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The New Mexican is the oldest newspaper in New Mexico. It is sent to every postoffice in the Territory, and has a large and growing circulation among the intelligent and progressive people of the Southwest.



SOMEWHAT APPLICABLE TO SANTA FE.

The Las Vegas Optic is making a gallant fight for progress and advancement in the Meadow City. This is certainly the case now in the matter of subscriptions to the capital stock of the company, whose object and aim will be to construct an electric railway from the Meadow City to the town of Mora and thence to Taos. The plan, if carried into effect, will benefit Las Vegas so greatly and this is so apparent that certainly no need exists for lengthy discussion. The citizen of the Meadow City who does not help with might and main hurts the place he lives in and himself.

In a recent editorial upon this subject the Optic utters some truths that are applicable to Santa Fe. In this city unfortunately there are two classes of people whose actions and non-actions are proving of great detriment to the city. One class consists of the knockers, the backbiters and the curbstone slanderers, and the other of the fogies, some young and some old. The latter can be reasoned with and induced to join the procession of progress. The venom, the envy, and the intense desire to injure their fellow citizens of the first named are too strong to be overcome; nevertheless, the progressive, public-spirited and loyal citizens must take hold and push along with might and main. The Optic's editorial on the question is timely reading at this time and in this place. The Optic says:

"There are a few people, a very few, in this community who have made small fortunes during their residence here but are not disposed to do anything for the betterment of the town. For instance, one man who is the owner of at least \$50,000 worth of real estate in the city of Las Vegas, all of which would be greatly enhanced in value if the electric railroad from Las Vegas to Mora should be built, has indicated that he will only subscribe \$500 worth of the bonds. It is far from pleasant to call attention to these things, but it must be done.

"Las Vegas is going to progress and grow. It has been at a standstill long enough. The progressive business men and the people generally are united as they have never been before. They are going ahead in a determined effort to develop our great wealth producing resources, broaden our facilities for doing business and in time become one great and prosperous city. And it may as well be stated here and now, that if there are any old barnacles who think they can lie down in the path of progress and stop the wheels of advancement, they are mistaken. They will simply be run over and weeded out. The time has come for every good citizen to help push."

WATER RIGHTS OF INTERSTATE STREAMS.

The National Irrigation Congress, which will meet in Sacramento, California, early next month, will discuss some questions of great importance and moment to the irrigation districts of the great Southwest and therefore especially to New Mexico. The several delegates appointed by the Territory and by counties and cities should therefore attend the gathering and should take a leading part in its deliberations and see to it that the great and growing interests of the Sunshine Territory in irrigation and water supply as well as water rights, should not suffer. Among the matters to be discussed will be the one of water rights of interstate streams, and this certainly is of paramount interest to New Mexico and to its neighbor to the north, Colorado. Referring to the subject the Pueblo Chieftain says that the question of water rights on interstate streams will be one of the most important discussions at the coming session of the National Irrigation Congress. Dr. Elwood Mead, who is an authority on irrigation laws, is the chairman of the committee which was charged by the last congress with the duty of reporting to the coming session, recommendations looking to the settlement of questions that are constantly arising with reference to interstate waters. Dr. Mead has been very active in bringing this matter before men who are prominently identified with irrigation development, especially in those States where the question of interstate rights is a serious one, and without question the presentation of his report to the congress will precipitate one of the liveliest debates of the session. Among those who will participate will be men who contend that the national government should exercise jurisdiction over interstate

waters and others who advocate the right of the individual states to the control of waters within their boundaries. Since this committee was appointed the United States supreme court has passed upon the now famous Kansas-Colorado case, and this action has given an added impetus to constructive thought on this subject.

NEW MEXICO WILL GO IT ALONE.

Several of the newspapers of the sister Territory are keeping up silly and uncalled for attacks on the people of conditions in this Territory. They are afraid that the joint statehood question may again come to the front and believe it good policy to "take time by the forelock." In these premises they are very badly mistaken. Joint statehood will not come up during the Sixtieth Congress, but the question of separate statehood for New Mexico will be brought to the front and pushed and that, very likely successfully. The people of New Mexico want none of Arizona. They have fully demonstrated their capacity and fitness to govern themselves and are perfectly willing to let Arizona "paddle its own canoe." Indeed, should New Mexico become a state before Arizona, and this is very likely to happen, its Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, will be found in aid and support of the claims of Arizona to become a sovereign state in the Union. Referring to this subject, the Albuquerque Citizen pertinently remarks:

"Arizona papers are still saying mean things about New Mexico and declaring that Arizona won't have any statehood if she has to join with this Territory. There ought to be no quarrel on that score. New Mexico is just as anxious to secure single statehood as Arizona but this Territory showed good judgment in offering to accept anything in the shape of statehood. New Mexico is no more anxious to be joined to Arizona than that territory is with New Mexico. When it comes to a comparison of fitness for statehood, Arizona will suffer. New Mexico is entitled to statehood and Arizona isn't. She doesn't want it bad enough to work for it."

JUDGE FALL'S APPOINTMENT.

