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LIFELONG DEMOCRAT DECLARES McDONALD CHARGES AGAINST BURSUM WICKED FALSEHOOD

Uncle Harry Hermann, Pioneer Mogollon Business Man, Refuses to Stand for Libellous Statements Spoken from Platform at Silver City by Angry Democratic Boss—Cites Interesting Instances in Bursum's Life as a Developer of New Mexico and Makes a Few Comparisons.

Silver City, N. M., Oct. 25.—"I will give Governor McDonald \$500 if he will prove that Mr. Bursum got one cent of graft money out of the building of the Mogollon-Socorro county road in 1880."

This is the unequivocal statement made to the Silver City Enterprise by Uncle Harry Hermann, for thirty years a resident of Mogollon and a lifelong Democrat.

"I don't want to be mixed up in politics," said Mr. Hermann in explanation of his statement, "but I will not stand idly by and see the reputation of a man libeled by a false declaration, when I know absolutely of my own knowledge that it is not so."

"Governor McDonald either has not investigated the facts or else he is wilfully misrepresenting them, and I will give him or any other man \$500 if he will prove that Mr. Bursum used the public road fund for graft purposes."

"Why these men will make these statements when they know that we in Mogollon, who were there when the road was built, know better, is more than I can understand. Not only did Mr. Bursum not profit by the building of the road, but he actually lost money, as he gave personally of his private funds to help in the construction of the highway when the funds, which were inadequate from the beginning for such a huge undertaking, began to run low."

Mr. Hermann made his statement with some vehemence, and after Governor W. C. McDonald's speech in Silver City, Mr. Hermann is known throughout this part of the state as "Uncle Harry." He is highly respected; is regarded as the soul of integrity and his word is as good as his bond wherever he is known.

"I was running a sawmill in the Mogollon mountains just above the camp of Mogollon," his statement continues, "at the time and had built a private road to my mill at my own expense, it costing me about \$2,000. They used part of this road for the Mogollon-Socorro road. They had only a small sum of money to start with, which later was added to by appropriations; but the undertaking was a large one and anyone who has tried to build mountain roadways knows that the actual cost nearly always exceeds the estimate."

"It was so in this case, and Mr. Bursum went down in his pocket and helped out with his own private funds. But even this was soon eaten up. But they built a road that has lasted and even today the Bursum road across the mountains is one of the best examples of mountain highway construction that we have in the state."

"I want to say further that I have known Mr. Bursum as man and boy for thirty years; that I have never known him in that time to do a little thing—a dishonorable thing—or one that reflected on his honesty. And I have had close personal and business dealings with him for twenty years of that time."

"The people of New Mexico, if they believe these lies that are told about him are doing a good man a great wrong. I don't care what his political fortunes are, but I will not stand by and see a man's reputation slandered when I know of my own personal knowledge that the man is as honest and clean as any man I have ever known. As I said before, I am a rock-ribbed Democrat; have always voted the Democratic ticket, and I believe the men at the head of the campaign really do not realize the real character of the man they are trying to wreck."

Uncle Harry Hermann is one of the pioneers of New Mexico. He came to Mogollon in 1886, and for thirty years conducted a sawmill, retiring a short time ago. He is rugged and plainspoken and quick to redress an injury or injustice.

"You may state further," said Mr. Hermann, "that I know Mr. Bursum to do a thing some years ago that I consider one of the finest things I have ever known a man to do."

"About sixteen years ago he became a member of a mining company in Mogollon which later went into insolvency, due to the mismanagement of the company by one of the members. The company left \$45,000 worth of liabilities with little or no assets. Most of this was owing to Mogollon merchants for supplies and eastern concerns for mining machinery. Mr. Bursum went to work raising sheep and stock, and never stopped until he had paid every cent of that indebtedness himself. It took him years of effort to do it."

"Ask any of these creditors what they think of this man who took a company's debt as a personal liability, Democrat or Republican, they will tell you that Holm O. Bursum has not a dishonest drop of blood in his veins, and that a man who will do a fine thing like that will never stoop to the skulduggery in the vilest slanders that I have ever seen in print."

That is what a lifelong Democrat thinks of Holm O. Bursum, Republican candidate for governor of New Mexico.

