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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

A convention of the Republican party of the county of Santa Fe is hereby called to meet at the court house in the city of Santa Fe at 11 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, the 11th day of October, 1890, for the purpose of nominating candidates for county and legislative offices.

The precincts will be entitled to the following representation:

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W. M. BERGER, Secretary.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR DELEGATE TO THE 32ND CONGRESS.
MARIANO S. OTERO,
of Bernalillo County.

Just now home politics overshadow everything.

SPEAKER REED is all right, and what's more will continue to be all right.

The Democrats of Colorado have nominated Judge Caldwell Yerman, of Trinidad, for governor. He will do as well to be beaten as any other man they could have nominated.

In the course of human events, it seems well assured, that Senator Henry M. Teller will succeed himself as senator from the Centennial state. Colorado could do no better.

The gang running the anti-statehood campaign does not believe in the proverb "devise not evil against thy neighbor." Quite the reverse, the gang does nothing else but devise evil; it is their nature.

Despite the political turmoil and the lies and falsehoods, circulated among the people by the bosses on the anti-statehood committee, the climate of New Mexico is still as perfect as perfect can be.

No matter what happens on the 7th of October next, the good fight for the people must be continued and won on the 4th of November next, and it looks as if the Republican party would win the good fight.

Get a copy of the constitution and read it. The document speaks for itself. It is a just, fair, liberal and progressive document and was framed for the benefit of the whole people and for decades to come.

Mr. Joseph, candidate for re-election for delegate to congress, would greatly oblige the people if he would define his status on the land grant question. He is a claimant to a very large amount of land under Mexican land grant titles; how does he stand upon the question?

The chances for the passage of the bill establishing a land court for the adjudication and settlement of Spanish and Mexican land grants in New Mexico, seem to be going glimmering for this session; where, oh where, is Delegate Joseph? Echo answers, where?

The gang that is now running the anti-statehood campaign upon a platform of falsehood and deceit hates Santa Fe as the devil hates holy water. The effrontery and impudence of the gang therefore in asking citizens of Santa Fe to vote against statehood and against the constitution is simply astonishing.

The people are becoming daily more favorable to statehood and to the adoption of the constitution and the fight that the bosses and fellows in charge of the Democratic machine are making is helping the cause of statehood along. The more they lie and the more falsehoods they spread about the matter, the better for the constitution and statehood. They are being hoisted by their own petards. It pays to be honest, in business, in private life and in politics, but the bosses running the anti-statehood campaign do not believe it. Wait and see!

In its campaign against statehood, the adoption of the constitution and welfare, advancement and progress of the people of New Mexico, the Democratic central committee acts upon the following: "Doubtless the pleasure is as great, of being cheated as to cheat." The above said gang believes that the people of New Mexico like to be cheated, judging from the manner in which it acts.

The following from Pliny Jun., Chap. I, line 18, is respectfully referred to the Democratic executive committee: "Never do anything concerning the rectitude of which you have any doubt." If the Democratic executive committee heeded these lines, it will for the remainder of the campaign conduct the same more decently and with more regard for truth and veracity. But we presume the good advice is lost. The members of the anti-statehood committee are not built that way.

The fight now is for the constitution, for statehood, for New Mexico and for the people as against the bosses and corrupt politicians opposing statehood for selfish, wicked and dishonest reasons. By and by we will make the welkin ring with our fight for our ticket. All in good time. One thing at a time. There is no partisan feeling with the New Mexican in its fight for the constitution, for statehood and for the good of the whole people. Time enough for the partisan fight after this all important and over-shadowing question is disposed of and the constitution carried.

This paper would like to see Hon. Pedro Perea re-elected to the territorial council. He is a hard-working legislator, an honest man, and follows his convictions of right in every instance. He is the author of the finance law in force in this territory, which is saving thousands of dollars yearly to the people. While not a brilliant talker, Mr. Perea is a worker, and it is such men who do the real work in legislative bodies.—Albuquerque Citizen.

The New Mexican heartily seconds the above. A better man than Hon. Pedro Perea to represent Bernalillo county could not be found in New Mexico. The county of Bernalillo will honor and benefit itself and the territory by re-electing Mr. Pedro Perea to represent it in the upper branch of the 29th legislative assembly.

The gang ticket nominated last Saturday for candidates for offices in this Santa Fe county, wants another chance at the public crib. It seems as if the gang had fared enough already. Defeat the gang at the coming election, tax payers and honest citizens of this county, and inaugurate an honest and economical county government thereby. The gang has been tried and found wanting. If you give it another chance, you will simply have the same condition of affairs as have existed during the past two years over again and in a very aggravated form. These promises to do better and be honest in the future are moonshine, the merest moonshine, and no man of the least intelligence ought to be taken in by them.

