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SATURDAY, AUGUST 17.

The constitutional convention will be a success.

"Turn the rascals out" seems to be the widespread sentiment of the country.

It ought to be easy enough to smash the table glassware trust, from the very nature of things.

There is a strong tide of immigration moving into the panhandle of Texas. It is soon bound to reach New Mexico. Let it come, the sooner the better.

By the line what it says, the fact remains that the road reaching San Pedro and the rich mineral regions of Santa Fe country first will reap a rich harvest.

"Don't talk" has been President Harrison's motto all his life. He practices what he preaches. He is specially living up to it in his present visit to New England.

Never fear, the constitutional convention will be conducted upon an economic basis and its proceedings will be a credit to the territory and the Republican party.

Idaho has her constitution ready and will try to get in at the next session of congress. Idaho is progressive and wide awake. New Mexico is getting her constitution ready.

The advertising this territory will receive from the holding of a constitutional convention and from the adoption of a good constitution will be very beneficial and in the right direction.

YOUNG ALAN G. THURMAN announces his withdrawal from the candidacy for governor of Ohio on the Democratic ticket. A noble young man. There is no use being wicked for the present, he thinks.

Gov. Hill, of New York, wants to be vindicated by an election to the presidency of the United States. As he never, there are a few in our area in the same fix, he may find it not as easy a job as it might be.

A YOUNG MAN, FRANK C. BOND by name has just been arrested at Lockport, N. Y., for forging a check for \$20,000. He received a week salary, and lived at the rate of about \$200 a week. Ambitious young men who live above their means must sooner or later come to grief.

CONGRESSMAN SURVIVOR General Julian's removal from the Raton Range remarks:

There will be no extensive effort on the part of the Raton Range to oust General Julian from the public office, at which he has subsisted for the past four years to the detriment of this territory.

A CABLE DISPATCH announces that Mrs. Langtry will not return to the United States this year, and that she will remain in Paris during the remainder of the year. Sad, to be sure; but we will endeavor to worry along with out the old girl. This reminds us that she is over 40, and ought to retire any way.

CONCERNING THE VIST of the senate committee on irrigation to New Mexico, to advise the people of the several localities that are to be visited to make the necessary preparations. Committees to properly receive and entertain the senator should be appointed. Wake up, gentlemen, time is fleeting.

AMERICAN colleges spend a great deal of money, and despite recent gifts to the colleges which amounted to \$3,000,000 a whole, these institutions it is said do not have sufficient money and feel financially embarrassed. Yale, college it is reported, needs \$2,000,000. Harvard a much, and Columbia college requires \$4,000,000.

The earnings of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad company for the first seven months of this year were \$12,041,126, as against \$11,974,204 for the same period of last year. The excellent crop in Kansas and Texas this year are expected to largely increase the company's business for the remainder of the year over that of last year.

The steady and judicious advertising given the rich mineral regions of Santa Fe county by the New Mexican is bearing fruit, and good fruit at that. The attention of eastern capitalists is thus being drawn to the region and the investment of eastern capital there being brought about. The New Mexican's work counts in this case, as in all others it takes a hand in.

His honor the chief justice has not declined as yet to give any explanation to the people of this territory as to how it happened that the fees in his court have suffered such a tremendous fall this year when they go into the territorial treasury from the amounts collected in 1887 and 1888, when they went into the pockets of his clerk and probably elsewhere. The people would like to know how such a thing came about.

DESERT LANDS.

One of the most important committees appointed by the senate to make investigations during the summer, says the Western World, published at Chicago, is the committee on desert lands. This committee, in connection with the geological survey, is now preparing to enter actively upon its work and will start from St. Paul, as headquarters, in July. The purpose is no less than to ascertain whether it will be practicable to reclaim an area equal to 100,000 square miles, or about 100,000,000 acres, which is half of the entire cultivated land in the United States at present, and is worth in money many millions of dollars. Eminent scientists are of the opinion this can be done. The project is based upon the idea first given to the public some ten years ago by Major Powell, the present director of the geological survey. In his report upon the arid lands west of the tenth meridian, Major Powell has been continuing his investigations since that time and has induced congress to adopt his theory, namely:

That it is possible to reclaim a very large portion of this arid region and to make it available for agricultural purposes. But it is not to be understood that it is the purpose of the geological survey of the senate committee or of the government to do the actual work of irrigation itself and to improve this land in order that private persons may have the benefit of the expenditures which the government would make in that direction. Nothing of the sort is contemplated. The theory of the entire work is that the actual irrigation of the land is the proper province either of private capital or of the states or territories, and that the only function that the government can properly perform in this connection is to determine whether or not the theories which have been laid down as to the possibility of reclaiming this land, are practicable.