CAPTAN WINS BASKET BALL

The Carrizozo High School basket ball team went down in defeat Saturday afternoon before the big team from Capitan. With a big, well-disciplined team, Capitan has, to a certain degree, gotten revenge for the many past defeats administered at the hands of Carrizozo, but the score of 13 to 6 tells of some clever work by the Carrizozans against the overwhelming odds throughout the game. A luncheon was served at noon in the high school auditorium, the entire high school and visitors participating. A return game will be played in a few weeks.

Traffic was tied up for several hours last Saturday, owing to a freight wreck at Pintado, numbers One and Three not arriving here until nine o'clock in the evening.

ENTERTAINS BIBLE CLASS

The Woman's Bible Class of the Methodist church were the guests of Mrs. Shulda Thursday afternoon, assisted by Mrs. R. E. Hoffman at the home of the latter. Some interesting numbers were offered by members, of which large attendance was present, and refreshments were served.

O. T. Gillett has returned to Carrizozo, and intends to go in the contracting business here. Mr. Gillett has built his new home in the H. H. addition. He is a master of the art of business, and will be a big asset to Carrizozo on his return.

F. C. Miller is on a business trip to Albuquerque.

ROUSING REPUBLICAN MEETING

Hon. H. O. Bursum, Judge W. E. Lindsey and James V. Tully Address Large Audience Saturday Night.

CANDIDATE GIVEN WARM RECEPTION BY VOTERS

Last Saturday night witnessed one of the largest political gatherings ever known in Carrizozo when Holm O. Bursum, republican candidate for governor, W. E. Lindsey, the next lieutenant-governor, and James V. Tully, the republican standard-bearer for state senator from this district, addressed the large concourse of people gathered at the Wetmore opera house. The house was fittingly decorated in flags and campaign pictures of the candidates and music was furnished in generous quantities. Altogether a most enthusiastic welcome was given the G. O. P. candidates here-enough to strike dire alarm to the democrats to see such a rousing demonstration in McDonald's home town. This goes conclusively to show public sentiment has been changed in the last four years and prophesies unmistakably the overwhelming election of Bursum and with him the entire county, state and national republican ticket. The candidates have many warm personal friends here and made many others while here together with their votes on November seventh. Just a few days remain for the final wind-up of this whirl-wind campaign and the time is being filled to overflowing with many speeches per day, so that there shall be no question of a doubt from any quarter. Vote the ticket straight and put in power a party that can make things hum in New Mexico.

CHANGED HANDS

The general merchandise store of Joe Ashford of Oscura was sold recently to A. H. Harvey, cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Ulrich, Missouri. Having taken full control of the business a competent manager will be put in charge, probably joined later by the new owner's son, and the policy of the firm will be to serve efficiently the people of that vicinity. Having taken a great liking to New Mexico, Mr. Harvey regrets his inability to take personal charge of the business now and establish his residence here. The business will be conducted under the name of Harvey Store Co. The deal was made by T. B. R. Hackney of Ulrich, Mo. Mr. Ashford is undecided yet as to where he will locate.

MRS. FORREST ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Randolph Forrest entertained a small party Saturday evening in honor of Miss Lydia Menger of Tularosa who spent the week-end here. Music, both vocal and instrumental, and a number of readings passed the time most pleasantly after which refreshments were served. Miss Menger returned to Tularosa Sunday afternoon as she is employed in the schools of that place.

WHAT THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR THINKS ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR AUDITOR

LAST WEEK in Las Vegas Miguel A. Otero, treasurer of the New Mexican Printing Company at Santa Fe, publishers of the Santa Fe "New Mexican," and candidate on the Democratic state ticket for auditor, spoke to a small but interested audience of his former fellow townsmen. Having heard that Otero recently had paid up ten years of unpaid back taxes, and that Esiquiel C. de Baca, the Democratic candidate for governor, would appear on the platform with him, the neighbors of both went to the meeting to hear what would be said. San Miguel county had just about given up hope of ever getting Otero's delinquent tax money, and as his nomination by the Democrats permitted him to make a raise and pay up, Las Vegas people look with favor on his nomination, although this will not affect the way they vote. Likewise they remembered all the nice things Lieutenant Governor de Baca had said about Otero in his paper, La Voz del Pueblo, published at Las Vegas, and so they turned out to hear de Baca reconcile his former condemnation with his present fulsome praise. It was an interesting meeting.

