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BRIEF FILED IN THE NORTHERN SECURITIES CASE

Controlling Interests in the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Control New Company

HAVE A "COMMUNITY OF INTEREST"

Absurd to Suppose That The Two Roads Would Be Competing Lines When Merged

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The brief of the government in the case of the Northern Securities company and others vs. the United States on appeal from the decision of the circuit court of the United States for the district of Minnesota, was filed in the United States supreme court today. The document was prepared by Attorney General Knox and Assistant Attorney General Day, and covers 185 printed pages. The attorney general's summary shows that by an interchange of stock the securities company was given control of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway companies, but the same persons who owned the individual companies previously now possessed control of the securities company. He further says: "Thus, identically the same persons who controlled the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies before the securities company came into possession of a majority of their shares control them now, only, now these persons have a common interest,—a 'community of interest',—in the earnings of both roads, while formerly

the interests were two sets of persons, two sets of stockholders,—were, in most respects, divergent and competitive. It borders on absurdity to say that two railway corporations which, under normal conditions, are naturally competitors for traffic, will continue to compete in any realization after both become subject to the same source of control." In conclusion, he gives the question law growing out of the statement of facts as those of unlawful combination, monopoly or attempted monopoly of interstate or foreign commerce, and the authority of law for the decision of the lower court, and maintains that each should be answered in the affirmative.

Northern Securities Case. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The suit of the government against the Northern Securities company came up for argument today in the United States supreme court. This suit, like that brought by the state of Minnesota, is for the dissolution of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern merger. Argument in the Minnesota case has been postponed until January 4.

Cold Wave East and Northwest

FOUR DEGREES BELOW IN CHICAGO—TWENTY BELOW AT BISMARCK.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 14.—Today brought some relief from the cold wave which spread over the northern and central states and has proven the most severe experienced during the first half of December for twenty-five years. Today's low record here was 4 degrees below, but there was no further snowfall and comparatively no wind. The indications are for a slowly moderating temperature. Transportation was seriously hampered today. The coldest weather was at Bismarck, N. D., 20 degrees below zero.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 14.—The coldest weather of the winter prevails today all over Ohio, the mercury registering close to the zero mark throughout the northern and central portions of the state.

Tod Sloan Wins Suit. PARIS, Dec. 14.—The court which has been hearing arguments in the case of Tod Sloan, the American jockey, against the French Jockey club for \$40,000 damages for being warned off the turf on the occasion of Rose De Mais winning the prix de Diane at Chantilly in May last, today found favorably for Sloan and condemned the jockey club to pay the costs, the amount of which will be ascertained later. The case involved the jockey club's sole control of the French turf administrations.

Japanese Land Troops to Suppress Strikers.

SEOUL, Dec. 14.—Japanese landed marines at Mokpho yesterday to suppress rioting during a strike among laborers. It is reported that they fired upon the mob, killing several people. The strike was among Korean coolies employed by foreign concession which precipitated clashes among Koreans and Japanese. The affairs, it is thought, may cause serious local complications and it is possible that Russia may send a warship should the Korean government resent the landing of marines by Japan.

Who and Where Is J. A. Adams

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL MAN FAILS TO PAY LIVERY AND HOTEL BILLS.

Not so many days ago one who gave the name of John A. Adams blew into the city. He represented himself as manager for a correspondence school headquartered in Salt Lake City and gave out that he was seeking local agents and teachers rather than pupils. It looks now as though Adams were a smooth hombre who pays where he goes only where he must.

The alleged school manager hired a team from Cooley & Miller for a week. He said he intended to install agencies in Mora county. He drove to Wagon Mound, where he put up at the hotel for a couple of days. Then he left, giving out that he was going to Springer.

He failed to return. Also he failed to liquidate his little bill before leaving the hotel. Cooley & Miller got word that their team was at the hotel and yesterday sent up a man to get it. However, they are out the expense of the trip and wouldn't object at all to learning the whereabouts of Adams.

Readers of The Optic in the northern part of the territory are warned against this smooth one, and any one who knows of his present abode is requested to communicate with the city police department or with Cooley & Miller.

Alabama Celebrates Birthday. MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 14.—Alabama was admitted to the Union 54 years ago today, and the anniversary was celebrated throughout the state. It is the first time the anniversary has been observed, and today's celebration was due chiefly to the efforts of the Alabama Educational association. In response to an appeal sent out by the association, the schools throughout the state devoted today to the holding of commemorative exercises, the programs including the reading of the resolution of congress admitting Alabama into the Federal Union, summaries of the history, growth and development of the state, and other exercises of an historical nature.

Masonic Tribute to Washington. FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Dec. 14.—In pursuance of a custom established several years ago, a delegation representing Masonic Lodge No. 4 of this city today visited Mount Vernon and placed a wreath of evergreen on the tomb of Washington. This was the one hundred and fourth anniversary of Washington's death, and the tribute to his memory was paid in recognition of the fact that the Fredericksburg lodge was his mother lodge. The records showing his initiation, passing and raising and bearing his signature to the constitution and the Bible in which he was obligated are sacredly preserved among the treasured relics of the lodge and are objects of great interest to visitors to the city.

Debut of Dorothy Russell. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Tonight witnessed the premiers of a number of new plays in the metropolis, but it is safe to say that the old guard of the first-nighters will be conspicuously absent from the playhouses where the new pieces are to be seen. The Herald Square, where "The Girl from Kay's" has been running for some time, will be the Mecca. The occasion is to be the stage debut of Mrs. Abbott Louise Einstein, the 18-year-old daughter of Lillian Russell, who, despite the protests of her mother, has determined to seek histrionic honors. She has adopted the stage name of Dorothy Russell. Her part in the play is but a small one, but the legion of admirers of Lillian Russell have determined to give her daughter a rousing reception.

Detroit Poultry Show. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 14.—The annual show of the International Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock club opened today in the Light Guard armory and will be the center of interest among poultry fanciers until its close the end of the week. The entries in all departments this year are numerous and of a high class, giving promise of one of the best exhibitions of the kind ever held in this part of the country. In addition to the usual large assortment of fancy chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks, there is a large display of pigeons and of guinea pigs, rabbits, cats and other pet stock.

CHRISTMAS PLANS AT WHITE HOUSE

How the President and His Family Will Celebrate the Gala Day

GIFTS TO BE MADE

What the Little Roosevelts Want. First Lady of the Nation to be Remembered

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—At the White House, as in nearly all the homes throughout the land, the principal theme of interest is the selection of Christmas gifts and the preparation for the holidays. President Roosevelt believes in keeping the holiday in the good, old-fashioned way, and as a consequence Christmas is always a joyous occasion for all the members of his family. It is strictly a family celebration. The children are home from school, and for two weeks the executive mansion resounds with their shouts and laughter the president himself often taking part in their romps.

Of course, the strictest secrecy is maintained as to what the Roosevelt children are likely to find in their stockings Christmas morning, but the tastes of the youngsters are so well known that it is not difficult to guess the nature of the gifts they are likely to receive from their parents. Miss Ethel has not yet outgrown her doll days, and a handsome addition to her family of make-believes will probably delight her eyes Christmas morning. Little Quentin, also, will be the recipient of a variety of toys and playthings, among them a number of the mechanical sort, of which he is especially fond. Archibald scorns knick-knacks, and Christmas is not Christmas to him unless he finds something alive among his presents. He has expressed a desire, it is said for a bear or an alligator, but it is hardly likely that these additions will be made to his menagerie, which already includes ponies, dogs, sheep and a variety of other pets.

Theodore, Jr., is rapidly approaching the grown-up age. He is fond of outdoor sports, including hunting, fishing, football and boating, and his Christmas gifts will be such as to gratify his tastes in this direction. Being naturally devoted to reading and study, he does not allow his taste for sport to interfere, and books are always welcome presents for him. It is not known just what Miss Alice Roosevelt is likely to receive, but it was noticed that Mrs. Roosevelt, during her late visit to New York, was a visitor at a large Broadway jewelry establishment.

Mrs. Roosevelt is an exquisite needle woman and is also an adept in fashioning varicolored embroideries. She has a store of daintily initialed handkerchiefs, film lace collars and little articles whose value will be greatly enhanced by the fact that the work is the product of her skilful fingers. During the present week a number of packages will be despatched by Mrs. Roosevelt to friends abroad or in distant parts of the United States. They will be carefully timed to reach their destination at the opportune moment.

