

## OUTLAWS KILL DEMING MEN

The Leader Also Killed in Hot Fight Near Engle

### ESCAPED FROM DEMING JAIL

And Were Trained to the V X T Ranch by Sheriff Stephens and Posse

Engle, N. M., Nov. 19.—Sheriff Stephens of Luna county with one of his posse, W. O. Simpson, arrived in this city early this morning with the dead bodies of Tom Hall and Al Smithers, both members of the posse, and the dead body of one of the outlaws whose name is unknown but who Sheriff Stephens recognized as the leader of the men, who, on the night of Nov. 7th, in Deming, held up Sheriff Stephens and the jailer, and liberated from the jail John Gates.

Sheriff Stephens with his posse have been in pursuit of the outlaws day and night since the 8th. While riding close to the VXT ranch, 85 miles from Engle, and near a house known as Adobe house on the VXT ranch, the posse discovered the three outlaws in the house eating.

The posse surrounded the house and as soon as they were discovered by the outlaws, the outlaws mounted their horses and rode directly toward the posse. The posse told them to surrender. The outlaws suddenly fell from their horses and opened fire on the posse. Only a few shots were fired before Hall and Smithers fell, dead. Hall was shot through the head and Smithers was shot through the body.

Sheriff Stephens, who was on the other side of the house, came running toward the men and opened fire on the outlaws, killing the leader, whose name so far is unknown.

The posse's as well as the outlaws' horses stampeded and left all in the open, fighting to the death. Gates and his confederate managed to get into a water trench and kept up the firing. It was about four hundred yards up this trench that Posseman Simpson discovered Gates running along. Simpson opened fire on him, and he was seen to fall into the ditch.

Only three of the posse in the fight were left. Stephens, Simpson and Johnnie James. They were unable to follow the two remaining outlaws on account of the darkness, so they gathered up their dead.

Early Saturday morning the three remaining possemen started out again after the two outlaws and went to where Gates was seen to fall and found where he had dragged himself some three or four hundred yards. There they lost his trail and the outlaws got in the mountains.

While the posse was gathering up the dead one outlaw fired at them from the mountain and came within a few inches of killing Simpson. The posse was unable to locate where the shot was fired from.

Sheriff Simpson is satisfied that both outlaws are wounded. The dead outlaw had in his possession the pistol and keys for the Deming jail that he took from the jailer. The outlaws were riding horses from the VXT ranch and they had entered the ranch house and appropriated everything they wanted. The dead men will be shipped to Deming on the forenoon train.

### Story of the Fight as Heard at Deming

Deming, N. M., Nov. 19.—The battle that has been daily expected between the various posses headed by Deming officers and the three outlaws took place last Friday evening at the VXT (V cross T) ranch about 85 miles northwest of Engle. The posse headed by Sheriff Dwight B. Stephens assisted by Deputies Hall, Smithers and Simpson, came upon the outlaws from behind a ridge of hills and a fierce fight followed in which Officers Smithers and Hall were instantly killed, one outlaw was killed, another was wounded, and the wounded outlaw, together with the third member of their gang escaped. The bodies of the dead officers and the outlaw were brought to Engle last night by Sheriff Stephens and Simpson.

Deputy Simpson, accompanied by another posse, are now hot on the trail of the two escaping outlaws, and it is thought they will be easily overtaken as one of them appeared to be mortally wounded.

It will be remembered that two of these outlaws were the men who held up the jail at Deming on the evening

of the 7th of November and released one of the inmates, John Gates.

Thomas H. Hall, one of the posse that was killed, leaves a wife and five children. Mr. Hall first came to this part of New Mexico in 1884 and his home was at Nutt station, where he was a very prominent cattleman and rancher. He has a brother, W. P. Hall, who resides at Hachita. Allen LeRue Smithers had resided at Deming for several months and during this time had been connected with the sheriff's office on various occasions. He came to Deming from Clifton, Arizona, and has a brother living here.

## GOVERNOR APPOINTS ARIZONA DELEGATES

Men Who Will Attend Session of Irrigation Congress and Anti-Saloon League of America.

Governor Richard E. Sloan yesterday appointed delegates to two national deliberative bodies that are to meet in convention next month. One is the Nineteenth Irrigation congress, which will be in session in Chicago December 5 to 9, inclusive, to which fifteen delegates are named. The other is the fourteenth convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America, to be held in Washington, D. C., December 11 to 14, to which six delegates are named.

The gentlemen selected for the latter commission are: B. C. Nunally of Yuma, F. O. Polson of Williams, Dr. Louis Dysart of Phoenix, Dr. W. W. Wilkinson of Phoenix, A. S. Prescott of Parker, and George P. Harrington of Prescott.

