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TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1911.

LEARNING FROM NEW MEXICO

Even Kansas, the state which is supposed to set the pace, (Oregon not excepted), when it comes to something original in the statute line, has begun earnest agitation for a constitutional amendment providing for four-year terms of office for state officials, two-year terms now being in vogue in the Sunflower state.

The agitation has for its leader Representative J. W. Davis, of Kiowa county, who is said to have the backing of the republican organization. Mr. Davis contends that it would save the state the expense of a biennial election and likewise a biennial primary, and thus abrogate the necessity for frequent campaigning. As provided in the New Mexico constitution, state officers would be ineligible for re-election under the four-year term.

GOVERNMENT PHILANTHROPY

There is no department of the government that is held by many persons in time of peace to be more useless than the army and navy, but such an opinion would likely undergo a decided change if the announcement of General Allen, chief of the signal corps of the army, concerning an invention of a multiplex telephone by the army were read.

The invention was, of course, discovered and perfected for use in war, but of such a revolutionary character is it that it may be utilized in civil pursuits, and the best part of it is the fact that there are no strings tied to it. Many valuable inventions have been made by government employes who work on a mediocre salary.

In most cases these men who could reap a fortune by selling the patent to big corporations, give the whole people, free of charge, the results of their labor. The telephone invention by the signal corps is presented to the people of the United States with no royalty or other expenses attached to the use of the system.

'A BONDHOLDER IN HEAVEN'

The Rev. Lundy H. Harris of Nashville, Tennessee, died poor in this world's goods, leaving only \$2.35 in his purse, \$116 in bank, a few books and a coffin. According to the inventory filed by his widow:

'The major part of his estate was invested in heavenly securities. He invested every year not less than \$1,200 in charity, so secretly, so innocently and so honestly that he was never suspected of being a philanthropist and never praised for his generosity. He pensioned an old out-cast woman in Barron county and an old soldier in Nashville. He sent two little negro boys to school and supported for three years a family of five who could not support themselves. He contributed anonymously to every charity in Nashville; every old maid interested in a "benevolent object" received his aid; every child he knew exacted and received penny tolls from his tenderness. He supported the heart of every man who confided in him with encouragement

and affection. He literally did forgive his enemies, and he was ever recognized as one of the largest bondholders in heaven."

No doubt there is more of this kind of investment than is commonly supposed. Millionaires buy heavenly securities in blocks, but the great holdings are among the plain people who acquire them in odd lots as did Mr. Harris—who do good by stealth and disclaim their philanthropy, taking as much pleasure in swearing off their securities in heaven as others do their personal taxes. Their estates do not bulk large in executors' schedules but they derive a satisfaction from their investments not always shared by other bondholders.

LIVE STOCK MEN

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States, his herds ranging over California, Arizona and New Mexico. Col. Jastro spoke in part as follows: "Eleven years ago this month the American National Live Stock association held its third annual convention in Fort Worth. Great changes have taken place in that short period. The past ten years have witnessed many changes in our industry; it has been a transition period; big ranches have been cut up and sold out to smaller holders who are pursuing a more diversified kind of agriculture and live stock raising. Unlimited free range is gone. The public grazing land still remaining in the semi-arid country is overstocked and overgrazed, with a decreased carrying capacity and a consequent smaller benefit to users of the range and every citizen of our nation.

"The growth of the live stock industry of the United States has not quite kept pace with the increase in population, with the result that we are more nearly consuming our production of meat-food product than ever before, consequently having less for export. Prices for the past year on all kinds of live stock have averaged higher than for many years, and barring temporary fluctuations, I believe they will be maintained on substantially the same level. There need be no fear of a shortage of meat-food products; indeed all conditions indicate that we will continue for many years to be an exporter of such products, but in a lesser volume than formerly. During the past season our exports of live cattle and fresh meats have been less than any year since 1890. Our exports of hog products, hams, bacon, etc., have also shown a pronounced shrinkage; only lard and oleo oils have maintained their average volume of recent years. This does not mean that we have reached the limit of our production of live stock. Our unrivalled agricultural resources, when properly developed, will insure a much larger production of meat-food products than ever before in our history, if the prices paid to the grower will yield a fair profit. In brief, whether our production of live stock will increase or decrease depends solely upon the price which the raiser can obtain for the energy expended and capital invested. If other branches of trade or agriculture being greater returns, then the production of live stock will decrease and vice versa.

