

The November Election.

The November election will be the biggest one New Mexico has ever known—big in size and big in importance. As to size it will be well to remember the fact that the election will include the following:

Vote on joint statehood by a yes or no ballot; vote for members of a constitutional convention; vote for delegate to congress; vote for members of both legislative houses; and, last but not least, vote for county officials. This is the limit of voting in New Mexico. Were this a state, we would vote for state and judiciary officials, but being a territory our territorial and judicial officials are appointed for us without our leave or license. However, the foregoing list of the scope of the approaching election is ample to indicate its importance.

If both parties, as it is reasonable to suppose they will—shall put full tickets in the field, the number of candidates among whom the voter must make his several choices will be quite large and it will require no little carefulness on the part of the voter to insure his successful selection of the candidates of his choice. So much for the size of the election.

The importance of the matters upon which the voter will be called upon to exercise his franchise, cannot be overestimated. Chief among these is the question of statehood. Of course it is important that we send good men and true, able and honest men, to the legislature and that we select the same character of officials for our county government. But mistake here can be rectified two years hence. Error in either can be productive of only temporary evil. Not so with the question of statehood. Mistake here will cast its malign influence on New Mexico, in all probability throughout the entire lifetime of everyone who is now a voter in the Territory. Rejection of statehood now undoubtedly means the continuance of territorial vassalage and infelicity through times indefinite. The Citizen has so often argued this point that repetition of it need not now be reproduced. Every friend of statehood should not only realize the vital character of the issue at stake, and govern himself accordingly, but he should exert whatever of influence he may have in directing others into the same path.

Of scarcely less importance than the voting for statehood is the selection of members of the constitutional convention. These two are the predominating interests in the coming campaign—to vote for statehood and to select the best possible men to compose the constitutional convention; for on the constitution shall statehood be obtained, will depend the prosperity and greatness of the future state. In view of these facts, which can not be denied, the largest possible forgetfulness of self and self-interests and the largest possible exercise of wisdom and patriotism should characterize the two parties in all the use of their respective political machinery, from the primary caucuses to the nominating territorial conventions.—Albuquerque Citizen.

The New Seedless Apple.

One of the greatest and latest improvements in fruits, is the Spencer Seedless Apple. John F. Spencer of Grand Junction, Colo., is the originator, and he is certainly to be congratulated upon the success he has attained. About fifteen years ago Mr.

Spencer figured that if oranges could be raised without seeds and still retain all their good qualities and flavor why not raise seedless apples of good quality. He started to work and after years of patient labor he succeeded. We have to-day the seedless apple as a demonstration of his success. The Spencer seedless apple is a large red apple with strawberry dots when fully matured. It will average in size with the Jonathan and the flavor is similar to the Baldwin. It is very solid and juicy. It ripens late and is a true winter variety. In keeping qualities it will compare with the best, in fact, there is not a better keeper grown. It will even compare with the russet. The trees have a hard smooth bark and stand the cold weather better, if anything, than the ordinary varieties. Early and late frosts have never had any effect on the bearing qualities of these trees. They are quick growers and attain a large size. They are very prolific and will bear fruit in any climate where apples are grown. A striking peculiarity of these trees are their lack of blossom. Scientifically speaking of course there is a blossom, but the petals which comprise the flower of the common apple tree are entirely absent. The only resemblance to a blossom appearing in the form of several small green leaves, which grow around the apple and shelter it. The green bud which appears on the seedless apple tree resembles the blossom of a common apple tree if the petals (flower or bloom) were removed. This bud, or abnormal blossom, contains but a small quantity of pollen, and to this fact, together with the fact that the abnormal flowers seldom have any stamens, the pistils therefore not being pollenated, is attributed the seedless character of the apple.

When the seedless orange first appeared it was bought as a curiosity, many believing that fruit without seeds was impossible. Now the seedless orange has all the advantages of the market. What has happened in the orange market will happen in the apple market. Apples being a necessity and grown the world over. There are barrels of apples used to one orange. Oranges are grown only in certain localities and are a luxury. In eliminating the seeds of an orange there was no waste saved, but in the seedless apple there is a saving—on core to cut out and throw away. At least one-fourth more of the seedless apple can be utilized than in the ordinary apple, saving nothing of the time saved in preparing the apples.

In producing the seedless apple the standard of apple has been raised a few notches higher and we believe all the people interested in any way in fruit raising will want to set out some of the Spencer Seedless Apple trees. This is the first year this tree has ever been offered for sale.

Word comes from Hillsboro, Sierra county, that Hon. Silas Alexander, a well-known practicing attorney of that town, died there Thursday night, Sept. 6 after a year's illness with a complication of diseases. His burial took place at Hillsboro Friday afternoon.

The deceased was territorial secretary under the administration of Governor Prince, and after serving out his term removed from Santa Fe to Socorro where he served a term as prosecuting attorney of the Socorro district. After leaving the office

he practiced law for several years in Socorro, and afterward took up his residence in Hillsboro.

It is understood he came to this territory from Pennsylvania and was about 53 years old. His wife, a daughter of Rev. Blas Chaves of this city, and several children, survive him.—Albuquerque Citizen.

Mr. Alexander was an uncle of Rev. A. C. Gonzales of this city.

TUSCON, ARIZ., August 24.—While the republican primaries, held here yesterday, elected a majority of delegates to the county convention against statehood, those in favor of joint statehood are not at all discouraged and consider themselves yet in the fight.

At the primaries yesterday, the statehood people made a great stand against the antis, and the latter can only boast of a majority 30 votes.

It is openly stated here today that when the republican and democratic conventions assemble at Bisbee, where it is expected that the conventions will declare against statehood, a big surprise will be sprung on the antis to the effect that all statehood advocates regardless of politics, will be asked to meet in convention, at some other city a few days later and choose delegates known for their fighting qualities and who are heartily in favor of joint statehood.

The fight is on in good earnest in Arizona, and the battle has not been lost by any means by the statehood people.—Albuquerque Citizens.

THE GAME LAW.

Just now is a proper time to become familiar with the game laws of the territory. Let us consider:

Section 2. It shall be unlawful to kill, trap, ensnare, injure or destroy any antelope, pheasant, bobwhite quail, or wild pigeon within the territory of New Mexico for a period of five years after this act. It shall be unlawful to trap, kill, ensnare or in any manner injure or destroy any deer within the Territory of New Mexico, except that deer with horns may be killed with a gun during the period commencing September 15 and ending October 31 of each year, provided that no person shall kill or have in his possession more than one such deer during said period in each year.

It shall be unlawful to kill, trap, ensnare, injure or destroy any turtle dove within the territory of New Mexico, except that such birds may be killed with a gun only, during the period commencing the 1st day of August and ending with the 30th day of September of each year.

It shall be unlawful to kill, trap, or ensnare, or in any manner injure or destroy any native or crested quail within the territory of New Mexico, except that such birds may be killed with a gun only, during the months of October, November and December of each year.

It shall be unlawful to kill, trap, or ensnare or in any manner injure or destroy any wild turkey, mountain grouse, or prairie chicken within the territory of New Mexico, except that such birds may be killed with a gun only, during the months of October, November and December.

Spelling reform will spell RUIN for a lot of school text book publishers if it wins out.—New Mexican.

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