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The statehood convention of yesterday was an unqualified success. It more than met the best expectations. All together the proceedings were inspiring. Congressman Rodey of New Mexico in his letter which was read to the convention, appropriately alluded to it as Arizona's Declaration of Independence. That the results will be far-reaching cannot be doubted.

The personnel of the convention was all that The Republican predicted. It is a pity that all persons, at home and abroad, who are disposed to speak of the quality of Arizona citizenship with derision did not have an opportunity to look into the faces of the assembled delegates. No higher type of American citizenship could be found in any state of the union, nor in the senate or the house of representatives of the United States. And yet, these men are but representative of the population of this territory. No thoughtful person could face that body of earnest, patriotic and intelligent citizens and repress the thought that to deprive such a people of their rights to the fullest measure of self-government is a burning injustice.

And incidentally, the convention as a body, and its proceedings, made up an excellent lesson for those few small people, republicans and democrats, who consider that there is nothing in life but petty politics. The manner in which the sturdy manhood of Arizona manifested its determination to have nothing of politics in the proceedings was refreshing. It was demonstrated once more that when a question involving the common interest is on there is no division; that the democrats and republicans of Arizona are equally public spirited and equally patriotic.

A superb committee to assist Delegate Smith was appointed with a unanimity which was enthusiastic. All semblance of log-rolling or the promotion of self-interest was avoided when the delegates selected a committee outside the membership of the convention. Not a member of the committee is actively in politics. Messrs. William C. Greene, E. B. Gage, L. W. Mix, "Jack" Lawler, John Brookman and W. J. Murphy, are broadly representative of the population of the territory. Each of these men is a stalwart intellectually. Each of them has devoted years to the development of our varied resources. All of them have

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All that is asked is that the members of this committee, with Delegate Smith, their chief, shall receive a fair hearing. No member of congress honestly bent on learning the truth can in justice to himself and his duty to the union refuse to listen to these men. The committee will, of course, be ably reinforced in Washington by assistance from other citizens of the territory, including the governor and other federal officials who enjoy the acquaintance and confidence of republican leaders in congress; and while, as Delegate Smith frankly pointed out in his strong speech, there are obstacles to overcome, the members of the committee were appointed to do hard work. That success will crown their efforts we truly believe.

The banishment of twelve more Boer leaders from South Africa, following so soon after previous punishments and executions for treason, indicates that the stern work of repression is being carried on with a fixed determination to stamp out resistance as soon as possible. Complete establishment of martial law at the Cape is now co-operating with the penalties against leaders and commandos found in the field after September 15, under the terms of Kitchener's proclamation. The former is employed to check disaffection and make treason odious in Cape Colony just at the time when the power of resistance of the Transvaal and Orange Colony burghers is at the weakest point. It appears to be well timed; but there is no means of knowing what recruits Cape Colony is furnishing, for it is admitted that sympathetic Cape rebels have ways and means of communicating with the Boers in the field that elude the closest inspection. It is too soon yet to measure the effect of the executions for treason on Boer feeling; but it is significant that only a week or so after they have occurred there are reports of a vastly augmented force recruited from the Cape. To witness or know of these executions is the severest trial which Boer temper and character can be expected to endure, and it will cause no surprise if in a short time we hear of reprisals which will cause the war to enter upon a new and bloodier phase from which so far South Africa has been spared.

Our hardened regulars on the island of Samar, much experienced, now in fighting Philippine insurgents as well as in contending with Spaniards and Chinese, will probably make short work of the insurrection, although they have as tough a mountain and jungle problem as the Dutch have had in Atchin. The men of the Ninth regiment, though two disasters have been inflicted on them, have in both these affairs acquitted themselves as fierce fighters. They have grown wary, and have been able to forestall native plots against them. They have been reinforced by the Twelfth regiment, which was in Chaffee's brigade at El Caney, and by 300 marines. It certainly devolves on General Smith to make quick work of the pacification of this troublesome island, for the galvanization of the insurrection here is having a bad effect in Luzon. Even Aguinaldo has adopted a more defiant tone in his elegant captivity, and there can be no doubt that the man Lopez, now in Hong Kong, would like to revive the insurrection if he could. We may look for very active operations in Samar within the next month.

