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An Interesting Letter to the Voters of Roy

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Mr. E. J. H. Roy,
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Roy, N. M.,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a short article pertaining to the drafting of the constitution of the new State of New Mexico, and the delegates that should be sent by honest voters to form the same. As this article is of deep importance to every one in the Roy country, as well as those throughout the entire new state, I trust that you will find space for it in the next issue of your valuable paper, the Spanish-American.

Thanking you in advance, I am
A Reader.

After the passage of the long fought for Statehood bill, naturally there comes an era of restlessness, hustling and scurrying to and fro among the people through-out the new state, for such a time is a very important one and indeed a crucial moment in the affairs of the country. The event of most interest to every section of the country is the drafting of the constitution of the new state, in fact the whole future rests on the very word, the CONSTITUTION, which is formed by those sent to draft the same.

To form this constitution, several delegates are selected by the people to go to the Capital and there in a body, draft the laws etc., for the state. This gathering of statesmen is called the Constitutional Convention. Uncle Sam says we must form a constitution to meet his approval or we get no statehood! This must be a constitution equally just to all, fair to the wage earner and fair to the capitalist. Not one where a "measly dollar or a party few throws everything to the advantage of the wealthy and over balance the scales of ever blind justice."

And now comes A. S. Bushkevitz of Roy, yes Hon. Alex. Bushkevitz, member of the 33rd Legislative Assembly, etc., etc., heralding forth his name in the "Roy and Solano Herald" as candidate for delegate to the convention from that end of the county. No! It is not a joke. He means it all, in good faith too. Bushkevitz of skinning fame, wants to represent us, where honorable and trustworthy statesmen are required, and vendors and cut throats are not permitted. Please in the name of humanity, Mr. Bush, forget such as that, for every voter in Roy, the east end, and the whole county know you, and well too, for lucky is he, who has escaped a dirty, low-down trick of Bushkevitz's style. The honest law abiding citizens will not permit such as you to represent them at even a dog fight, and Oh, well, God deliver us from statehood forever if such things as our Ex-Representative of the 33rd Legislative Assembly and Post-master-to-be are sent to draft that which is to rule us all, which shapes our destinies and our very future—the CONSTITUTION.

A Reader.

MAYOR GAYNOR SHOT IN NEW YORK

New York, Aug. 9.—Mayor William H. Gaynor of New York was shot and dangerously wounded on board a steamer this morning as he was about to sail for Europe. The mayor's assailant who gave his name as Jules James Gallagher, was immediately arrested and safely landed in jail.

Asked why he shot, he said:

"Gaynor has deprived me of my bread and butter."

He gave no explanation of his words, Mayor Gaynor was removed to St Mary's hospital.

The doctors at first reported that they did not believe the Mayor's wound serious. The bullet entered the right side of the neck but did not cut any of the important blood vessels.

The ship's deck was crowded when the shooting took place, and great excitement followed. Mayor Gaynor did not lose consciousness and occasionally spoke to those around him. "Say goodbye to the people, were the words which passed the mayor's lips.

Gaynor Has Fighting Chance

New York, Aug. 10.—The following bulletin on Mayor Gaynor's condition was issued at 9:30 tonight:

"The mayor's progress to day has been satisfactory. He has good strength, has rested well, has taken considerable nourishment and is in good condition this evening:

New York, Aug. 10.—Mayor William H. Gaynor lies in St Mary's hospital tonight with the segments of a split bullet fired yesterday by James J. Gallagher, who sought to assassinate him, still buried in his neck and mouth, but he has shown not one alarming symptom.

DRIVER KILLED AND \$18,000 TAKEN FROM STAGE

(Special to the Spanish American)

Santa Fe, New Mexico, Aug. 6.—Captain Fornoff of the Mounted Police was notified today that the stage from Mogollon in Socorro county, to Silver City, was again held up. The driver was killed and \$20,000 in silver bullion was stolen. This stage was held up last week and three women passengers were relieved of six hundred and fifty dollars. Several posses today took up the trail of the robbers.

According to later reports the robbers secured twelve bars of gold, valued at \$18,000. No passengers were on the stage. The gold belonged to the Ernestine Mining Company, and the Socorro Mining Company.

A dispatch from Mogollon says that four of the eight bars of bullion have been recovered. The mounted police and Sheriff Wright wired that they were on the trail of the robbers.

El Paso, Aug. 6.—A further reports from Mogollon says that the driver, Jose Dominguez was shot dead and thrown out into the road by the bandits, who then drove off the stage and robbed it. When the stage was two and a half hours overdue at Glenwood, the driver Jake Rouse, who was to relieve Dominguez, started out to meet him and found his body in the road. The mail sacks had not been molested.

Joe Gans Claimed By Death

Baltimore, Aug. 10.—After a plucky fight against the great white plague, a feature which was a race across the continent that he might again gaze on the face of his aged mother. Joe Gans former lightweight champion pugilist this morning succumbed to the ravages of tuberculosis. Joe Gans, whose true name was Joseph Gant, was 34

years of age, being born in Baltimore in 1874. His ring career was commenced in 1891, and was marked by a succession of victories such as fell to the lot of few men who have entered the ring. Defeated July 4th and again September 6, 1900, by Battling Nelson Gans failed rapidly in health. Late last spring he went to Prescott, Ariz., in hope of stopping the ravages of tuberculosis, but it was too late and ten days ago he started east, his one desire and hope being that he might end his days in his native city.

Disapproved of McMurray Contracts

(Special to the Spanish American)

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 6.—Not only United States Senator Curtis of Kansas, but also Vice President Sherman disapproved of the contracts, by which an "attorney's fee" of three million dollars was to be allowed in the sale of \$30,000 worth of Cg. . . . F the sale of \$30,000,000 worth of Indian lands in Oklahoma.

This assertion formed the substance of the testimony given by Senator Curtis today before the committee appointed by the house of representatives to investigate what is known as the McMurray contracts. Senator Curtis related the details of a conversation that took place in the White House last April between President Taft, Vice President Sherman and himself. The Senator explained that he was a member of the senate committee on Indian affairs, had been for fourteen years a member of the house committee, and that Vice President Sherman had been chairman of the house committee.

"The president," said Senator Curtis, "suggested the possibility of reopening the question of Indian enrollment. It seems that there are about fourteen thousand claimants who assert that they are Indians and who are left off the rolls. I told the president that it would be a serious mistake to reopen that question. The president then asked about McMurray, and what we thought of allowing ten percent as attorney's fees. Both Mr. Sherman and I replied that we did not believe that the Indians needed any attorneys on the basis of ten per cent, or on any other basis. We called attention to the fact that treaties between the Indians and the government called for the sale of the land by the government, and that no counsel was needed."

"We pointed out," he continued, "that to give attorney's fees simply would deprive the Indians of that much profit guaranteed them by the government. That formed the substance of our talk."

More charges of attempted bribery in Oklahoma land deals were made before the congressional investigating committee today. D. C. McCurtain, a Choctaw Indian, son of the governor of the Choctaw nation and attorney for that tribe, testified that J. F. McMurray had offered him \$25,000 not to approve the land deal.

"That has become the actual belief that they have to give up a good portion of what they get in attorney's fees," replied Hollman.

In a statement to the committee, and without going on the stand today, McMurray declared that the contracts came to him originally against his desire. He said that the Indians, at a "war council" had demonstrated their impatience at the government's slowness in selling the land and had called upon him to take the job at ten per cent, which he did with reluctance.

McMurray will go upon the stand later.