Economists may theorize on the cause for the high price of meat-food products, but it will be found in the last analysis that the supply is dependent primarily upon the basic fact as to whether the raising of live stock is a profitable business."

SHAFROTH INAUGURATED

Denver, Jan. 10.—John F. Shafroth today, for the second time, took the oath of office as governor of Colorado. The oath was administered to Governor Shafroth and other newly elected state officers by Chief Justice John Campbell, before a joint session of the legislature, after which the governor delivered his inaugural address. The inaugural ball will be held tonight in Eljebel temple.

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Some of the Salient Features of Constitution of New Mexico

- 1. Full political and religious liberty.
2. Strict limitation of legislative expense.
3. No bill (excepting general appropriation bills) to embrace more than one subject, and that to be clearly expressed in the title. This to prevent "jokers" in legislation.
4. No law to be revised or amended by reference, but each section as revised or amended to be set out in full.
5. The power of the governor to veto a part of a bill appropriating money, and approve a part. This to prevent the forcing of a bad law by the necessity for appropriations.
6. Laws not to go into effect until ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature, except as to appropriation and emergency measures.
7. Local and special laws not allowed.
8. No law can be made remitting any fine, penalty or judgment against any officer, or validating illegal use of public funds.
9. The legislature cannot grant any special privilege to any person or corporation, and no exclusive right, franchise, privilege or immunity can be granted by the legislature or any municipality.
10. No law can be passed giving extra compensation to any officer, servant, agent or contractor after service is rendered or contract made.
11. Compensation of officers cannot be increased or diminished during their term of office.
12. No member of the legislature can be appointed to an office during the term for which he was elected.
13. No member of the legislature can within one year thereafter be appointed to an office which was created or the emoluments increased during his term of office.
14. No member of the legislature can, within one year thereafter be interested in any contract with the state, or any municipality thereof, which was authorized by any law passed during his term of office.
15. No obligation due the state or any municipality can be remitted by the legislature.
16. No person can escape punishment for the violation of a law by the subsequent repeal of such law.
17. All state officers and judges of the district and supreme courts are liable to impeachment, removal from office and disqualification to hold office for crimes, misdemeanors and malfeasance in office.
18. No member of the legislature allowed to use a pass or accept transportation from a railroad company on terms not open to the general public.
19. Giving or receiving a bribe for a vote for or against legislation made a felony, and punished as such.
20. Executive officers of the state to be elected by the people, and, with the exception of commissioner of public lands and superintendent of public instruction, cannot succeed themselves.
21. Reasonable salaries to officers:
Governor... \$5,000
Secretary of State... 3,000
Auditor... 3,000
Treasurer... 3,000
Attorney General... 4,000
Supt. Public Instruction... 3,000
Com. of Public Lands... 3,000
When we consider that many of our county officers receive more than double these salaries, the above provisions are very reasonable, in consideration of the importance of the offices filled and the high character and ability required to fill them acceptably.
21. An independent supreme court instead of a supreme court composed of the trial judges, as heretofore.
22. Election of judges by the people and terms of office (eight years for supreme court; six years for district court) long enough to minimize political influence.
23. Salaries of judges (\$6,000 for supreme court and \$4,500 for district court) very reasonable, when the importance of the