The government proposes not to irrigate the land for the people, but to determine whether or not private capital can be profitably employed in the experiment necessary to do this. In other words, the government steps in as the agent of all the people to settle a scientific question whether it is possible to do what they Major Powell and those who have become interested with him, believe is practicable. The western states and territories, within whose jurisdiction the arid land is located, are convinced that this work is practicable. The best proof of this is that the state of Nevada has already appropriated a large sum of money to be used in connection with the inquiry which the government is about to make.

REFERRING to the recent outrage at Atlanta, the Atlanta Constitution quotes a prominent Democratic state official as follows:

"I don't approve of this burning of effigies. Of course, I understand Gen. Lewis' conduct most entirely, but I think if he had been quietly ignored and the people of Atlanta had refused to recognize him socially, and so confined him to the society of the negroes he loves so much, he would have felt much more. And the country would not have been given to the people of the north to make a suffering martyr of him. I am afraid the whole affair will be misrepresented in the northern papers."

We do not see where any misrepresentation of the affair can possibly come in. The facts are simply this: Col. Lewis, the postmaster at Atlanta, appointed a young colored man, Penny by name, to a clerkship in the postoffice. The young man had passed the civil service examination, had received the highest percentage and had been certified by the civil service commission to the postmaster as first on the list of eligibles. For thus doing his duty, the postmaster and Col. Lewis, a strong Republican and a most excellent gentleman, incurred the wrath of the Atlanta fire eaters, and they were both burned in effigy, are being taken to have the effigy representing Col. Lewis, but one arm, as he is a one-armed man, having lost his other arm while gallantly fighting for his country and the nation. There can be no misrepresentation in the case. The facts are all that is necessary, and they speak so strongly that the affair needs no further comment.

This sort of business, kept up by the "chivalry" of the south, hurts no one but the south, and of course makes it self, wherever there is an intelligent public opinion, for the Republican party. It can not be otherwise. Fair play may not be much thought of in the solid south, but it is still considered quite a jewel in the north and west.

No one expected the high and mighty bosses, namely, the justices of the peace of this country, to obey the law and make quarterly reports of the business done by them and turn in moneys collected for fines, etc., into the county fund. They are too great for that. But the indictment found against them by the grand jury for violations of the law may teach them a wholesome lesson. It is about time that they were made to believe that they are as amenable to the law as other people. This country has had as bad (with few exceptions) a set of justices of the peace as could well be gotten together. As now, however, the election of school directors, ditch overseers and justices of the peace and constables has been taken away from the holding of the general assembly and territorial elections, and in a measure has been made non-political. It is to be hoped that the people of this county will select and elect better men to these very important places.

MENJAS has a preacher who, in all human probability, will not preach to any alarming degree against the extreme selfishness of gambling. It is the Rev. Frederick Meyer. The reason that the reverend gentleman will in future preserve a non-committal attitude when the subject of lotteries is under discussion is because he is \$5,000 ahead of the game. Unfortunately his congregation refuses to look at the matter in the same light, and will probably make him trouble. But this is only what might be expected, the congregation didn't win anything.

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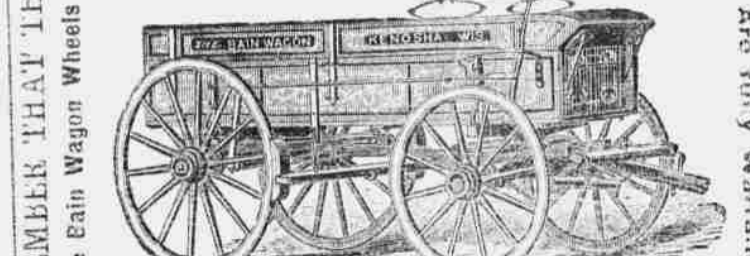
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