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PROTECTION OF TERRITORIAL TIMBER LANDS.

The New Mexican's erudite? distinguished? and public spirited? contemporary the Albuquerque Morning Coyote Journal, has appeared with a valuable if somewhat tardy suggestion for the solution of problems which arise in the disposal of timber or timber lands granted to the Territory by the federal government. The article in question shows so clearly the extent of the information of that paper upon questions of public interest, and is such an excellent example of its method of butting in without knowing in the least whereof it speaks, that it is particularly deserving of attention and careful consideration by the people of the Territory at this time. To quote:

"It has been suggested that the federal officers now in New Mexico investigating the several deals by which timber lands donated to this Territory have been disposed of, could render a very valuable service to the public, and practically put an end to such scandals as those which rendered the present investigation necessary, by embodying in their report a recommendation to Congress to amend the law granting these lands in such a manner as to cause the timber on the lands to be disposed of in the same manner in which the general government now disposes of the timber on its forest reserve lands, and that manner can be best explained by a government advertisement which appeared in these columns a few days ago, and which we copy as follows:"

Then follows a copy of the government's advertisement asking for bids for the purchase of timber located within the San Mateo national forest, which timber, according to the advertisement, will be sold at the rate of so much per thousand feet board measure.

It is gratifying, indeed, to the New Mexican that its yellow contemporary of libelous proclivities has learned that this method of disposing of timber has been found satisfactory by the federal government, and that under this plan only the larger trees are cut, while the younger timber is left undisturbed, and in this way the land is made to produce a continuously succeeding crop of trees and becomes a source of revenue as long as properly cared for. The sheet of graft, greed and venom continues as follows:

"By calling attention to such facts there should be no difficulty in convincing Congress that the law should be amended so as to require the Territory to adopt the same method pursued by the federal government."

It would be regarded possibly as unnecessary and indeed ridiculous for this paper to call the attention of the reading public to the fact that in this instance, as in nearly every other instance in which the Albuquerque Morning Coyote Journal attempts to discuss questions of public policy, that sheet first makes a point of displaying its ignorance of the subject under discussion and then during the discussion proceeds to put its foot into it more deeply at every step.

However, it may be interesting to mention in this particular instance, the fact that there was a session of the Territorial Legislature several months ago, and that, according to the assertions of the paper in question, there was in control of the lower house, at least, a disreputable, unconscionable, unblushing gang of grafters, who were tools of what it called the plunderbund, the gang in question in the lower house having been spurred to action by that particular bete noire of the Coyote Journal crowd, or to speak plainly, Hon. H. B. Holt, of Las Cruces. The office of the Commissioner of Public Lands was in charge of Hon. A. A. Keen, of Albuquerque, who must necessarily have been a member of the gang, because he had been holding office for about eight years. It gives the New Mexican great pleasure therefore to inform its yellow contemporary of the fact that a bill relating to public lands of this Territory was drawn in the office of Commissioner Keen and was introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Holt, and that this bill having been duly passed appears printed in the acts of the last session of the Legislative Assembly as chapter 104, having been House Bill 161, approved March 21, 1907, and entitled "An Act to provide for the leasing, sale, management and control of all lands now owned or hereafter acquired by the Territory of New Mexico; to create a Territorial public land office, a commissioner thereof, and to prescribe the duties of such officer; to provide for the care, custody, disposition and investment of

moneys derived from all Territorial lands by leasing, sale or otherwise, and for other purposes."

For the further enlightenment of that dear and unbeguiled Albuquerque publication and to relieve the editorial staff of that sheet from loss of sleep in the future this paper takes pleasure in calling attention to sections 27 and 28 of the act in question which are in words and figures as follows:

"Sec. 27. Any person, corporation or association of persons using, cutting or removing any timber, stone or other material from any land belonging to the Territory of New Mexico, except as herein provided, shall be liable to prosecution, and upon conviction thereof punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment for a period of not less than three months nor more than one year, and in addition to such fine or imprisonment shall forfeit and pay to the Territory an amount double the value of the material so used, cut or removed, and all moneys collected for violation hereof shall be paid to the commissioner of public lands and by him credited to the fund to which the land belongs.

"Sec. 28. The commissioner of public lands is hereby authorized to sell the down, large growth and matured timber, on any of the Territorial lands which are subject to sale, in accordance with the terms of this act and the act of Congress under and by virtue of which title to said land hath heretofore or may hereafter vest in the Territory of New Mexico at a price of not less than two dollars (\$2.00) per one thousand feet board measure, and not less in any event than the market value in the locality where the same is situated, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe. Provided, that no growing timber less than twelve inches in diameter, inside of bark, three feet from the butt shall be sold, and: Provided, further, That before any such sale shall take place, notice thereof shall be given by the said commissioner of public lands, for not less than thirty days, by publication in one or more newspapers in said Territory of general circulation, as he may deem necessary."