Following the established precedent, the cabinet women will present Mrs. Roosevelt with a handsome gift. None of the ladies feel free to disclose its nature, but it is sure to be something beautiful and costly. The members of the cabinet will probably make individual gifts to the president.

Rock Island Flyer Ditched. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 14.—The west bound Rock Island Flyer due here at 7:30 o'clock this morning was ditched at Elmore, fifty miles east of here, by the spreading of the rails. The officials of the road say that the only person hurt was a fireman, but claim to have no details of the accident.

Raced With Death. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 14.—Governor Albert B. Cummings raced with death half way across the continent and won. A telegram announcing the fatal illness of his mother, Thursday, called the governor from Boston

where he had gone to deliver an address, before the Boston Merchants' association. He immediately started home. The fastest limited trains were chosen and despatches from the sick room were received at intervals during the trip. He arrived at his mother's bedside at 5 o'clock in the morning and found her sinking slowly.

Finding of Lower Court Sustained. TRINIDAD, Colo., Dec. 14.—Judge Northcutt today sustained the findings of Judge Lindsey in the suit for injunction brought by the United Mine Workers of America against the Victor Fuel company to restrain the latter from interfering with organizers who wished to visit the camps controlled by the company. Opinion holds that the petitioners have no adequate remedy at law; that they have shown no real business at Delagua except inducing men to idleness. Notice of appeal was given.

Southern League Meeting. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 14.—Presidents and managers of the clubs comprising the Southern Baseball League are rounding up in Atlanta in readiness for the league's annual meeting to be held tomorrow. There is considerable routine business to be transacted, including the winding up of the business of last season, the distribution of the guarantee fund and the collection of funds for next year. Applications have been received from Houston, Jacksonville, Dallas, Galveston and Mobile, but talks with the magnates already here indicate that a change in the present circuit is unlikely. President William M. Kavanaugh and the other officers of the league are to be re-elected without opposition.

Connelly-Hitt Bout. SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Eddie Connelly of St. Johns, N. B., and Charley Hitt of Albany are reported in prime condition for their twenty-round contest to be decided in tonight. The contest was originally scheduled for a week ago, but was postponed in order to give Connelly more time to get into condition. The match has excited considerable interest in this section, and a large crowd is expected to be on hand to see the men battle. Connelly appears to be the favorite, though Hitt is not without a large following, who appear confident of his ability to get the decision and the long end of the purse.

Socialist Club Under Ban. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 14.—The faculty of Washburn college has ordered that the socialist club of the college discontinue its meetings. It is said to be the result of letters being received from eastern financial supporters of the college, saying that they would withdraw their aid unless the club was suppressed. The organization was formed by some of the admirers of Rev. Charles Sheldon, and it was conducted according to his ideas. Some of the leading students of the college were members.

Mysterious Explosions. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Two mysterious explosions here have puzzled the police. One was in a building in course of construction at Broadway and 43d street, and damaged the hoisting engine slightly. There was evidence that it was caused by a dynamite bomb. The other occurred in the basement of the Broadway Tabernacle, in course of construction. Members of the new housewifery's union were employed in both buildings and the police believe the explosion the work of men of the union formerly controlled by Samuel Parks.

Prisoner Ordered Released. VICTOR, Colo., Dec. 14.—An order from Governor Pennington was received today by Colonel Verdegburg, in command of the troops in Teller county, to release D. C. Copley from the military prison so that he may proceed to Georgetown tonight to testify in the conspiracy cases which come up tomorrow. Copley, who, it is alleged, was implicated in the blowing up of the Sun and Moon transformer house at Idaho Springs in July last, was arrested yesterday.

Labor Leaders Met in Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor met here today. President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America, who attended, disclaimed any intention of bringing up the Colorado miners' strike question at this meeting. Vice President Morris, en route from Denver, is snow-bound in Chicago.

GREAT DAY FOR Y. M. C. A. MOVEMENT IN LAS VEGAS

Three Big Meetings Yesterday Addressed By International Secretary C. S. Ward

MEN'S AFTERNOON MEETING AT M E CHURCH

Magnificent Gathering at Duncan Opera House in the Evening. Growth and Magnitude of the Work

Yesterday was a great day for the Y. M. C. A. movement in Las Vegas. Mr. C. S. Ward addressed three big meetings during the day. In the morning he spoke to a large audience in the Presbyterian church, in the afternoon he addressed an interested company of men at the M. E. church, and in the evening he made an admirable address on Y. M. C. A. matters at one of the largest and most enthusiastic religious gatherings in the history of the city.

At the last meeting, in the Duncan opera house, the place was crowded and the audience overflowed into the galleries.

At the morning service Mr. Ward founded his remarks on the Scripture passage, "Ye are My friends." He dwelt upon the surpassing and all too rare virtue of friendship, the fundamental principal of the Christian religion, and ably developed the incorporation of the principle into the Y. M. C. A. movement. The social side of the Y. M. C. A. was attractively pictured. There was excellent special music at the service.

At the afternoon meeting in the M. E. church Secretary Kates presided. After a half hour session of song, Mr. Ward was called upon. He chose Jephthah as the model of his day, imperfect, it is true, but nevertheless the highest development of a limited and narrow age. The manner in which Jephthah, not well born, with every temptation to do ill rather than to do well, poor, homeless, friendless, tri-

umphed over privation and temptation and became the leader of his people and the savior of the very ones who had cast him forth, was used to illustrate the subject of the afternoon, "Is Life Worth Living?" Jephthah had made life worth living. It was difficult to live a worthy life even today, but who today is so unfavorably situated as was Jephthah of old? An earnest plea for a clean, upright and useful life was made. The speaker logically reached the conclusion that the honest life, the pure life, the Christian life, even the life of denial and sacrifice, would be found worth living, while the life of dissipation, and license would be found "stale, flat and unprofitable,"—not worth the living.

By half-past seven last night the doors of the Duncan opera house were closed, every seat having been taken. Jas. G. McNary, president of the local association, occupied the chair. A choir numbering forty, accompanied by the symphony orchestra, led the large congregation in the singing of a number of familiar, beautiful hymns. Secretary Kates pronounced an invocation and the Rev. A. C. Geyer read the Scripture lesson.

An especially pleasing musical feature was a number by a quartet composed of Misses Rothgeb, Rodkey and Furro and Messrs. L. R. Allen and Jas. G. McNary.

A collection amounting to \$24.50 was taken. Mr. McNary, introducing the speak-

ate acceptance by Japan is unlikely and looks for a series of Russo-Japanese hour parleys dealing with the modifications. It says the pour parleys may last for several weeks. The foreign office, however, regards the draft as a distinct step toward a pacific settlement.

MARINES LANDED. Reported That Colombian Troops Have Landed on South Coast.

COLON, Dec. 14.—A company from United States steamship Prairie was landed here today under command of Captain Butler and trained for Panama, whence the marines will be sent to a point on the coast of South Panama. The step is taken in consequence of information that Colombian troops had landed in that direction with the object of marching on Panama.

If this is confirmed it will mean the beginning of a long campaign of guerrilla warfare on the isthmus. The destination of the marines is said to be Yaviza, up San Miguel gulf and Turra.

RUSSIA ANSWERS JAPAN. Proposal of Latter Accepted by Former with Probable Modifications.

TOKIO, Dec. 12.—Russia's reply has been received. The Russian minister has informed Premier Kaatara that Russia entertains Japan's proposals, probably with modifications. A general election has been fixed for March 1.

Democrats Discussing Plans. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Subjects discussed at the Democratic caucus today were party discipline, the force of caucus action and general policy. The Panama situation was also talked over, the policy of the party regarding the new republic and treaty being the questions at issue. It is expected that the Isthmian situation will engage the attention of the caucus, which adjourned until tomorrow.

The Japan-Russian Treaty. LONDON, Dec. 14.—After careful examination of the Russian draft of agreement, the foreign office here is inclined to believe that its immed-

NEW MEXICO IN FEDERAL REPORT

Secretary Needy Speaks of Her Mines, Farms, Schools and Ranges

PROGRESSING FAST

Very Satisfactory Conditions in the Territory and Excellent Outlook for the Future

The following extracts from the voluminous report of the secretary of the interior presented to congress today relate to the territory of New Mexico.

The assessed valuation of the Territory is almost \$42,000,000 for 1903, a net gain of over \$700,000 since last year, but an actual gain of almost \$3,000,000, owing to the elimination of many double assessments which were carried by assessors in former years.