office and the high character of the attainments required are considered.
25. A county clerk to perform the duties heretofore performed by the probate clerk and district court clerk.
26. Equal and uniform taxation.
27. Double taxation forbidden.
28. Total annual tax levy for all purposes, except state debt, limited to 12 mills for the first two years and 10 mills thereafter. Our usual tax levy for territorial purposes has been from 12 to 14 mills.
29. The illegal use of public moneys or the making of profit out of the same declared a felony, and punished as such.
30. All public moneys not invested in interest bearing securities are required to be deposited in national or state banks and trust companies, at interest.
31. The state assumes all indebtedness of the territory in the several counties, which was valid June 20th, 1910. This was required by the provisions of the enabling act and was not optional with the convention. The territory is subrogated to the rights of the counties, and the legislature is forbidden to release any county or any of the taxable property therein, from its obligation to pay the state by reason of its assumption or payment of the debt of such county.
32. The so-called "Militia Warrants" cannot be validated or legalized.
33. Bonded indebtedness of the territory and sub-divisions thereof is limited to certain percentages of the assessed valuation for the preceding year, as follows: State not to exceed one per cent; county not to exceed four per cent; school districts not to exceed six per cent; cities, towns and villages not to exceed four per cent, except for sewer system and water supply, which is not limited.
34. The purposes for which a county can be bonded are limited to necessary public buildings, roads and bridges. The purposes for which school districts can be bonded are for school buildings and school grounds.
35. It is illegal to issue bonds for state, counties, school districts or villages, until the same is authorized by a vote of a majority of the taxpayers.
36. The iniquitous fee system is abolished.
37. County officers, excepting county clerk and probate judge, cannot succeed themselves, nor hold any county office for four years thereafter.
38. A corporation commission to be elected by the people of the state and charged with the duty of fixing, determining, supervising, regulating and controlling all charges and rates of railway, express, telegraph, telephone, sleeping car and other transportation and transmission companies and common carriers within the state. Also to require railway companies to provide and maintain adequate depots, stock pens, station buildings, agents and facilities for the accommodation of passengers and for receiving and delivering freight and express, and to provide and maintain necessary crossings, culverts and sidings upon and alongside of their roadbeds, whenever in the judgment of the commission, public interest demand it, and as may be reasonable and just. Also said commission is charged with the duty of making and enforcing reasonable and just rules requiring the supplying of cars and equipment for the use of shippers and passengers and to require all interstate railways, transportation companies or common carriers to provide such reasonable safety appliances in connection with all equipment as may be necessary and proper for the safety of its employees and the public, and as are now or may be required by the federal laws, rules and regulations governing interstate commerce.
39. A permanent school fund, the principal of which is to be invested in the bonds of the state, county and municipalities thereof, and only the interest therefrom used for the current

school fund, consisting of the following:
(a) Sections 2, 16, 32 and 36 in each township, or lands selected in lieu thereof.
(b) All other lands granted to the state not otherwise appropriated.
(c) Also all other gifts, grants and devises to the state, the purposes of which are not specified.
(d) Five per cent of all the moneys realized from the sale of public lands by the United States within the state of New Mexico after its organization.
(e) All other gifts, grants and devises to the state for the purpose of public schools or the use of which is not otherwise specified.
40. A current school fund, composed of the following:
(a) All fines and forfeitures under general laws.
(b) All property escheated to the state.
(c) All rentals from lands of the permanent school fund.
(d) All interest realized from the permanent school fund.
(e) Taxes, if necessary, to supplement the current school fund.
41. A guaranty by the state of at least five months school annually in every school district in the state.
42. Said constitution is reasonably easy of amendment, as follows:
(a) The legislature may at any session thereof, by a two-thirds vote of all members of each house voting separately, propose amendments.
(b) At the first regular session after the expiration of two years from the time the constitution goes into effect, and at any regular session each eight years thereafter, a majority of all members elected to each house voting separately, may propose amendments.
(c) Proposed amendments to

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TODAY'S COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS

MONEY AND STOCKS
New York, Jan. 10.—Call money, 3@4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1-2@5 per cent. Mexican dollars 45. Amalgamated 63 1-8. Sugar 113 1-2 bid. Atchafson 102 1-2 Great Northern pd. 125 1-4. New York Central 110 7-8. Northern Pacific 117 3-4. Reading 155 1-4. Southern Pacific 115 3-8. Union Pacific 173 1-8. Steel 74; pd. 118 1-8.

