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Announcement.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer and Excise Collector, subject to the decision of either the democratic convention or primary.

J. D. WALKER.

Democratic Principles.

Frank Statement of the Stand Taken by the Democrats of New Mexico.

To the voters of New Mexico: The Territorial democratic committee of the territory of New Mexico, disclaiming any intention to encroach in any manner upon the functions of the representatives of the democratic party when assembled in convention to nominate a candidate for delegate to congress and to declare the principles of the party in accordance with time honored usage...

First—We desire to unite in one harmonious organization all voters of the territory of New Mexico who advocate the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1.

Second—We desire also to unite in the same organization all voters who favor legislation so framed as to maintain democratic principles of taxation and at the same time give to our wool growing interests such measure of protection as to insure that foreign wool is a proper subject of tariff taxation...

We declare that the present tariff law known as the Dingley law, discriminates unjustly against the wool growers of New Mexico in that it provides a tariff tax of 12 cents per pound on foreign wools which compete with the wools grown in the eastern states...

Third—We desire also to unite in the same organization all voters of this territory who favor legislation by congress abolishing the doctrine of non-liability of employers for injuries to employees occasioned by negligence of fellow servants engaged in the same work...

We assert that such legislation is demanded by every consideration of humanity and justice.

Democratic Convention Call.

Pursuant to an order of the democratic executive committee of the county of Eddy made at a meeting held in the town and county of Eddy on the 11th day of June 1898, I hereby call a county convention of the democrats of said county to convene in Eddy on the last Saturday being the 30th day of July 1898.

The convention will assemble for the purpose of electing delegates to the county and representative convention to be hereafter called and for the purpose at that time and place of nominating candidates for county offices unless the said convention should then decide to nominate by primary election, in which event the convention will then set the day for the holding of such primaries and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention.

Each voting precinct will be entitled to one vote in said convention for every ten votes and all fractions over five, cast for the Hon. H. B. Ferguson at the last general election and according to that basis, the plains precinct will be entitled to 2 votes—Malaga 3 votes—Eddy 25 votes—Seven Rivers 4 votes and Hope 5 votes.

The democratic chairmen of the various precincts are hereby requested to call and hold meetings in their respective precincts and choose delegates to attend said convention and according to a resolution passed by the executive committee at its said meeting it is suggested that said chairmen hold their precinct conventions on the 4th Saturday being the 23rd day of July at a suitable hour and place designated by them respectively in a call for that purpose.

S. T. BITTING, Chm.

The Cure for Involuntary Poverty.

Land and labor are the two factors in the production of wealth. There is plenty of land and labor, idle hands beg others for employment.

Then why is there poverty? Because our laws allowing private appropriation of ground rent encourage and sustain speculation in the very basis of mortal existence and place the earth, the natural employer of all labor, out of the reach of the worker. The single tax brings land and labor together by destroying the vacant land industry and thus obliges holders either to use or give up their holdings. Access to the earth solves the problem of involuntary poverty, and the vice intemperance and idleness caused by poverty. You will see the single tax will do it.

A person who never does any thing wrong, scarcely ever does anything.

was the remark of an old and uneducated man, but it is true all the same.

Continual references to sectionalism breeds discord and does no especial good. The people of this county are all New Mexicans no matter of what state they may have formerly been residents. No more cosmopolitan a population ever settled a new district of the west than is now gathered in Eddy county. Nearly every southern state is represented and about all the northern and eastern states and there are all kinds of people from every state; none having a monopoly of all the good or all the bad element. It is therefore very apparent that references to states in summing up the good or the bad is unreasonable. Within a few years a new generation will have grown up, which will know no other land but the beautiful Pecos Valley and the great state of New Mexico with her boundless resources of agriculture, live stock, timber and mineral wealth. Then we will hear nothing about southern people, or northern people, or Texas people, or New York people, but all will be New Mexicans. Until nature shall have done its work let all assist it and labor in unison for the new and growing country, in which the fortunes and lives of so many good people have been cast. Let all sectionalism agitation be thrown to the winds. Though manners and customs of those who come here may differ we remember that it is not for any to say what the sentiments of future generations will be; when the people of the North, South, East and West shall have been related by blood and marriage.

Tom L. Johnson of Ohio is a millionaire and he is frank enough to tell how he came to be so rich. He says: "What the world needs is not charity, but justice. I shall refuse the same as I never issue checks for charitable institutions, and I shall not bequeath money for building churches and libraries. My family shall be well provided for, but the balance of my wealth shall serve to teach the people how to prevent me and others of my kind from robbing them. As long as any person is permitted by the monopolization of natural resources and private ownership of public utilities to accumulate wealth that does not belong to him, just so long will people of my kind be willing to commit such theft. It is my task to open the eyes of the people to the process whereby they foolishly permit themselves to be robbed and point out to them the way to abolish a system which enriches me and impoverishes them."