Owing to the building and completion of several important railroad lines, many new settlers have come into the Territory during the past year, and especially in the eastern and southwestern portions has the gain of population been very rapid. On June 30, 1903, the estimated population of the Territory was 284,000, a gain of almost 90,000 since the census was taken, and more than three times the population of the territory in 1860. Of the present population, 144,000 came from the states or are children of parents from the states, 127,000 are native or mixed descent, and 13,000 are Indians.

The work thus far inaugurated by the department toward the reclamation of the arid regions under the new irrigation law has aroused much interest and has given great encouragement to the people of New Mexico, who are the pioneers in irrigation methods and enterprise. At present almost half a million acres are under irrigation in New Mexico, and the results obtained are very significant. The farm values in the territory exceed those of any other branch of industry. This and the building of the new railroad lines has led to the taking up by entry under the federal land laws during the past fiscal year of 1,082,128 acres, of which 466,196 acres were under the homestead act. In the past three years over 2,000,000 acres of public land have thus been taken up—over 1,100,000 acres under the homestead law; yet there remains, however, something over 50,000,000 acres of public land subject to entry.

The mineral production of New Mexico during the past fiscal year has been somewhat below expectations, but the development work done, the modern mining machinery installed, and the influx of capital are indications. It is claimed, that the mineral productions of the territory will increase in a great measure within the present decade. From 1860 to 1900 \$17,600,000 worth of gold was produced, and during the past three years 20,400,000 pounds of copper. Last year the gold production amounted to \$384,685; silver, \$148,659; copper, \$866,737; lead, \$94,939. Of iron, the Colorado Fuel and Iron company alone took out of its mines during the fiscal year 138,152 tons of 2,240 pounds each. The coal mined during the past year was over 100,000 tons greater than during the year preceding, and a number of important new mines have been opened. The production during the year was 1,729,530 tons, and during the past three years amounted to 3,710,004 tons, valued at \$5,011,281. The area of prospective coal lands is 1,492,480 acres, with something over 8,000,000,000 tons of coal in sight valued, approximately, at \$10,000,000,000. In the past three years coke amounting to 94,097 tons was produced, valued at \$252,812; the output of the past year having been 26,353 tons, valued at \$76,919. The men employed in the 28 coal mines of the territory numbered 2,341.

On June 30, 1903, there were 2,520 miles of railroads in the territory, an increase during the past three years of 841 miles, and during the past year of 257 miles. Railroad building is still actively progressing, and the completion within the year of the lines under construction now will give the territory 3,000 miles of road. This building of railroads has led to the founding of a number of new towns, the rapid growth of several of the older towns, and the influx of immigration from neighboring states and territories.

Schilling's Best is the most perfect ginger-root ground very fine indeed. We know of only one other grinder professing such quality; don't know whether he gets it or not; never saw his ginger. Your grocer's; moneyback.

There are 1,123,000 head of cattle, 5,674,000 head of sheep, 113,000 head of goats and 97,500 head of horses in the territory. Its wool crop in 1902 was 22,000,000 pounds. The stock industry stands second only to agriculture as a wealth producer and as a mainstay of the people of the territory. The vast public range, the many acres in alfalfa and the bettering of the grade of stock have placed the stock industry on a prosperous basis, admitting of future growth and improvement.

The commissioner of public lands reports that from January 1, 1903, to June 30, 1903, there have been leased 233 school sections at rentals amounting to \$4,635.30. The number of leases of common school lands on file in the department on that date awaiting approval was 51, representing a rental of \$1,213.60. During the same period, institutional lands to the amount of 15,124.96 acres were sold at \$61,582.32, while four leases with a rental of \$78.40 were executed. The receipts of the office from March 10, 1903, to July 23, 1903, amounted to \$74,115.27 of which \$71,729.35 have been deposited to the credit of the various funds; \$961.12 represents the expenditures of the office, while \$1,424.80 is the amount of cash on hand.

The report of the adjutant-general showed the strength of the National guard on June 30, 1903, to have been 398. He says:

"Great difficulty is experienced at the principal railroad towns in the territory in organizing and keeping up military companies, on account of the opposition of the labor unions."

The reports of the district clerks of the five judicial districts, as well as the clerk of the territorial supreme court, show that a large number of cases was disposed of during the year, and that the appeals from the lower courts were comparatively few, exhibiting a confidence in the territory's judiciary that is well deserved.

The reports of the various educational institutions maintained by the territory show an increased attendance; in fact, the eagerness of the young men and women of the territory and adjoining, even distant, commonwealths to attend them is such that all of these institutions are crowded for accommodations, and large additional expenditures will become necessary in the near future for the election of more classroom buildings, dormitories and other much-needed structures. The College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts is gaining national prominence for its course in Spanish and Spanish stenography. Its graduates in those branches being in great demand in the colonial possessions of the United States and in Mexico, while the University of New Mexico is gaining fame for its climatological researches. The other colleges also are maintaining a standard that places them abreast of similar institutions in the older centers of learning.

The commission of irrigation reports that of the lands granted by act of congress, approved June 21, 1898, for the establishment of permanent water reservoirs, etc., the commission has approved contracts involving about 100,000 acres of land, and applications are pending involving an additional 100,000 acres. Fifty thousand acres of arid lands have been reserved by the commission under an expected contract for the reclamation thereof by means of artesian water. 50,000 acres have been reserved for sale and for reservoir enterprises, and the remaining 300,000 acres, including the 100,000 granted under the said act of congress for the improvement of the Rio Grande, have been received by the commission for applicants under rights of pasturage, all of such reservation having been applied for and requisition made for its selection upon the United States land commission.

Governor Otero says of statehood: "This is a subject of paramount interest to the people of this territory now, as it has been for the last fifty years, during which time efforts have

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been made at almost every congress for our admission as a state. Since my last report the population and taxable property have materially increased, as well as the building of railroads and the establishment of other large industrial enterprises, as shown in detail throughout this strongest arguments that can be pre-ferred from official resources I consider the port. The statistics and information sent at this time in this behalf."

The question of the admission of the territory as a state is one wholly within the jurisdiction of congress, and this department can, therefore, do no more than direct your attention to the views of the governor in the premises.

The Nation's Metropolis

TAMMANY GETTING READY TO DO THE DRIVING.—POLITICAL UNREST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—There is noticeable unrest among the leaders of both the democratic and republican parties in this city and state and the lesser lights as well as the public in general are interestedly awaiting future developments. Despite the announcement of perfect "harmony" among the republicans, it is known that the Platt-Odell factions will never be on good terms; both the governor and Senator Platt are men of too much determination to give to each other one inch more than would conserve to the general welfare of the party and it is the opinion of many that Platt will win out in the end. Naturally his long leadership has won for him many friends who refuse to forsake him now and many of these friends are men of national reputation and influence.

On the other hand the democrats are enthusiastic as well as restless, while they are uneasy of course concerning a candidate for first place on the ticket next year. A rosy view of the future of the party is taken by many leaders who declare that next year the democrats will carry the state in the presidential and gubernatorial elections and that, further, the legislature will be democratic. One great hope of the democrats is to pass legislation providing for a uniform registration all over the state and this, they say, will end what is considered by many, illegal voting up to the state. This voting, it may be explained, is the alleged stronghold of the republicans.

Importers of wine in New York City are making bitter complaint against the inadequacy of the Pure Food law passed at the last session of congress, as a preventive of importation of adulterated food products. The law they declare, is all right as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. It excludes the adulterated goods, but makes no provision against adulteration after the goods reach the port. It is known that a small quantity of pure Italian wine is imported pure and used to give a characteristic flavor to a large quantity of cheap California wine and the product is sold as pure Italian product.

Office seekers are keeping the halls in headquarters of Tammany warm these days and it is whispered that Leader Murphy's frequent absences from the wigwam are due to his desire to see fewer importunate visitors. It is not expected that a clean sweep will be made of all the places immediately upon Col. McClellan's assumption of power, but there undoubtedly will be a gradual substitution of those loyal to the party for those who have failed to manifest enthusiasm for the Wigwam's cause. Of all the departments, that of Comptroller Grant will provide the largest quantity of spoils, there being 135 exempt places under his jurisdiction alone. The Commissioners of Account, Charities,

Municipal Courts, Boards of Elections, Fire and Law Departments are others having a large number of positions exempt from civil service rules.

People who read so much about New York's famous Tenderloin have an idea that it is composed of dives and rookeries, but this is not true. There are many lifelong residents of New York in the notorious district and many will be surprised to learn that the celebrated Fifth Avenue hotels are in the Tenderloin. The territory, in fact included Forty-second street on the north, Fourteenth street on the south, Fourth avenue on the east and Seventh avenue on the west. All of the notorious resorts in this district are said to be making preparations to keep open shop when Tammany assumes control on the first of January.

