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Joint Statehood.

The bill of creating one state of New Mexico and Arizona has not been drafted, so far as the public is aware, and it may not be during this session of congress. Nothing has so much surprised the Beveridge crowd as the manner in which the mere suggestion of a merger of the two territories has been received by the people. The proposition was found to be alarmingly popular, from Beveridge's standpoint, and it is probable for this reason that the substitute bill has not been pushed. As a matter of course the New Mexico politicians have cried aloud against any such measure, but the people generally, and some of the leading newspapers, which are closer to the people than the politicians, have either passively or positively endorsed the idea of the two territories coming in as one state. The substitute proposition has also been rather popular with Roosevelt and anti-statehood senators, who will eagerly accept it rather than have Cuban reciprocity and trust legislation defeated at this session. Roosevelt has informed "strikers" in the senate that some legislation to regulate trusts as well as upon the question of Cuban reciprocity, is absolutely essential to success for the republican ticket in 1904. It is for this reason generally conceded that a substitute for the omnibus bill as suggested would stand a much better chance for passage than the present bill.

It is not yet known that the omnibus bill will fail to pass the senate, but it is almost certain that Roosevelt will veto should it receive favorable consideration at the hands of the senate. He is at last outspoken in his opposition and in this has again shown the white feather, in the face of the antagonism which he considers so formidable. Statehood has no friend in the white house.

If it be true that joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona can be secured as a compromise measure, and if it be true that a majority of the people of the two territories really desire statehood, they will do well to take advantage of an opportunity to come in as one state. The iron is hot. It may be a decade before statehood question will again receive the prominence and attention it

receives at the present day, and a failure to take the advantage offered may be recalled in future as a lost opportunity. As between single statehood and joint statehood it is merely a question of sentiment; as no serious argument for or against the proposition is being advanced. It would kill a few prominent boodlers and politicians in this territory, perhaps, but who cares for that. A new regime at the capital would be a blessing.—Roswell Journal.

Local Option in Taxation.

To-Capitan Progress:

As the law-makers of New Mexico are assembled at Santa Fe, making laws for our people to obey, although nine-tenths of the people never see or know what these laws are, permit me space in your enterprising paper to comment on some of the laws already on the statutes governing our system of taxation.

The supreme court of the United States has said "that in the power to tax is the power to destroy." The reverse of this proposition is also true. There is found in the power to tax the power to build up—to give new life, new energy to the industries of the country—to make happy homes and a prosperous people.

In water we find the power to destroy life, yet without water animal life could not exist. The same can be said of fire. By the application of fire to water we generate a third power, and by its use man, by the simple twist of his wrist, exerts more power

than that of all the heats of the earth. We have laced the air with wire and called the lightning from the heavens and make it bear our messages around the world, and thus annihilate space and supersede time.

These and many other agencies of destruction we have learned to control and use to greatly aid us in the production and distribution of those things which go to satisfy human wants and desires—wealth.

But in the power of taxation we are as helpless as children. Our law-makers do not seem to understand that in this great agency is the power to give free scope to the energies of the people, and build up every productive industry.

Yet it is used only to build up

great monopolies in the interest of a powerful minority, at the expense of the interests of all others.

If a man employs labor to build houses and improve the country, he is required to pay a tax or fine. If he does not build and improve he is not taxed or fined. Hence we offer by our system a premium for laziness and fine the industrious. Rob a chicken house and we are fined once; build a chicken house and we are fined every year; get drunk and shoot up and "paint the town red," we are fined once; improve the town and paint the houses white, we are fined every year; if we turn a desert into a garden we are punished by an increase of taxes; turn a garden into a desert and we are rewarded by a reduction of taxes; ~~Verify, we are a great people.~~

Our law-makers have been all these years making laws, taxing and fining those who employ labor in improving their homes and the towns and cities in which they live.

Shakespeare was right when he said, "What fools these mortals be."

We would suggest that our wise men at Santa Fe pass a law which will give the people in each county the right to say by their votes what class or classes of property shall be taxed to raise public revenues needed for local purposes.

If an act for local option in taxation for local purposes be passed, the people by their combined intelligence may adopt a system of taxation that will build up, instead of destroy, the industries of the people as a whole.

It is believed that there is a natural way to raise revenue for public needs, by taxation, just as it is natural for man to walk upon his feet instead of his hands.

It is perfectly reasonable to say that public revenue should be taken from that fund which will least restrict the production of wealth. If a law is passed giving us local option in taxation, the intelligence of the people will soon discover the fund from which to derive the revenue, that will not only not restrict, but increase the production of wealth.

M. de Lavelaye said: "In all the affairs of men there is an order which is best. It is not always the order which exists,

but it is the one which should exist for the good and happiness of humanity."

To whoever will think it must appear that a tax on the products of labor will restrict production, increase the cost, reduce wages and make it easier to corner the things labor produces.

Now, notice the different effect that a tax on land according to its value will have. It can not restrict production, as land is not produced by labor; it will reduce the price, increase the production of wealth and increase wages, and render it impossible to corner the things produced, or to monopolize the industries.

As this question directly affects the interest of the whole people, morally, socially, industrially and politically, we ask space to make some other suggestions touching such a fiscal change.

ALPHA.

Hondo, Jan. 28, 1903.

