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PROGRESS OF REFORM.

The reform movement in favor of the commission plan of city government, grows more formidable every day. The latest recruit is the city of Berkeley, California, which took on the new style a week ago yesterday. In an editorial referring to the matter the San Francisco Chronicle gives a few facts which will be of interest to Albuquerque readers. It says: "The new Berkeley charter is modeled on what is known as the 'Galveston system.' The work is divided among five men, each of whom within his own sphere has great power and great responsibility. It things go wrong there can be little doubt in any case as to who is at fault. But every such officer must receive an actual majority of the votes cast. A plurality does not elect. The election of Saturday was called a 'primary' election. It was a 'free-for-all.' It is very easy to get on to the primary ticket, and it might easily happen that there would be twenty candidates for one office. If, at the primary, any candidate secures a majority of all the votes cast, that is the end of the matter for that office. He is elected. If in the case of any office, there is no such result, a second election is held, in which the two candidates having the highest number of votes are pitted against each other, and no other candidates are placed on the ticket. Other names can, of course, be written in, but it would be useless, as at the second election a plurality elects. At the Berkeley primary Mr. Hogehead had a majority vote for mayor, and M. L. Handerson for auditor. No other candidate for any office having received a majority, there will be a second election for all offices but mayor and auditor on the 23rd of this month."

"MOTHERS DAY."

The Railroad club of Kansas City has started an innovation that should sweep the world of clubdom, and all places where good men congregate in decent fellowship. The Kansas City Journal says: Last Saturday was set aside by the railroad men as "Mothers day," and its observance was most beautiful and touching. Although the busiest day in the week for the membership, cards were sent out asking the members to call at the club at some hour of the day and have white carnations pinned upon their coats which would remind them of their mothers. The flowers were presented with the admonition that the recipient then and there either telephone his mother or get on a car and visit her, or sit down with special stationery and write to her. Sometimes the white carnation was received in a silence that betokened unspoken bereavement, when the recipient was asked simply to do that thing which would please his mother most if she knew. Who can say what joy was brought into the lives of hundreds of mothers by the establishment of "Mothers day" at the Railroad club? Without exception every member receiving the white carnation obeyed the gentle mandate and there was much "unfurnished business" on many a railroad desk on Monday morning. But who cared? Not a man wore the honored badge of the white carnation out was better for it, and he was a better business man for it. The establishment of "Mothers day" by the Railroad club was an excellent inspiration that it is hoped the idea will be adopted universally. Clubs honor the memories of their dead members with impressive ceremonies, but what could be more appropriate than to honor the persons and memories of those who have borne the trials and made the sacrifices that mothers have in order that men should live and prosper? One day in the year set aside as "Mothers day," with the white carnation as a symbol of men's devotion to their mothers, would make better men and happier mothers. The country is trying to do business on the front-to-back-to-mouth system while the tariff is being tinkered in Washington. It's not only the dealers in imported goods who are assailing results, everybody is on the anxious bench, because every one at all familiar with the operations of our great commercial system understands the complete interdependence of producer as well as unprotected industries, and knows that if one is hit the others will be sure to feel the blow. The sooner the whole business is set on the better the people will be satisfied.

CIVIC RIGHTNESS.

The Republican league of Custer county, New York, had its annual dinner a few evenings since, and Governor Fort, of New Jersey, was the principal speaker. He went at the special invitation of Governor Hughes, to lend a helping hand to the campaign for "direct nominations," which he made the subject of his address. He paid a warm tribute to Governor Hughes, speaking of him as an ideal leader "for better things, political and along the line of civic righteousness." "The lesson of today," he contended, "to win public confidence, needs to put: 'Man above party,' 'Drama above money,' 'Home above power,' 'Principle above gain,' 'Country above self,' and continue."

"The problem of the direct nomination of party committees and state and county officers will not do. The convention method has had its day and ended its usefulness. Of late conventions have simply recorded the will of a few individuals. No doubt in many cases the result of conventions has been good nominations, but with every convenient nomination there goes certain obligations which it is difficult to resist when in office. The remedy is to let the people nominate, as an open primary, and thus have an official obligation to any one but them."

"Why not let every man in a FREE State the right to express his choice of all candidates of his party? Surely, in a republic no good reason for refusing this can be given. It has been suggested that the direct primary was not a representative government. How fallacious that it will be seen at a glance—members of the legislature, congressmen and newspaper reporters, they are elected for long periods. The method of selecting your representatives should be to give all whom he is to represent a voice in his selection. It is his duty to have an agent, they should not be expected to yield to the request of one of their number to secure him to select that agent. The right way is for all the men to select their agent. Representative government is found in the delegated individuals or bodies provided for by the constitution and laws. In selecting those to be voted for, all the people must have voice. One thus selected is truly representative of the people. There is no such thing as a 'representative' or 'credentialed' candidate."