It is doubtful if Herr Corried will profit any by the production of "Parsifal." The impresario himself is authority for the statement that the ten productions of opera planned will cost \$165,000 while the limit of receipts possible is \$150,000. He is giving the opera in order to do something for America. New York's musical world is intensely interested in the forthcoming production, not only on account of the excellence of the work itself, but from the fact that it has been largely advertised by a campaign against it by local ministers who have declared that "Parsifal" is sacrilegious and immoral.

WANTED—Clean rags, linen preferred, 5 cents the pound at Optic office.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

In the district court of the Fourth Judicial District of the Territory of New Mexico, sitting in and for the County of San Miguel.

Celso Baca, Plaintiff, vs. The Board of Trustees of the Teocolote Land Grant, and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises hereinafter described adverse to the plaintiff, Celso Baca, Defendants.

ACTION TO QUIET TITLE.

The said defendants, the Board of Trustees of the Teocolote Land Grant and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to plaintiff, are hereby notified that a suit in chancery has been commenced against them in the district court of the county of San Miguel, in the Territory of New Mexico, by said plaintiff whereby said plaintiff prays that the title to the following tract of land, viz:

That certain tract of land situate in the county of San Miguel, in the Territory of New Mexico, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: On the north by a place called "La Cueva"; on the south by lands formerly belonging to Miguel Quintana; on the east by the east boundary of the Teocolote Land Grant and on the west by the west boundary of the said Teocolote Land Grant;

May be established by decree of this court against such adverse claims and that the defendants be debarred and forever estopped from having and claiming any right or title to the said land or premises adverse to the plaintiff and that this plaintiff's title thereto be forever quieted and set at rest and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable in the premises, and for the costs of this suit.

That unless you enter your appearance in said suit on or before the 18th day of January, A. D. 1904, decree pro confesso and judgment by default will be rendered against you.

SECUNDINO ROMERO, Clerk.

Spless, Davis & Hfeld, Attorneys for plaintiff.

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TRACK AND TRAIN

Local officials of the Santa Fe announce that on December 17 a Raymond-Whitcomb excursion train of ten cars will pass through here carrying 100 people from Boston, Philadelphia and New York to California. The train will be hauled from Chicago via the Santa Fe.

Railroads west of Chicago and St. Louis have entered into a new agreement whereby they hope to control immigrant traffic amounting to more than \$1,000,000 annually according to agreed percentages. The agreement was perfected at the meeting in New York, at which were present representatives of all the ocean steamship lines.

Bisbee is not to remain on a branch of the El Paso & Southwestern. The Review is informed on good authority that a high official of the El Paso & Southwestern, one who has been and is yet identified with its interests entered a strenuous objection to the new table that has just been prepared and which goes into effect today.

George Miller, roadmaster of the Missouri Pacific, has nearly a complete force of section men excepting at Leavenworth station. The men are working for \$1.25 a day, the reduced schedule, which caused practically every section employe to leave the service two or three weeks ago. Archie Boyle, section foreman in the upper Atchison yards, did not have a man in his gang for a week or so, but now has eight. Leavenworth section men are still holding out.

A Serious Charge: A special from Pueblo to the Denver Republican says: Sam Devine, a tramp arrested by special Agent Riehl of the Santa Fe, has been charged with wrecking the Santa Fe flyer on the bridge at Asplahapa creek, near Fowler, a month ago. Information was filed in the district court of Otero county before Judge J. H. Voorhees.

Devine since his arrest has been incarcerated in the La Junta city jail, where he was told so many different stories about himself that the officials decided to file information against him. When first arrested, near the scene of the wreck, it is asserted, Devine admitted that he was guilty of wrecking the train, saying that he was a socialist. He made so many wild statements about the affair that many believe he was crazy and later it was discovered that he was playing insane to throw detectives off the trail. Devine is about 35 years old and, while wearing an air of stupidity, is believed to be a man of intelligence. The wreck resulted in the death of Engineer John Walker. If unable to prosecute on the charge contained in the information, the railroad will bring suit against Devine, charging him with the murder of Engineer Walker.

FILIPINO EXHIBIT.

A Forty-Acre Reserve Set Aside for Philippine Islands at the Fair.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 12.—The Filipino exhibit at the world's fair in St. Louis next year will be an exposition within an exposition. Many persons who have visited the grounds within the past few weeks and watched the hundreds of men at work constructing buildings of large dimensions at various points on the forty acre Filipino reservation have been led to express the opinion that the display made by the Philippine Islands will be the most interesting single feature of the fair. Every one expresses unbounded amazement at the magnitude of the exhibit, as indicated by the size and number of the buildings now in course of construction and the others mapped out on the grounds.

The annual report of the exposition board, which has headquarters at Manila and is preparing the various exhibits for the islands, has just been received in St. Louis. It contains facts and figures calculated to increase the amazement of those who have merely seen the work of preparing the grounds and buildings in progress.

The report carries the information that up to the end of September no less than 43,162 exhibits had been gathered by the Exposition board. There were at that date 7,537 separate

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exhibitors. Every island in the great archipelago from which it was possible to obtain an exhibit was canvassed by agents of the board, and articles of interest and value were brought together from every nook and corner of the islands. Points never visited before by white men yielded treasure to enhance this great collection of curious and attractive products.

Thousands of natives and Americans in the archipelago have been at work for a year and a half in assisting the exposition board to prepare the exhibits. When the enterprise was first launched there was slow sailing for a time. The board confesses that at the beginning of the task the "manana" system prevailed and "Philippinists" seemed to be endemic and very contagious. By exerting extraordinary efforts, however, the thrill of the great Louisiana Purchase exposition was sent throughout the islands, prominent native men and women became interested and enthusiastic, the common people enlisted in the cause, ere long the contagion of enthusiasm has spread from island to island and province to province, until even the non-Christian tribes became interested and every Filipino who has heard of America was shouting for the success of the Philippine exhibit.

All departments mentioned in the official classification of the world's fair except electricity, are represented in the Philippine collection. The exhibit is represented in 103 groups out of 144 and in 308 classes out of 807. These figures give an idea as to the remarkably diversified character of the exhibits from the islands.

The aim of the Philippine exposition board is to show the natural riches of the archipelago and the great resources which it possesses in the fertility of its soil, and to present the activity and intelligence of its people to the view of the world. To this end the board has enlisted the co-operation of competent men in the various professions, politicians, officials of the government, scientists, artists, economists, priests, tradesmen, agriculturists, manufacturers—in short, men in every branch of human activity that is represented in the islands.

The board has named its exclusive reservation at St. Louis the Philippine Exposition, and no one who had studied the plans as portrayed on the blue-prints, or who has seen the Philippine buildings growing under the workmen's hammers, can call it anything other than an exposition.

The history of the collection of the Philippine exhibits is the story of a struggle. Governor Taft of the Philippines, while in the United States in the spring of 1892, conferred with President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Elihu Root, and it was decided that the Philippine insular government should devote at least \$250,000 to the preparation of a thoroughly creditable exhibit. Governor Taft succeeded in increasing the working capital of the enterprise by having allotted to that purpose \$100,000 from the world's fair company. Hon. John Barrett, then commissioner-general to Asia and Australia for the world's fair, visited Manila to enlist the interest and co-operation of the Filipinos and American residents in the enterprises.

J YORK CLUB HOUSE CANNED GOODS B STREET CHEESE McLauren's Impregal CHEESE Genuine Roquefort Michigan CIDER Pure, Sweet

The "IFS" of Life advertisement for Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, featuring a testimonial from Archibald N. Waterhouse.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1903.

Judge and Mrs. B. S. Baker of Albuquerque have returned from a visit to Omaha.

President Roosevelt declares in his message to congress that the exposure and punishment of public corruption is an honor to a nation, not a disgrace.

If Columbia were at all sensitive she would feel worse over the appearance of her record in the president's message than she does over the loss of the \$10,000,000.

The situation in the orient again presents a gloomy aspect. It looks now as if Great Britain might be called upon at any time to fulfill her part of the Anglo-Japanese compact.

The republicans are pleased that Croker, Tammany's former leader, did not induce William J. Bryan to remain in England, as he has promised to take part in six more presidential campaigns.

The landscape gardeners are setting out large trees in the lawns surrounding the big exhibit palaces. The trees are of large size and add greatly to the appearance of the buildings they surround.

