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GOVERNOR CARLSON IN VALLEY

Speaking Tour Arranged for Next Week in Interest of Republican State Ticket.

Ex-Governor George A. Carlson, who took charge of the Colorado state government when riots and arson were daily occurrences and anarchy in full control, and restored law and order in a few weeks time and maintained that condition during his entire two year term, will be in the Arkansas Valley next week in the interest of the Republican ticket. Hear him on the burning question of whether Colorado is to have industrial peace or a repetition of the outrages of 1914 or those that have disgraced many of the states this year.

The following list of dates has been arranged for Governor Carlson so far:

Monday night, October 9—Las Animas.
Tuesday, October 10, morning—Hasty.
Tuesday afternoon—McClave.
Tuesday night—Wiley.
Wednesday night, October 11—Lamar.
Thursday, October 12, morning—Granada.
Thursday noon—Bristol.
Thursday afternoon—Hartman.
Thursday night—Holly.
Friday, October 13, morning—Webb.
Friday afternoon—Two Buttes.
Friday night—Stonington.

DEPOSITORS MEETING

Large Assemblage of the Depositors of the Defunct Citizens State Bank on Monday Evening.

The meeting held at the I. O. O. F. Temple on Monday evening of the depositors who had accounts at the Citizens State Bank was attended by a large crowd who listened with interest to the agreement made with representatives of the proposed Commercial Trust and Savings Bank, and the proposed method of handling the claims of the depositors, as made by Hon. Allyn Cole, who is attorney for those representing the new bank and the depositors committee. The proposition was as outlined in The Register last week that the new bank take over fifty per cent of the claims, secured by an equal amount of securities selected by them. This half is to be paid forty per cent (20 per cent of claim) the day the new bank opens, thirty per cent (or 15 per cent of claim) in certificate of deposit due in six months and a like amount in certificate due in eighteen months. The other half of claim is to be placed in the hands of a committee of nine of the largest depositors of the Citizens State Bank, who will take over the remaining securities of the bank and liquidate the same on a basis that guarantees a minimum of cost and pay the other half of the claims or as much as possible.

The proposition met with general approval of the depositors, and if the sentiment of the whole body is anything like those who were present the 85 per cent of the depositors required by the state bank commissioned will be easily secured. There was a rush to sign up as soon as the explanation was made and others are coming in rapidly. It looks as if it would be practically unanimous.

Starts Campaign.

Hon. W. B. Gordon, who proved one of the most popular candidates before the people at the primary campaign, started out the first of the week for a tour of the state in which he hopes to visit as many counties as possible. Mr. Gordon is a favorite wherever he is known and an able member of his profession. He stands for law enforcement and his well known standing in his profession insures the state high class service in the office.

Chas. W. Lee, one of the leading business men of Pueblo, has been appointed one of the directors of the new flood conservancy district authorized by the recent session of the legislature. Mr. Lee like many other of the prominent men of the state got his first business experience in the booming days of the '80s in Lamar. He is a brother of C. M. Lee of the Lamar National Bank, and has many friends in Lamar.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Holly Golf Club Invites Valley to Settle Championship on Their Course October 22 and 23.

The Holly Golf Club will hold a tournament as above on their grounds at Holly, which is open to members of clubs from the following towns:

Fowler, Manzanola, Rocky Ford, La Junta, Las Animas, Lamar, Holly in Colorado, and Elkhart, Garden City, and Dodge City in Kansas.

They will be pleased to receive entrance from any individual where clubs are not organized in his particular town.

Holly has a most excellent 9 hole golf course, probably the best natural course in the west. The tournament will bring together a lot of good people who are interested in the growth of the Arkansas valley and many other things besides the game of golf.

The qualifying round will start on the morning of October 22nd at 8 a.m. sharp, each player to be paired by the clerk of our course, 18 holes medal play.

The 8 players with the first low scores and the next 8 players with low scores will play in the championship flight and the pioneer flight, match play.

Handsome silver loving cup will be awarded to the winner in each of these flights.

In addition to this, a box of golf balls will be given to the player making any hole in the least number of strokes. A box of golf balls will be given to the player turning in the highest score for 18 holes, the last two prizes to apply in the qualifying rounds. Other prizes may be added.

Entrance fee is \$1.00 and all applications together with check for \$1.00 should be mailed to the Secretary, E. A. Northrup, Holly, Colo., before October 21st.

How to Reduce Taxes.

The western states are spending too much money on their political overhead—from fifty to eighty dollars per capita.