"The people never take a step backward. Reforms are sometimes halted, but never defeated. The young men of education and character are increasing in number in the activities of the political parties and they are certain to triumph and control. To me it is impossible to see any reasons against the direct nomination. These rivers are easily refuted. With us it was urged that under the direct primary there is no method for adopting a party platform. This is easily met. If the state and local committees are made representative, by being elected, let them with the candidates make the platform. If the pledges made in these are not kept any better in New York than in my state, it will not matter much who makes them. But I agree they should be made, and I think that a party that does not keep faith with the people, by enacting its platform pledges into law, deserves defeat. This is the view that President Taft took of this matter at the Ohio society dinner, and it is the right one."

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AND the next day it looked like rain. LOST—the governor of the Pueblo of Zia. Finder please return to Bureau of Indian Affairs. FOR HEAVEN'S sake keep that pathfinder car off the North Fourth street road. THE COMMENCEMENT season in Albuquerque is only well started. As an educational center Albuquerque seems to be the goods. IT IS really unwise to monkey with the weather bureau. There is no telling what kind of weather they will hand out to us if we get their Irish up. IF THE members of the board of regents are unable to see the great light, it would appear that the matter is squarely up to His Excellency. THE ATTORNEY general naturally being of a legal turn of mind will of course appreciate the legal aspect of the recent action of the board of regents. THERE IS considerable discussion as to whether the tariff shall be revised upward or downward. As far as the bewildered layman can ascertain the present revision is a sort of a compromise and cross arrangement. IT WOULD be sad, very sad, if Bill Taft should after all fail to live up to that safe and sane reputation with which the politicians have been so busily clothing him. JUST BECAUSE you have made a bad break in no reason for trying to shaft it out. The man who will acknowledge his mistake when he has made it increases the respect of his fellows. GENERAL THOMAS, who is already planning to leave troops for the territorial fair next fall, should certainly be credited as one of "Albuquerque's own." He is a consistent booster who may be cited upon occasion. NEW MEXICO is up against the remarkable condition of a record-breaking pile of snow in the north half of the territory and a drought in the southern counties. Justice Plinius must have been seen by Beversidge. THE PUBLIC is anxiously waiting for the regents of the University of New Mexico to perform that graceful maneuver known as backing up and heading and closing their own switches after them. And the average man is inclined to believe the regents have had plenty of time. THE ST. LOUIS, Rocky Mountain and Pacific railroad has set a praiseworthy example in Cincinnati by experimenting with tree-planting on its own hook. EVIDENTLY there is something doing in newspaper circles in that dear Nation, some suspicious member of the masculine contingent had better back a headline out. The Nation says publishes the following: "The coward who makes statements which he refuses to substantiate, the man who knows the laws, but has raised and flung without further restraint his most evitable and unshrinkable position in the community, he deserves to be classed by that leader of men, Theodore Roosevelt, as 'unredeemable citizens.'" "JOSEPHINE FOSTER."

What the Editors of the Southwest Are Saying. Go, Take a Trip. Visit multitudes will see so-called this year.—Eugene Graphic. Christmas, 1909. They say Methodist would make a fine Christmas present from congress to New Mexico. One stocking will hold Bill—Willard Record. The Inflation Gain. President Taft and his cabinet made, he said, will visit El Paso this fall. Of course he won't overlook leaving.—Eugene Graphic. Fitted for the Place. Julia L. Sullivan says he may become a preacher. This leads the Missus to remark that "he certainly is a fine exponent."—Las Vegas Optic. Not Bad. And with a top phone system, a new mercantile establishment, a new concrete twenty-five room hotel, a new two-story brick bank building, the other new enterprises which are

coming and with what we have, helps some.—Taiban Valley News. The Reign of the Soda Fountain. From the way many of the towns of New Mexico are going dry, including Santa Fe, it looks as though the beverage that made Milwaukee famous was losing its popularity.—Willard Record. The Bread-Jag. Just as it became known that it was possible to acquire a sizable jag from eating bread, the price of this article goes skyward, and the booze fighter has the melancholy fact forced upon him that it is cheaper to get drunk on the good old stuff than it is to acquire a big head on the hop-high-and-go-gally frame of mind by following the Siberian style of eating bread made from malted grain.—El Paso Times.

Solos By the Second Fiddle

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VENERABLE APACHE FIGHTER NEARLY CENTENARIAN

GEN. RUCKER CELEBRATES HIS 97TH BIRTHDAY

Grizzled Old War Veteran Was on the Trail of the Blood-thirsty Redmen Eight Years in New Mexico.

