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Let the People Rule.

Do some people really think it is necessary for the editor of a Democratic newspaper to control the selection of all the nominees for all of the offices and all of the committees in addition to having whatever office or emolument he may desire for himself? There are Democratic newspapers in Missouri whose editors do not ask for office, who do not ask for pay for personal work for the party, who do not try to control the selection of candidates, but in and out of season, in an unselfish, modest manner, work for the good of the party, always supporting the nominees with their work, time and money. They work everlasting with an eye single to the good of the party, and not for the advancement of the interests of the editor or owner of the paper. By their persistent, conservative and intelligent work for the party, without any abuse or vituperation, they make friends and voters for the ticket. Without this class of Democratic newspapers in Missouri the party would be at the mercy of office-seekers, paid "pluggers" and men who are after spoils and not principle and party welfare. We are glad to be able to state that nearly every Democratic newspaper in Missouri is of this class and are satisfied to let the Republicans do the bossing and fixing. We want none of it in the Democratic party. The Democratic press will continue to support the will of the people and will not try to be dictators. Let the people rule.—Mexico Ledger.

The above article applies to the condition that now exists in Graham county so neatly that it is with pleasure we reproduce it for the benefit of all concerned. No further comment is necessary. The old-timers all know. Ask any of them.

Adjournment of Court.

U. S. Court at Florence has adjourned and those who attended from Clifton have about all returned. Adam Smith was foreman of the grand jury and D. A. Peters was a member of that body. Walker Payne, Dad Arbuckle, J. H. McLean, Geo. Gamble and Mit Simms served on the trial jury. Very few indictments were found, which is suggestive of a lawabiding citizenship.

Gonzalo Gonzalez, indicted for robbing the post office at Morenci, plead guilty.

The cases against I. E. Solomon and Moses A. Cluff, charged with cutting timber on government land, were continued for the term.

The Dead Maligned.

To show our readers what kind of a man the editor of the Lordsburg Liberal is, we publish the following extract from that paper which appeared the next day after the accident:

"It is not known here, positively, that Schlottman ran by the danger flag, but men acquainted with his record think he did, as he was known to have been a very careless man. The Liberal is informed that he lost positions on the Santa Fe, and The Sunset, for similar carelessness, and on the Mexican Central for being twenty-five minutes on a passenger train's time, colliding with the passenger train, and causing the death of the mail clerk, and that he was lucky to escape from Mexico."

It is well known in Clifton that the above statements are utterly false but even if there was any truth in them, it comes in very poor grace from anyone accredited with possessing the least spark of humanity to malign the dead as they lie in the morgue.

Communication From Metcalf.

METCALF, ARIZ., May 14, 1900.

The murder of Severio Vozza, an Italian, here on the night of May 5, was a cowardly assassination. Vozza had been playing cards in the saloon that night and is supposed to have shown some money for which no doubt the murder was committed. He was going home about midnight, and, when near the house, two men came upon him in the dark striking him with a rock, then stabbing him with a dirk-knife. He succeeded in fighting them off and reaching his house, giving the alarm.

Shortly afterwards, two Mexicans, Lorenzo Gutierrez and Jesus Mora, were arrested within about 100 yards of Vozza's house—one of them having blood on his clothing, for which he gave a very unsatisfactory account. It seems that these Mexicans had been seen on the 5th and had been closely watched by the officers, but they succeeded, however, in robbing one man of his watch and another of \$4.

They came from Morenci, no doubt, to rob and steal, taking advantage of the celebration. They are not known here and are supposed to belong to the gang that murdered the Chinamen in Morenci.

Gutierrez has been held to await the action of the grand jury. Mora was committed to Clifton for safe keeping but while working on the road escaped.

Severio Vozza, who died on May 7, was about 45 years old and had lived in Metcalf some three years. He bore a good reputation. X.

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A Narrow Escape.

E. A. Hopkins, son of Contractor Hopkins, of the Morenci Southern, narrowly escaped a premature grave last Thursday evening about 4 o'clock. He drilled a short hole and dropped a stick of giant powder down in it. Before he commenced to tamp it he struck a match for some purpose and it dropped into the hole and ignited the powder which blazed up. He grabbed a gunny sack and shoved it down thinking he would extinguish it. He did, but not until it had exploded, severely injuring him. Dr. Burtch was telephoned for and went down and dressed his wounds. "His face and hands were blown full of gravel, and it was thought for awhile that he had lost his eye sight, but he can now see and is able to walk around. He considers himself very fortunate to be alive.

The prospects now are that within a short time the building of a new county court house will begin in Saford. This is where the county seat should be and where it will finally come.—Guardian.

SOUTHWESTERN NOTES.

Solomonville Bulletin.

Farmers are now in the hay field and the first crop of alfalfa is being cut.

Surveyor R. L. Young, of Clifton, was in Solomonville again this week making some further surveys for the Montezuma Flour Milling Co.

John H. Norton, well-known in Graham county, has been elected first vice-president of the Johnathan Club in Los Angeles, where he now lives.

Joe Terrel, of the Double Circle ranch, on Eagle Creek, arrived yesterday with a herd of twelve hundred cattle which are being shipped.

Treasurer B. B. Adams is building two additional rooms to his residence. Mr. and Mrs. Adams will soon have one of the most comfortable homes in Solomonville.

A match game of ball is being talked of between Morenci and Solomonville. If satisfactory arrangements can be made the game will be played May 30, decoration day. If the Solomonville club goes to the upper country for a match game they will expect a return game here on July 4th.