METAL
New York, Jan. 10.—Lead, quiet, \$4.45@4.55; standard copper steady. Spot, \$12.12@12.12 1-2; March \$12.10@12.20. Silver \$54 3-4.

WOOL
St. Louis, Jan. 10.—Wool, market, unchanged. Territory and western mediums 21@22; fine mediums 17@18; fine 12@13.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS
Chicago, Jan. 10.—Wheat, May, \$1.01 1-8@1-4; July 96 1-2@5-8. Corn, May 50 1-4@3-8; July 51 1-8. Oats, May 34 7-8@35; July 34 3-4@7-8. Pork, Jan. \$20.10; May \$19.07 1-2. Lard, Jan. \$10.60; May \$10.70 1-2. Ribs, Jan. \$10.72 1-2; May \$10.02 1-2.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK
Kansas City, Jan. 10.—Cattle, 11,000, including 500 southern market steady Native steers \$5.25@6.75; southern

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If you are suffering from biliousness, constipation, indigestion, chronic headache, invest one cent in a postal card, send to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and address plainly on the back, and they will forward you a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by all druggists.

Best draught beer in the city, at the Lobby, of course.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDonald are visiting friends in Mora.

Telesfor Gallegos, a resident of Gallegos, is in this city on a visit.

C. H. Husson, who is residing in Los Alamos, was a visitor in the city today.

Peter Noir, foreman of the La Cueva ranch, was in Las Vegas today on a business trip.

F. E. Conboy, is here from Albuquerque looking after business for the Continental Casualty company.

Attorneys W. G. Haydon and S. B. Davis, Jr., were in Santa Fe yesterday, transacting legal business.

J. H. Riehl of Albuquerque and A. S. Leasier of Topeka, officials of the Harvey system, are in the city.

D. C. Duell, of the La Cueva ranch, has gone to New York from which port he will set sail for Havana, Cuba, where he will spend part of the winter.

Roman Gallegos, chairman of the board of county commissioners, arrived this afternoon from his home in San Miguel and will attend the special meeting of the board, which will be held tomorrow for the purpose of issuing a proclamation for the election of January 21, at which the constitution for the new state is to be adopted, and to appoint judges to preside at that election.

JOINT INSTALLATION

Last evening the Las Vegas lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and its sister organization, the Rebekahs, held a joint installation of officers who will serve during the coming year. F. G. Brefeld, acting as district deputy grand master, conducted the ceremonies incident to the installation of the Odd Fellows. Those in office were Sig Nahn, past noble grand; Carl Wertz, noble grand; A. T. Rogers, sr., vice grand; T. M. Elwood, secretary; W. E. Crites, treasurer. Other officers of the lodge are appointed and will be named by Mr. Wertz at the next meeting.

Mrs. Carl Wertz, president of the grand assembly of the Rebekahs, conducted the installation of the officers of that order. Those placed in office were Mrs. O. W. Herford, noble grand; Mrs. A. H. Speicher, vice grand; Mrs. B. Daily, secretary; Mrs. McAllister, treasurer.

SUPREME COURT DENIES REHEARING

LAS VEGAS RAILWAY AND POWER COMPANY PROPERTY WILL BE RESOLD

By its refusal to grant a rehearing in the appeal case of the Las Vegas Railway and Power company and William Buddecke vs. the Trust Company of St. Louis county the supreme court of New Mexico has placed the extensive litigation with which the street railway and power company is entangled in exactly the same condition as that which existed last August. At that time the court ordered a resale of the property of the company, which had been sold many months before by order of the court, being purchased by Dr. J. M. Cunningham and others.