It will be recalled by the familiar with the doings of the legislature that House Bill No. 161, popularly known as the Land Bill, when introduced in the House of Representatives was found by that body to be so satisfactorily drawn as to permit of no amendments at its hands, and was passed without a single amendment being offered. It was reported to the Legislative Council some two weeks prior to the adjournment of the legislature and by that body referred to a committee and considered by that committee in conjunction with Little Herbert and his tool William C. Reid until the last day of the session, with the result that Little Herbert and his tool Willie C. succeeded in getting the committee to recommend and the Council to pass the bill in an amended form which would have been impossible of enforcement and also succeeded in getting the Council to so amend the bill as to relieve Willie C. of the responsibility of enforcing it—should he remain attorney general—and placing the duty of enforcing it on the shoulders of the various district attorneys throughout the Territory. At about eight o'clock in the evening of the last day of the session of the legislature, this bill was passed by the Council as amended by it and reported to the House of Representatives for its concurrence. The members of the gang, or the tools of the gang in the House, realizing that the bill as amended, was worse than no bill at all, refused to concur in the amendments of the Council, and appointed a conference committee consisting of Abbott (Santa Fe), Sanchez, (Taos), and Studley to confer with a like committee of the Council, which as appointed consisted of Cameron, Sulzer and Miera. Upon the committee from the House notifying the committee from the Council that the House could not concur in the Council amendments, Mr. Sulzer and Mr. Miera, both tools of the great reformer, Little Herbert, very kindly gave their consent that the bill might be killed, and refused to recommend to the Council that it recede from its amendments, and it was only after being apprised of the fact that it was too late to get an appropriation through for the office of commissioner of public lands, and that unless the bill was accepted by the Council as passed by the House, and without amendment, the result of killing the bill would be to close the office of commissioner of public lands for two years, that they finally agreed to re-

commend to the Council that it recede from its amendments and pass the bill as originally drawn.

THE MAN OF THE HOUR.

The endorsement yesterday by the Republican organization of Ohio of the candidacy of Secretary of War William H. Taft for the Presidency, is of far reaching importance, for after all, the dominant political organization in each state is a power in which is concentrated the political ideal of the masses and through which it finds its expression. The endorsement by Ohio Republicans of their favorite son for the highest office in the gift of the people is not a mere nominal expression but opens the Presidential campaign in earnest. It will arouse much more comment than did the endorsement of Pennsylvania of Senator Knox, or than will the endorsement of Fairbanks by Indiana or of Cannon by Illinois, for a peculiar fight has been made upon Secretary Taft in his own state, the outcome of which in his favor greatly clarifies the political atmosphere and gives him a great advantage in the Presidential race.

It is of some consequence therefore, to learn what manner of man is this who looms up as the leading Presidential possibility in 1908. In New Mexico, Secretary Taft is perhaps best known by Judge William H. Pope of Roswell, who served in the Philippines as judge of the First Instance while Secretary Taft was head of the Philippine Commission and therefore learned to know him more or less intimately. Judge Pope has repeatedly declared to friends in private conversation and before Secretary Taft was considered a Presidential possibility, that in Taft the United States possesses a really great man, a man of marvelous industry, of the most unquestioned integrity; a man of the highest ideals and the broadest sympathies; a statesman of ability who towers head and shoulders above most of the other men whom the rapid crowding of events during the past decade has brought to the front.

This characterization of Secretary Taft is emphasized by two articles in the August Review of Reviews in which it is said: "Mr. Taft is the very personification of energy. He is a human steam engine. He is always busy. Work, and hard work, is his pleasure. He breathes good will and suggests mental, moral and physical wholesome. Yet, with all his pleasant informality and his frequent laughter, he has a dignity of manner and carriage that commands respect and attention. You feel that he is a man of brain power, one of the few men who seem to grow greater the more intimately you know them. He seems to take an interest in everybody he meets. He will go out of his way to avoid hurting the feelings of any of his fellow men; he does not like to inflict pain; but frequently, when it was to his personal and political advantage to be silent, he has spoken out, because silence would mean a misunderstanding of his attitude. He wanted everybody to know how he stood. Taft never bears malice. He hates a meddler. He will not tolerate a tattler. There is no false dignity about him. Whatever he does, he does as part of the day's work, not hampered by any idea of his greatness. He is too busy to think about his own personality." That Secretary Taft possesses the "New England" conscience; that he has been a stern and fearless magistrate; that he is ready to acknowledge errors; that he believes in justice tempered by mercy, as the subheads of the article in question indicate, make him no less fitted to be President of the United States.

GOVERNOR CURRY'S INAUGURATION.

The decent and patriotic papers of the Territory are strongly supporting the plan to give Captain George Curry an inauguration and reception upon his assuming the office of governor of New Mexico that will be the most memorable, the most effective, and the most sincere ever accorded any executive of the Sunshine Territory. This is right and was expected. It is very likely that Governor Curry may be the last governor of the Territory of New Mexico and that during his term as such a state government may be ushered into existence.

To be sure as usual the yellow sheet of graft, greed and venom, the Albuquerque Morning Coyote Journal, is fighting the plan for several reasons. First and foremost, because the loyal and patriotic citizens of the Territory are desirous of it. Second, because the Republican newspapers are united upon the plan and third because the sheet at all times desires to injure and harm the city of Santa Fe in particular and the Territory of New Mexico for its own selfish and dishonest purposes. Concerning the inauguration and reception plan the Socorro Chieflain pertinently says: "That plan to give Captain George Curry a rousing reception in Santa Fe and a more pretentious inauguration than any other governor has had has much to commend it. The people of the Territory can afford to assure the new governor of their hearty good will and best wishes, especially while the memory of the sins of the late reform administration is fresh in their minds. They can afford to give Captain Curry a grander inauguration than has ever been witnessed in New Mexico, for that will be but in keeping with the marvelous advancement the Territory has made in recent years. By all means let Captain Curry's reception and inauguration be one long to be remembered."

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(Homestead Entry No. 8161.)
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Notice is hereby given that Luciana C. Villanueva, widow of Nicolas Villanueva, deceased, of Gallisteo, N. M., has filed notice of her intention to make final commutation proof in support of her claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 8161 made November 23, 1904, for the NW 1-4, section 26, Township 12 N., Range 11 E, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Santa Fe, N. M., on August 21, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz.: Juan Villanueva, Tomas Villanueva, Ambrosio Pino, and Francisco Gonzales, all of Gallisteo, N. M.
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