The fifteen gentlemen named by the governor to attend the session of the irrigation congress in Chicago are: Joseph H. Kibbey, Louis C. Hill, Dwight B. Heard, W. J. Murphy of Phoenix; A. J. Chandler of Mesa City; Andrew Kimball of Thatcher, Frederick S. Nave of Globe, A. J. Peters of Tempe, H. A. Morgan of Wilcox, W. H. Clark of Holbrook, Dell M. Potter of Clifton, A. H. Kent of Yuma, John R. Hulet of Snowflake, George W. Hance of Camp Verde, and George O. Thayer of Prescott.

These gentlemen have been chosen in the hope that all of them will be able to attend the session, which is to be one of more than usual importance to Arizona. In addition it is expected there will be delegates from the various water users associations and irrigation interests in Arizona, that will swell the territorial delegation to a very representative body, dignified by numbers as well as personality.

## COPPER PRODUCERS HAPPY OVER OUTLOOK

Boston, Mass., Nov. 21.—Thompson, Towle & Co., say that the president of one of the leading copper producers tells them:

"I feel very optimistic on the copper situation, for certainly it is at the best it has been in over three years, with total world's stocks of about 275,000,000, and the producing mines instead of having copper on hand, have only cash and bills receivable, most of the mines being sold several months ahead. This is an ideal situation from the standpoint of the producer, even though the price of the metal is not as high as some would like."

"I have gotten over worrying about the big production from the porphyries in 1912, for I have come to the conclusion that the natural increase in consumption will take care of this increased production and that there will be a demand for every pound of copper that can be produced at 12 1/2¢ at least, and I am anticipating great prosperity for the copper producers in the next few years."

"Then again, I am anticipating some action in the not far distant future looking to a closer affiliation of the copper producers, now that it is determined what can and cannot be done in the face of the Sherman law."

### Mormon Church President

Stafford, Ariz., Nov. 21.—The L. D. S. Academy, in Thatcher, will be dedicated Dec. 15th and the ceremony will probably be conducted by Joseph F. Smith of Salt Lake City, president of the Mormon church. The program planned will occupy the whole day, beginning with a parade in the morning. The afternoon will be devoted to field sports and in the evening a banquet will be served in Amusement Hall. Other distinguished visitors from Utah are expected to take part.

## GOV. FOLK'S MESSAGE TO ARIZONA VOTERS

Upon the arrival of Governor Joseph Folk, of Missouri, in Clifton this week his first enquiry was with reference to the Democratic state ticket and its success at the first state election. At the request of the Era Governor Folk dictated the following message to Arizona voters:

"I would impress upon the democrats of this new state the importance of the coming election, not only to Arizona but to the nation. There is a battle going on in the land today between progressiveism and re-actionaryism, between government for the people and government for a privileged class. The Arizona constitution prepared by democrats represents progressiveism and the democratic party here stands for the progressive ideas of the country. A defeat of the democratic candidates or their election by a slight majority would encourage the re-actionaries all over the land and discourage those who are fighting for equality of opportunity for all. An overwhelming victory for democracy here would be a tremendous aid in the battle in every state and would do much to shape the issues for the great contest of 1912.

"The democratic party of Arizona is not only right in its principles but its candidates are men who will I believe carry out those principles. The nominee for governor, Gep. W. P. Hunt, will make a chief executive whose aim will be the common good and I can heartily endorse him. I understand his associates on the ticket are of the same high character and are inspired by the same ideals. Their success would be a defeat for the powers that prey. The democracy here has boldly antagonized the agents of greed and it ought to have the enthusiastic support of all advocates of the right of each man to live and labor and enjoy the fruits of his honest toil.

"The progressives of the nation wish success to the progressive democracy of the new commonwealth."

## ITINERARY OF DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES HERE GIVEN

After the third of December, the democratic candidates will split into two parties, one led by Henry F. Ashurst and the other by Mark Smith. In the meantime they will travel in a body and will cover a large part of the state.

Mesa, Tuesday, Nov. 21; Tempe, Nov. 22; Ray, Nov. 23; Florence, Nov. 24; Clifton, Dec. 2; Morenci, Dec. 3.

At Morenci the candidates will divide. Smith will lead a party consisting of W. P. Geary, Dayid Johnson, S. W. Cole, C. O. Case, J. C. Callaghan and Wiley E. Jones. Ashurst will be at the head of the second party consisting of Carl Hayden, George Purdy Bullard, George W. P. Hunt, Sidney Osborn and F. A. Jones. The itinerary of these parties is as follows:

Smith party: Miami, Saturday, Nov. 25; Globe, Monday, Nov. 27; Thatcher, Tuesday, Nov. 28; Safford, Wednesday, Nov. 29; Wilcox, Thursday, Nov. 30; Benson, Friday, Dec. 1; Clifton, Saturday, Dec. 2; Morenci, Sunday, Dec. 3; Douglas, Monday,

Dec. 4; Bisbee, Tuesday, Dec. 5; Lowell, Wednesday, Dec. 6; Tucson, Thursday, Dec. 7.

