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PLATTING THE COUNTY.

Somewhat of a complicated situation has suddenly arisen over the question of using school funds with which to plat the county. Last night the Albuquerque Commercial club, at an enthusiastic meeting, voted unanimously to stand square for the platting of Bernadillo county, as agreed to by the county commissioners, whether or no and if necessary to employ legal aid to put through the agreement.

The legality of the transfer of the school funds to a fund for plating the county is a matter that must be construed by the courts, undoubtedly, before the present situation can be solved.

Some attorneys construe the plating of the county to be an approved indebtedness which can be legally paid from the school funds, whereas others construe it exactly in the opposite.

There is no mistaking the sentiment in Albuquerque for the plating of Bernadillo county. It is a matter that has been agitated in this city since Albuquerque was on the map, and it is something that must be done sooner or later.

The sensible view of the present situation is to adjust the matter by having the legality of the proposition settled in court. That the schools of the county need the money in that time is without question. Some of them are already closing because they have not money enough to complete a full term. That Bernadillo county should be platted is equally apparent.

The only logical conclusion is that if the law governing the matter will not permit of the school funds being diverted, then it is up to the county commissioners to devise some other means for carrying out the work.

One thing is certain: the matter is not, or at least should not, be a question of politics, but of the welfare of Bernadillo county and a compliance with the laws of the territory.

Let the courts say whether or not the use of this fund in this manner can be legally done.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

We frequently hear mentioned the Monroe doctrine in connection with the present unsettled condition in Mexico and the frequent Japanese rumors, but not all of us have a clear understanding of what the Monroe doctrine is. Although this often-written law between nations has never had legislative sanction in this country to the extent of being enacted in a statute, yet it has been upheld on numerous occasions by congresses and presidents of both the predominating political parties and it has been tacitly acquiesced in by the leading blood of this country like disinterested men.

Word comes from Lower California that American women, held prisoners by the insurrection, are being offered indignities. This, of all things, is something that the insurrection would do well to avoid. Nothing gets up the fighting blood of this country like mistreatment of women.

Dr. Hyde has secured a new trial on the charge of killing Colonel Swope, the Kansas City philanthropist. He was under sentence of life imprisonment but if he is again found guilty he may be hanged. Sometimes it is better to hang well enough alone.

The plan of Minnesota to first improve her public lands and then sell them to the farmers may prove to work out all right, but New Mexico has lands to give to farmers and farmers who are willing to improve them.

Let us hope the wave of crime that has been sweeping through certain New Mexico counties will be brought to a sudden end. The six, the six-shooter and the Winchester are being freely used for this era in our history.

If the Japanese war talk comes from armament making interests, then Mr. Hobson had better take off some political life insurance.

With a show in the Elks and a carnival by the Beavers in Albuquerque, times promise to pick up considerably.

Any town located in the midst of an agricultural section is bound to grow. Lots today offered in the town of Willard for \$20 each should be worth \$25 in five years.

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TARIFF WILL NOT BE RADICALLY LOWERED

Opinion Prevails in Boston Wool Circles That No Drastic Measures Will Be Passed By Congress.

Japan has seen a fairly active wool market this week but it has been, with few exceptions, a buyers' market. Indeed this latter statement is true to such an extent that one dealer, who always studies the psychology of the situation, more or less carefully speaks of the "purchases" of the wool, rather than of the "sales." These "purchases" are estimated at from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 pounds for the week, says the Commercial Bulletin.

There is considerable question as to whether or not the market has reached the bottom. On this point, as usual, there is a vast difference of opinion. Some dealers are frank in their opinion that the market will go still lower and considering the amount of old wool in the country still unsold, that opinion is perhaps not far wrong on domestic wools, although there are other dealers who are quite optimistic and inclined to the belief that the worst has been experienced. These latter base their belief on the presumption that the tariff will not be radically lowered although there seems to be little doubt in the trade that there will be some change in Schedule K, besides which the operations of a certain Rhode Island worsted manufacturer in the market during the last two weeks, is also considered somewhat of a barometric indication of the low point in the market. However this may be, it would seem that the market has shown little change in prices during the past week, while in one or two instances strong holders have realized small profits on wools that were wanted and were not plentiful.

London closed last Saturday earlier than scheduled by three days on account of the withdrawal of 37,000 bales, the owners apparently looking for higher prices to rule at the May sale, although it seems doubtful if American competition will help matters even then very much, judging from the limited takings at the sale just closed, to American account, placed at about 3,000 bales. Prices rules very firm, generally ranging from one to 5 per cent advance for best merinos.

The Goods Situation.—The reports early in the week that reductions of ten per cent had been made in black serge and plain twills unsettled the trade once or less for a time, but further investigation showed that the reductions had not been made upon standard lines and the trade calmed down somewhat, although there is still a very unsettled feeling in the trade with regard to the fall and winter outlook. Reports from the few dealers who have been on the road looking for fall orders indicate that the retailers have no disposition as yet to make commitments to any great extent, finding the spring season rather slow as yet and desiring to wait until some of their light weight stock move. The cloth jobbers and book houses, however, have been in the market again for fancy staple worsteds which are not readily available, spot supplies being limited, although cheap serges are said to be in very strong supply. Demand for summer serges for immediate delivery is still fair and shipments are being rushed.

Arizona.—There have been some further sales of Arizona new clip wools this week, in addition to the lot of 100,000 pounds noted last week. One lot of nearly 50,000 pounds went on the second lots of 48 & 50 cents, while other lots are still under test.