The Silver City Independent is the strongest and best Democratic paper in New Mexico. Its editor is secretary of the Democratic Territorial Central Committee, and in addition to being a good newspaper man, is a successful lawyer and also very well posted on political affairs. Therefore, the opinion of the Independent upon the recent appointment by Governor Curry of Judge Albert B. Fall as attorney general is worth knowing. It says:

"Governor Curry last Monday accepted the resignation of Colonel George W. Prichard as attorney general and appointed Judge Albert B. Fall of Three Rivers, Otero County, to fill the vacancy. Judge Fall's appointment was not a surprise, as it was generally known that the new executive would select him for the position. Judge Fall's qualifications for the office of attorney general are so generally recognized as to make comment unnecessary. He is a lawyer of great ability, a close personal friend of Governor Curry, is thoroughly familiar with conditions existing in the Territory, and the people of New Mexico are fortunate in securing his services in this important position."

SECRETARY TAFT'S CAMPAIGN.

Secretary Taft has started on his tour around the world and by doing so has also opened his campaign for the Republican nomination for the presidency next year. In his speech at Columbus, Ohio, a few nights ago he voiced three of the policies he favors. First, government control of railroads, but not government ownership; second, control and supervision of trusts, wherever such can be done under the Constitution; third, some revision of the tariff. The secretary is a man possessed of a big body and of a big brain. He is a jurist of great ability, a statesman of unusual sagacity and much experience, and a remarkably brainy man any way you take him. When he returns from his swing around the circle, while the question of who shall be the Republican candidate in 1908 will not be absolutely decided, it will be pretty well foreshadowed and if it shall not be Theodore Roosevelt in all probability it will be William H. Taft.

Let there be the fullest light of publicity in the courts upon the transactions of the Territorial officials in connection with the disposition and sale of Territorial lands donated to New Mexico by the United States. The best interests of the people demand that it be demonstrated whether there were illegal practices or unlawful or dishonest acts on the part of the officials and ex-officials interested. If such was the case it should be known; if otherwise, this certainly should also be known, in justice and fairness to all concerned. There has been much commotion, much smoke, much palaver and many charges have been made in these matters. Let the truth be established.

There are no strings on the Santa Fe New Mexican. In all matters that affect the public good, Territorial, county, city and precinct, this paper will hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may. This is the course that this newspaper has pursued for over forty years. Its only lapse was for a period of three years, when circumstances and the change in the ownership of the company publishing it, brought about its advocacy of Democratic policies. This was during the second Cleveland administration.

"A. B. Fall and George Curry for the United States Senate. They would make a good team when New Mexico becomes a State and that is the talk now. El Paso would like to have a real live senator among her assets and would be willing to see this combination go through."—El Paso Herald.

Well, the above is a little premature, to be sure, but the people of the new State, which is sure to come by 1910, may be pleased with the suggestion. Who knows?

The Democratic papers of the Territory, and especially those of the Pecos Valley, are opposed to statehood for New Mexico at this time—single or joint—although the chances for single statehood will be better in the Sixtieth Congress than they have for many a year. The stand taken by these papers is probably more or less influenced by feeding at the Hagerman "bar." They evidently go upon the motto to get all they can at this time and let tomorrow take care of itself.

The people of the Gem City are doing smart and timely work for the success of the Socorro County fair, to be held in the county seat during the last days of September. The County of Socorro is an empire within itself, and has ample resources from an agricultural and mineral standpoint for a very creditable and interesting exhibit even the first time. The people of that town have awakened to the maxim that the Lord helps those who help themselves.

The saloons in the "Solid South" are becoming small in number and less in influence right along. In addition the idea that protection to many industries of that section of the country would be best is also growing rapidly. There is therefore hope for improved Republican chances south of the Mason and Dixon line in some of the coming elections.

The railroad baiters of Alabama are in a great quandry. Freight rates have been reduced greatly on the necessary commodities, but prices for the consumers have not come down. Who pays the freight in Alabama and who makes the money on the reduction in freight rates are now questions that puzzle the solons and the people of that sovereign State.

Attorney General Hadley, of Missouri, may run for Governor of the State on the Republican ticket next year. It would be a glorious thing indeed for that commonwealth were he to be elected, but the chances are against him. There are still too many hide-bound Democratic voters there.

New Mexico is forging ahead as a producer of copper and zinc. The demand for these important metals is increasing steadily, but the supply is not keeping pace. This condition of affairs is bound to benefit the Sunshine Territory.

Mrs. Hetty Green criticizes the young girls of today. She says they are too extravagant and want too many fine clothes. The old lady has evidently forgotten that she was young herself and wanted nice dresses. Today she is one of the foremost examples of stingy foolishness in the country.

A Wichita (Kansas) clergyman is evidently a strong believer in "trust to God, your Savior, and keep your powder dry." He is a member of the Sunflower State Militia and a crack shot.

It is beginning to look as if Secretary Taft has his own State behind him and that strongly. This is a good beginning. In presidential politics a candidate must be a prophet with honor in his own country.

The Butte (Montana) Inter-Mountain wants to know "Shall we discard clothes?" It depends a good deal whether the women dress for a ball room or for walking.

Georgia will be a prohibition State next year. No wonder that great Populist, Tom Watson, felt it incumbent upon himself to seek quarters elsewhere.

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(Homestead Entry No. 7143.)
Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M.
August 19, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Pulidor Olivas, of Cuba, N. M., has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 7143, made July 28, 1902, for the N 1-2 NE 1-4 section 27, W 1-2 SE 1-4 section 22, Township 21 N, Range 2 E, and that said proof will be made before H. W. S. Otero, United States court commissioner, at Albuquerque, N. M., on October 5, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz:
Espridon Olivas, of Coyote, N. M., Jesus Maria Sanchez, of Espanola, N. M., Flores Vigil, of Coyote, N. M., Placido Archuleta, of Coyote, N. M.
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