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New Mexico is willing to have joint statehood, while Arizona is strongly opposed. We would rather remain a territory some years to come than to be tacked on to New-Mexico.

The January number of the Homemaker, a magazine published at Washington, D. C., contains much interesting matter concerning irrigation in Arizona and the west generally.

The most important bill introduced in the legislature so far, is the one fixing a tax on the net proceeds of mines. It looks as though this is about the only way in which Arizona's chief industry could be made to bear its share of the taxes.

House bill No. 21, providing that trainmen shall not work over sixteen hours without a regular ten hours' rest, was defeated Monday by a vote of 11 to 10. It will be remembered that the house passed the eight-hour bill unanimously, but when it comes to making a law which would protect the public generally, they seem ready to down it. Mr. Parr, of Navajo, was a strong advocate of the measure.

The Saturday Review, published in Phoenix, has been informed by the secretary of the territory, Isaac T. Stoddard, that hereafter it will not receive any articles of incorporation from his office for publication. His reason for doing so is because Review upheld Gov. Brodie for his recommendation to the legislature, urging that the fees received by the secretary be turned into the treasury instead of his pocket.

Mr. Parr.

Hon. W. A. Parr, of Navajo county, seems to be made of the right kind of stuff. He believes in the legislature showing off to the best advantage. He introduced a resolution, which was adopted, prohibiting smoking in the assembly hall during the session of that body. This is all right. It shows the right spirit. It will prove agreeable to both the members and visitors, especially to the ladies.

Then he has also introduced a bill taxing the net proceeds of mines, this is in the interest of equal taxation. No doubt the

bill is conservative in its provisions. It should be. The mining interests of the territory will not object to paying a reasonable tax. This is generally understood; but it must be just, to insure the passage of the bill, and the execution of the law created. Mr. Parr seems to be the right man for a legislator. Navajo county, as a rule, chooses its best citizens for this responsible duty.—Tucson Star.

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