All who are getting the money are interested in getting more money, having more duties, more fees, more offices and more power.

Money is the concrete power with which politics puts over new schemes to wring money out of the people and raise more taxes.

The dodge of shifting the taxes on some other group should not deceive anyone because it finally must come out of the producer and the consumer.

The only way to reduce taxes is to spend less, cut the overhead cost of government and refuse to vote for every new taxraising law and scheme proposed.

The farmer and the home owner simply cannot go on paying more and more for government.

KICK RIGHT PERSON

People Voted High State Taxes and Should Kick Themselves if They Want to Kick.

The people of the state of Colorado voted themselves the right to legislate for themselves under the initiative and referendum. They then voted by more than three to one to raise the constitutional rate of levy from 4 mills to 5 mills, and voted the extra mill to the state educational institutions. They then voted by over three to one again to give \$350,000 to a hospital in Denver, and then by nearly two to one that five million in bonds be issued for good road construction. The Register is not criticising any of these votes but does criticise those who assisted in securing favorable votes on all these propositions and yet today kick because the state tax levy has been raised. They raise a great smoke screen and try to make believe that the state military and rangers are the cause of the raise. The facts are 43 per cent of state taxes goes to educational institutions, 23 per cent to roads, 18 per cent to institutions for care of insane, blind, etc., and penal institutions, and less than 2 per cent for military purposes. The following letter from C. A. Lemmers, state budget and efficiency commissioner, will give our readers the real cause of the present tax levy, and show that the democratic candidate for governor, who was ruled out of the race because he said it would be impossible to reduce state taxes, was the real honest one of the bunch:

Editor Lamar Register:

In the Lamar Sparks last week appeared an article headed, "Now Kick, Mr. Taxpayer," in which the evident intent was to create dissatisfaction, for political effect, among the taxpayers of your county, because of the probable increase of taxes next year. The editor of said paper leaves the impression that these increased taxes are due to the creation of boards, bureaus, commissions, departments, etc., of state government, if the writer analyzes the following excerpt correctly:

"The present state levy is 35 of a mill above the limit set by the framers of the constitution, who thought they were allowing for more than the state would ever require. That, however, was before the creation of the seventy or more boards and commissions, and before the people began piling additional taxes in the form of mill levies over and above the original constitutional provision."

Of course the presumption that boards, commissions, etc., are responsible for the increase in taxes is incorrect, but assuming that it is correct, do the people of your county know that of the sixty-five boards, bureaus, commissions, departments, etc., created by legislative enactment since the constitution was adopted in 1876, thirty-nine were created by Democratic legislatures and twenty-six by Republican legislatures, and that eight of these branches of government last year brought in revenue to the amount of \$1,800,000 more than the cost of maintaining the entire bunch of boards, bureaus, commissions, etc.?

The increased taxes of which The Sparks speaks, giving the Denver Post as authority for the statement, are due to several causes, to-wit:

1.—Decrease in the assessed valuation, making necessary an increased levy to produce the same amount of money as was demanded by the levy for this year.

2.—Increase of interest payments (\$85,000) due to interest on highway bonds and benefits for the blind voted by the people at the elections of 1920 and 1918 respectively.

3.—About one-half of the increase (\$176,500) due to the first payment on insurance bonds issued in 1909 by reason of the insurrections in Cripple Creek and Telluride in 1904, when the governor had no Rangers to anticipate trouble and prevent insurrections and depended on the state militia, as Candidate Sweet says he proposes to do, if he shall be elected and succeeds in abolishing the Rangers.

4.—About \$20,000 due to act of the

COMPLETE FARM REPORTS

Colorado Agricultural Industry Shows Fine Growth for Year.

Complete reports of county assessors to the State Immigration Department show 5,713,651 acres under cultivation in Colorado this year, compared with 5,357,784 acres reported last year, an increase of more than six per cent. For the country at large it is estimated that there is a decrease of close to one per cent in acreage cultivated this year.

The actual acreage planted to crops in the state for this year's harvest is evidently something more than 6,000,000 acres, as reports from several counties fall considerably short of the total cultivated acreage. It was estimated last year that assessors' reports for the entire state were about 10 per cent short of the cultivated acreage, while indications are that they are from five to seven per cent short this year. The largest increases this year were in acreage devoted to wheat, potatoes and various truck crops.

