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An eastern paper says of a California congressman: "He wears socks and a winning smile." He evidently has the advantage of Jerry Simpson by a good deal as to costume.

The Raton police locked up a number of small boys between the ages of 10 and 14 years, in the town bastille Monday night for public nuisance. Evidently they intend to teach the small boys a lesson in behavior.

Mexico coins her whole product of silver and has placed an export duty on it that no part may get away. Her total issue of silver is \$50,000,000, while she manages to struggle along with a gold issue of \$5,000,000. She has no difficulty in floating a loan at a low rate of interest, and no one appears to be particularly anxious to draw off her little gold reserve or wind her up in the financial market.—Miner, Kingman, Arizona.

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA.

The News congratulates the citizens of New Mexico and Arizona on the passage by the house on Monday of the bill admitting them into the union of states. What fate they will meet in the senate, or, if passed by that body, too, at the hands of the president, remains to be seen.

New Mexico has long been prepared for admission as a state, so far as population was concerned. The fact that the territory had not advanced as rapidly as it ought to have done in education, and in American ways and ideas generally, has hitherto prevented its admission. The passage of an advanced school law, however, the growth of public sentiment in favor of popular education, the general material advancement of the territory, the increase in the number of English speaking residents, and the newly developed progressive tendency of the Mexican population, have all combined to remove to a very large extent the objections which have previously been urged against New Mexico's admission. That admission as a state would materially benefit the territory, both from an industrial and social point of view, is an admitted fact. It would also be a benefit to the west, for there is need of her votes in congress in favor of the measures which are especially needed and demanded by the Rocky mountain country. That the act of admission may pass the senate and be approved by the president will be the earnest desire of the people of the whole west.

While Arizona has less people than New Mexico, her claims to statehood are as good as were those of Wyoming and Idaho, and to keep her out of the Union would be an act of unjust discrimination against her industrious and prosperous people. The act of admission should be passed together with that of New Mexico. Then will all the territories of the New West have become states of the Union, except Utah.—Denver News.

STILL IN DOUBT.

Local passenger men are still guessing what is to be the outcome of the threat of President Manvel to name a \$14.70 rate from Kansas City to California points. Three months ago next Wednesday President Manvel notified the advisory board of the Western Traffic association that unless the other members of the association would sign an agreement to abolish the custom of paying exorbitant commissions to agents he would name an open rate to meet that made secretly by the representatives of other roads.

So far only two of the roads have signed this agreement, and five have stated their intention not to do so. Mr. G. W. Hagenbuch, passenger and ticket agent of the Santa Fe at this point, stated last night that he had received no information either way from official sources, but that he supposed President Manvel meant

what he said when he gave the notice to the Western Traffic association.—K. C. Journal.

ARIZONA IRRIGATION.

Arizona was the land of prehistoric irrigators. Ruins of water works built by an unknown people are found in the valleys. The population of the territory today follows the lines of canals which supplied the means of living ages ago. In the Salt river valley the modern irrigators found their surveying done for them. Their ditches are the old channels. The Mesa City canal of today was made possible by the discovery of an old cut through the rock which saved great labor and expense to those whom this generation regards as pioneers. And so in the words of the government irrigation report soon to be published, "the reclamation of Arizona is simply the repetition of history." That region once supported populous life. The ruins show that the prehistoric irrigation was on an extended scale. It is plain that some of the valleys were developed with irrigation systems far beyond the present capacity and extent of the ditches. Those people, of whom only the ruins of their water works remain, chose this desert when a whole continent lay before them, and made it blossom like the rose. They had choice of every variety of soil and climate. They preferred the vivid sunshine, the grand mountains and the absolute mastery of the arid waste which irrigation confers. There is a charm about irrigation. The farmer of the richest and most favored portion of the Mississippi valley wonders how people can be so foolish as to go out into the desert for their homesteads and stake everything for a water right. Perhaps he goes to see irrigation at its work. The chances are that it fascinates, and he gives up his broad and bottomless black acres for a strip of the sand and a ditch through which the water comes to him, neither grumbling nor praying.

Irrigation methods vary greatly. The plans which are adopted for one region will not do at all for another. All over Arizona are found the remains of a prehistoric irrigation system. But there are no evidences of a storage system or of artificial lakes. Arizona is not the country for reservoirs. It is considered very doubtful that basins are practicable. There are two reasons for this. The amount of sedimentary matter carried down the canons of the Gila, Salt and tributary streams is enormous. Bed rock is seldom found within many feet of the river or stream surface. It is not probable that reservoirs could be constructed that would not fill with detritus, silt and sand, or that could withstand the force of the floods that come down the Arizona channels. Arizona has her own climate. When the sun is shining and all is peace in the valleys, black clouds gather in the mountain tops, the tempest howls, the lightning flashes and there comes down every water course a torrent. The flood of February, 1891, washed away a stage station which had been built since 1858 at Phoenix. If that flood could have been restrained by dam or other obstruction at Phoenix sufficient to deaden the force of its water, it would have deposited enough matter to bury the city of Phoenix 200 feet deep. Such was the estimate of local engineers. The debris traveling in the water wore iron bolts 3 inches wide and five-eighths of an inch thick down to a feather edge. Iron nuts were worn off, and 4-inch planking was reduced to one inch. The problem of storage has been carefully considered by local irrigators in Arizona, and has been abandoned for the present as too costly for the resources of the community and dangerous. Dams in the torrential channels of the territory are not likely to stand the tests required for security.