Mr. Pillsbury, ex-governor of Minnesota, who died a few days ago, will be remembered for various good deeds, among them the gift of a science building to the University of Minnesota and that of a town hall to his native place. These will be his best monuments, more satisfactory by far than any memorial that may be erected over his grave.

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(The Progress of the Statehood Movement.)

I Don't Guess we'll Haf to be Hurf much Longer. It Looks now as if Arizona 'd soon have a Star of its Own an' Wouldn't Haf to Shine with a Borrowed Luster, as Paw sez las' Night, when he Come Home f'm th' Stallhood Meetin'. Maw sez 'im before he got into th' House what they had to Drink. He sez, sez he: "If they was Ever a Time when a Man is Justified in Lettin' Himself git Drenched with th' Flowin' Bole it's now, when we see a Prospeck of Gittin' on th' Same Levle with th' Niggers 'at aint been Disfranchised Yet, an' th' Chinamen in Most Street, N. Y., which kin vote fer a President. I never Keered much about it till they got to Discussin' th' Status of our Incherel Posseshuns. We called 'em 'our' Incherel Posseshuns Becos we thot we had a Intrust in 'em. All th' time th' Pacific Filipeenos was Braggin' becos they Thot they was some of th' Properters of th' Arizonians an' th' Noo Mexican an' th' Oklahomians. Th' Speme Court when th' Atenshun was called to it, sez th' Filipeenos an' th' Porter Rickans an' th' Kanakies an' th' Arizonians all Belonged in th' Same Class an' Didn't have No Control over each Other Whatever. Ever Since then we been Tryin' to bet th' Filipeenos into th' Galluxy of Statls, an' it Looked like a Neck an' Neck Race till yesterday when we Moved Up Some."

I was at th' Stallhood Meetin' an' our Chaim to git to be a Stat at th' Statls was so good it Seemed to be a Skin Game to bet 'at Arizony 'd be a Stat as soon as Congers cud get Aroun' to it. But they was a lot of Fellers Loafin' Outside givin' th' Stallhood Workers th' Hee Haw, sayin' it was No Use. We was Born Slaves an' it was Reasonable to Spose 'at we'd die in Vassalage. They sez it aint no Good to Buck Against Fate, an' they Wasn't no Harder Kind of a Fate an Congers.

Then th' Stallhood Fellers they 'Dopted a Resolushun askin' Congers to pass a Nablun Ack, so 'at 'at 'at Wanted to Out Romance Vassals, an' Wuddn't Haf to Vote or do Nothin' but Pay Their Tacks an' Die' when their Time Come.

LITTLE JAMES.

B. I. Price, the Denver eye specialist, is again in Phoenix, and will receive patients. He is at the Hotel Adams.

QUEER SPRIGS OF GENTILITY.

Beautiful Home For Prince And Princess Albert.

It would be difficult to find a more beautiful or artistically furnished residence than the new home of Prince and Princess Albert of Belgium in which the young couple will take up their abode on returning from summer quarters at Possenodoff. Everything money and art could do has been done to render Asche Palace a fit home for Belgium's future sovereigns. Valuable tapestries and priceless painting cover the walls, marble statues and foreign curios fill the alcoves, while all over the palace are to be found rare pieces of ancient furniture sent from the homes of King Leopold and the Count de Flandre. Passing through the oddly carved "porte-cochere" one enters a spacious white marble hallway lined with palms and flowers. To the right and left of this are the apartments reserved for guests. Each set comprises a bedroom, dressing-room and salon handsomely fitted up in Louis XIV style, the style which, by the way, presides in the decorations and furnishings of the entire palace. On the entresol are a series of plainer rooms for royal attendants. From the ground floor to the first story runs a most imposing "escalier d'honneur," or grand staircase. It consists of eighteen white marble steps, each about eleven feet long, and has a Louis XIV railing in polished steel and gold. In the right wing of the palace are the salons and reception-rooms, of which the largest is the gala hall.

