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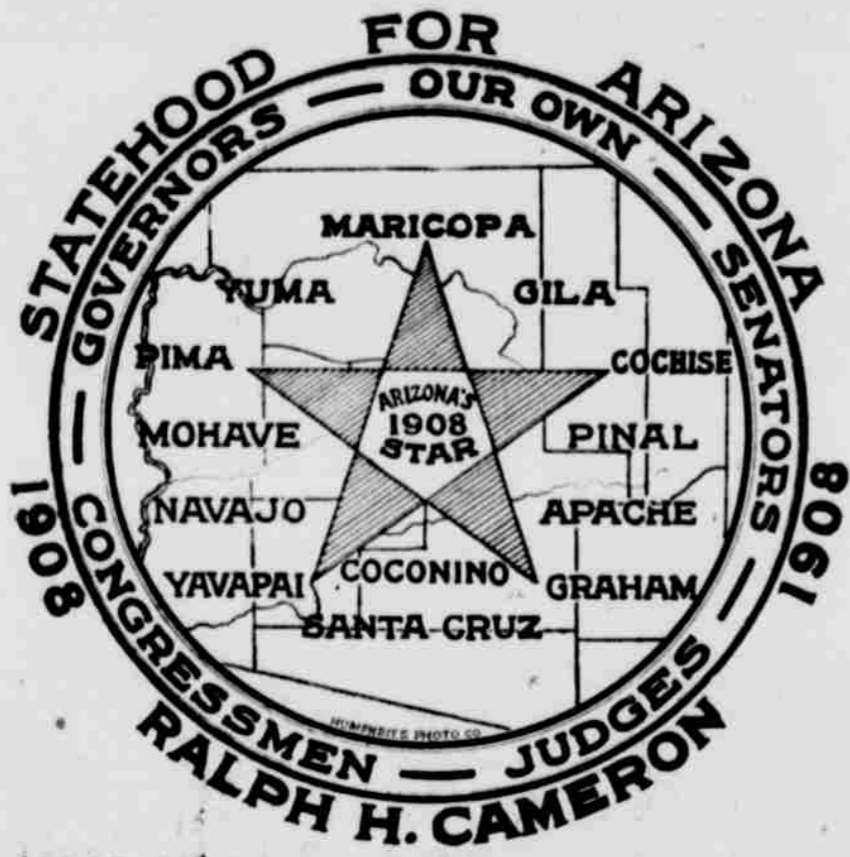


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Editorial Comment

STATEHOOD FOR ARIZONA.

We favor the immediate admission of the territories of New Mexico and Arizona as separate states in the Union.—Republican National Platform.



Which Shall It Be.

Bryan, Mark Smith and hard times, or Taft, Cameron and Prosperity. That is the political problem which the people of the territory of Arizona are facing.

Which shall it be? The people of Arizona have no voice in the making of a president but equally vital to them is the matter of choosing the right man for delegate to congress. At the very threshold of the era of statehood it is vital to every interest in the territory that men who do things be on guard at Washington. The election of William Howard Taft to the presidency means that an era of unprecedented prosperity is assured from the day the news of his election is flashed over the country. No more significant interview was ever published in the Journal-Miner—one which placed before the people of Yavapai county the situation as it is, than that with Col. A. W. Miller the wide awake assessor of the great city of Chicago on Wednesday last. Miller is the typical Chicago hustler, a booster, an optimist from the ground up, big enough to appreciate Chicago and her greatness as the real business center of this continent and at the same time understand thoroughly that Chicago is but a spot in the whole magnificent country of which it is the practical center. Colonel Miller stated the case very clearly and concisely when he said that the business interests of the country had confidence in Taft and wanted Taft elected. By the business interests Colonel Miller did not mean those predatory corporations whose methods have been so strenuously attacked by President Roosevelt and his right hand advisor, William Howard Taft, to the everlasting good of the nation. Colonel Miller referred to the real, legitimate business interests of the country, the merchants and bankers, the grocers and dry goods men, the hardware interests, every man and woman in the country engaged in mercantile pursuits. And he also referred, as he explained in detail to every man in the country who had a good sized savings account which had been in hiding ever since the predatory panic which was sprung on the country by the thieving financial giants just a year ago for the purpose of discrediting, if possible, the Roosevelt administration.