Under the present irrigation system two or three crops per year of the staples can be raised. Vegetables, such as celery, tomatoes and beans, and fruit, like melons and strawberries, can be raised in the winter in the open air. The slightest irrigation will suffice for these crops, and in that season water is abundant in all the streams, and is supplemented by rainfall in the valleys. The orange, the grape and the fig need the heat of the ever bright summer, but every month in the year has its crop. The

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Chinese raise enormous quantities of vegetables during the winter on very small areas, the only limit of production being the market, which, on account of incomplete railway facilities, is practically confined to the immediate neighborhood.

TERRITORIAL.
Raton items from the Reporter:
Harry Whigham returned last week from a business trip in the southeastern states.

The election for school trustees in the Clayton precinct, Monday, resulted in a tie.
The laborers on the water works struck for higher wages Monday. They had been getting \$1.50 per day and now demand \$1.75.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Raton National bank, held June 4th, W. M. Tomlin was elected assistant cashier.

L. S. Preston and J. A. Jones returned Monday from a trip to Baldy mountain, where they surveyed eleven mineral claims. A lively mining sensation is anticipated there this summer.

Wm. C. Wrigley came down from Denver Thursday with a view of relocating here. His family will be here in about two weeks. Their large circle of friends here will welcome them back as permanent residents of Raton.

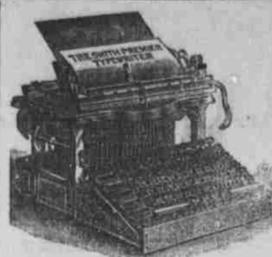
Harmony lodge No. 6, K. of P., elected the following officers at their last regular meeting: B. F. Houts, P. C.; J. J. Murphy, C. C.; A. Loeb, V. C.; F. S. Crosson, P.; E. Eisenmann, K. of R. and S.; D. Dwyer, M. of F.; G. B. Beringer, M. of E.; F. Brueggeman, M. at A.

The most important and most progressive step Cerrillos ever took was in granting the water works franchise last week. All reasonable safeguards have been taken and work must be commenced inside of 60 days and water must be running in the mains within six months. The town also gets free water for protection against fire.—Beacon.

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A few evenings since our reporter's attention was called to the beautifully illuminated buildings of the Smith Premier Typewriter works on Clinton street, and upon investigation found that owing to a large increase in business they were obliged to run twelve hours a day, operating between 300 and 400 employees. Considering the rapid growth of the business referred to it is very apparent to the proprietor that it will be absolutely necessary during the summer months to build another factory, and in fact the plans are nearly arranged for the construction of a new building of dimensions 60x140 feet, seven stories high. This new structure, in addition to the present buildings, which have every nook and corner filled with operatives, will admit of working at least 600 people, and if the business continues to increase in the future as it has in the past it is very certain that the company at no distant day will require all the typewriter manufacturers in the state at present are pressed to fill their orders to the extent that they are obliged to work overtime.—Syracuse Journal, March 12.

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The capitol commission at Santa Fe is taking steps to put a large force of men and teams at work. The upper part of the walls will be torn down, the serviceable material piled up near at hand and the debris hauled away. Much of the cut stone and most of the brick in the interior walls can be used in rebuilding. Builders estimate that the foundation and first story walls can be used with little repair, and it is thought the material on hand serviceable for rebuilding is worth between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

"The knife and fork," says the Courier-Journal, "should be left on the plate." That is right. If Kentucky people are in the habit of carrying the knives and forks off in their pockets, they do wrong. Etiquette requires that the cutlery be left.

There is a mad bridegroom in Chico, Cal. His name is Avery, and his bride was a Miss Small. With a shotgun in hand he is looking for the local reporter who headed a half column description of the ceremony with this line: "A Very Small Wedding."

The normal department of the University of New Mexico will open Wednesday, June 15, 1892, in the academy building, Albuquerque, with a competent corps of teachers. The tuition is free, and board may be secured at reasonable rates in the city. The length of the term will be ten or twelve weeks. All desiring to take a thorough teacher's course should attend the territorial university. For information address
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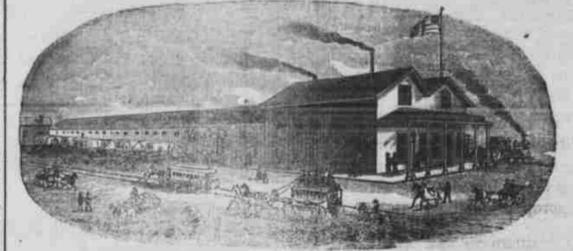
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