Delegate Ferguson is to be complimented on his success in finally convincing congress that this territory should at least own its school lands even if not admitted as a state, but it is a most flagrant injustice that this territory with a greater population than Wyoming, Nevada and Arizona combined should be denied admission as a state.

The University of New Mexico has issued its seventh annual catalogue which is most complete and well gotten up, containing the courses of study announcement for 1898 and the student register. The University is a territorial institution located at Albuquerque and has a normal literary commercial, first and second semester courses.

The call for democratic primaries is printed in this issue. All democrats should take an interest and attend the precinct primaries so that good representative men will be sent to the county convention.

Delegate Ferguson's bill granting the territory certain public lands in ad-hoc and is now in the hands of the president; there is ever reason to believe that the president will sign it and that it will become law very shortly. The bill gives to the territory sections 16 and 36 in every township for the support of common schools; 32 sections of the unappropriated non-mineral lands for the erection of public buildings at the state capital; two townships and 65,000 additional acres for university purposes; 100,000 acres for an agricultural college; 500,000 acres for permanent water reservoirs for irrigating purposes; 100,000 acres for the improvement of the Rio Grande in New Mexico; 50,000 acres each for an insane asylum, a school of mines, an institution for the deaf and dumb, an institution for the blind, a miners' hospital, a military institute and a territorial penitentiary; 100,000 acres are given for the maintenance of normal schools and the palace in Santa Fe is also granted to the territory. The lands to which New Mexico will be entitled when admitted to the Union, and which are not granted by this bill will be bestowed upon it at that time.—New Mexican.

Robbery of Private Appropriation of Ground Rent.

This robbery is not like the robbery of a horse or a sum of money that ceases with the act. It is a fresh and continuous robbery, that goes on every day and every hour. It is not from the produce of the

past that rent is drawn; it is from the produce of the present. It is a toll levied upon labor constantly and continuously. Every blow of the hammer, every stroke of the pick, every thrust of the shovel, every throb of the steam engine pays its tribute. It levies upon the earnings of men who deep under the ground, risk their lives and of those who over white surges hang to reeling masts; it claims the just reward of the capitalist and the fruits of the inventor's patient effort; it takes little children from play and school and compels them to work before their bones are hard or their muscles are firm; it robs the shivering from warmth; the hungry of food; the sick of medicine; the anxious of peace. It debases, and embroils, and embitters. It crowds families of eight and ten to a squalid room; it herds like swine agricultural gangs of boys and girls; it fills the gin palace and groggery with those who have no comfort in their homes; it makes lads who might be useful men candidates for prisons and penitentiaries; it fills brothels with girls who might have known the pure joy of motherhood; it sends greed and all evil passions prowling through society as a hard winter drives the wolves to the abodes of men; it darkens faith in the human soul, and across the reflection of a just and merciful Creator draws the veil of a hard, and blind, and cruel fate!—Henry George.

WISE PARROT.

In Captivity, Yet It Lays Eggs Only on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Here are two occurrences far removed from the ordinary. The truth is vouched for by local papers in the neighborhood where they are said to have taken place.

In Ironton, O., Mr. W. H. Horton, a well-known citizen, is the proud possessor of a parrot that lays eggs in captivity. This of itself is said to be remarkable, as these tropical beauties get out of the egg-laying habit when caged. But this bird did more. A year ago she laid an egg on Good Friday and another on Easter Sunday. That was all. This year, remembering the day and date, she did the same thing. Just how she kept track without an almanac is the wonder. She will be watched next year, and if the same thing happens she will be looked upon as a marvel, indeed.

Down near Evansville they had a thunderstorm a week or two ago. A lightning stroke shattered a tree near the house of Dr. Henderson, who lives near the village of St. Phillip. It not only shattered the tree, but it broke every pane of glass in the house. Something like 125 new lights of glass will be needed to make the house just as it was before the lightning played its prank. So severe was the shock that the worshippers in a church hard by thought an earthquake had added its terrors to the thunderstorm then raging.

PAY OF TRAINED NURSES.

Their Duties Are Sometimes Very Arduous, and Continuous Work is Next to Impossible.

The average sum paid to pupil nurses is ten dollars a month for the first year and \$14 a month during the second year, writes Elizabeth Robinson Scovill in the Ladies' Home Journal. The remuneration varies in different institutions. In a few training schools the nurses are paid nothing. After graduation head nurses in hospital wards receive from \$20 to \$30 per month; superintendents from \$500 to \$1,200 a year. District nurses, who are employed by various churches, societies, and sometimes by private benevolence to work among the sick poor, receive about the same salary as a head nurse in a hospital, exclusive of board.

Private nurses receive from \$15 to \$25 a week. They have to pay the rent of a room to use as a headquarters, and their earnings are more or less precarious. It is rare for a nurse to be employed all the time, and her work is so arduous that it would be impossible for her to stand the strain of continuous work.

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