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SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

JUST as every day since January 1st the Herald has had occasion to record some item of importance in the development of Albuquerque, so hardly a day has passed since the New Year without bringing from some of the New Mexico newspapers an item of importance in the development and the prosperity of the state.

Last week brought two new matters of this character of unusual importance. One of these was the announcement that the big lumber mills at Alamo, idle since 1908, are to resume operations at once, cutting up the merchantable timber in the Sacramento mountains, where a supply sufficient to run this mill at capacity for fifteen years is available.

The other big industrial news item was the final announcement of the purchase by Phelps, Dodge and Company of the various developed mining claims in the Organ mountains, including the famous Stephenson-Burnett, Memphis and Torpedo groups.

These are signs of the times in New Mexico, signs which in 1916 are multiplying with a rapidity and in a close never known before. The real development period of this state is setting in.

TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION WORKING.

COINCIDENT with the March or second number of the New Mexico Tax Review, giving further evidence of the solidity of the work being done by the New Mexico Taxpayers' association, under the guidance of Director A. E. James, comes the announcement that two New Mexico cities, Las Vegas and Roswell, have signed contracts with the association by which its auditor, P. H. Miller, will audit the books of those municipalities.

The general disposition was to regard the New Mexico Taxpayers' organization as one of those associations of altruistic people who start in with vigorous reform programs—and after a few vigorously active weeks fade quietly away. But it soon became evident that here was a new kind of an association volunteering to do work in behalf of the people.

side; that it proposes to tear down nothing until it has something better to offer as a working substitute; and that when it gets through with its country into New Mexico taxation and administrative problems we will know for the first time what those problems really are.

With considerably more than 500 members, representing every class of the solid citizenship of New Mexico, the New Mexico Taxpayers' association is preparing itself for a long career of hard work, every link of which will be a benefit to this state.

STILL, WE SAVED MONEY.

FINALLY the list of the county tax rolls, as corrected by the state tax commission, has been received at Santa Fe and it is stated that the estimate of a total assessed valuation of \$205,000,000 for 1916 will stand. This means, the secretary of the state tax commission is quoted as having said, a deficit of around \$100,000 in revenues for the state for 1916; after deducting the 5 per cent for county salaries, and on the basis of 85 per cent of tax collections.

It was argued that we should by all means have a special session of the legislature because of this impending deficit. But it is no more than \$100,000, no advocate of a special session will care to peep for at that figure we have saved money by passing up the extra session of our lawmakers.

WHY ONLY 85 PER CENT.

OUR taxing authorities persistently give 85 per cent as the figure on which to base state and county revenues for taxation.

Why only 85 per cent? Have we citizens in this state who are above the law and who can deliberately decline to pay taxes and get away with it?

Here in Albuquerque every property owner pays taxes, or his property is deftly removed from his control and eventually from his ownership.

Are there other governmental units where property owners are allowed to turn down the tax collector and make it stick?

What is the matter with the governing officers of this state and its several districts? Can Bill Smith be made to pay his taxes, and can John Jones tell the tax collector to go to the dickens?

It is stated that we haven't any law under which full collection of taxes can be enforced, prior to 60 days within reasonable distance of the delinquency.

But we have a law which says taxes must be paid, and we have district attorneys who are supposed to enforce the laws.

Isn't it about time that we quit assuming that 15 per cent of our total revenue is uncollectable, because those owing it are influential dead-beats?

Isn't it about time that we began to expect something from our officials, particularly our county and district officials, other than and aside from the regular drawing of their fat salaries?

How long would any of you men in retail or wholesale or stock or any other business last if you charged off 15 per cent to profit and loss before starting out to collect your monthly accounts?

How long would you keep a manager in your office who forced all your little customers to pay up at the dot, and permitted your big accounts to remain unpaid?

GOOD FOR ROMERO.