The builders at the World's Fair have finished the framework for the Tyrolean Alps, one of the big features on the Pike. The great round structure is now receiving the coat of staff and the peaks tower high above surrounding structures.

World Fair Notes.

The Palace of Manufactures at the World's Fair is nearly finished. The main entrance, in the center of the south facade, is the most striking feature to be erected. This entrance is a great archway 150 feet high.

The Cascade region at the World's Fair is each day taking on a more finished look. The colossal statuary for the Colonnade of States is being put in place. Already Arkansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Montana, Indian Territory and Oklahoma are in position.

A section of a six-story building has been erected on the Grand Prospect Plaza, between the Manufactures and Varied Industries Palaces.

Work on Belgium's national pavilion at the World's Fair has begun. The building will stand in front of the Administration Building and west of the Chinese pavilion.

The landscape around the Mexican National Pavilion at the World's Fair is receiving the finishing touches. The area is 160 by 125 feet.

The Christmas McClure's is a big number with nine short stories; pictures in color; Ida Tarbell's, The story of Rockefeller, being the second portion of her history of Standard Oil; John La Farge's splendid articles on

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THE HUB LAS VEGAS NEW MEXICO

The great painters, illustrated with soft tinted reproductions of masterpieces; Clara Morris's little sketch of Dressing Room acquaintances; and from cover to cover the magazine is crowded with pictures.

PARTY CAN NOT AFFORD IT.

That sterling republican journal, the Raton Range, has a correspondent who writes under the pen name of "Uncle Bill," and who is commonly believed to be—or who we might properly say, known to be—one of the leading republicans of northern New Mexico.

The Albuquerque Journal is hammering away at Frank Hubbell in its usual vigorous way, and so far as the casual observer can see, it is all sliding off the rhinoceros-like hide of the late "King of Bernalillo" without even causing him to turn his head to see from whence the arrow came.

The Hon. Nestor Montoya, late member of the legislature, is wielding a fluent pen, or pencil, in his Spanish paper, La Bandera, in Hubbell's behalf; but as everybody knows perfectly well that the Hubbells own both La Bandera and its fiery editor, the defense from that source falls rather flat.

Meantime, the republicans of New Mexico are anxiously awaiting developments in the case. If the charges against Hubbell are true, or even half

true, he should be prosecuted and punished, and it will be not only a lasting disgrace to the party, but a fatal blow to its success in future years if the case is not thoroughly ventilated and probed to the very bottom.

We cannot afford to furnish our friends, the enemy, with such valuable campaign material as this would make did it go unpunished by the connivance of republican officials.

I have the utmost faith in Mr. Clancy's integrity, ability and zeal and am sure that the next session of the district court in Bernalillo county will see "something done." Let's hope so, anyhow.—Morning Journal.

HELP THE MOVEMENT.

If there is any enterprise that should appeal to business men and citizens of Las Vegas, it is the Y. M. C. A. movement. Fathers can not make a better investment for their boys, business men can not do more to improve the efficiency of their employes, the railroad can not find a surer way to make life mean more for its men, than by helping along the Y. M. C. A.

A DESERVING REPUBLICAN.

The Optic recently suggested that Colonel R. E. Twitchell would make a splendid member of the New Mexico delegation to the national republican convention. Commenting on Mr. Twitchell's candidacy, the Citizen says: "One of the most deserving republicans of New Mexico is Colonel R. E. Twitchell of Las Vegas."

Let's find out what the words "Single statehood" means.

The congressmen have been in the habit of employing the term in the same sense as joint statehood, while many of the New Mexico and Arizona papers employ the words as synonymous with separate statehood.

A staff of correspondents of the Morning Journal writing from Phoenix, quotes a prominent citizen of Arizona as saying that blood will flow if the United States government attempts to force joint statehood on the people of that territory.

The interstate commerce commission has decided that the defendants in the case of George J. Kindel and the Denver chamber of commerce against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe et al are justified in maintaining lower rates from the Pacific coast to Missouri river points than to Denver on rice, hemp, baking powder, blankets, books, boot and shoe heels, chocolate and extracts, but that the rate should not be higher on the other commodities involved.



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COLO. LABOR SITUATION

Observations Made on Conditions by C. S. Ward, of the Y. M. C. A. Man.

Mr. C. S. Ward, international secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who is spending several days in the city, came here directly from the mining camps of Colorado. Mr. Ward has for years been a close student of the labor question, his work has been very largely among working men, and he is a friend to and believer in organized labor.

Mr. Ward says there can be no doubt but the struggle has developed into one between unionism and non-unionism. The companies are determined to disrupt organized labor in Colorado, and so far have they gone that they decline to employ union and non-union men on equal terms.

As to the attitude of the people of Colorado generally, those who neither affiliated with the unions or with the capitalists, Mr. Ward says their feeling is that violence must be restrained at all cost; that if the civil authorities find themselves unable to cope with the situation, the military must be called upon.

Mr. Ward believes that John Mitchell as a union leader could not have done anything else than order the strike in the southern district to continue to the bitter end. He believes Mitchell to be wise and conservative, but as the point has been reached where the companies won't employ union men on any consideration, there is nothing to do but hold out.

The international secretary does not disguise his belief that the only satisfactory method of settling the dispute between capital and labor is to bring to bear the Golden rule and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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The A. O. U. W. will meet tomorrow night in their hall for the election of officers and other business. All members are invited to be present.

Turner wouldn't sell poor meats at any price. 12-18

Freshly killed, prime quality beef, pork and mutton at Turner's 12-18

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PERSONALS

Theodore Gaussoin of Los Alamos was in the city today. Bengino Jaramillo and family are in from their ranch home today. Juan Navarro and Manuel Estavan were in the city yesterday from Mora. to Santa Fe this afternoon to attend a session of the territorial land board.

Hon. T. B. Catron, accompanied by E. H. Reed of Denver, was here yesterday.

C. D. Vasse, a gentleman from Huntville, Mo., is in the city to spend the winter.

C. M. Watkins, a St. Louis knight of the big satchel, is doing the town for his house.

George Arnot, manager for Groos Kelly & Co., at Albuquerque, spent yesterday here.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ludwig have returned to La Pension from a visit in Santa Fe.

C. Frank Waugh, the popular merchandise broker, is in the city today on his wanted business.

L. G. Howell, a popular Denver business man who comes this way occasionally, is here today.

Apolonio Sena, the efficient probate clerk, returned today from a business trip to Chaparito.

W. C. Teasdale, a St. Louis drummer who has been coming here for years, is around town today.

Z. A. Oppenheimer, the Chicago dealer in diamonds of the first water, was hustling in the city today.

Mr. Honey of Chicago arrived today on a visit to his wife who is spending the winter at the Wilcox Richard Dunn returned this afternoon from Mineral Hill, where he visited his daughter, Mrs. Bert Adams.

S. A. Horan, representing the Davis-Bridgerham Drug company of Denver, called on the local druggists today.

E. T. Hines, an Equitable Life insurance man of Albuquerque, is in the city pursuing the unwary uninsured.

Mrs. Ibberton and sister, who have been here for several months, left this afternoon for their homes in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Schiefelinger of San Francisco are the guests of Mrs. Moses Friedman on West National street.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Sykes left this afternoon for Santa Fe. After a short visit in the capital they will go to Albuquerque, and thence probably to Arizona.

J. R. Talkington and son are here from West Virginia. Mr. Talkington fils, expects to remain for the winter. Mr. Talkington, pere, will return home within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards are here from Louisville, Ky., to spend the winter. They are exponents of the culture and accompaniments of the Blue Grass state.

Attorney W. G. Koogler went to Mora today on insurance business. He was accompanied by a brother of the profession concerning the identity of whom deponent saith not.

J. E. Sykes and wife are spending several days in the city, on their way to California. Mrs. Sykes will be pleasantly remembered in Las Vegas as Miss Lillian Johnson, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hayden some time ago.

La Junta Shops Destroyed

SEVEN ENGINES ALMOST RUINED - SHOPMEN FLEE WITHOUT TOOLS.

Friday morning the Santa Fe shops at La Junta caught fire in some manner yet unknown, and the whole structure was reduced to ashes.

This morning the Santa Fe shops took fire and in a few minutes the entire structure was in ashes. The flames spread so rapidly that many of the machinists were unable to get their tools out. Besides this loss and the apparatus to operate the machinery, there were seven engines almost totally ruined. Fifteen expensive machines used in the shops were also destroyed.

It is very hard at this time to make an estimate as to the loss which the company sustained, but it will reach about \$300,000. Of the seven engines in the shops, two of them had been thoroughly overhauled and were just ready to go out, and the labor bill for repairs is more than \$6,000.