A SPECIMEN LIE.

As a sample of the deliberate lies with which the campaign against the constitution is being conducted, we call attention to a statement made in a circular addressed "To The Voters of New Mexico," signed "W. B. Childers, chairman territorial Democratic central committee," and "Felix Martinez, secretary."

On the second page of this remarkable prediction, we find the following with regard to the provisions in the constitution as to impeachments:

"If the governor is obnoxious he may be removed from office by a simple majority vote of a quorum of the lower house of the legislature."

Section 9 of article IV of the constitution, provides that "a majority of either house shall constitute a quorum to do business." So that, if Mr. Childers told the truth, thirteen representatives, little more than one-fourth of the whole house—forty-seven in number—could remove a governor. But section 27 of the same article is as follows:

"Sec. 27. The power of impeachment shall be vested in the house of representatives, but a majority of all the members of the house shall concur to direct an impeachment. All impeachments shall be tried by the senate and when organized for the purpose of such trial the chief justice of the supreme court of the state shall preside, unless he is impeached or otherwise disqualified, when the senate shall elect a presiding officer and no person shall be convicted except upon the vote of two-thirds of the senators elected. Any person convicted shall be removed from office, and may, in addition, be forever disqualified from holding any office or voting in this state; but such trial shall not be a bar to a criminal prosecution on civil action."

Instead of a majority of a quorum having any power in matters of impeachment, as Mr. Childers would have the voters believe, a majority of all the members of the house—not less than twenty-four—is required to direct an impeachment.

No language can be found too strong to characterize the infamy of such doings as this; none but the bosses running this

campaign would be willing to succeed by the use of such methods. They are intended only for people who may not have read the constitution, of whom, however, the number is daily decreasing.

ONE PER CENT ENOUGH.

The Democrats have evidently discovered that their criticism of the constitution on account of the 1 per cent limit of taxation was a boomerang, which was not doing any harm to the cause of statehood, but was very likely to react with serious effect upon the opposition. In fact, the people only needed to have their attention called to the fact to see that this 1 per cent limit was one of the wisest provisions of the constitution—one that would guarantee economy in the administration of the state government, and be a safeguard to the people against excessive taxation.

It is just such a clause as is contained in the constitutions of nearly all the western states, and, as the Citizen has already said, if the framers of the pending instrument had not incorporated such a provision, the Democrats would have raised a deafening howl on account of its omission. We have examined the constitutions of some ten or fifteen states, within the last few days, and find such a clause in all of them. We find, also, that none of them place the limit above 1 per cent, while many of them put it considerably below the point—the majority fixing it at from one-half to three-quarters of 1 per cent, and if an 8-mill tax is sufficient for our purpose now, certainly a 10-mill tax will be more than sufficient, with the greatly enlarged volume of taxable property which is sure to follow the admission of the territory as a state.

There is no reason why our expenses as a state should be greater than those of neighboring states, yet the tax limit in Colorado is 6 mills on the dollar, instead of 10, as proposed for New Mexico, and in the California papers which came yesterday we find a personal card from one of the nominees for governor of the state, in which he asserts that the present levy of one-half of 1 per cent is more than necessary, and pledges himself, if elected, to so administer the government that the rate can be reduced. Now, if one-half of 1 per cent is more than enough for that state, certainly the whole of 1 per cent ought to be enough for New Mexico. Unless the state should have the misfortune to fall into the hands of the Democratic party, it would certainly not be so extravagant as to need a tax levy more than twice as great as that required to maintain the government of the great state of California.—Albuquerque Citizen.

A VERY ROCKY RECORD.

The Sum of Over \$25,000 Collected But Unaccounted for by Sheriff Chavez—Tax Payers, Heed.

The following is a statement of the accounts of Francisco Chavez, sheriff of Santa Fe county, as taken from the books of the sheriff and county clerk:

Total taxes and fees, etc., charged to taxpayers, etc., during the year, 1889	\$308,967.44
Discollected as per Chavez's statement for grand jury, February 15, 1890	\$100,128.07
Cash to county and territory, 1889 to 1890, commissions, etc., to April 4, 1890	\$20,771.28
Errors and omissions, etc., added	208.27
Balance short	\$4,278.82

The above \$4,278.82 is the amount Mr. Chavez was short prior to his last term, which ended January 1, 1889.