The number of farms reporting this year is 54,667, compared with 52,245 last year. The actual increase in farms being operated is smaller than these figures indicate, since reports are more complete this year than last. The average number of acres under cultivation per farm is 104.52 acres, compared with 102.55 acres last year and 101.99 acres in 1920. The steady increase in average number of acres cultivated per farm in the state is due to the large increase in the number of non-irrigated farms being operated, all of which are larger in size and have larger acreages under cultivation than the irrigated farms. Many eastern Colorado farms have 1,000 acres or more each under crop this year.

Phillips county ranks first in acreage cultivated per farm, with an average of 281.12 acres for each farm reported. The land in this county is all non-irrigated and the principal crops are wheat and corn. This county also ranks first in per cent of its area under cultivation, with more than 48 per cent. Other counties in the northeast part of the state, lying near Phillips county, all have large acreages under cultivation per farm, as follows: Sedgwick, 182.59; Logan, 170.84; Washington, 187.36; Yuma, 220.45; Kit Carson, 199.37. These are among the leading counties in the state in the production of wheat and corn. The wheat crop in all these counties this year is good, and in some parts of this district the corn crop is the best on record.

Model Farm Wins Prizes at Fair.

The managers of the Anity Canal Model Dairy Farm feel justly proud and gratified over the results of their exhibits at the State Fair at Pueblo, just closing. They exhibited ten out of the 75 Holsteins entered. There were some eight exhibitors in, including all the big herds in the state.

The Model Dairy Farm won eight first prizes, one second prize, two third prizes and three championships. This left only three first prizes and one championship for the other seven big exhibitors. This is surely a remarkable record and proud distinction. —Holly Chieftain.

Republican legislature in 1921, which provided an increased mill levy for live stock inspection throughout the state in the interest and for the benefit of the stockmen of the state.

A perusal of the above statement of facts may go far towards setting your people right as to the reasons for probable increased taxes in 1923. The election of Sweet or Griffith will have no effect whatever on the tax levy, which is absolutely beyond their control, for the people have had a big hand in fixing the tax levies and the people's authority is supreme under the initiative and referendum.

This leaves the issue of law and order as the only real issue in the campaign, and it is not difficult to guess how your people will vote on that proposition.

C. A. LEMMERS,
State Budget Commissioner.

KICK IN SATURDAY

Lamar Savages Open League Season on Local Grounds With Las Animas.

The practice play on Tuesday, the first of the season, showed that the Lamar Savages are up and coming and will be all ready for the opening league season on Saturday. Coach Koonsman



feels that the Las Animas eleven is one of the best in the valley, as it always has been, and is preparing the boys for a hard contest. The game will be played at the football grounds on South Main street and everybody should turn out and see the boys off to a good start. The team has eight letter men on it and several were the leading stars last season so it will not be a green team going into the fight.

The team has an open date the following Saturday, October 14, and it has been invited to go to Denver to play one of the strong high school teams there.

Get a season ticket for the three league games to be played in Lamar, with Las Animas, La Junta and Fowler. Tickets \$1.00.

ELKS MEET

Past Exalted Rulers Night Celebrated and Much Work Done.

Tuesday night was the opening night of the fall sessions of Lamar Lodge No. 1319, B. P. O. Elks, and the meeting was the annual Past Exalted Rulers night of the lodge. The past officers had charge of the lodge and those present were Messrs. Cora R. Strain, Chas. Wooden, R. L. Christy, J. A. Rourke, and G. L. Carrico. A large crowd turned out and the work for the fall and winter sessions was discussed. A number of new subscriptions to the Elks Home Association were secured, and the first batch of petitions towards the big class, that is to be a feature of the celebration of the laying of the corner stone of the new home, was received and filed. The lodge showed signs of renewed life with the beginning of work at the grounds of the new home, and this winter promises to be one of the big seasons in its history.

WORLD SERIES OPENS

Giants Win First Game of the Big Show by a Score 3 to 1.

The baseball fans of Lamar as well as the country are once more earnestly watching the score boards while the big game is on. The Elks Club as usual is getting the returns for Lamar and while there is considerable interest the fact that the series is entirely confined to the City of New York for the second year in succession causes many of the fans to lose a great deal of their former interest. The first game was played today and resulted in a victory for the Giants by a score to 3 to 2. The Yankees made one in the sixth and one in the seventh and the Giants came back with three in the eighth.

Moves Office.

Eli W. Gregg, manager of the Gregg Realty Co., this week moved his offices from the second floor of the Butler block to the north room of Conwell block on the west side of Main street. The new offices are on the ground floor and will better accommodate the large real estate and loan business being handled by the company.