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A GOOD SUGGESTION

The suggestion of John O. Calhoun, of Douglas, in the open letter published in a Douglas paper, which is being printed in these columns today, is a timely one, we believe, since the issue which he broaches is one which is in the minds of all Cochise county voters and has been ever since the deportation cases were brought to trial.

County Attorney R. N. French is avowed in his plans to go ahead with the deportation cases on the 8th of November and is following a plan which he laid out many months ago. Believing in his convictions, and on the platform which he was elected to inaugurate, the cases and is going ahead with them with "nothing on this earth that can stop him," he says.

But Mr. Calhoun, who was the foreman of the jury which tried the Wootton case last March raises the issue as to the stand the two candidates for county attorney will take. No doubt the voters would like to know. The matter is of public issue and the people of Cochise county are entitled to know, as Mr. Calhoun rightfully puts it. They know where the present county attorney stands and should know how the future county attorney will stand, as the cases will not be completed when Mr. French goes out of office.

SNOWBOUND

Now that the northern highway across Arizona is closed to traffic on account of big snows all over the north part of Arizona and farther north a similar situation we find the National Old Trails Route and the Lincoln Highway closed.

It then behooves all travel bodies to let the tourists of the East and North know that the Bankhead and Old Spanish Trails routes are open from coast to coast and to impress upon the eastern connections that from Van Horn and El Paso to the coast on the Pacific, that these two routes are not open only now, but all the year around.

While hundreds of vehicles are moving over these two all southern routes the chance of stalling via the all snow routes to the north of us should be flashed all over the United States.

Contracts were let last week for the construction of ten miles of graded road across the Animas flats between Rodeo and Lordsburg and the contractors are on the job and this construction which will be rushed will eliminate the only really bad place on the Bankhead and Old Spanish Trails between El Paso and Florence and in a few months the highway from Phoenix to Rodeo will be one continuous stretch of standard built highway. Work between Benson and Vail is going along at a rapid and very satisfactory rate.

As a matter of justice and in order to give all tourists a square deal they should be routed over the Bankhead and Old Spanish Trails by all touring bodies over the East and the Chambers of Commerce in El Paso, Deming, Lordsburg, Douglas, Bisbee and Tucson should see that this is done as the Tombstone Commercial Club is doing now.

EATING MORE CROW

To use the favorite phrase of Editor Jaynes of the Tucson Citizen, we see by yesterday's edition of that paper that Jaynes has been forced to "eat a little crow" and print a retraction of an article, which had been printed for political effect.

Several days ago when the trial of E. B. Mann of Phoenix, charging Elmer Coker, R. S. McCall and Jim Murphy for bribe, was called the Citizen printed an editorial that County Attorney Laney of Maricopa county was attempting to block the case, inferring that he was "playing politics." Yesterday the Citizen under a big square head printed in bold face type a retraction of the story, and thus another Republican campaign canard has gone to the scrapheap along with those charges made by Tom Campbell which he has had to retract.

So far Tom Campbell, the Citizen or any other Republican blowhards have been unable to prove not one of their charges which they flaunted before the citizens of Arizona at the opening of the campaign, which in the end will return upon them as boomerangs, for the thinking voters of Arizona cannot be swayed by Republican "bull."

"ALL HET UP"

In an editorial headed "More Mud Slinging," The Tucson Citizen, bally-hoo of the Republican party in Arizona, attempts to show how the Democrats are "slinging mud" in the present campaign, and cites the instance of the Daily Prospector's headline last Saturday in reporting the speech of Senator Mark Smith in Tombstone.

In the same issue that the charge of "mud slinging" against the Prospector appears, the following headline appears on the Citizen's front page: "High Priced Criminal Lawyers Defend Land Grabbers' Candidates." Charges of fraud, "stealing the peoples' heritage," Democratic administration blunders, etc., have characterized the Citizen almost daily since the campaign opened, as the mouthpiece of the Republican party in toto and Tom Campbell in particular.

Were we in the shoes of the Citizen we would steer clear of charges of mud-slinging.

100,000 ACRES OF LAND READY FOR VETERANS

TUCSON, Oct. 20.—There are 100,000 acres of good agricultural land available for ex-service men in the Sentinel project, according to H. C. Powell, who has just returned from that section, where he went several days ago as the representative of the Morgan McLeim Post, American Legion, to make an investigation of the land. While in the Sentinel district, Mr. Powell filed on a land claim, his stated, and there is an abundance of the same land for other ex-service men.

In order to acquire the land it is necessary that a payment of 25 cents an acre be paid to the government, on time payments, together with a filing fee, which amounts to about \$50. This includes the charges for making a survey of the land taken.

Eighty thousand acres in the Sentinel tract already have been released to ex-servicemen. Mr. Powell said while 100,000 acres had been disposed of to private individuals. These, it is understood, are willing to turn half their land allotment over to the army men, as means of insuring the influence of the American Legion in securing legislation for the project in the near future.