In order to secure the resale in accordance with the court's order it was required that Buddecke and the railway and power company deposit with the clerk of the court for the Fourth judicial district a check for \$100,000 which was to be regarded as a bona fide bid and guarantee of good faith.

The money was deposited and remained in the hands of the clerk for several weeks, when the Trust company of St. Louis county and others having asked for a rehearing, the court allowed the check to be withdrawn with the understanding that if the motion made no change in the status of the case it should be deposited again under the same conditions. In refusing the rehearing the court granted to Buddecke and the railway and power company twenty days in which to place the check once more in the hands of the clerk of the court. It is understood that an attorney for the Trust Company of St. Louis county has announced he will appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court.

It is more than likely that the \$100,000 check will be deposited by Buddecke and the power company within the next few days, which means that the property will be resold upon order of the district court. The case is complicated by the fact that the property has been sold twice since its sale upon order of the court.

Our Annual January Sale

Of Rugs, Linoleum and Portiers, Couch Covers and Lace Curtains for ONE WEEK ONLY

Ending Saturday Night, Jan. 14, 1911

\$19.80 for Alex Smith, 8 ft 3 by 10 ft. 8 Axminster Rugs, worth \$24.50 to \$27.50.

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\$23.80 for Alex Smith, 9 by 12 ft. Extra Axminster Rugs, worth \$29.50 to \$35.00.

\$25.95 for the \$35.00 Superior Rugs size 9 by 12 ft., up-to-date patterns.

ALL OTHER RUGS at 1-5 Off from the regular marked prices.

58c square yd. for heavy printed Linoleum.

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1-5 Off for All Lace Curtains, Portiers and Couch Covers.

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LUTZ CONCERT CO. HYPNOTIZES ITS AUDIENCE

SANTA FE READING ROOM ENTERTAINMENT COURSE HAS A REAL THRILLER

Saturday evening the Lutz Concert company of Chicago will appear in the fourth number of the Santa Fe's entertainment course. The company is made up of four members, Mary Jacquin Lutz, violinist; Marie Harris, reader; Harry G. Brooks, cornetist; Julia G. Lutz, soprano. S. E. Buser, superintendent of the Santa Fe reading rooms and manager of the entertainment course, is extravagant in his praise of the entertainment. Mr. Buser describes a "tryout" concert by members of the company in a hotel in Chicago. He says: "During the rendering of that number the elevators stopped running, the bell hops gathered in the parlor, the clerks left their desks, and the guests of the hotel crowded at the doors and their testimony was that they never heard anything like it."

The boys at the Y. M. C. A., in preparation for a repetition of what occurred in Chicago, likely will keep their windows tightly fastened down Saturday night lest the concert stop the street cars and put the fire department out of commission by attracting the motormen and firemen away from their stations. The car company and the city officials are thinking of putting ear muffs on their employees so that they can get safely by the Y. M. C. A. building. Mr. Buser does not state the reason the concert stopped the elevators. Some of the boys in the Y. M. C. A. are said to be planning to put their watches and alarm clocks in the top drawer of the bureau and cover them up with clothing so that they will not meet the same fate as the Chicago elevators. But if the concert is good, as Mr. Buser states it will be, it will be worth a general suspension of business to hear.

OLD COMMON SENSE

Change Food When You Feel Out of Sorts

"A great deal depends upon yourself and the kind of food you eat," the wise old doctor said to a man who came to him sick with stomach trouble and sick headache once or twice a week, and who had been taking pills and different medicines for three or four years.

He was induced to stop eating any sort of fried food or meat for breakfast, and was put on Grape-Nuts and cream, leaving off all medicines.