Ashurst party: Tucson, Saturday, Nov. 25; Nogales, Monday, Nov. 27; Tombstone, Tuesday, Nov. 28; Douglas, Wednesday, Nov. 29; Bisbee, Thursday, Nov. 30; Lowell, Friday, Dec. 1; Clifton, Saturday, Dec. 2; Morenci, Sunday, Dec. 3; Pima, Monday, Dec. 4; Globe, Tuesday, Dec. 5; Miami, Wednesday, Dec. 6.

In addition the following special dates will be filled:

Friday, Dec. 8, Ashurst, Hunt, Jones, Geary, Cole, Chase, Johnson and Callaghan in Yuma; Hayden, Bullard and Osborn in Mesa.

Saturday, Dec. 9, Ashurst in Douglas, Smith in Nogales, Hayden in Tempe.

Monday, Dec. 11, Ashurst in Bisbee, Smith in Tucson, Hayden in Phoenix, Hunt in Globe, Geary in Winslow.

This itinerary was decided upon by the candidates after a conference in Phoenix.

## COL. KITE IS A POLITICAL PROPHET

Picked Democrats as Winners Three Months Ago

### WILL CARRY EVERY COUNTY

Predicts a Sweeping Victory for Party in Arizona

Phoenix, Nov. 25.—Col. J. G. Kite, southwestern representative of the Solis Cigar Co., of Denver, manufacturer of the celebrated Dry Climate cigar, is in the city at the present time and after a tour of the northern tier of counties states that it would not surprise him if every county in Arizona goes democratic at the coming state election.

Now from the ordinary man this statement might be considered a little democratic "bunk" but, when Col. Kite speaks, the world should listen, for was it not he who three months ago predicted that the entire democratic ticket would be elected in New Mexico and was he not jollied almost to distraction by his local friends for the prophecy?

On the night of the New Mexico election Colonel Kite was in Santa Fe. When the returns were received from Eddy county and it was seen that McDonald had beaten Bursum by 1200 votes Col Kite threw his hat in the air and remarked that the democrats had won. His Santa Fe friends smiled. When the returns came in from Chavez county with McDonald 1500 to the good over Bursum, Colonel Kite threw his hat on the roof and declared McDonald elected by 6000 votes. His friends smiled another smile. Col. Kite could not be suppressed however and at 10 o'clock that night with but three or four counties heard from, he sent a telegram to Selim Michelson of this city stating that McDonald was elected by 6000 votes and that the entire democratic ticket was elected. Subsequent events showed McDonald elected by 4800 votes and also returned the entire democratic ticket winners. With his New Mexico record as a basis from which to figure, who can say that Col. Kite is not SOME political prophet? Therefore, when the gentleman from Virginia and Colorado stand up and opine that every county in Arizona, with one possible exception, is going democratic next month, who is there to say him nay? Nobody.

In conversation this morning Col. Kite stated that Coconino, long regarded as a republican stronghold, would return big majorities for Mark Smith and Henry Ashurst and it would not surprise him to see the entire state ticket carry that county.

### Phillips-Phillips

Saturday morning Judge Moder joined in wedlock Clarence Phillips and Miss May Phillips. They will reside at Russett Springs about 6 miles east of Clifton, where Clarence was reared.

## GOVERNOR FOLK DELIVERS LECTURE

An Appreciative Audience Hears His Famous Lecture "The Era of Public Conscience"

### GOV. MEETS WITH DEMOCRATS

Is Guest of Honor at Democratic Meeting at Conclusion of His Lecture

Ex-Governor Jos. W. Folk of Missouri made his first appearance in Clifton on Monday evening last. The governor came to Clifton under the auspices of the Clifton High school and at the Armory on Monday evening delivered his famous lecture "The Era of Public Conscience" to a highly appreciative audience. Late in the evening the governor was the guest of honor at Prattman's opera house where the Clifton Democratic club had arranged a democratic rally.

Governor Folk made two speeches during the evening and a large number took advantage of the occasion to hear the distinguished speaker at both meetings.