ARIZONA WEALTH HAS DOUBLED SINCE STATEHOOD CAME

PHOENIX, Oct. 18.—That the assessed valuation of Arizona has more than doubled since statehood is the interesting fact shown in a compilation just issued by the Arizona tax commission.

The assessed valuation of the state today is \$884,455,682, as compared to \$473,862,414 in 1913, this being an increase of \$508,593,268. During the same period the number of assessments has increased from 39,999 to 70,220.

The number of assessments and the total net valuation for each county is shown as follows:

Table with 3 columns: County, Assmts., Total Net Valuation. Rows include Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, Yuma, and Total.

LIVESTOCK AND RANGES IN ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO

PHOENIX, Oct. 21.—Despite the scarcity of rain stock on the major grazing ranges are holding up well and are surprisingly thrifty. This may be explained in part by the fact that the summer pasture has been of excellent quality, containing less water than that of last season, thus fattening up a better animal than that fattened on the lush vegetation of last year. Light rain and snow have fallen in the northern counties increasing the contents of water holes very little, but freshening vegetation slightly. The weather bureau is informed that light shipments to market are being made from a number of places and that some stock have been shipped from Cochise county to pasture in Texas. At this writing showers are promised much of the desert section and improved conditions may be expected.

Crop Progress in Arizona

While night temperatures have been low, particularly in the north, the season has been remarkably propitious in dryland sections for the gathering of all crops. All kinds of orange crops have been harvested in excellent condition and the same may be said of apples, beans and potatoes. The picking of oranges has commenced in the Salt River valley, particularly in the eastern section, and to some extent on the south side. Shipments of grapefruit continued satisfactorily during the week although there has been some shortage of labor, not sufficiently serious, however, to cause anxiety. As a result of large rains are running day and night to their full capacity. Cold nights of the last two weeks have hindered somewhat the development of late cotton.

BISBEEITE BUILDS FIRE IN ORNAMENTAL GRATE; BIG BLAZE PLAYS HAVOC

BISBEE, Oct. 21.—That a fireplace is not always a good place to build a fire was discovered last night by Joe Peizman when the house in which he resides in on Naco road, below the Slag Dump hill, was almost destroyed by a blaze. There was an attractive looking fireplace in the house, and Peizman built the first fire of the winter in it last night. To his amazement the flames seemed to go everywhere but up the chimney, and soon the house was on fire. The fire department was called, and after extinguishing the fire found that the fireplace is purely ornamental, having no chimney or outlet of any sort. The house is owned by James Owens. The damage done was mostly by water.

COURT ORDERS A RECOUNT OF YAVAPAI COUNTY VOTES

PHOENIX, Oct. 19.—An order was issued this afternoon in the superior court by Judge R. C. Stanford to the treasurer and the clerk of the board of supervisors of Yavapai county directing them to bring all the paraphernalia connected with the primary election of September 7 and in that county before the court here at once. This order was issued in connection with the court order of last Saturday granting Charles DeSales Wheeler an inspection of the ballots of the primary election as asked in his contest against Harry S. Ross of the votes cast for the Democratic nominee for the office of secretary of state. Wheeler and Ross were both candidates and Ross was certified as having received the nomination to the office.

A bond of \$200 was also filed today by Wheeler for the inspection. The bond was fixed by Judge Stanford last Saturday and carried the condition that it was to be increased as the costs of the inspection increase. The sureties on the bond were Charles E. Addams and John Hyder. William P. Doherty was today nominated as inspector of ballots for Wheeler and Frank DeSoers as inspector for Ross. A third man is to be appointed by the court.

The order to the treasurer and to the clerk of the board of supervisors of Yavapai county stated that they must transmit to the superior court of Maricopa county and produce before that court all of the ballots cast, the tally books, the poll lists and all other paraphernalia passed to them by the election boards or used by the election precinct officers in the primary election now in possession of Yavapai county. A certified copy of the order will be sent to each of these men at once by the clerk of the superior court here.

SENATOR HENRY ASHURST ARRIVES IN PHOENIX AFTER AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN

PHOENIX, Oct. 19.—Senator Henry Ashurst arrived in Phoenix this morning after an intensive campaign through Pima, Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Gila counties and states that the entire democratic ticket will be elected by over 6,000 majority. He states that he has never seen more enthusiasm in behalf of a state ticket than that which prevails at this time and he is gratified that the democratic candidates have conducted a clean, manly campaign. Discussing issues and our men: "The people are convinced that Senator Harding is the candidate of reaction," Senator Ashurst told a newspaper correspondent today. The methods which brought about Harding's nomination in the conference in the smoked filled back room of a hotel, wherein the men who have always opposed constructive reforms in and out of the senate, dictated Mr. Harding's nomination, have aroused the resentment of the friends of liberalism and progress.

Governor Cox has displayed not only a boldness, but a profundity of thought, which marks him as statesman of the most valuable type. Governor Cox has dodged no question; he has not pussy-footed, whilst Harding has trummed-dodged and turned somersaults on vital questions all through the campaign. Senator Ashurst will speak at Yuma October 22, Ajo October 23, Prescott October 26th and Flagstaff October 27.

