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The Schoolhouse Bonds.

There was no opposition to the issue of the schoolhouse bonds, at the election last Monday. Mr. Geo. Sosa, who seems to be a leading spirit in the movement, says that as soon as the necessary preliminaries are over, such as calling the bonds, running the boundary lines of the school district, etc., the work of building will be pushed as fast as possible, that the house may be ready for the school at the beginning of the fall term. The building is to be of stone, the material to be taken from a ledge of sandstone near town. The site is not fully decided upon, but an elevation nearly south of the present schoolhouse is favored by many.

Jay Gould, who is traveling with his family and physician, is expected at El Paso shortly. This fact taken in connection with the following, clipped from the El Paso Herald, of the 8th, may mean business:

Mr. Morris H. Locko writes to friends in this city that he has about concluded arrangements for all the money needed to build, equip and operate the White Oaks railroad, and open up the coal mines at White Oaks. Mr. Locko says he has had a long time but has finally succeeded, and that his parties are in Chicago, where he will join them in a few days and the negotiations be closed. M. L. and his party expect to be in El Paso this month, and make a tour of the line to White Oaks.

The New York World says that preparations are being made for another Cuban revolution on a more formidable scale than any yet attempted. Eight thousand Cubans in this country, it is said, stand ready to join the movement. The little matter of arms and supplies is not mentioned.

The annual encampment of the Texas department of the G. A. R. occurs at El Paso, on the 23d, 24th and 25th of this month. There will be an excursion, at that time, from El Paso to the City of Mexico. The Mexican Central railroad has offered a round trip rate equal to \$27.50 United States currency, and all the railroad lines leading to El Paso have made low rates to that point.

The new Southern Pacific time card went into effect on the 7th. This reduces the time between New Orleans and San Francisco twelve hours. Only four days are now required for the trip between the two cities.

The Republican Territorial Convention for the selection of delegates to the National Convention at Minneapolis, is to be held at Silver City on Thursday, April 11th next.

Within 52 years Mexico has had 24 presidents, one regency and one empire, and nearly every change of government has been effected by violence.

Italy, France and Sweden are the arbiters in the Bohring case arbitration.

Statehood.

The New York Sun says: The Territory of New Mexico has a better chance of statehood, and a better right to it, than any of the other applicants for it. Its population is about three times as large as that of Oklahoma at this time.

The last census showed that its population is greater than that of the states of Idaho and Wyoming combined, and three times that of the state of Nevada. It is a fine grain-growing country; it has rich mining interests, and extensive industries of many kinds; it attracts a steady stream of immigrants, and it has enjoyed unusual prosperity within recent years.

As far back as 1874, both houses of congress voted for a bill to admit New Mexico into the union as a

state, and this bill failed to become law merely because the conference committee of the two houses could not come to an agreement over some of its details. Ever since that time, or for eighteen years past, the voters of New Mexico have been desirous of statehood, but congress has steadily refused to grant it, and the only objection to the granting of it has been that there is an incongruous meddle of races in New Mexico, and that but a small proportion of the voters understand the American political system.

If this objection ever had any force it lost all that force by the rapid advancement of the New Mexico people and the growth of education among them. There are many members of congress of both parties who now take the ground that the Sun took on this subject a month ago, when it said, editorially, that, as soon as the gates of the quiet are opened for the admission of a Territory to statehood, New Mexico should be the first Territory to come in.

If New Mexico be kept out through the action, or inaction, of the senate, its exclusion will be owing to the fact that the overwhelming majority of its voters are democratic. And this is a ground for exclusion that is certainly very discreditable to those who stand upon it. The chances are against admission of any new state until after the presidential election.

Morgan L. Ott, wholesale hardware merchant, and Gibbs Lamb, banker, both residents of Wheeling; West Virginia came down from the north Monday with Mr. Ferguson. They know the distinguished Albigesian attorney back in Wheeling who is a struggling lawyer, and are glad to note his prosperity since his residence in New Mexico. The gentlemen are interested in the "Old Abe" mine at White Oaks, and with Mr. Ferguson will leave on a visit to the property to-morrow night.—Citizen.

Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls has again taken the field in Kansas. Representative John J. Kendall of Kentucky, who was stricken with paralysis March 7, died the next night at 9 o'clock.

All the officers and leading employees of the Louisiana State lottery have been arraigned before the United States court, charged with violating the anti-lottery postal law, under indictment found in Trenton, N.J. This makes the 14th indictment which they have been called on to answer in as many different States.

Mrs. Gladstone's first article in the series of "Hints from a Mother's Life," which she has written for The Ladies' Home Journal, will be printed in the April issue of that periodical.

The death of Professor Theodore Mommsen, the historian, was announced from Kiel, Germany, on February 8th. Prof. Mommsen was one of the last of the dwindling group of scholars to whose genius is due the golden age of Germany's universities. He was born on Nov. 30th, 1817, at Gerdine, Holstein.

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