In a few days he began to get better and now he has entirely recovered and writes that he is in better health than he has been for twenty years. This man is 58 years old and says he feels "like a new man all the time."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in pgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

FEATURES OF CONSTITUTION

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be submitted to a vote of the people, and adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon and by an affirmative vote of 40 per cent of all votes cast at said election and at least one-half of the counties thereof.

(d) During the first twenty-five years, three-fourths of the members elected to each house, and thereafter, two-thirds of the members elected to each house may propose the calling of a new constitutional convention and submit the same to a vote of the people.

Benefits to Be Derived From Statehood.

1. For a permanent school fund:

(a) In addition to sections 16 and 36 heretofore granted to the territory, a gift of sections 2 and 32 in each township in the state, or lands in lieu thereof, valued on the basis of the minimum price fixed by congress, at \$16,000,000.

(b) Five per cent of the proceeds of all public lands within the state, sold by the United States after the organization of the state.

(c) The unused portion of 1,000,000 acres of land granted for payment of Grant and Santa Fe county bonds, validated by congress, said balance estimated at two-thirds of said 1,000,000 acres.

2. For public buildings, public educational institutions and other public institutions, 1,350,000 acres of land, valued at the minimum price fixed by congress at \$4,050,000.

3. For the payment of bonds issued by Grant and Santa Fe counties, which were validated by congress against the protest of said counties, 1,000,000 acres of land valued at \$4,000,000. It is estimated that one-third of this donation will pay said bonds, and the enabling act makes the rest of said donation or the proceeds thereof a permanent school fund for the benefit of the common schools.

The following safeguards relative to these lands are contained in the enabling act: "All lands, leaseholds, timber and other products of land, before being offered shall be appraised at their true value, and no sale or other disposal thereof shall be made, for a consideration less than the value so ascertained, nor in any case less than the minimum price hereinafter fixed, nor upon credit, unless accompanied by ample security, and the legal title shall not be deemed to have passed until the consideration shall have been paid.

"Lands east of the line between ranges 18 and 19 east of New Mexico Principal Meridian, shall not be sold for less than \$5 per acre, and lands west of that line shall not be sold for less than \$3 per acre, and no lands which are or shall be susceptible of irrigation under any projects now or hereafter completed or adopted by the United States under legislation for the reclamation of lands, or under any other project for the reclamation of lands, shall be sold at less than \$25 per acre.

"Every lease, sale, conveyance or contract, of or concerning any of the lands hereby granted or confirmed, or the use thereof, or the natural products thereof, not made in substantial conformity with the provisions of this act, shall be null and void, any provision of the constitution or laws of the said state to the contrary notwithstanding."

We secure these gifts by adopting statehood; we lose them by rejecting statehood.

But this is not all we gain by statehood. We bring to a successful conclusion a contest which we have waged for sixty-three years. We realize the fruition of our hopes long deferred. We secure the blessings of self-government, a privilege estimated among freemen as beyond price. We shall have, in place of a voteless delegate, two senators and two representatives to represent us in the councils of the nation. We shall have all the safeguards provided by the enabling act and the provisions of our constitution.

With state government we may rightfully expect a great influx of capital and people to develop our latent resources, and great increase in population, wealth and general prosperity of our people.

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May be industriously spun and woven of finest texture, but the least thing that brushes against it destroys it forever. It's so with dollars and cents. Not husbanded they take wings and fly away. Put them in

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And have them draw interest. Time will tell the story of having wisely deposited them when you see the growth they have attained.

LAS VEGAS SAVINGS BANK

those who differ from us that a vote against the constitution is in reality only a vote against statehood.

To those opposing the constitution because it does not declare for prohibition, we say, neither does it declare against prohibition. If statehood should be defeated you get no prohibition, but you perpetuate territorial government.

To those who oppose the constitution because it does not provide for direct legislation, we answer that you do not have direct legislation under the territorial form of government, and that a defeat of statehood does not secure direct legislation, but only perpetuates the burdens of a territorial government.

