOTHER PRINTER ADDED TO ERA FORCE

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Reyes are this week the proud parents of a 10 1/2 pound baby boy, which was born to them on Monday evening last. Reyes is the linotype operator for the ERA and is already looking forward to the time when he can hang out the shingle bearing the firm name of "Reyes and Son, Printers and Publishers."

## CATTLE BUYER HERE

Mr. Cook, member of the cattle buying firm of Cook & Johnson, of Wilcox, and who has contracted approximately 300 head of cattle in this section, was here this week. Shipments will begin next month.

## RETURNS FROM PHOENIX

Mrs. L. A. W. Burch returned on last Saturday from Phoenix accompanied by Mrs. A. Y. Terrell who will be her guest for several weeks.