Governor Folk's lecture was pronounced by those who have been so fortunate as to hear public lecturers throughout the country, including W. J. Bryan, to be the equal of any public lecture given in this country. The governor held his audience without any difficulty through the entire course of his lecture. Those who attended expecting to hear a dry and uninteresting lecture were disappointed. The governor dwelt with the live issues of the day which had been brought to light by the awakening of public conscience. For the benefit of those who were unable to hear this splendid lecture the Era produces the following extracts:

There has been a great awakening on the subject of individual responsibility for the affairs of city, state and nation within the last few years. The public conscience has been aroused against evils, and things are not tolerated now that a few years ago were submitted to in silence. The people have come to a realization of the fact that the government belongs to them, and they can take it into their own hands whenever they wish to do so, and can make it just as good as they want it or just as bad as they permit it to become. They have also learned that if the government anywhere neglects the people, it is because the people first neglect the government, and that if corruption exists anywhere the people alone are to blame. If corruption is to be eradicated the people alone can do it. There are more good people than bad people, but the good people are usually inactive, while the bad are generally aggressive. The problem of good government here and everywhere is to make the patriotism of the people as active as the rottenness is.

In the battle against graft some fights must be lost; with each fight lost we should not lose courage, but battle all the harder. With each fight won we should not become apathetic, and think all has been won. If the issue could be presented squarely between public rights and graft, there would be no doubt as to the outcome anywhere, for the majority of the people here and everywhere will do right when they know right. The representatives of graft and privilege are too shrewd, however, to permit a plain issue of that kind to go before the people. They adroitly manage to complicate the main issue with other questions so as to be wider and confuse men of the best intentions. In this way they divide the forces in opposition. If those who stand for the public welfare could be united, and stay united as the representatives of graft and privilege are always united, then the forces of error here and everywhere could be easily vanquished.

Those who object to progress do not usually put their protest upon the true ground, but they seek some other pretext. They ask why is not this or that done. If one examines the source of a complaint like this, he will usually find that it is not because of a desire that reform be made more thorough, but to discredit what is being done. If one sincerely desires progress in the way of better things, instead of criticism he will give his help in the accomplishment of the things wished for. Reform al-

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## ELKS MINSTRELS MADE BIG HIT

Armory Crowded to Hear Local Talent Who Outclass Average Road Show Seen Here

### AUDIENCE SHOWERS APPLAUSE

Long Delay of Arizona Copper Co. Smelter Subject of Joke

License service soon to appear at the Empire.

Adams Orchestra furnished the extra attraction at the Empire last Friday night, which was highly appreciated by the audience. Remember our "special Fridays."

If you have a song, monologue, musical duets, or solos, vocal duets, dance, etc., sell it to the Empire for their "special Fridays."

They came from Metcalf on a special train. They came from Morenci in hacks. From Clifton they walked and rode on horseback and in carriages. Last Saturday night all roads led to the Armory Theater where the attraction was "The Elks Minstrels" given by Clifton Lodge No. 1174, "Best People on Earth." The Armory which can seat more than a thousand people was comfortably filled. Every chair was taken and the audience was compelled to content themselves with bench seats after 8 o'clock.

It seemed like everybody was there and they came in a spirit ready to be liberal with their applause. The audience had many opportunities and without exaggeration the "Elks Minstrels"

was the equal of any musical comedy that ever visited Clifton.

The first part was a minstrel and chorus scene with the stage decorated in the Elks colors, a large American flag forming the background. Mr. J. J. Kelly, past exalted ruler of Clifton lodge, acted as inter-locutor with Cal Cole and Dauber Mason handling the tambos and Messrs. Kyle and Colburn handling the bones. The curtain raiser was "Who Are You With Tonight?" by the entire company.

"I'm Sorry" by Dauber Mason.

"Kiss Me My Honey, Kiss Me," and "Little Puff of Smoke, Good Night," by Miss Lenore Davidson.

"I'm an Honorary Member of the Patsy Club," by Cal Cole.

"Sugar Moon," by the chorus girls.

"Night and Day" by G. N. Boehm.

"Maybe I'll Come Back" by Roy Colburn.

"Land of Harmony" by Abe Ferber.

"Come Josephine In My Flying Machine" by the entire company concluding with an old, old story by Cal Cole composed the first part of the evening's entertainment.

Special mention is deserved by Miss Lenore Davidson, the "Sugar Moon Chorus" and G. N. Boehm, Roy Colburn and Abe Ferber in the first part.

### PART TWO

Len Slessinger, Hebrew Artist.

John Cooper, Scotch Songs.

"Mary Ann," Mildred Wells, Lydia Beck, Gertrude Davidson, Mildred Cotey, M. Turner, Florence Anderson.

Scotch dances, J. C. McNeil.

Wooden Shoe Dance, Ruth Hussman, Carrie Young, Gladys Nichols, Dorris Cotey, Bertha Thom.

"Go, But It's Great to Meet a Friend From Your Home Town" L. C. Kyhl.

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