It is the legitimate business interests of the country that want Taft. It is the men with savings accounts who are going to be of immense benefit to the territory of Arizona when confidence is once restored. For the restoration of confidence will mean the end of hoarding, the seeking of legitimate investment by millions and millions of money. It may be that the election of William Jennings Bryan might not be a just cause for the withholding of the days of prosperity, but that prosperity will be postponed if Bryan is elected Colonel Miller made perfectly plain. Bryan's political course has not been one to inspire confidence in the minds of the business interests. He has championed men and measures in the past which have branded him as unsafe in the minds of the great majority of American voters.

That Taft is going to be the next president of the United States no really observant man now doubts. William Jennings Bryan is one of the greatest campaigners this country has ever known, a man of fascinating personality and an orator whose peer the country has not known since the days of Webster. Bryan is a splendid entertainer. His present tour reminds strongly of those of 1896 and 1900, when tens of thousands gathered to hear the "Boy Orator of the Platte," but when the votes were counted it was found that the people, always sane and sane, had regarded Bryan as the brilliant entertainer and not as a man fitted to take up the task of the presidency.

The campaign of 1908 is the campaign of 1896 and 1900 over again. The business interests, the merchants and manufacturers, the farmers who have for twelve years under republican rule enjoyed a measure of prosperity undreamed of before, are for William Howard Taft. Taft is going to be elected and with his progressive, republican congress. It is for the people of Arizona to decide whether it is to their interests to elect a man after the Roosevelt type, a man who all his life has been doing things, a man in the very prime of manhood, energetic, virile, devoted to Arizona with his whole mind and soul—or whether they will continue to be misrepresented by a

man grown old in the congressional harness and now past his zenith unable to point to a single public monument in the territory due to his efforts as the territorial delegate at Washington.

At Williams last night Hon. Henry F. Ashurst went into details about the accomplishments of Mark in Washington. He claimed Mark had secured the appropriation for the public building at Phoenix, had made it possible for Coconino county to spend its own money for a court house at Flagstaff and one other minor item which has slipped the editorial memory. Well, Mark Smith as a matter of fact secured by his own efforts not one of the claims mentioned above, but granting for the sake of argument that he had obtained them all, what a pitiful record to place before the people as a plea for being returned to congress. Twenty years in congress—results, a claim of having secured one public building and permission for a county court house.

Bisbee ought to have its public building—ditto Phoenix, Tucson, Globe, Prescott, Douglas and Yuma. With an energetic delegate in Washington, in touch with the party that does things, hundreds of thousands would have been spent in Arizona by the federal government, and would be accomplishing results now. Taft is going to be elected. A republican congress is going to be behind him. Does the territory of Arizona wish to be in partnership with the leaders, the party which does things, or does it wish to go on in the twenty years rut with Mark Smith as the old wheel horse? Shall it be Cameron and results or Mark Smith and stagnation?

The Man And His Record.

No one questions the charming personality of Marcus Aurelius Smith in his palmy days—the trouble has been that his charms have been wasted among the boon companions of his youth in that dear old Kentucky instead of being operated on the leaders of the majority in congress for the benefit of the constituency which for practically twenty years has allowed Mark to regard the office of delegate as a sinecure created for his particular benefit as a reward for just a little exercise of the charm of his manner among the people of Arizona a month or so before each election.

But another personality has arisen on the political horizon, young, energetic—filled with the milk of human kindness and with a record of doing things which has kept a great corporation hustling for twenty years to keep up. The Honorable Marcus Aurelius Smith, alarmed at the appearance of this political Lochinvar in the hailwick he has pleased to claim as his particular own for a score of years, has awakened to the necessity of at least making one grand bluff—and this time it must be on record and it must be made to stick or the Honorable Marcus Aurelius Smith is certain to be consigned to the political graveyard.

Cameron's whole life has been one of results, of loyalty to his friends and to the territory of Arizona, of uncompromising hostility to certain predatory interests which in the past would have manipulated the vast resources of Arizona for their special benefit, but which have now seen the light as shed by Theodore Roosevelt and are operating in that light, for their own great benefit it is true, but with the understanding now that the benefit of a great public utility corporation lies in a great measure in the favor of the people. The same energy with which in the past Ralph Cameron has bid defiance to certain interests which would have wronged him, carrying his battle single handed to the highest courts in the land and bringing ruin to his enemies, will surely be exerted when he is seated as delegate for the benefit of the whole territory of Arizona.