Texas.—Purchases of Texas wools have been quite in evidence during the week, a number of sales having been effected on the basis of about 47 cents for 12 months. Of that grade, specific sales are reported of 25,000 pounds at 47 cents, 50,000 pounds at 46 & 17 cents in the grease and 45 cents at 18 cents, while 25,000 pounds more brought about 15 & 12 cents in the grease.

Scoured Wools.—There has been a fair call for scoured wools this week, although no large lots have been moved. Fine scoured territory has sold on the basis of 47 & 18 cents, one lot involving some 40,000 pounds going at this figure, although a lot of some 25,000 pounds of fine scoured Oregon is said to have brought 52 cents. There has also been some movement in odd and ends selling anywhere from 30 & 36 cents for woolen purposes, some scoured gray flax selling at 30 & 33 cents. A small line of carbonized California brought 24 cents.

Pulled Wool.—Pulled wool in common with other lines are weak and in buyers' favor, but only at the expense of business, while other pullers appear to be rather anxious sellers. Good white flax, as a consequence, have been sold as low as 41 cents, although there are holdovers above this figure, and one exceptional lot is said to have brought 44 cents this week. A sale of 40,000 pounds is noted at 48 cents.

"Dad," began the son of a physician, "dad, dad! I want to ask you something, I want—"

"What do you want to know, my son?" he offered kindly.

"Which has more legs, one pig or no pig?"

The father frowned and picked up his paper again. "I didn't know you wanted to ask me a silly thing like that," he said irritably. "One pig, of course."

"No, he hasn't," the youngster chuckled. "A pig has four legs and no pig has six legs. See?"

And the physician laid down his paper and started to puzzle it out.

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WITH THE ROYALTY

In view of the approaching coronation in England, to which many rich Americans are flocking, the following sketch, tending to show the personality of the new king and his queen, written by well known London writers, is of interest.

King George and Queen Mary have been making several grandiose visits to various places of interest in and about London for the last two weeks, to the consternation of some and the great delight of others of their subjects. The new rooms at the National Gallery and the Union Jack Club were two of their destinations, and one day last week they went up to the Blenheim Palace, which has been developed in the north of London. King George has just been examining his property which lies on just the opposite side of the city, and where some of the worst slums exist. These are now to be torn down gradually and modern cottages built, and the visit to the Garden Suburb was intended to give him some hints on the rebuilding of his own property.

Few folk remember today her literary activities, but not so many years ago she contributed a series of papers to the North American Review on the position of women, and very good papers they were, too, cogently argued, well expressed, and evidently the result of practical experience. No one has impressed herself more seriously on London society than the duchess, for, despite a deal of domestic worry, she has assumed her individuality and a very charming individuality, too, has taken a great active and useful part in practical charitable efforts and has brought up her two boys, the elder of whom the Marquis of Blandford, is now nearly 15 years old, with consummate tact and intelligence, despite the obvious drawbacks that beset her.

Sunderland house is one of the few quite modest places in town that afford at once equal accommodation for large social entertainments, and comfortable intimate home life. These are seven suites of bed, dressing and bath rooms, each with its attendant maid's room, and the arrangement for warming and general comfort are on a scale which is practically unapproached elsewhere. Someone once asked the duchess why she made her house, so particularly comfortable, and her quick answer in those few words which constitute one of her greatest charms, was, "I want everyone to feel just a little bit more comfortable than they do at home."

In the Garden Suburb there has been built a hostel for working women of the professional class, where some fifty private flats are built around a quadrangle, with dining hall and common room as part of the equipment. Naturally the queen expressed a wish to see Waterlow court, as it is called, and so well was the source of her visit kept that when three private automobiles drove up to the entrance no one but her porters—plus a maid, whom he might have seen wearing his uniform and a row of medals, even in service for his country—was there to welcome the royal couple.

Waterlow court is always served in the dining hall, although most of the residents prefer to have it in their own flats, and five miles out of the village but were pleasant and easy to their feet when the door was flung open with the announcement, "The king and queen!" Having expressed approval of the huge open grate where a big fire was burning, and also of the oak-beamed, lattice-windowed room, the queen asked to see one of the rooms.

But the tenants award their privileges very judiciously and consider that the flats are just as private as if no common fees or offices were attached to them, so the porter was somewhat taken aback. However, if it is not every day that a queen wants to see where she lives, so he knew at the door of one of the flats, after getting his answer, checked again. The door opened two inches, and a dame in a dressing gown and bare feet inquired what was wanted.

Her majesty, the queen, would do to see you that, ma'am?"

"Oh, I'm having a bath," was the reply of the unimpassioned countess, could you wait ten minutes?" But queenie was not used to waiting, and with an amused laugh her majesty turned away, and was admitted to another flat instead, where she much admiring the charming suite of rooms.

Meanwhile the king was taken to the common room and at once seated in Waterlow court Gazette—a quarterly journal kept up by the residents. He turned to a page of clever caricatures by a young woman artist, representing the struggles with the winter wind, and ammade roads endured by the heroic spinster, and then to another. As it should be, with private automobile and bicyclist attendants to wait on them, King George's sense of humor was tickled, and he laughed again and again.

Then she turned customer in good earnest at the Irish Industries sale which was held a few days after at which her companion, Lady Granard, was the chief stall holder. Lord Granard, as you know, is Irish. The money they must both have spent ran well into four figures, I am sure.

Quite a sensation was caused at this sale by the entrance of a strikingly handsome girl, tall and fair, and exquisitely dressed. Only a few persons in the room recognized her as Miss Gladys Deacon, a heroine of one of the German crown prince's "little love affairs," and sister of Dorothy Deacon, who married Prince Albert Radziwill last year.

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