OHIO MAID WANTS DASHING COWBOY HUSBAND

Postmaster Paul Smith is looking for a dashing young cowboy who wishes to take for his bride an eastern girl. A nice looking young western fellow will do however, according to the missive sent the postmaster by Miss Mary Gump who works at Wilson's laundry in Martins Ferry, Ohio. Here is the letter she has written to the postmaster on pretty pink stationery with a bright red border: "Martin's Ferry, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1920. To The Postmaster of The U. S. Postoffice of Tombstone, Arizona: Dear Sir:—Would you please give the address below to some nice looking young western fellow who would like to correspond with an eastern girl. I would prefer a dashing young cowboy. Yours truly, MISS MARY GUMP, Wilson's Laundry, Martin's Ferry, Ohio. Somerton—San Diego man takes over Caruthers State Bank, capital to be increased to \$50,000. Florence takes steps to install modern sewer system.

RAILROAD AGENT CLAIMS \$2,000 IN REWARDS FOR THE CAPTURE OF GIBSON

PHOENIX, Oct. 19.—Fred Lewis, railroad agent at Topock, Ariz., came to Phoenix today to claim rewards totaling \$2,104 which had been offered in connection with the murder of Mrs. Jacob Ehrhardt, at their home here last summer. Lewis claimed he caused the arrest of Mose Gibson, negro, who was executed recently at San Quentin prison, Cal., for the murder of Roy Trap, a rancher of Fullerton, Cal. After he was convicted of the Trapp murder Gibson confessed he murdered the Ehrhardts.

According to the station agent's story, he had just finished reading a newspaper account of the Trapp murder, including the description of the negro, when he looked up from his paper and saw the negro standing before him. Lewis said he talked with Needles, appraising officers there regarding the negro. The latter then bought a ticket to Albuquerque, Lewis said and boarded an east-bound train.

JEXICO ASKS FOR FRIENDSHIP OF WHOLE WORLD—PESQUEIRA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—What nation, if any, will be taken on the telegrams from the governors of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona urging recognition of the new government of Mexico has not been disclosed. State department officials today refused to comment upon the telegrams of Governor Hobby of Texas, which has been received at the White House.

State department officials intimated today that no conference with Roberto V. Pesqueira, Mexican confidential agent, would be arranged in the near future.

In a statement Pesqueira said Mexico desired the friendship and aid of the United States in the vast program of reconstruction already underway there.

"It is my business," he continued, "to build up these necessary reconstruction contracts, promoting an association in expansion and development that will mean much to both countries.

"We mean to guard our tremendous national resources against the exploitation of the past, but there is no touch of narrowness in our program. Those who work with us will share with us.

"The only thing necessary to friendship is understanding. "I have the conviction that understanding has come to stay. The change in the government of Mexico is not merely a change of men, but a change in ideas and ideals. Mexico has definitely entered an era of peace and quiet, based on liberty and justice.

"Laws and decrees are being carefully revised in a spirit of sane liberalism. In such spirit the basic problem of petroleum is about to be solved; likewise that of the banks. We offer friendship and we ask it, not only with respect to the United States, but the whole world."

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MARRYING IN YUMA

YUMA, Oct. 19.—That the laws of Arizona do not allow a couple who have only been divorced in California for a short time to re-marry in Yuma has been the sad experience of couples who have journeyed to Yuma with the purpose of making the wedding bells ring. According to Miss Keiner Dunn of the clerk's office at the court house during the past few months a great many people have come to Yuma asking for an Arizona marriage license who have within the past year only received an interdictory decree of divorce.

In California, an absolute divorce is granted to parties who apply for it, but an interdictory decree is granted which is made permanent one year from the date the interdictory decree is granted. Many people in California believe that an interdictory decree is final and come to Yuma for the purpose of obtaining a permanent license and getting married. However, under the present laws of the state of Arizona, no one can marry in this state unless they have been divorced for the period of one year.

ATTEMPT TO SECURE HIS FREEDOM FROM STATE PEN

PHOENIX, Oct. 19.—Apposal was filed in the supreme court of Arizona today in behalf of Francis Fourde, convicted in Cochise county on a charge of bigamy. Fourde's appeal was based on assertion that the officer who married Fourde and Beatrice L. de Fourde in Mexico City was not authorized by Mexican law to perform the ceremony; that the marriage was not legal, therefore, and consequently that Fourde had the right to marry Maria Evert in Illinois in 1919.

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122 VOTERS ENROLL IN COCHISE COUNTY FOR ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH

Registration for the general election, to be held on November 2, closed Friday, October 23, with more than twice as many Democrats registered as Republicans, according to the records of J. H. Hinchelton, chief deputy recorder. The total registration is as follows: Democrats, 5,893; Republicans, 4,129; unaffiliated, 217, total 10,239. Registration for this week ending October 19, was as follows: Democrats, 512; Republicans, 316; unaffiliated, 21. The total registration is 400 short of what it was two years ago.

SISBEE BIGAMIST MAKES ATTEMPT TO SECURE HIS FREEDOM FROM STATE PEN

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