Not a dollar has ever passed into Ralph Cameron's pocket which was not earned by honest effort. Hundreds of dollars, earned by the sweat of his brow and the honest exercise of his great brain capacity, have gone cheerfully to the aid of his unfortunate brothers—and to a man like Ralph Cameron blood does not make brothers but humanity is brotherhood. Ralph Cameron's humanity has not been a pretense but a practice. That is why hundreds of men who have had cause to love Cameron for his goodness in the past, are today, unknown to him in nearly every instance, throwing themselves enthusiastically into his fight. They love him for what they know him to be—a man—not a pretender—a man whose left hand knows not what his right hand giveth—a man whose word is law—never to be broken. That quality in the man is known all over the territory. When Ralph Cameron promises a thing it is when he believes with his whole heart that he will be able to accomplish it.

Depending largely upon the fact that the territory of Arizona has in years gone by been safely democratic in its political complexion, Marcus Aurelius has rested on that fact and made little or no effort to effect material results for Arizona. Quite in contrast to the Honorable Marcus Aurelius Smith's record is that of the Hon. "Bull" Andrews of New Mexico. Public building after public building has been erected in that territory through the energy of the republican delegate from that territory and because he has been in touch and sympathy with the party which is in power and which no sane man doubts will be in power for years to come. While Andrews, republican, has been securing great results for New Mexico, what has Smith, democrat, been securing for the territory of Arizona? At his meeting in Winslow one day the past week, the Honorable Marcus Aurelius said that "he did not wish to tire his hearers with a detail statement of what he had accomplished for his constituents during the twenty years he had represented them in congress, but later a pamphlet would be issued setting forth in detail the mighty deeds of Smith." Then and there, with his great audience of 69 people by actual count, where Ralph Cameron had spoken to over 400 a night or two before, was the psychological moment for Smith to have sprang the truth of his mighty deeds upon his hearers and put his enemies to shame—but he contented himself with that old, faded, worn out chestnut of not wishing to tire his audience and added insult to injury by promising a pamphlet later in the campaign.

It will never be issued. Mark Smith and the Hon. Henry F. Ashurst, who ought to see the error of his ways and get over in the progressive party where he belongs, had the audacity to claim as one of Mark's accomplishments the appropriation for a public building at Phoenix—Absurd!!!! No wonder the claim was met with derision. The civic bodies of Phoenix acting through a republican governor, Kibbey, are responsible for the one decent federal appropriation for the territory during the entire twenty years of the Mark Smith regime.

False claims won't go with the voters this year. Tears will only excite ridicule. The virile manhood of the territory, weary of the do nothingness of a sinecure delegate, are flocking to Ralph Cameron, the winner. They want Cameron to win because they want the territory to win. The only way for the territory to win is for the territory to elect a winner.

Just As It Was In 1896 And 1900.

It is no different Bryan who is running for president this year. As the days pass it becomes increasingly clear that the intelligence of the country will have to contend in 1908 against essentially the same desperate appeals to cupidity and ignorance and thriftlessness as were made in 1896 and again in 1900.

A Bryan campaign without quackery would be inconceivable. The quack feature of the Nebraskan's canvass this year is going to be his anti-panic specific of a government guarantee of bank deposits. Two years ago it looked as though it would be government ownership, but it was sure to be government something or other. All the ideas which Bryan has championed resolve themselves into the one idea which is the core of socialism, that only by government shall mankind be saved from itself. Guaranteeing bank deposits is only the open form which it takes for the present occasion. The real danger lurks in the background of insincerity.

One of the amazing facts about Bryan's candidacy is that it is based on grounds which Bryan himself disputes. The Denver platform has a railroad plank which promises new excesses of regulation. Bryan does not believe in railroad regulation; he believes in government ownership of railroads. He has said, many times, that railroad regulation is bound to fail and that nothing but government ownership can solve the so-called railroad problem. The Denver platform also abounds in planks promising vigorous regulation of industrial corporations, but it follows like night after day

that Mr. Bryan no more believes in regulating such concerns than he believes in railroad regulation. His whole course, his whole creed so far as it has been expounded, is evidence of a belief, albeit not yet confessed to himself perhaps, in the ultimate necessity of government ownership of industrial corporations as well as of railroads. The people, Mr. Bryan said, believe in regulation. Therefore, I am willing to help all I can in helping them to experiment with regulation.

It is very kind of Mr. Bryan to be so willing to pander to the people but when they understand him as thoroughly as they should now, what the people think of him? Certainly if they believe in a policy of regulating they must think, they cannot think anything else, that the last man whom to entrust the carrying out of that policy is a man who disbelieves it thoroughly, except as it may be a half way house to the government ownership in which he believes implicitly but in which the people do not believe at all. New York Sun.

ASSURANCES OF AN ERA OF GREAT PROSPERITY.