Regarding Brigadier General Daniel H. Rucker, who fought the Apaches in New Mexico and Arizona for nearly a decade and who recently celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday, Edward B. Clark writes as follows from Washington to Argus-Leader of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The famous old general has often been in Albuquerque and will be well remembered by the old timers all over the territory. The article says: In a few days Washington will forget temporarily the troubles of the tariff to give the honor of recognition to the birthday of the oldest soldier in the army service, a man who has worn the uniform longer than any man who has followed the flag of the United States. It is probable the records of the world will disclose the names of few military men whose span of service has been equal to that of this American Veteran. Today Major General Daniel H. Rucker, United States army, will be ninety-seven years old. It is true the aged soldier is on the retired list, but the retired officer is still under orders and may be called upon at any necessary time to re-enter active service. General Rucker lives in this city, which is also the home of his daughter, Mrs. Philip H. Sheridan, the widow of the hero of Winchester and the Valley campaign. The veteran of the United States army, still strong in mind and in spirit, was appointed a lieutenant in the army from Michigan by President Andrew Jackson twenty-two years ago, and in the army he has been interruptedly ever since. Born Before the War of 1812. General Rucker was born before the first gun was fired in the second war with Great Britain. He was fifteen years old when Black Hawk took the scalp, and he had joined the United States army before Quasidi, the Seminole, had been driven to bay in the Everglades of Florida. The whole history of the service from the days when Robert E. Lee reported to the United States Military academy as a cadet to the last skirmish in the Philippines, his mind is as clear today as it was when with Kit Carson as a companion he penetrated the unknown wilderness of the west. In his Washington home today, if his health permits, General Rucker will receive many majors general and brigadier general of the active service today, who were stripping the star of generalship and following the flag in the field. The general talks with his army visitors of the campaign he is present and past, but of his own campaigning he has and always has had little to say. Too Modest to Write of Service. He has the soldier's quality of modesty developed to the point of complete indifference to the glory which is proved on many fields. It is said he has been too modest to write of his own services, that he has seen the necessity that he would give of putting himself into the narrative. His reticence would be a mine of service information. When General Rucker was fifty

more than a boy he went to Michigan from his birthplace in New Jersey. His father urged him to go into business, but the son saw something of army life at a Michigan post and on the advice of General Brady, for whom the fort on the Straits is named, he applied for appointment as a second lieutenant in Uncle Sam's service and succeeded in getting it. His earlier duty was with the First Dragoons then stationed at Fort Leavenworth on the extreme frontier of civilization. The nearest point from which to approach the Kansas post by stage was a village 200 miles from the reservation. Young Rucker rode the 200 miles on horseback alone against the advice of every plainman who knew his intention. He had, however, the plainman's courage and the leader's luck and he made the journey in safety, though he was a sorry looking object when he arrived at his destination. Ordered From Fort Leavenworth. Lieutenant Rucker was not to enjoy the ease of post life for any length of time. With his troops he was ordered into the heart of the Cherokee country, and there he campaigned, fighting most of the time until the Mexican war broke out, and the First Dragoons were ordered to form a part of General Zachary Taylor's expedition. Young Rucker took part in the battle of Buena Vista where he distinguished himself by an act of personal gallantry on the field, an act done under the eye of his commanding officer who recommended him for a brevet commission before the close of the fight had closed. His brevet gave him the title of major without the red rank of the pay that goes with it, but the house was there and it was satisfactory. The Mexican war over, Major Rucker was ordered to California and then there he was sent eastward with a few men along the overland trail to aid immigrants who had become stalled on whose food supply had proved insufficient for the journey. The special work he did at this time is not set down in the records, but it is known he saved many of the west-bound emigrants from starvation on the plains. First to Meet Foes in Battle. General Rucker was one of the first to meet the Utes in battle. At that time the warriors of the Utes, the grandfathers and fathers of the Indians who a year ago were grazing the army horses were raiding the country about the headwaters of the Arkansas river and down through the valley of the St. Louis. Kit Carson, the scout, was with Rucker in an expedition against the Indians. In addition to the Utes and the scout shared the same tent and the stories of Carson which General Rucker stored up for future recital are full of the story of interest of frontier warfare and frontier experiences in the early days.

The Best Town in Seven Hundred

"I travel all over the Rocky mountain region and westward," said a well known traveling man yesterday to a representative of the Morning Journal, "and I get into seven hundred towns throughout that territory. I want to say after the most mature deliberation that Albuquerque has any town of her size in this part of the United States had twenty books. I don't want you to use my name because I make my headquarters in a New Mexico city which might not appreciate discrimination in favor of Albuquerque. But I say it with the deepest conviction: there is not a city of less than 20,000 people in the far west between British Columbia and Mexico that dispense the activities of the enterprise and the prosperity shown by the people of Albuquerque." "This is a strong statement. It is made by a man who knows. It is worthy to be pondered on by those who are inclined to pessimism."

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