Hendricks in Jail.

A large crowd was at the depot on Wednesday afternoon to witness the return of Nathan Hendricks, who is under arrest for the murder of Will Rainbolt. The train was on time and Sheriff Higgins with his prisoner was aboard. Hendricks looks much as he did when he left here, and was followed to the jail by a curious crowd. The trip from Carrington, N. D., to Roswell was without incident. The following is taken from the Jamestown (N. D.) Daily Capital, descriptive of the arrest:

"Hendricks was located by a Pinkerton detective, who entered the employ of Hendricks' father at Robey, Tex. The old folks told the supposed farm hand that their son had been married in North Dakota. The arrest speedily followed.

"Hendricks had married a respectable girl at Carrington, and was well liked, being steady and industrious. The parting of Hendricks and his wife was very affecting.

"Arthur Hendricks, Nathan's brother, disappeared from Carrington last fall.

"Hendricks submitted to arrest quietly, but no chances were taken. From his capture he was kept heavily ironed."—Roswell Record.

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Hon. W. A. McIvers of Nogal, one of the minority in the house of the present legislative assembly, is greatly interested in mining and oil propositions and looks eagerly forward to the day when the extension of the Santa Fe Central shall be built from Torrance to Roswell. Mr. McIvers is manager of the New Mexico Oil and Development company, and has prospected all that country from the mal pais to Gran Quivira. Optic.

The conviction and sentence to death of Colonel Lynch is, of course, all right according to the English law, but in these times we should not try a man for high treason without good cause, outside of technicalities and as a rule an Irishman don't love England, anyway.

The Colorado legislature has been having a high old time, but the Democratic majority finally returned that old-time silver man, Henry M. Teller, to the United States senate. Wolcott fought hard but could not win.

The wind bloweth whereth listeth, but we would like to know where it bloweth in Capitan and for what reason.

Lincoln Items.

The wind is blowing constantly music and real estate in the air.

Judge Pridemore, foreman of the Block ranch, was here Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

S. M. Parker, one of White Oaks old timers, is in town on business will remain only a short time.

George Senta, an old resident of this place, is here visiting and shaking hands with his many friends.

Len Braum is in from his ranch near White Oaks. He has one of the best ranges in that part of the country.

Constable Langston landed Tobe Long behind the bars. He was bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

School with Prof. Gonzalez as

principal and Miss Craig assistant is progressing splendidly, nearly one hundred pupils. Mexican children are learning the English language rapidly.

The body of a man was found in the Capitan mountains near Blue Water. Judge Walters impaneled a jury and held inquest Tuesday. Parties who were there report he was found in a dense thicket, and the mountain so steep they were compelled to walk several miles. The body had been there several months and was badly decayed, two front teeth out, had razor in pants pocket, and on the back of his vest the initials J. M. J. He was not otherwise identified, and there was nothing to show that he had been murdered.

Hotel.

A 10-room hotel for sale or rent near depot, North Capitan. See J. P. Dodson, South Capitan.

Unconscious From Croup.

During a sudden and terrible attack of croup our little girl was unconscious from strangulation, says A. L. Spafford, postmaster, Chester, Mich., and a dose of One Minute Cough Cure was administered and repeated often. It reduced the swelling and inflammation, cut the mucus and shortly the child was resting easy and speedily recovered. It cures coughs, colds, lagrippe and all throat and lung troubles. One Minute Cough Cure lingers in the throat and chest and enables the lungs to contribute pure, health-giving oxygen to the blood. Robert Hurt.

Nogal Notes.

Carnivalites returning all have muddy feet.

Grandma Moore's residence is undergoing repairs.

Mr. Morris has gone to Alamo-gordo to work at his trade.

A. T. Roberts was shaking hands with the boys Saturday.

James Burlinson of Lincoln was in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Joe Cochran and family have returned from a visit to their old home in Texas.

A magic lantern show has been furnishing attraction for the children this week.

Bad colds are prevalent among the children, keeping many of them from school.

Mrs. S. S. Doak has returned from a trip to the eastern states, in search of sunshine.

W. J. Henley and family are visiting their daughter Mrs. Hyde on Three Rivers.

F. C. Matteson of Capitan was in attendance at the installation of the K. of P. officers, which was a very pleasant affair.

Richard Shanklin has been very

low with pneumonia but is improving slowly. It will be several days before he will be out.

Ira Sanger has returned from a trip to the northern part of the territory. He now fully understands what "snow bound" means.

Mrs. Amos Eaker and daughters Bertha and Myrtle have gone to Arroyo Acequia to spend the week with Mrs. Adams, another daughter.

Dislocated Her Shoulder.

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Fergus Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep, which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief that it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by Robert Hurt, druggist.

DIED—Monday morning, a little child of Mr. and Mrs. Will Chanler, one of our Capitan Mountain ranchmen.

A Man Found Dead.

In the Capitan mountains, near Raton Springs, a man was found dead Tuesday. He could not be identified, but was elderly, wore overalls had on a slicker marked J. M. J. and had been dead, evidently four to six months. The coroner and a jury went out from Lincoln to investigate. The vest was also marked J. M. J.

Dr. Curry, post surgeon at Fort Bayard, is reported to be dying. His wife has been summoned from Savanna, Ga.

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