The local fire department could not reach the shops, owing to the immense amount of trackage which was well filled with trains. It throws out of employment over 100 men. The origin of the fire is not known, but

is supposed to have started from a torch light, but may have been sparks blown from the ashpit against the building. The structure was frame and the fire went through it as though it was a pile of kindling wood.

It is reported that owing to the labor difficulties at La Junta during the last few months, the shops will not be rebuilt. As the town is an important division point, this seems extremely unlikely. In the meantime, however, the work formerly done at La Junta will be brought to Raton and Las Vegas, and the forces in these two cities must be increased temporarily at least.

While the origin of the fire is unknown, it is supposed to have been set by a torch. Another theory is that sparks from the ashpit were responsible, while the usual rumor of the spite of disgruntled workmen is abroad. The structure was frame.

Keep Your Money In Las Vegas

AN OMAHA GROCERY CONCERN FOUND TO BE A NON-UNION HOUSE.

The Optic has more than once or twice urged all our citizens to buy of home merchants. Kickers to the contrary, notwithstanding, the merchants are selling at the lowest prices compatible with the successful conduct of their business. If they are not doing to let some of the objectors start a business of their own. If they can sell below present prices there is a fortune for them. They will get the trade. There's nothing in the world to hinder them taking advantage of the golden opportunity if present prices are unreasonable.

The methods of the eastern order houses are well known. The salesman offers staple sugar, for instance, at less than factory price. Then they delude people into believing that all their prices are correspondingly low. It is true that our merchants can't sell at Omaha prices. It is true that the Omaha merchants can't sell here at Omaha prices. The freight must be paid, and the buyer is bound to pay it.

Las Vegas who make their living here and send their money outside are a drag on their community. If they don't like our prices and our pay let them move on. There are plenty to take their places who will. The man who won't patronize the enterprising home merchant except when hard times come and he is out of cash can be dispensed with to great advantage.

There is no safer principle for friends of Las Vegas to follow than to spend their money at home. And this applies quite as much to merchants who send outside for supplies out of their line as it does to other people.

The Optic has recently heard of a number of union men of Las Vegas arguing that it is a perfectly justifiable proceeding to patronize the Omaha drummer who has been recently taking orders in the city. The same argument has been advanced to those who are not union men, but this article applies especially to those who are. The drummer who was here represented P. V. Haight & Co., Omaha. He went also to Albuquerque.

There it was reported by those anxious to injure organized labor that the unions had the salesman come to Albuquerque. In order to make the more effectual denial of this report the Albuquerque Labor Advocate sent the following dispatch to Max Morris, national secretary of the Clerks' International union:

Max Morris, Appel Block, Denver, Colorado: Is P. V. Haight & Co., Omaha, Neb., a union house?

The Labor Advocate. Mr. Morris' reply was as follows: The Labor Advocate, Albuquerque, New Mexico: Telegram from Omaha states P. V. Haight & Co., non-union.

Max Morris. The Optic has been informed that the salesman who visited Las Vegas represented that he was from a union house. Now that the claim is exploded there should be scant welcome for him among the union men. And as far as that goes there should be no welcome for him anywhere.

FOR SALE—EXCELLENT CHANCE. A nice little millinery and notion business for sale cheap, as owner must leave city. Address "M" Optic office, quick. 12-21

Mrs. Waring offers something out of the ordinary in her ad. Page 8. 12-31

The style and elegance of those handbags shown by Mrs. Waring is something unusual. 12-31

What Men Like

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Initialed Handkerchiefs Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs Fine Linen Handkerchiefs Silk Lined Gloves Wilson Bros' Ties Rich Silk Mufflers Silk Underwear

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THE HUB.

Y. M. C. A.

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of the evening, referred briefly to the world-wide and result-producing work that was being accomplished by the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Ward, by means of apposite illustration, announced his subject as "What Shall Be Done with the Young Man?" The gentleman is a fluent and cultured speaker. He affects no oratory, but only "talks right on." But he addresses himself directly to every member of his audience. He appeals to the business instinct and the common sense in a manner as admirable as unusual. The gentleman is occasionally epigrammatic. For instance, in his introductory remarks he referred to the saloon. "Of course, you are against the saloon. All Christians are as solid as rock against the saloon,—and usually just about as active."

Mr. Ward graphically portrayed the work of the Y. M. C. A. in the colleges. Scarce thirty years ago there was an inconsequential per cent of Christians in the colleges. Now 53 per cent of the college students were Y. M. C. A. men.

The work among the railroad men, among the teeming city population, among the soldiers and in the navy was briefly but realistically sketched. That so much had been done, that the Y. M. C. A. had proven such a mighty force for good, was a surprise to nearly all the audience.

Illustrations were given of the toughest of towns and the worst districts of cities, where unbridled license had prevailed, and the negative influences of the saloon had been neutralized and the Y. M. C. A. rooms had been filled with young men, bent upon self improvement; men, who had been turned from a life of dissipation and uselessness to lives of earnest purpose; who had exchanged the gaming table and the wine-cup for the harmless and helpful pleasures of the Y. M. C. A. club rooms. To the mining camps of the west, to the great manufacturing centers of the nation, to railroad towns and seaside cities, across the seas to Japan and China and the Philippines, the speaker led the minds of his hearers. Everywhere the Y. M. C. A. standard had been lifted, the cause of righteousness and honesty and right living had been advanced, and the image of God had been raised very often from the level of the beast to the noble eminence of true and right thinking manhood. Now in the United States were 700,000 members of the organization, whose interests were guarded by 2,000 well trained active secretaries.

Mining supplies are in big demand—Gehring has everything. 12-19

The rail saw mill operated at Newton is still tied up for want of material to work on. There are several cars of rails in the Newton yards consigned to the mill, but owing to the blockaded condition of the yards the past few days no switching has been done. The thirty employees in the mill are in consequence enjoying a vacation.

To the Ladies of Las Vegas.

Mrs. W. S. Standish will display a beautiful line of samples for tailor-made suits, cloaks, furs, waists and skirts. Also a line of handsome silk dress skirts, underwear, hosiery and corsets. Also dress goods by the yard of all the latest novelties.

Mrs. Standish represents Chas. A. Stevens & Bro. of Chicago, one of the largest establishments in the United States, and will give Chicago wholesale prices to the ladies of Las Vegas and vicinity. Everything guaranteed.

Douglas avenue, opposite Taupert's jewelry store.

Yesterday the hospital surgeons, assisted by several city physicians, removed the injured leg of J. T. Dresser, just above the knee. The doctors believe the man has a good chance for recovery. Dresser is the Postal Telegraph lineman who was injured Saturday by the California Limited.

The trains are all late today. The Limited from both directions came several hours behind. No. 1 from the north arrived at 4 o'clock. No. 2 from the west, detained by a freight wreck west of Albuquerque, will be here when she arrives. There is some vague talk about seven this evening. No. 7 is also poco tarde.

The Shakespeare Literary society of Temple Montefiore will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the vestry room of the temple. Prompt attendance is urgently requested. Everybody welcome.

NOTICE—All paid annual subscriptions to The Optic for 1904, taken this month will include the remainder of 1903 free of charge. Now is the time to subscribe: price \$6 the year, in advance.

If you want to begin work on the grand competition for Optic subscriptions register now and get your official receipt book from The Optic office.

The best floor for dancing in the city is in Rosenthal hall. Remember dance tomorrow night. 12-8

Select Holiday Picture Frames from the largest stock of new mouldings in the city. Workmanship guaranteed to please. M. Biehl, Masonic Temple. Phone, Col. 219. 12-25

Stirrit's views make nice Christmas presents. 12-30

Davis & Snyder have changed their ad space to the lower corner of this page, and advise their patrons to look there for a daily change of interesting matter. 12-32

Pocket knives and fine carvers at Gehring's. 12-19

Your Investment Guaranteed

Did you know the Aetna Building association pays 6 per cent on special deposits? Before placing your money elsewhere see us and get best interest. Geo. H. Hunker, Sec. Veeder Bldg.

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Mac Laren's Imperial CHEESE in small jars—three sizes—just received RYAN & BLOOD Both Phones, 307 SIXTH STREET.

NEW STORE BERRY Bridge Street—Near Plaza.

BLACKSMITHING Horseshoeing; Rubber Tires, Wagons Made to Order, Wagon Material, Heavy Hardware, Carriage Painting Satisfaction Guaranteed. HENRY LORENZEN The A. C. Schmidt Shop, Grand Ave and Fountain Square.