The fact that it has required sixty-three years of struggle to secure the opportunity for self-government is sufficient evidence that it is not easily obtained. Let us accept it while there is opportunity and before it eludes our grasp.

If the things which the constitution does not contain are right, and worth while, they will live, and if the people desire them, the constitution can be amended to provide for them. It is much easier to amend the constitution than it is to get an enabling act through congress.

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LOCAL NEWS

That "flat wheel" is still doing business.

Regular monthly meeting of the Elks tonight.

All high grade tonics used at Nollette's barber shop.

Bread and pastry made in our own bakery. The White Kitchen.

Walter Randolph, who has been ill for several days, is reported as improved.

Clare Koogler has been appointed by the armory board as custodian of the armory.

Automobile, carriage and sign painting by a practical painter. 429 Grand avenue.

Clean, hot towel, each and every shave, at Sanitary Barber Shop. Nagle & Buhler.

Manuel Baca is confined to his home by illness and probably will not be able to be out for several days.

Juan L. Trujillo, who suffered a stroke of paralysis recently, is improving although he is still unable to be out.

The high wind of last night did considerable damage to telegraph and telephone systems in Las Vegas and its vicinity.

The city council will meet tomorrow evening in regular monthly session. New business of an important nature probably will be taken up.

There will be held a postponed meeting of the Ladies' Relief society of Las Vegas hospital tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the hospital.

Boots and shoes made to order for cripples a specialty. My old customers and the public are generally invited to call and see me.—Joe Martin 521 Sixth street.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Las Vegas Commercial club will be held this evening in the club rooms. Business of importance will come up for consideration and it is expected that all the members will be present.

Last evening a good sized crowd gathered in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium to witness an exhibition game between the Seniors and a picked team made up mostly of High school players. Some fast basketball was played. Honors were about even.

Creditors of the Union Commercial company of Clayton yesterday filed with John Joerns, clerk of the United States district court, proceedings in bankruptcy against that corporation. It was asked that the court declare the company bankrupt. The hearing has been set for January 19.

An eloquent address in favor of the constitution was that delivered Saturday evening in Mora by Don Margarito Romero. Mr. Romero was a delegate to the constitutional convention and took an active part in the framing of the organic law. His speech was much appreciated by the people of Mora.

MENU

DINNER:

Cream of Tomato Soup (Franco American)

Baked Ham (Swift's Premium)

Scalloped Potatoes (Greeley)

Beets

Currant Jelly (Monarch)

Cabbage

Salad

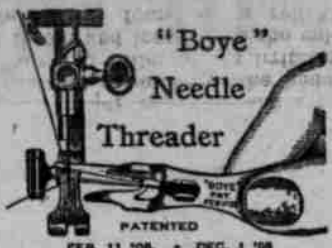
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Ludwig Wm. Ilfeld

Chas. Rosenthal recently subscribed for a Japanese newspaper published in San Francisco, with a view to getting in touch with importers. He received a copy of the paper today. Imagine his surprise when he tore off the wrapper to find the paper printed entirely in the Japanese language. The only thing he could read was the heading "The Japanese American," which was printed in English. Having subscribed for the paper, he now finds it necessary to secure the services of a translator.

Committees to make arrangements for the E. Romero Hose and Fire company's dance on February 22 are as follows: Hall, music and reception room, P. D. McElroy; printing, C. H. Bally and W. O. Wood; refreshments, G. H. Simpkins; prizes for Las Vegas, G. H. Simpkins; prizes for East Las Vegas, C. H. Bally; decorations, Louis Guerin and George Legg, assisted by company; parade and band, L. W. Shupp, Gilbert A. Guerin and W. H. Booth.

Superintendent Rufus Mead, of the Las Vegas public schools, today announced he had made arrangements with the Raton High school boys' team, for a game to be played in the armory here on Friday night, January 20th, with the Las Vegas high school team. The Raton bunch is classed as one of the strongest in the territory and is claiming the championship of the southwest.

