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The Las Vegas Optic has a record that Las Vegas may well take just pride in. The Optic is always frank, fair and honest in expressing its opinions and it never violates the rules of good journalism.

GEN. BENJAMIN HARRISON'S law practice has earned him just \$85,000 since he retired from the presidential chair. Evidently he doesn't let his business as a party boss interfere with his devotion to his profession.

The telegraph press news associations are kept pretty busy just now explaining why their reports do not dovetail with the facts. They should employ a few reporters who know a news item when they meet it in the middle of the road and understand how to handle it after the meeting.

We long ago warned Tom Hughes that he had better give the lawyer politicians a wide berth. They are all more or less afflicted with that dangerous disease, the scribbler's itch, and they are generally eager to engage in battle as long as they can do so under cover of a non de plume in some other man's newspaper.

The Ohio papers are telling of Gov. McKinley's plans "when he becomes a private citizen again." He's going back to Canton and settle comfortably in "the old nest." Here's a pointer for Col. Carr's anti-McKinley bureau. Let him start a humane movement to hang every jack-leg lawyer politician who hints at the advisability of putting McKinley out of any such comfortable hole as that.

In an effort to sneak out of its awkward predicament, the Albuquerque Citizen now declares that the malicious attack on the supreme court printed in its columns on Wednesday last was "a communication." This won't do. The editorial "we" was there in all its power and significance, and this fact makes the editors of the Citizen solely responsible to the public for every word of the dirty screed contained.

Tax Democratic land-slides have started in early this year. Nothing but a land-slide expresses the result at Indianapolis on Tuesday last. The entire Democratic ticket was elected by a majority approximating 3,000. This is regarded as remarkable in view of the fact that a Republican ticket was elected two years ago by a majority of over 3,000. The free coinage advocates claim to have had an active hand in bringing about this changed condition of things.

NEW MEXICO'S SUPREME COURT.

The Albuquerque Citizen's demand that "justice be done" in the Catron-Spices case is an absurd superfluity.

The Citizen should know that these are not the olden days when the judicial regime of Republicanism ran mad were in vogue in New Mexico. Times have changed; the character of our judiciary has changed with them, and we violate no confidences in advising the Citizen to possess its soul in peace—if it can. Its clients will certainly be given justice; nothing more, nothing less, and as the law and the evidence demand.

With Thomas Smith, Needham C. Collier, Napoleon B. Laughlin, Humphrey B. Hamilton and Gideon D. Bantz occupying the supreme bench, the New Mexican does not believe that the people of this territory entertain the least fear but that any cause coming before the court will receive just and proper treatment according to its merits as viewed from the standpoint of disinterested judicial candor. These are reputable and honored men; bone fide citizens, actual residents of New Mexico. There is not a carpet-bagger among them. They are men of acknowledged ability; courage that has been tested, and well versed in the law. They have time and again shown themselves, both individually and collectively, to be just and upright judges in the fullest sense of the term.

For shame upon the newspaper that would prostitute its columns to such base ends as has the Citizen in the publication of its unwarranted, malicious assault upon public servants of this character.

AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE!

Whatever else may be said of Mr. James Addison Peralta-Reavis, whose effort to fish from the public domain millions of the fairest acres in Arizona and New Mexico brought him into national prominence and finally landed him in a United States prison, it must be conceded that the fertility and dexterity of his imagination always render him interesting as a study in psychology. The

manner in which he unbosomed himself yesterday to a New Mexican representative respecting the alleged Spanish claimants of the 12,000,000 and odd acres he sought to secure, and the prospect of a colossal claim against the United States growing out of these pretensions that will more than offset the Mora claim, is very much in point. While the story he told the reporter was as readable as the average romance, and hence the New Mexican felt fully justified in giving it the wings of wide circulation, we do not think that either Uncle Sam or the settlers on the lands in question need lie awake nights worrying about the disclosures contained therein. The United States may become involved in serious international complications, but we apprehend that none of them will grow out of a Spanish demand for \$65,000,000 on account of the fictitious Peralta grant.

PRESS COMMENT.

A Word for Good Journalism.

It is an unfortunate fact that most of the papers in New Mexico can not look at any matter but from a political and partisan standpoint. Whether Republican or Democratic—for they are alike in this, however much they may differ on high tariff or low tariff—no matter can come up, which they do not as naturally run into so-called politics as a duck runs into water. This is assuredly unfortunate, since it insures to every subject a partisan treatment and not a discussion on its merits. The Optic flatters itself that it is, to some extent, at least, an exception to this general condition; and it most certainly endeavors, however unsatisfactory the result, to consider subjects on their merits, personal and political influences being eliminated as far as possible. We do not claim to be free from prejudices, but we do claim an honest effort to hold them in abeyance, while it seems to us that some, at least, of our contemporaries glory in their shame by seating their prejudices on the throne of their judgment.—Las Vegas Optic.

Africa's Mining Bubble.

With the real and phantom mining stocks of Witwatersrand, South Africa, selling at a valuation of \$750,000,000 while the total gold product of the district is only about \$40,000,000, and the dividends paid annually do not exceed \$12,000,000, it is evident that the speculative bubble will soon burst. When the crash does come we predict that the small French and German investors will be found to own nearly all the worthless mining claims, while all the really valuable properties will remain in English hands. When it comes to sharp practice on a colossal scale the Bull market all creation. Promoters and speculators in London deal with propositions involving millions as freely and as easily as any others do with thousands, and they must have the big end of every scheme for their share or they will not touch it. They never tire of seeing Yankee schemes skulduggery, but that is merely a blind to cover their own rascality. Ours are petty larceny thieves by comparison, while nothing else than grand larceny goes in London.—Denver Republican.

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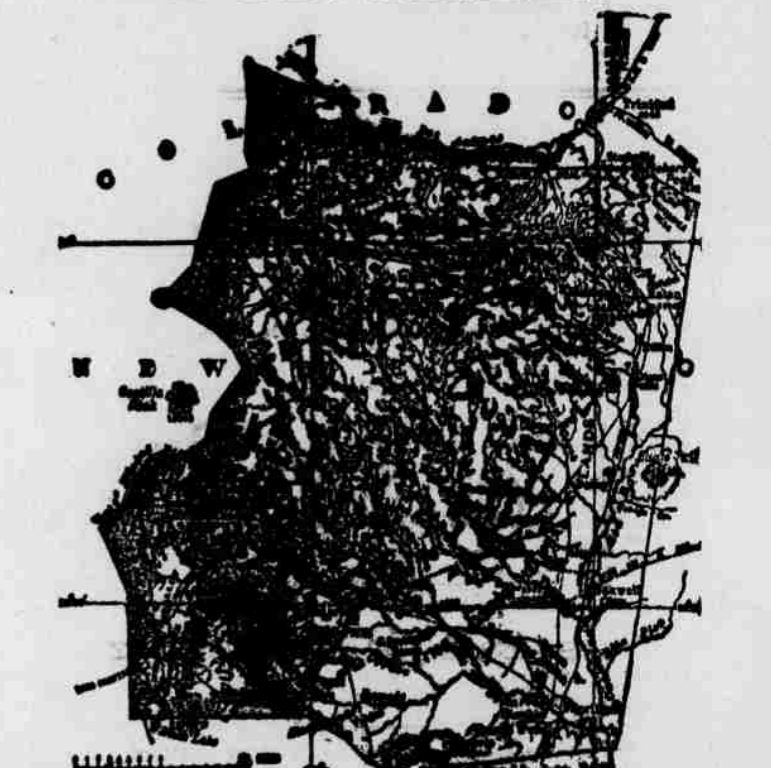
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