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MEATS ARE CHEAP Best Quality, too, at TURNER'S

STOVES For COAL or WOOD RANGES HEATERS PATTY Bridge Street

ONE PRICE FOX & HARRIS ONE PRICE

2ND HAND GOODS bought and sold. I want to buy now wooden beds, stoves, tents, refrigerators. Big store 12th and National Colorado Phone 271. Perry Olson.

CLOTHIERS AND FURNISHERS TO MANKIND. WE have received our immense stock of holiday goods and this is our special invitation to one and all who are looking for X-mas presents to call and examine the fine assortment before purchasing. You will remember we are the leaders, and this year our stock is more complete than ever 503 Sixth Street, - - Opp. San Miguel Bank.



THE DIFFERENCE between good and bad looking collars, cuffs, shirts, etc., is mostly IN IRONING. To get such work as we do—to have really clean, white, as good as new, starched goods will make many new customers happy. Try us before CHRISTMAS and you will keep on trying us afterward. We want you to try us now. The TROY Steam Laundry Opposite Furlong's, 703 Douglas Ave.

Gentlemen—Here is Something Worth Your Notice \$ \$ \$ IN YOUR POCKET WE are authorized by two of the largest high-art tailoring houses in the United States to give away every eleventh suit or overcoat that we take orders for in December. Now, this is the way we shall carry out their instructions: Instead of giving every 11th customer his purchase for nothing, we will give every customer for suit or overcoat made to order, TEN PER CENT OFF. Isn't that a better way to treat my trade—everybody alike? Please let us have your orders quick, so as to get the clothes here before Christmas. I. K. LEWIS, Lewis Shoe & Clothing Co.

The MARKETS

The following New York stock quotation were received by Levy Bros., members Chicago Board of Trade...

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including copper, sugar, and different types of wool.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 24,000; steady. Good to prime steers, \$4.90@5.65...

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—Wool nominal; unchanged.

Kansas City Live Stock. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000, including 200 southern...

@4.00; western steers, \$3.50@4.10; western cows, \$2.00@2.40.

Chicago Grain Letter.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14, 1903.—Wheat. Argentine weather reported on the whole favorable...

Corn—Corn closed a little better than yesterday. Considerable effort was made by pit traders early to inaugurate a decline...

LOGAN & BRYAN.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption...

The Grand Central hotel at Roswell has changed hands, Eliza White taking charge in place of Stockard and Danenberg.

Setting a Prisoner Free.

A man with rheumatism is a prisoner. His fetters are none the less galling because they are visible...

FAMOUS OLD JACKSON SQUARE. A Renowned New Orleans Landmark May Be Reproduced at the World's Fair.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 14.—Jackson Square, New Orleans, the scene of many historic events, may be reproduced on the World's Fair grounds at St. Louis.

Dr. W. C. Stubbs, chairman of the Louisiana World's Fair commission, has consulted with President Francis and has asked for additional space for the purpose.

"President Francis and Director of Works Taylor have both spoken in favor of the plan," said Dr. Stubbs, "and say there is scarcely any doubt about our getting the space we desire."

"The Cabildo in New Orleans fronts on Jackson Square, and if our plans do not fall the replica will stand in the same relative positions at the World's Fair—the square being west of the Cabildo."

The Forestry club of Portales has sent for 43,000 trees and it is believed that fully 100,000 trees will be set out in Roosevelt county next spring.

Sullivan Baker will erect a fine brick residence at Aztec.

A Thousand Dollar's Worth of Good. "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel or stones with excruciating pain," says A. H. Thornes...

Roosevelt county citizens have extensively signed a petition to the board of county commissioners, asking that bonds be issued to pay for the sinking of an experimental artesian well.

Bilious Colic Prevented.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears...

Mrs. Munsey Bull, wife of the editor of the Portales Times, died last week of pneumonia. The following morning, her mother, Mrs. J. J. Carson died at Colorado, Texas.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes...

Mrs. S. Praeger gave a reception at her beautiful home in South Roswell, last week in honor of Mrs. W. H. Sharpe of Kansas City.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy...

Homestead Entry No. 5277. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M. Nov. 11, 1903. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim...

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jesus Ma Tafayo of Las Vegas, N. M.; Antonio Griego of Cabra, N. M.; Simon Gallegos of Trementina, N. M.; Vidal Trujillo of Trementina, N. M. MANUEL R. OTERO, Register

M. Armijo was arrested last week at Portales on the charge of drawing a gun on Michael Kelly. Kelly permitted his dog to run among Armijo's sheep. To this the latter objected and drew the gun to make his objections more emphatic.

Homestead Entry No. 4638. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 5, 1903. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim...

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Alejandro Lucero, of Cabra, N. M.; Simon Gallegos, of Cabra, N. M.; Manuel Lucero, of Las Vegas, N. M.; Edouard Lucero, of Cabra, N. M. MANUEL R. OTERO, Register

No Reasonable Man

Imagines that a neglected cold can be cured in a day. The uncountable ailments in the lungs are inflamed and the throat is as tender as an open sore. But time and Allen's Lung Balsam will overcome the cold and stave off consumption...

Complete line of Amole Soaps in stock. Dried Fruits and Vegetables. New Canned Goods coming in. LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO.

DEALERS IN... All Kinds of Native Produce. McCormick's Mowers and Reapers. Gray's Threshing Machines. Rakes, Bain Wagons. Grain and Wool Bags, Bailing Ties, Fence Wire, Etc. Ranch Supplies, Navajo Blankets, Hay, Grain and Feed.

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Fine Furniture Christmas Presents Chairs, Rookers, Pedestals, Tabourettes, Buffets, Slideboards, Writing Desks, Music Cabinets, Dressing Tables, Brass Beds, Book Cases, Shaving Cabinets, Morris Chairs, Parlor Cabinets, Office Furniture, Davenport, Lounges, Lace Curtains, Couch Covers, Mexican Zapapas, Navajo Blankets.

LIBBEY CUT GLASS Is as cheerful as sunlight, as beautiful as flowers. Like the paintings of great masters, each piece of Libbey's Glass bears the name of its maker. Made in a great variety of designs. For all uses it is practical, as well as ornamental. We are SOLE AGENTS for this celebrated Cut Glass in Las Vegas, and our stock embraces a large assortment of Shapes and Cuttings. PRICES FROM \$3.00 to \$25.00

1/4 Off STERLING SILVER 1/4 Off Closing out our entire line of Sterling Silver Novelties, Tableware Etc., at 25 PER CENT OFF REGULAR PRICE

TOILET AND MANICURE SETS AN ENTIRELY NEW LINE OF Toilet Sets Collar Boxes Cuff Boxes Work Boxes Glove Boxes Manicure Sets Travelling Cases Photo Cases Handkerchief Boxes Etc, Etc

Goods purchased now will be laid aside and delivered Xmas eve or any time desired

PRESENT FOR ALL At the Big Store A wonderful collection of beautiful things suitable as Christmas Gifts

So much to see, so many articles to select from. Splendid values in all departments. Complete and charming assortment of Handkerchiefs, Ladies' Neckwear, Furs, Kid Gloves, Silk Waists, Fine Dress Patterns, Mexican Drawn Work.

BOOK NEWS 19c For Books worth 25c, 30c, 35c. 29c For Books worth 50c. 39c For Books worth up to \$1.00.

Fine China and Bric-a-Brac The shapes are so exquisite, the decorations so rich and dainty, its no wonder many people are buying it in preference to other goods. Never before have we shown such assortments or such values. Santa Claus' Headquarters In the Basement TOYS FOR EVERYBODY

Holiday Gifts in the Men's Store Smoking Jackets Lounging Robes Fine Neckwear Suspenders Fine Hosiery Salt Cases Silk Handkerchiefs and Mufflers

SKATES FREE Good ones, too, with all Boys' Suits at \$3.50 or more.

In the Basement USEFUL GIFTS Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Tea Sets, Berry Sets, Chocolate Sets, Ice Cream Sets, Carving Sets, Tea and Table Spoons, Knives and Forks, Pocket Knives, Razors, Rifles, Hall Lamps, Banquet Lamps, Library Lamps, Parlor Lamps, Student Lamps, Night Lamps

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Trolley Tickets to Customers Blue Trading Stamps with all purchases

SKATES AT COST

LOCAL NUGGETS.

Albuquerque has an epidemic of ton-celtia.