To the manifest pleasure of everybody in Las Vegas, the big blizzard that the Denver weather bureau predicted would sweep over Colorado and New Mexico last night failed to arrive. The wind blew violently most of the night but it failed to bring a drop in the temperature. Perhaps, however, it would be better not to brag, the blizzard may arrive tonight.

Desideria Coca de Romero has filed suit in the district court for divorce from her husband, Margarito Romero, y Garcia. During the recent term of the district court for San Miguel county Romero pleaded guilty to petit larceny. He was fined \$50 and costs. Being unable to pay he has been in jail since sentence was pronounced against him by Judge Roberts.

Word has been received here that H. W. Cantrill, who with his family, left for Alabama to reside, has been forced to leave the south, the climate not agreeing with him. It is understood that he is now with relatives in Springfield, Ill., his old home. Mr. Cantrill was formerly manager of the Postal Telegraph company's Las Vegas office.

The result of the justice of the peace election in Mora yesterday, was a victory for the republican ticket, Juan B. Martinez being elected over Alfonso Romero, the democratic candidate, by a majority of 46 votes out of a total of 146 votes cast. The republican candidate for constable was elected by a similar majority.

Territorial Mounted Policeman A. A. Sena leaves this evening on No. 9 for Silver City, where he goes to deliver William Hogan and Elias Silva to the Grant county authorities. Hogan is wanted there for horse stealing, while Silva is accused of seduction. Officer Sena is one of the busiest members of the mounted police force.

The local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America will hold its first regular meeting of 1911 this evening at 8 o'clock at W. O. W. hall on Sixth street. Plans for this year are to be formulated at tonight's meeting, hence a full attendance of all members is expected.

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HEAVY VOTE CAST FOR JUDGE MURRAY

OUT OF TOTAL OF 206 VOTES HE RECEIVED 203—RESULTS IN OTHER PRECINCTS

Two hundred and six votes were cast in Precinct No. 29 yesterday at the election for a justice of the peace and constable. This is believed to be the largest vote ever cast here at an election of this nature. In some years there has been so little interest that less than twenty votes have been cast. Judge D. R. Murray, candidate for justice to succeed himself, received 203 votes. The other three votes were scattering. O. L. Gregory, candidate for constable, received few votes than Judge Murray, several men residing in the precinct receiving one or two votes for the office.

Heavy votes were polled also in the West side precincts, although the republican candidates had no organized opposition. The large number of votes cast is believed to be due to the near approach of the election for the adoption of the constitution for the new state, which has caused the voters to take a greater interest in public affairs. Reports from the county were slow in coming in, although there was little contest in any of the precincts. The following are the justices and constables elected in the West side precincts: Precinct No. 3, Jose Blea, justice; Demetrio Rivera, constable. Precinct No. 5, Pablo Vigil, justice; Antonio Gallegos, constable. Precinct No. 6, Felipe Baca y Garcia, justice; Adolfo Crespin, constable.

NOTICE, STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Agua Fura company of Las Vegas, will be held in the office of the company at Las Vegas, New Mexico, Monday the twenty-third day of January, 1911, at 3 o'clock p. m. of the election of directors and to transact any business that may come before the meeting.

F. H. PIERCE, Secretary, January 6, 1911. 6-10-13-17-20-24.

Meals served any hour of the day twenty-five cents. White Kitchen.

REGISTER NOW IF YOU WISH TO VOTE

It is of great importance that all the voters who wish to cast their ballots on January 21, at the election for the adoption or rejection of the constitution for the new state register now. The registration books are now open and will remain so until January 11, when they will be closed. For the city and town of Las Vegas registrations will be made in the following places: Precinct No. 29, at City Hall; Precinct No. 5, at office of El Independiente; Precinct No. 3, at home of Jose Blea; Precinct No. 6, at store of Eufemio Lucero y Jiron.



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