ANYONE who doubts the patriotism of Segundo Romero, likely Republican candidate for governor, has but to read Mr. Romero's newspaper, "El Independiente," and become convinced Mr. Romero is not seeking the nomination for governor solely because of the honor and power in it. He is laying himself on the public altar because he wants to save the Republican party from another humiliating defeat—no more, no less. Mr. Romero recognizes that there is grave danger that H. O. Burriss, who headed the Republican ticket last time, will be nominated again, and he points out to his well-beloved party its present peril. In the last issue of "El Independiente" he says:

"The Republican party learned a costly lesson in the first state election, and it is not reasonable to suppose that it will again make the mistake that gave the Democrats a partial victory in 1911. We are sure that the Republican party is not disposed to repeat an action that has been proved contrary to its interests and welfare and contrary, likewise, to the interests and welfare of the people. By reason of which, we repeat, we are absolutely confident that the Republican candidate for governor of New Mexico will be the only man who can carry the party to the most complete victory—the Hon. Segundo Romero."

"Trust in God, but Keep Your Powder Dry"

An Article on Preparedness by Col. J. W. Willson, Commandant of the New Mexico Military Institute.

School men are being asked to teach their children to trust in God, but to keep their powder dry. This is a very wise and patriotic suggestion. It is one that should be followed by every citizen of this state. We should not only trust in God, but we should also be prepared to defend our country in case of need.

There is nothing better than peace to come among all nations, but we do not believe it is to come through international rights. The day is not yet when the whole world can be ruled by a single power. Peace on earth, good will toward men. It will come, however, when the powers of peace are stronger than the powers of war.

The discipline of a school or of a business, train, ultimately upon the just as behind laws there lies the authority of the state. The force of a nation rests upon the power of a government. At the present time, we are engaged in a war which is not only a struggle for the preservation of our liberties, but also a struggle for the preservation of our civilization.

And right off the reel "El Independiente" throws another bomb item which should cause the heart of at least one powerful Bernadino county prospective senatorial candidate to expand with joy. It says:

"A very interesting feature is that the Republicans of Guadalupe county have agreed to support whatever candidate for United States senator who may be selected by the Republicans of San Miguel, and the 1896 Republican majority in this county cannot be discounted. San Miguel county holds in its hands the balance of power, and it is entitled to the greatest consideration."

From all of which anyone interested may guess that the lion's share setting upon the Republican nomination race is beginning to get extremely noseless.

A HOWLING OUTRAGE.

IT has been announced that the general manager of the Santa Fe railroad is to be in Santa Fe today to meet a request from the citizens of the state capital that the name of "Lamy Junction" be changed to "Santa Fe Junction."

It has been recognized for some time that the Santa Fe railway is ready to go its limit in granting requests which come from the state capital. But it is certainly to be hoped that this last one would amount to no less than a candidate for attack in the nonpartisan of the state will be turned down.

Change the name of Lamy, indeed? Do the people of Santa Fe figure that Lamy Junction is a part of their "burg"? Do they think that the people of the rest of the state have any right to be heard on this matter?

How much time does the average citizen of Santa Fe spend at Lamy Junction in a year?

How much time does the average citizen of Albuquerque or Roswell or Silver City spend there in a year?

You bet the rest of the state has a right to be heard on this matter. Tradition after tradition has been handed down. The course of legislation and political alignment have been determined there. Now names of streets and wholly new states of profanity have been evolved there. Some of our citizens claim to have spent more than half their lives there. Not a few of us have fit, died and almost died there.

Do you reckon all these folks are going to stand idly by and permit a few personality boosters from the state capital to wipe out one of our historic landmarks? Don't Santa Fe men to corner all the dead stock in this state and destroy what it cannot clean as it owns?

The Santa Fe railway had best be the name of Lamy Junction alone—or some other divisions sadly in need of a little boosting will be heard from.

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Advertisement for Tom Hughes, Candidate for City Clerk. Includes a portrait of Tom Hughes and the text: "TOM HUGHES Candidate for CITY CLERK I Will Appreciate Your Vote"

Advertisement for F. Crollott, FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER. Includes the text: "F. Crollott FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER 118, 120 South Second St. Phone Day or Night 578."

Large advertisement for the Republican Party for the City of Albuquerque. Includes the text: "Voters of Albuquerque YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE NOMINEES OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE AT THE ELECTION TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH." Lists nominees for Mayor (D. H. Boatright), City Clerk (Tom Hughes), City Treasurer (H. T. Gardner), and City Council members (Angelo De Tulio, H. S. Lithgow, Jerre Haggard, John M. Moore, Jr.).