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WHY THE DIFFERENCE?

Recently there appeared in one of the Los Angeles dailies an interview with Colonel Epes Randolph of Tucson, in which the gentleman took most pronounced ground against jointure for New Mexico and Arizona.

Now then beside controlling important investments in Arizona, Colonel Randolph controls important investments in the Mexican state of Sonora. Yet he does not hesitate to recommend investment of capital in that state, which is controlled entirely by Mexicans.

SKEPTICAL

Misinformation in great hunks and gobs continue to come from the anti-jointure literary bureau in Washington about the prospect

of statehood. As fast as the logic of events unmasks their tergiversation in one particular they take refuge in another fairy tale. First the president would make official declaration against jointure in his message. Instead he declared for and demanded it.

SEES THE KU KLUX KLAN COMING.

When in Tucson last Saturday THE OASIS editor heard Mr. Rodey put the question plump to the most prominent and bitterly hostile opponent of jointure:

"Why do you oppose so bitterly the proposition of annexing New Mexico to Arizona?"

Here is his reply—and the pity of it!!!

"I lived many years in the South and I know how we had to resort to killing negroes in order to secure decent government. Now I know full well that should we be joined to New Mexico there will have to be adopted the same policy of murder and repression to keep the Mexicans in subjection and have any chance for decent government."

Now how is that for an argument? Was there ever anything more pitiful conceived? Those who are murdering helpless Jews in Russia probably feel the same way. Yet the man who made the assertion herein quoted thinks himself a reasoning, thinking human being.

HERE'S ONE.

The Douglas International-American says: "We have never heard of a man in Cochise county who openly advocated joint statehood." THE OASIS will inform its esteemed contemporary of one right now: Mr. P. B. Soto, of the well known commercial house of Soto Brothers of Willcox, is an ardent advocate of jointure; and in Tucson last Sunday morning THE OASIS editor heard Mr. Soto so declare himself to Mr. W. B. Cleary of Phoenix, the chief misinformant of the Anti-Joint-Statehood League.

COULDN'T DO IT.

The Immigration Commissioner of Cochise county will think of the affairs of the county thirty-one hundred dollars' worth, when the friendly Board of Supervisors tell him to think that much and the people will foot the bill.—Bisbee Miner.

Does the Miner really believe that should the gentlemanly official mentioned work his thinker over hours for thirty-one days that he could think thirty-one hundred cents worth?

REMARKABLE, is it not, how the American people thrive and wax great upon "crimes". From the earliest recollection of the most

aged citizen have they had "crimes" thrust upon them. First it was a "crime" to coerce a sovereign state. Yet sovereign states were coerced. Then came the "crime of 1873." But it was perpetrated, and the people are happy. Now the "crime" of jointure for New Mexico and Arizona is on the boards. It will go, the people will accept it, and all will be happy.

SUBJECT aspirants to journalism to examination as to proficiency, and license them, is a proposition presented by the Naco Budget. Theoretically the idea is excellent. There are altogether too many freaks and frauds in the newspaper business, and they cheapen and degrade what should be a noble profession.

LAST week the Cieneguita Copper Company, at its annual meeting in Tucson, decided to transfer its organization from Arizona to Nevada, Judge Campbell, the chief attorney of the corporation, holding that a territorial form of government is entirely too unstable for safety where are concerned interests so important and valuable as have become those of the Cieneguita Company. Significant, surely.

FROM Washington comes the word direct that the President received one hundred and fifty-seven telegrams from Arizona and New Mexico thanking him for his recommendation that Arizona and New Mexico be made one state. It is related (on excellent authority—a wireless message however) that they were flouted in the face of one "anti" who called on the president to protest.

POURING hot shot into the ranks of the anti-jointure crowd at Bisbee is the Miner of that city. Brother Semple has been aroused at the many epithets cast at him by the Review, and the efforts of the Copper Queen organ to start a boycott against the Miner. But then that is the only kind of ammunition they have, and Semple should not fret at that. Keep after them just the same.

THOSE upon the other side who are desperately fighting joint-statehood in Congress have never yet explained how with ninety-five per cent of the people of Arizona with them and two thirds of the people of New Mexico they so earnestly oppose sending the proposition to the polls in a constitutional election and snow it under by an adverse vote.

In giving the rules of living that enabled him to reach a sunny old

age, Mark Twain says he never went to bed as long as there was any one to talk to, that he only smoked one cigar at a time and smoked it frequently; that he drank whenever there was any one to drink with and ate everything he liked and could get.

ER'E THE OASIS greets its readers again they will have passed the the great anniversary which marks the beginning of the Christain era, and will be deeply engrossed in all the joys and pleasures of the Yuletide. To all of them individually and collectively, there goes forth from the editorial sanctum the most sincere and hearty wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

"IGNORANCE is not a virtue; investigation is not a crime." The truth of the assertion depends upon whether one is an anti-jointure propagandist.

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