In the left wing of Asche palace are the apartments of Prince and Princess Albert, a banquet hall and a grand gallery. Princess Elizabeth's bedroom is the largest and most beautiful of the private rooms. Its lofty windows, high walls, with cream and red panels and large vaulted ceiling with gilt decorations, produce a most grandiose effect. The carpet, woven after the princess' own designs, shows a white ground covered with wreaths of roses. In an alcove are a lady's secretary and prie-dieu in Indian wood inlaid with gilded bronze. Adjoining this is the princess' dressing-room, an exceedingly dainty room with its cream brocade wall hangings and Florentine ceiling. The princess has also a very handsome salon, looking onto the palace park, and furnished in mahogany and red velvet. Prince Albert's apartments are also in the left wing, but directly beneath those of the princess. His bedroom is exceedingly

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plain, the walls being covered with old-fashioned family portraits and countless souvenirs which formerly belonged to his late brother, Prince Baudouin. The prince's study is a large, bright room, decorated in gay colors, and contains many valuable curios collected during his travels. One wall of the room is covered with carved bookshelves. On these his highness has arranged a complete series of bronzes by the sculptor Mignon, representing soldiers of all the Belgian regiments.

Above all Prince Albert is a soldier. Not only has he nothing to learn regarding the Belgian army, but he has made a study of foreign military systems, and even gone so far as to suggest to his royal uncle several improvements in the present order of things. When 10 years old he sent in to the king a written request for an audience. The next day brought him a most important looking document, bearing the royal seal, and stating that his majesty would be pleased to grant him an audience at such and such an hour in the reception hall. Little Prince Albert had to dodge lessons to get there, but he managed to keep the appointment, and with all due ceremony was ushered into his uncle's presence by the palace chamberlain. The bold, concise way in which he stated his mission greatly tickled the king. He had been an eyewitness of several pitiable cases of poverty among the soldiers, and had come to petition an increase in their wages. "Let this increase be taken from the officers' salaries, your majesty," pleaded the boy. "They marry wives with lots and can well afford it." "Your royal highness," replied the king, affecting a serious air, though secretly much amused, "you will perhaps be king one day. It would be unfair for me to be credited with an innovation of which you are the author. This problem, therefore, will be reserved for you. In the meantime, here is a little assistance for the most needy," added King Leopold, at the same time signing a check for \$200.

Next to the army comes machinery. Prince Albert has always had a perfect mania for wheels and cranks, and could make a good living, did circumstances require it, as a civil engineer. A large room in Asche Palace is known as "his royal highness' workshop." It is filled with electrical apparatus of every description, miniature motors and locomotives, one of which he constructed at the tender age of 8. The prince is also exceedingly fond of travel and has visited all points of interest in Europe and America. Like everything else he does, he prefers to travel in the simplest possible fashion, and is never more disappointed than when his incognito is betrayed. Unlike most royalty, his incognito is not limited to a mere change in name. To visit Oxford in all its details he disguised himself as an English student. With dark blue spectacles on his nose and a pack of books under his arm, his highness was able to visit the most eccentric quarters of the town, and even gain an insight into college life by mixing with the students themselves. The same mask served him later in the United States on more than one occasion. In Paris he once visited a questionable quarter by the aid of a caddy's regimental—Exchange.

A HUMOROUS SUPERSTITION.

The balance against Great Britain on her foreign trade for the month of August last was \$20,000,000. Every dollar of it was due to the United States. In her trade with the rest of the world Great Britain's imports and exports very nearly balanced. Some American

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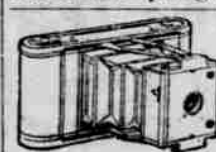
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