You'll find it pleasant at the dance in Rosenthal hall tonight. Good music and good company. 12-8

We have one good square piano for sale cheap. Call and see it at Combino Music Co. 12-16

The Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's church will meet with Mrs. Earnest Browne at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The B. & M. company was today shipping the pelts of 7,500 sheep to eastern markets. The sheep were victims of the sharp knives of Las Vegas butchers.

Mrs. Geo. D. Parish and children of Springer are spending several days in Albuquerque, the guests of the lady's brother, Attorney Henry P. Owen.

Secretary Gifford of the International Mining Exchange, headquartered at El Paso, sends out a circular which discards the reports of a bonanza in the Sierra county gold fields.

The best and most enduring Christmas present for your wife, your son or daughter will be a savings account at the Plaza Trust and Savings bank. 12-74

In the important case of Beagle vs. The Timber Mining company, a Superior jury returned a verdict for \$1,500 in favor of the defendant. No decision has yet been given in the Abeyta case.

The county commissioners held a short session this morning, received the report of the collector and treasurer of the county, transacted some routine business and adjourned subject to the call of the president.

Taupert was showing this morning a grand set of candelabra for banquet table decoration. It consists of a tall center piece, with four branches and two smaller pieces for the ends of the table. All is the splendid Hawkes cut glass, which sparkles like jewels.

The days of yore often time will be recalled at the chapel of the Presbyterian church when the Endeavorers and their friends will pop corn, crack nuts and eat apples. Old time country games are expected to furnish much amusement.

In the "Annals and Magazine of Natural History" Mr. Theodore T. D. A. Cockrell, formerly of this city, now curator for the museum of the Colorado college at Colorado Springs, has published a description of Anthophora gohrmanae, a fine new wild bee discovered by Miss Anna Gohrman at Las Vegas.

The street car company is now handling fifteen cars of ice daily with its locomotive. From now on the ice cutters in the canyon will be at work constantly. The ice has attained a thickness of more than a foot. Skating will not be interfered with seriously, as there will always be some of the ponds in condition.

W. G. Ogle, district manager for the Mutual Life Insurance company, received the intelligence from his old home in Covington, Ky., where his wife is visiting, that the lady is quite ill. There is no cause for alarm at present, but Mr. Ogle expects to leave in a day or two for Covington.

Yesterday was an ideal day, a springlike softness being noticeable in the air. The maximum was 55 and the mercury hung close to that mark for several hours. The minimum last night was 12 and Saturday night the minimum was 7. Fair weather is reported for tonight and tomorrow, with rising temperature for tomorrow.

The committees representing the young people of the various churches failed to effect the organization of a city union at their session Friday night, but the sentiment is unanimous that such an organization should be formed. Within a few weeks a union social will be given, and it is hoped at that time to make permanent organization.

The Optic will do your job printing in the best possible style and at the lowest prices. The business man who grieves because citizens send for things in his line to other cities and then sends his own printing to some cheap eastern establishment where the character of the work is cheaper than the price, is nothing if not laconic.

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Crowded with good things—Hfeld's great advertisement; page 7.

Escaped From Scenic Route.

James D. Denning, who was sent to the territorial penitentiary from Bernalillo county, on the 21st day of last April, has escaped from the institution.

Denning was sent up for forgery. He is not a particularly dangerous criminal, but the penitentiary authorities are making every effort to locate and capture him. He was sentenced to a term of two years and a half.

A few weeks ago Denning made a touching plea to Superintendent H. O. Bursum, of the penitentiary, to be allowed to join a detachment of convicts working on the Santa Fe end of the Scenic Route, and by dint of much oratory and good behavior his request was granted and he was allowed to join the trustees in the mountains.

Saturday he hurriedly and stealthily and completely vanished while the rest of the gang had left him alone in the convict camp to act as cook. When the hungry men of the picks and shovels came in to dinner there was nothing to eat and the cook was not to be seen. Denning fooled the authorities completely as he apparently had no desire to escape.

Denning is well known throughout Colorado, having a brother-in-law who is a prominent citizen at Antonito, and a sister who is private secretary to the secretary of the state in Denver.

He is 31 years of age, light complexion, has blue eyes, very poor teeth, is five feet seven and a half inches in height, has light hair, a face rather nice, but very weak. He claims to be a bookkeeper and also to have served in railroad offices. The usual reward of \$25 allowed by law has been offered by the penitentiary authorities.

Farah Cleared.

Andres Farah, the merchant who slugged Constable Martinez, who started to rifle a jewel case without serving the writ of replevin he had with him, came off easily at his trial before Justice Benigno Martinez Saturday afternoon. The constable's claims that he served the paper properly was supported by Juan B. Martinez, but was disputed by Farah himself, by his two nephews and by Arthur Hfeld. Farah seemed to have been entirely within his rights, but after he had been cleared in court, he agreed to pay the small costs of the case, amounting to about \$4. Farah was represented by Attorney Louis Hfeld.

The civil case to determine the ownership of the ring and pin which the constable sought to replevin was set for December 18.

It is extremely probable that had it not been for the presence and prompt explanation of Arthur Hfeld, the facts of the case would have not been learned by the justice, and Farah would have been punished for protecting his property against a trespasser.

You Wouldn't Want

to be in your present position all your life. Yet people who spend all they earn are always poor. They never "get ahead." Learn the satisfaction of having a bank account—one dollar will do to start—then keep adding to it. The Plaza Trust and Savings bank will help you and pay you 4 per cent on your savings.

Cleofas Romero, sheriff of San Miguel county, went over to Santa Fe yesterday with the prisoners convicted at the recently completed term of the district court.

You are invited to the regular Saturday evening dance in Rosenthal hall tonight. 12-8

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There will be no meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Boys' club tonight, on account of a directors' meeting.

The wall worn court house fountain in court house square is being rejuvenated.

A telegram of inquiry regarding the whereabouts of Ernest C. Lakin has been received from Oklahoma, City, O. T. Any information concerning him will be gladly received by Marshal Curtright. It is evidently a case of an anxious father.

An interesting find of copper bearing rock was located today in the creosote west of town. From all indications, this may prove to be one of the best discoveries yet made. It lies upon the very border of the town.

A Carload of Choice Furniture

For the Holidays just Arrived.

We are now Showing

- 24 styles of New Dressers
- 24 styles of New Commodes
- 14 styles of New Cheffoniers
- 8 styles of New Dressing Tables
- 6 styles of New China Closets
- 5 styles of New Buffets
- 6 styles of New Sideboards
- 11 styles of New Folding Beds
- 22 styles of New Extension Tables
- 8 styles of New Music Cabinets
- 8 styles of Combination Book Cases
- 10 styles of New Fancy Desks
- 14 styles of New Book Cases
- 4 styles of New Brass Beds
- 28 styles of New Metal Beds
- 3 styles of Curtain Desks
- 98 styles of New Pictures
- 4 styles of New Davenport Couches
- 12 styles of New Velour Couches
- 3 styles of Leather Couches
- 18 styles of Dainty Parlor Pieces and Stacks of other new and up-to-date Furniture.

At Popular Prices.

IRON WAGONS
TOY WHEEL-BARROWS
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Clothes Chatter

Among men, these cold December days, is mostly about

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Better buy now if you need one. Our assortment of these handsome, hand-tailored

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Overcoats is the largest and best selected in the city. The prices are right and you will never get a better Overcoat for the money.

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From 25c to 40c per lb.

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Try Our Home Made Pure Steam Rendered

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Never Burnt Or Scorched

Homeless Chicken Tamales, Chill Con-Carne.
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This means Goods for less than the wholesale price.

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| All \$15.00 Walking Skirts \$8.75 | All \$2.75 Flannel Waists \$1.69 |
| Silk Petticoats | All \$3.00 Flannel Waists \$2.09 |
| All \$8.00 Silk Petticoats \$4.75 | All \$3.25 Flannel Waists \$2.49 |
| All \$11.50 Silk Petticoats \$7.89 | All \$7.50 Flannel Waists \$3.95 |
| Vesting Waists | Silk Waists |
| All \$2.95 Vesting Waists \$1.67 | All \$6.00 Silk Waists \$3.47 |
| All \$5.00 Vesting Waists \$2.69 | All \$8.00 Silk Waists \$4.89 |
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SANTA CLAUS

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He has come to gladden the hearts of the old and make the young happy. Our assortment in TOYS beats anything ever before offered and astonishes the natives. The items are too numerous to mention, but will sell at

5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25

Our assortment in DOLLS is greater than ever before, and the prices speak in a clarion voice at

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We have imported a superb line of up-to-date Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs that sell on sight at

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