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### THEY ASK FOR HOME RULE.

People of Arizona Want to Elect Their Own Officers.

A Talk With Mayor O'Neill—He Has No Hope For Statehood, and Consequently Advocates Home Rule.

From the Chicago Inter Ocean.

William O. O'Neill, mayor of Prescott, Ariz., the best-known man in the territory, talked interestingly at the Wellington hotel yesterday relative to statehood. Among other things he said:

"The advocates of home rule urged in its favor that every political party for the last twenty years has recognized its justice by declaring for it in national conventions, although each party in its days of triumph has disregarded the promise thus made.

Under the present system the officers of the territory—the Governor, secretary, and others—are appointed by the President, from any section of the Union he may deem proper, and these appointees in turn fill the minor political offices with their own favorites. Under this system, copied from the old continental idea of governing conquered colonies, the people of the three remaining territories have no voice in the selection of their officers, and are practically impotent, so far as any direct restraint on the public policies of the President's appointees are concerned, the result being that both capital and emigration are retarded by their unwillingness to locate in countries where they have practically no voice in the selection of the men who make as well as administer the laws.

who have been too often appointed merely for the purpose of paying political debts or for kindred reasons.

"In the last fourteen years, of eight Governors appointed in Arizona, all but the present incumbent have been removed for political or other reasons, demonstrating at least a system of public policy so uncertain in its character as to be detrimental to the interests of the governed.

"Just prior to the admission of Utah as a state a bill similar to the home-rule measure asked for by Arizona was passed for that territory.

The growing disposition in the East to discountenance the admission of any more Western states has announced to the people of Arizona that it is useless to expect statehood, although possessing a greater population and more wealth than many of the states had at the time of their admission, and their anxiety to be released from the existing condition of appointive officialism is intensified by this fact.

"Their sole desire is simply the privilege of exercising the American right to select their own officers, and they believe the justice of this demand will be recognized by even those who are most pronounced in their opposition to the admission of new states."

Mr. O'Neill is here in the interest of a railroad which is being built from a point on the Santa Fe Pacific railroad to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, and of which he is vice president. The road is to be seventy miles in length and will connect with the large copper mines which Mr. O'Neill is working in the Grand Canyon.

"Bucke," O'Neill, as he is familiarly known, has acquired great wealth by taking advantage of the prospecting which nature has done by the erosion of years. He has acquired large copper, asbestos, and gold mines, which he is enabled to work at the enormous depth of 6,000 feet, or practically at sea level, thus gaining a great advantage from a mining standpoint.

**NEST AS BIG AS A CITY LOT.**

The wonderful mounds built by the Maltese Hens of Australia.

The Maltese Hens of Australia lay their eggs in a huge nest. The nest is really an artificial mound of gigantic proportions for the size of its maker, and the purpose it is to serve. This artificial mound is a corporation incubator. It is built by many pairs of birds, male and female, working alike to construct it. These same pairs or flocks of birds annually repair and enlarge the queer looking cone, which rises up like a turret dome from the level prairie.

Sometimes these tunnels attain a height of fully fifteen feet in the perpendicular, with a radius of equal measurement. Many of these nests have measured as much as fifty yards, or 150 feet around their base. That would give the largest one measured a diameter of about fifty feet. These mound nests are entered through a sort of funnel cavity at the top of the cone.

The Hens of all the building and repairing pairs lay in their immense nest. The eggs are deposited about six feet below the surface. While each hen lays her egg in the family mound, no hen drops her egg closer than twenty inches of that of her neighbor. The egg is deposited in a cavity made for it wherein it is placed in a vertical position, carefully covered and the surface as carefully smoothed over by the hen before she quits the nest. Contrary to the usual practice of the bird and fowl species, these Maltese Hens lay at night instead of in the day. Several days elapse also between the dropping of two eggs by the same hen.

The eggs of the Maltese Hen are out of all proportion to her size. They are as large as those of a goose, and of large Hens are very much larger.

The eggs thus laid and covered in this great sand oven in the hot districts are never again disturbed by the Hens. The eggs are hatched by the heat the sun bakes into the soil where they lay. It has never been known how long they take to hatch, but it is a slow process, and the hatching takes so long that the parents do not aid their exit very much.

### A REIGN OF TERROR.

Excitement Ran High—The Skunk Had the Right of Way.

It Was a Hot Time in the East Part of Town and the Air Was Laden With the Odor of War. The Particulars.

The cry of "skunk!" "skunk!" uttered by female voices Tuesday in the forenoon caused the office force of THE KICKER to rush out doors to ascertain what was the matter. Coming from the direction of the courthouse we beheld a handsome, full-grown skunk waddling his way toward our office pursued by two ladies who were pelting him with stones and sticks.

The aggressiveness of the ladies induced courage in the men, and they displayed a great deal of valor when they saw the skunk was in the lead. Stanley Sykes, who is a good shot, armed himself with his favorite weapon, a six shooter, and rushed to the scene of carnage and wasted two shots at the skunk without spilling blood.

By this time the skunk was inclined to call on Mrs. Nora McCabe, who was argued with a double-bladed ax. At this juncture the junior editor of THE KICKER appeared on the scene with a drawn beer bottle (it was empty) and threw this missile of death at the unsuspecting skunk. Fortunately he hit the house which was much larger than the animal.