Otero, as is his custom when in a political contest, opened up with the "race issue." He charged that the Republicans had been using the "race issue" in the Pecos Valley. This well-worn old charge has been used in every election for many years. Otero is not ethnological man. His methods as governor of the territory were those of the parasites of all ages; and as an attache of the Santa Fe New Mexican and its millionaire backer, he has not changed. Otero told the people what he and de Baca had done in this campaign to prove all the Republicans liars and thieves; and de Baca then told the people what he and Otero had done to prove the Republicans all liars and thieves. State Chairman Arthur Seligman's instructions to all his candidates and speakers appear to be to call all Republicans liars and thieves.

It was an attentive, dignified, courteous audience, but when de Baca and Otero began to exclaim compliments and dwell on patriotism and high character, each of the other, the crowd began to laugh—and a cruel young man with a sense of humor began passing around the half copies of translations of paragraphs from a verbatim from La Voz del Pueblo, de Baca's paper, of a few years ago. While de Baca told the people of his home town what a nice chap he now thinks Otero, his audience was reading a long line of paragraphs from de Baca's La Voz, of which the following are a few samples:

"The fact that not a single native son of the territory appears on the list of delegates which the governor (Otero) appointed to go to Chicago on the 21st day of June, to represent the Republican party at the national convention, is not only one explanation, but that is the aversion which the said Otero evidently has to the race, one-half of whose blood runs through his veins. . . . This and his many other acts in which so repeatedly we have called the attention of the people, prove conclusively what we believe, and that is, that the governor (Otero) is selling the bones during the time of 'elections,' concludes that the New Mexican people are well qualified to work and not to sit at the table with their 'lord.'"

OTERO, WHEN HE UNDERTOOK TO RAISE THE "RACE ISSUE" AGAINST THE REPUBLICANS IN HIS LAS VEGAS SPEECH, DID NOT PROVE IT, BUT HE DID SUCCEED IN RAISING THE ISSUE OF THE RACE WHICH WAS NOT HALF AS DEAD AS HE THOUGHT.

De Baca is now going about the state telling the people that Otero is their friend, an honest man and a good citizen. He says that Otero was governor de Baca hardly passed an hour of his life without some statement like the one quoted above, which he would not sincerely believe.

Las Vegas citizens have been infinitely amused at the speeches of politicians about each other between de Baca and Otero. The speeches were passed back and forth the people remember. When de Baca raised the race issue they recalled how de Baca proved Otero's attitude toward the Spanish-American people, or against them, while he was governor. And when Otero told of his high character and personal integrity and clean record of his term as governor, the people remembered his years of residence in Las Vegas, and the many other incidents therein. They recalled practically the whole of his record as a member and secretary of the Las Vegas Board, the head of the public school funds in his political boss, to be used for the purposes of a local election campaign.

Men who neither hate de Baca nor Otero do; men who have records behind them such as are behind these two, are told to go and give their credit to the intelligence of the people when they go on the public platform as candidates for office together and for the sake of the effort to get votes, forget their pasts. The people have always been regarded by Otero as fools. His whole official record proves his point of view. But the people are not fools—and the new ones do not forget. The people will not forget an election day with the same newspaper at Santa Fe, "The New Mexican," under a different management, supported Otero when he was governor. They gave to him the same large proportion of its space and the same fulsome praise as is being given him now. They remember Otero's relation to the former management of the New Mexican, and they know his relation to the present management.

Otero has resorted and will continue to resort to unfair and gentlemanly, crooked methods in this campaign. It is the only way, he knows. The Republicans need go no further than his record and the general public knowledge of that record to guarantee Otero's overwhelming defeat. Such strength as de Baca had has been lost to him largely by his abandonment of principle, his complete change of front and his public repudiation of his fight on Otero and his statements about him covering a period of nearly twenty years of active direction of his newspaper.

DEER HUNTING

The open season for deer was ushered in on Wednesday the 25th and several eager hunting parties have already gone out. In fact several were organized early in the week to be actually on the ground at day-break Wednesday, evidently firmly believing in the old adage that the early bird catches the worm.

WILL PLAY HONDO

The Carrizozo Girl's Basket Ball Team will play the Hondo team in the latter place Saturday. The Capitan team also expects to be in Hondo that day as basket ball is to be the order of the day. Mrs. T. A. Spencer is now coaching the team with H. C. Franklin as manager.