The history of Yavapai county offers no parallel to the assurance of a period of prosperity confronting this section at the present time. Whoever way one will be confronted with evidence that a period of material development is at hand such as Yavapai county has not enjoyed in its past existence. The Arizona Power Company within the next six months will have completed its great power plant at Fossil Creek and its distributing system will be in operation, not only in Jerome, but within operating distance of every mine within a radius of fifty miles of the plant. The completion of this one enterprise alone is enough to make an optimist of every business man, stockman, and mine owner in Yavapai county. It means that many hundreds of men will be employed in opening up mines now idle because of the high cost of power. With cheap power many mines with thousands of tons of gold, copper and silver ore blocked out, but not of sufficient high grade to warrant shipment to distant points for treatment, will be treated right at the mines. In anticipation of the completion of the Arizona Power enterprise, many mine owners are even now laying their plans for resuming active operations early in the coming spring. When ex-Mayor Owen McAleer, of Los Angeles, was in Prescott last week, in company with three of the best known men of affairs in the Angel City, he expressed the belief that the people of Yavapai county did not appreciate the immense benefit that was sure to result from the completion of the Fossil Creek plant and the distribution of power to the mines of Yavapai county. Mayor McAleer said he benooved every property owner in Yavapai county to encourage the company in every possible way, as its enterprise was sure to revolutionize the mining industry of this section and throw millions of capital into active circulation.

But the completion of the plant of the Arizona Power Company is but one of many great enterprises under way in Yavapai county. The Ocotilla Mining Company is installing an electric plant at heavy cost whose power will be distributed among the mines of the Weaver District in the southwest at a nominal price compared with the present cost of power. This means that many idle mines will be opened in that section, giving employment to hundreds of men, and these in turn will put thousands of dollars weekly into the coffers of the merchants of Prescott. The opening of the mines will mean an immense addition to the gold, silver and copper of Yavapai county. This will call the attention of the outside investment public to this section with the certain result that millions of capital will enter the county for legitimate mining investments.

There is every reason to believe that the reorganization plans of the Humboldt Smelter are about completed and that the big plant will again be in operation before the opening of the new year. Within a week the plans of the reorganizers will be submitted to the New Jersey court having jurisdiction, and as the creditors have everything to gain and nothing to lose by consenting to the reorganization plans, it is believed the bid will be accepted and the work of rehabilitating the plant proceed. Over 200 men will be employed at the smelter alone. The smelter will be an inducement for the reopening of many more mines in the county which were in operation before the plant closed down last October.

The rainy season just closed has put the farming and stock interests on a firmer footing than ever before known in Northern Arizona. The farmers and stockmen have disposed of their surplus stock at excellent prices and the local banks are bulging with savings accounts as a result. The heavy rainfall has assured an abundant water supply for winter mining operations and the hills as a result are full of prospectors. Placers which have not been worked in years are today paying big wages to scores of men who they are being worked. With the usual snowfall and rains in the winter months the placer operations will be continued for half a year to come, meaning a constant stream of gold into Prescott from that source alone.

The great Vulture mine in the southern end of the county is being reopened after many years of idleness. There will be employed a hundred or more, seeking on the lower levels for ledges which in years gone by had given nearly twenty millions in gold to the Yavapai production. The Vulture is but one of many. In every direction development is proceeding. It is surely a time for rejoicing. The pessimist ought to get off the earth.

MIDNIGHT SNAP MINE TO RESUME OPERATIONS

(From Tuesday's Daily) A. J. Doran is making preparations to resume operations on the Whitehouse and Midnight Snap mines in the Walker district. He expects to start active work on these properties in the next few days. The Midnight Snap is the south extension of the Homestake mine and the Whitehouse the north extension of the Eureka, both of which have proven ore bodies in sight. In the early days of mining in the Walker district, which is the oldest district in the county, the surface ores of the Whitehouse and Midnight Snap mines were worked by the pioneer miners, who reaped rich rewards by treating the ores by the primitive arrastra process. Development of the claims was abandoned when the sulphide ores of water level were reached. Doran says that he will now prospect

CONCERNING PRESCOTT.

(Coconino Sun.) Miss Alice Adams of Prescott is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Colton, the first of the week. She is on her way to college at Ann Arbor, Michigan. C. F. Van Horn and family were en route from Prescott to Leville, Oklahoma, stopped in staff Thursday, the guests of Mary A. Coffin. Mrs. Van Horn and Mrs. Coffin are old friends. Judge R. E. Sloan arrived Thursday morning and in company with W. Norvell, court reporter, left on a hunt. They expect to be out until day night. Journal-Miner for high class job