After this unparallel act of bravery on the part of the editor he retired to the field of battle and the skunk, armed with Mrs. McCabe's who didn't know what she was doing, was seen to retreat.

It wasn't many minutes after this until the war whoop was given, and we looked and beheld the skunk making his escape in the direction of the jail or courthouse, but fate was against him for someone struck him with a long handle shovel and repeated it until he was dead.

P. S. Just before going to press we learn that W. H. Carroll was an interested spectator in the skunk battle, but as he was not actively engaged in the skirmish, under the late ruling in the war department at Flagstaff, he would not be entitled to a pension or full pay, unless he can prove that he threw some missile within a dozen feet of the skunk.

George Babbitt, of the firm of Babbitt Bros., after the smell of battle had somewhat vanished, emerged from among the boxes in the basement of their mammoth mercantile establishment, and made a circuit at a safe distance from the deceased skunk, whose carcass had begun to petrify, and timidly inquired of those who were standing over the corpse if it was dead. When he was assured that life was extinct he approached nearer and viewed the remains for thirty minutes and inquired if it was sure enough dead, and the odor petrified.

**FIRST ORANGE SHIPMENT.**

The Ingleside Company Sent Out a Carload Yesterday.

The first carload of oranges from the Salt River valley was sent out yesterday morning over the S. F. P. & P. They were shipped by the Ingleside company and were consigned to Chicago. The shipment consisted of 350 boxes of the navel variety. The boxes run from 80's to 126's and fruit

of the same grade at this season last year sold readily in Chicago at \$7 a box and sold at retail at \$1.50 a dozen. Salt River valley oranges are in greater demand in Chicago than any other variety, a fact which is crucifying to California growers, who are unable to get in on the early fancy market. Several California men have tried to do so this year by shipping immature fruit which failed to please the fancy of the eastern buyer. There is not now and there will not be for nearly a month any fruit in California fit to ship.

Chicago commission merchants have advised local growers not to ship until the fruit is mature and so not imperil the excellent reputation already made by the Salt River valley oranges.

Another shipment will be made by the Ingleside company in time to reach Chicago for the holiday trade. Their orchard alone will yield three carloads this year.—Phoenix Republican Dec. 2.

**Notes About Women.**

A woman 97 years old rides a bicycle in Dubuque, Ia.

The Cherry sisters will succeed the yellow fever in New Orleans.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

"Mile Mark Twain" is what the Figaro of Paris calls the daughter of Samuel L. Clemens.

Miss Platt is a colored woman who is a successful Chicago lawyer. She speaks several languages and is much patronized by foreigners. Her practice is confined almost entirely to office work.

There is something about the name of Jessie Lincoln that recalls that of Jessie Benton Fremont. Both ladies were married rather suddenly, according to paternal ideas.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

### THE SHRIEKS OF JUSTICE.

A Habeas Corpus Petition Amuses the Spectators.

The Mill of Justice Went to Grinding At a High Rate of Speed—The Grist Not Ground Out.

The hearing of a writ of habeas corpus before Court Commissioner C. A. Keller, Monday afternoon created some interest in legal circles, and the editors of the SKYLIGHT KICKER repaired to the court house at 2 o'clock to be present when the curtains raised. Having complimentary tickets we were entitled to front seats and the proceedings were so interesting that we didn't go out between the acts to get drinks.

All hands seemed to be present except the prisoners, who were furnishing the grist, but the steam appeared to be up, and district attorney Clark moved to dismiss the proceedings alleging that mandamus was the proper remedy for the defendants.

While the district attorney was arguing the motion and firing authority at the court in support of said motion, Attorney G. W. Glowner, who represented the defendants, Chris Jurgensen and Jose Chavez keep whistling down blazes until the court threw on the brakes and ordered the prisoners brought into court. Deputy Sheriffs Wm. Miller and C. A. Bush acted as ushers and seated them in the front row, as they also had reserved seats. Attorney Glowner requested that one of the defendants have a seat by him, and he started to obey, when Deputy Miller pulled him back to his seat and wouldn't let him go.

This caused Attorney Glowner to use some language toward Deputy Miller that was uncomplimentary to Mr. Miller, and the attorney drifted back to the dark ages and asserted that the right of counsel to talk with the accused had never been abridged from Nero, the tyrants time to the present, or words to that effect, any way he went so far back that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.

By this time the District Attorney concluded that Attorney Glowner's system was impregnated with alkali, and that they had better go ahead with their legal arguments. The throttle was then thrown open and Attorney Glowner contended that the prisoners were illegally restrained of their liberties by J. C. Milligan, who had issued the warrants and had refused an examination for a period of ten days.

District Attorney Clark admitted that the Justice of the Peace had not followed up the statute, but contended that a writ of mandamus should be sued out to compel said justice to give the prisoners an examination. The court after hearing the arguments pro and con took the matter under advisement until 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday.

On Tuesday the court met pursuant to adjournment and continued the matter until Friday. Habeas corpus is not only considered the highest writ, but the most speedy route to liberty known to the law. The proceedings thus far have been novel and interesting to the writer.

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