The following shows the condition of his accounts since January 1, 1889, when his term began:

Total taxes and fees, etc., charged to taxpayers, etc., during the year, 1889	\$11,782.14
Cash to territory and county, 1889 to 1890, commissions, etc., to April 4, 1890	2,400.47
Balance	\$9,381.67
Note—Sheriff refuses to open these books and show amount collected. These levies have previously been collected promptly.	
Total tax levies in 1889, given to sheriff for collection, Sept. 28, 1889	\$74,702.46
Uncollected as per sheriff's tax roll	32,416.09
Amount collected	\$42,286.37
Cash to county and territorial treasurers and 2 per cent commission on same, payments made Nov. 6, Dec. 5, 1889, and Feb. 12, 1890, except \$1,414.83 on school fund March 16, April 4, 1890	30,431.38
Balance of collections still in sheriff's hands	\$11,824.99

This gives a total amount of \$25,395.48 still in possession of the sheriff. It must also be remembered that the law requires the sheriff to turn over all funds in his possession on the 10th of each month to the territorial and county treasurers, and that he has made no payments to either the territorial or county treasurers since February 12, 1890, except in school funds March 4 and April 4, 1890, to the amount of \$1,414.83.

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REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

We, the Republican party of the territory of New Mexico, in convention assembled, at Albuquerque, the 13th day of September A. D. 1890, reaffirm the principles of the Republican party as set forth in the Republican platform of 1888, and we endorse the actions of President Harrison, and of the 51st congress in giving effect to the same. And we especially thank the president for calling the attention of congress in his messages to New Mexico and her wants and the necessity for a speedy settlement of our land claims; and we also thank the senate of the United States for making a special order, during the present congress, the consideration of a bill to create a land court to settle our land titles, and urgently impress upon congress the necessity for speedy action in the enactment of some law to that end.

We commend the recent action of the Republican members of both houses of congress, in passing the silver bill, as a wise, salutary and good beginning; but a still larger increase of our circulating medium is imperatively demanded, and we urge the passage of a law removing all restrictions from the coinage of silver productions of the United States, and we earnestly endorse and hereby approve the action of a Republican congress and administration in imposing a duty on lead ores, in the bill which has lately passed congress, by means of which the miners and mining interests of our territory have been protected from foreign competition and mining property greatly enhanced in value, and we condemn the Democratic party for opposing the same.

We endorse the tariff legislation carried through against the persistent and violent opposition of the Democratic party, whereby wool, the greatest product of New Mexico, has been permanently placed beyond the competition of the cheap products of Australia.

The Republican party remembers with gratitude the services of the former soldiers of the nation in defence of its integrity, and thanks congress for the passage of the dependent pension bill, as well as a vast number of private pension bills, many of which were vetoed by Grover Cleveland.

We thank the present administration and congress for the repeal of the obnoxious law, enacted by a Democratic administration, whereby there were excluded from entry and purchase all the public lands west of the 100th meridian, and for removing the obstructions, placed by the Democratic party, in the way of the settlers in obtaining titles to their lands and homes. Also for the liberal aid extended to our agricultural college and agricultural interests, appropriating for us more than \$30,000 annually.

We charge upon the Democratic party, the responsibility for the enactment of the so-called alien law, about three years since, by means of which foreign capital has been forbidden to come within our territory and foreign money has been turned away from us, thereby creating a scarcity in financial resources, absolutely stopping investments in our mines and real estate, and almost stopping all business.

To this act alone we attribute the depressed condition of business in this and all other territories.

We condemn our present delegate in congress for silently folding his arms and quietly permitting, without a protest, the passage of the two laws before referred to, and charge him with neglect of his duty and the abandonment of the best interests of our people and territory by making no effort to prevent the passage of said laws and for making no effort to secure their repeal.

Resolved, That we admire and praise the prudence, courage and common sense of Thomas B. Reed, speaker of the national house of representatives in throttling and destroying the revolutionary habit of filibustering, thereby enabling the majority to enact the people's will into positive law, and we rejoice with the friends of free men and progress everywhere at his triumphant re-election by an increased majority.

The Republican party of New Mexico declares itself as unequivocally in favor at all times of the admission of New Mexico into the union of states, under any possible circumstances, as the one essential condition of our progress and advancement, without which our great natural resources will remain comparatively unknown and undeveloped.

We heartily approve of the action of the constitutional convention in fixing a date for the submission of the constitution to the people, apart from the time of the general election, so as to remove the question of statehood from the possible disturbance of partisan political feeling, thus affording an opportunity to all progressive and patriotic citizens to vote in favor of our admission to the union freed from the embarrassment of ordinary political elections; and we earnestly call on every friend of New Mexico, who has the public welfare at heart, and who is entitled to vote, to go to the polls on the 7th of October next, and cast his vote for the best interests of New Mexico, irrespective of party.

We earnestly insist that the question of statehood for New Mexico is not and ought not to be an issue of a partisan political character. And we deeply regret as unpatriotic and unstatesmanlike the effort, by the representatives of the Democratic party, recently assembled in convention at Silver City, to bring this question, which rises above all political factions, down to a fight between the two parties.

We endorse and approve the territorial administration of Gov. Prince as clean, wise and able, eminently satisfactory to the people of New Mexico at home and adding to the credit and estimation of the territory abroad, and we point with great satisfaction to the decrease in the expenses of the territory and the reduction of the public debt under Republican officials.

Resolved, That we refer with pride to the economical manner in which the courts of the territory are conducted by Republican judges, the cost per annum being about \$60,000, while under the administration of Democratic judges it cost the people \$180,000 for the same period, or nearly three times as much.

We favor universal education and a complete and adequate system of free public schools for the entire territory and

state of New Mexico, and insist that ample means shall be produced, by taxation for their support for a period of not less than six months in the year, and we further favor the conferring upon the voters of each school district the right to impose additional taxes for such district for such purposes, and we urge the election of members to the legislature who will favor such measures.

We denounce and condemn in the most unqualified terms the slanderous charge of the Democracy that the native people of this territory are mentally and morally disqualified for self government; on which ground that party bases its chief objection to the constitution.

We favor the protection of laborers and employees and the adoption of proper laws securing to them liens for their services and also establishing suitable courts of arbitration for the settlement of differences between employees and employers.

Resolved, That we recommend and adopt as a designating device, to be printed on the face and at the head of the ticket or ballot of the Republican party to be voted at the various polling places in this territory at the general election, to be held on the first Tuesday of November next, the American flag; and that we regard the action of the territorial Democratic convention, recently held at Silver City, in specially refusing to adopt the same emblem, as characteristic of the history of the Democratic party ever since 1860.

Our Democratic friends are seriously considering a change in several nominations on their ticket in this county, but it does not seem that such can be done.

During three and a half years of the Ross boodle administration of the territorial penitentiary there was received from the labor of convicts and the feeding of United States prisoners the sum of \$7,500. During the first twelve months of the present Republican administration from March 4 1889, to March 4 1890, (there being about the same number of prisoners in the institution year per year, from 1885 to 1890) there was received the amount of \$8,000, from the same source. Facts are facts and these facts mean that the present administration of the territorial prison is honest and economical and efficient, and that the Democratic administration under ex-Gov. Ross was dishonest, extravagant and inefficient.

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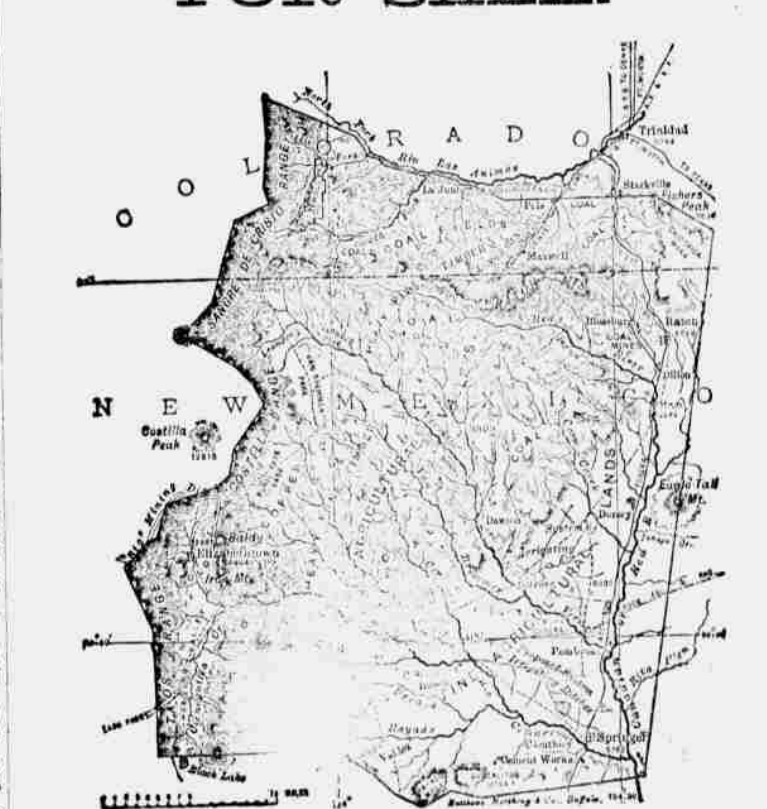
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