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"JIMMY" DELIVERS THE GOODS

Smith and Miera, Elected Representatives Union County People, Kicked Out of House by Partisan Republican Ring

OUTRAGE PULLED OFF BY CAUCUS

Only Two Republicans in House of Sufficient Stamina to Take Stand for Honor and Right

Santa Fe, Jan. 20.—By a vote of 27 to 20 the house tonight unseated G. C. Smith and Serapio Miera, democrats, from Union county, and seated O. T. Toombs and Candelario Vigil, republicans. Messrs. Palmer and Taylor, republicans, and Tharp, socialist, voted with the democrats.

Judge Swan of Tucumcari and Mr. Ryan of Grant county pointed out the glaring weaknesses of these Republican cases.

This action was taken after the house by the same vote of 28 to 20 had refused to permit the evidence in this contest to be read to the

house or placed in its hands for consideration and the house finally took its action upon the report of the majority which was absolutely bare of any reference to the vote for the respective candidates, confirming itself entirely to unsupported allegations of fraud and irregularity by election officials.

The address of Judge Swan literally tore the Republican case to pieces and left it without a shadow of right or justice. Thus the first section of the majority caucus job of securing a two-thirds majority in the house of representatives has been accomplished.

Not Ready for Peace

Washington, Jan. 18.—Talk of European peace brought about through mediation to be dominated by the American Government is revived in word from Denmark where, it was announced that the neutral nations have been invited by President Wilson to work for a speedy settlement of the differences. It is doubtful that the information is based upon recent negotiations; rather, it is stated, the movement started in an informal way soon after war was declared, is now gathering force, and that soon the neutrals will be in position to tender their good offices. It was but a few days after the countries went to war that President Wilson addressed to them a note expressing hope that an end would speedily be brought about, and announcing that the United States wished to volunteer its service in assisting to restore peace. Courteous replies came, but they bore the edict that the adjustment could only be accomplished by force of arms.

Ambassadors from the United States last September informally laid before representatives of the European governments this country's desire to employ its service in opening negotiations, and while the tender was accepted as having been made in the best of faith, expressions in reply did not indicate that the belligerents were ready to avail themselves of it. At that time President Wilson is said to have observed little prospect of peace as reflected in the unofficial exchanges between the Ambassadors and the representatives of the governments of Germany, Great Britain, France and Russia.

The suggestion for the unofficial feel-out was said to have been inspired from a German source, an announcement of which brought a quick reply from the German Government denying that it was suing for peace. That it would embrace peace, however, was not denied.

Col. J. M. Potter, proprietor of the famous Escudillo Ranch on the Cimarron, spent several days in the city this week. He reports everything on the Cimarron in a flourishing condition.

Warships at San Diego

San Diego, Cal. Jan. 21.—Preparations for the Pacific fleet of the United States to welcome President Wilson and the Atlantic fleet when the chief executive and the great international armada come through the Panama Canal in March, are going rapidly forward. The west coast fleet, made up of the flagship San Diego, under Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard, the cruisers Colorado and South Dakota, nine torpedoblast destroyers, and four submarines, will mobilize at this port to greet the war vessels from the Atlantic seaboard.

At present the destroyers and the submarines are already stationed here, while the cruisers are on patrol duty off the Mexican coast.

Comprising the great fleet which will come through the Panama Canal, will be the famous battleship Oregon, bearing President Wilson, the cruiser Olympia, which won fame at Manila, twenty-one super-dreadnaughts and battleships and a flotilla of destroyers from the American Atlantic fleet, two armored cruisers from Argentina, two battleships from Brazil, and four cruisers from other South American countries.

The armada will steam up the west coast to this port, where the first stop will be made. Including auxiliaries, there will be more than sixty warships at anchor in the bay here next March when the ships from the Atlantic arrive. This will be the greatest fleet of war vessels ever assembled in the Pacific Ocean.

A. B. Christerson, the SeJan postmaster, attended to business in the city Tuesday.

Keeping in Good Condition

Many people suffer from indigestion and constipation and do not know it. A feeling of dullness and languidness, bitter taste in the mouth, headache, bilious fever—most of those conditions when you "are not sick, but don't feel right"—can be traced to sluggish bowels and torpid liver. Foley Cathartic Tablets cleanse the system, arouse the liver, banish indigestion and make you "feel good all over"—light, energetic and ambitious. Sold by City Drug Store.

Resolutions by Catholic Church

Whereas, a mission was held at Clayton through the efforts of our worthy Parish Priest, Rev. Father Michael Dumarest. The preaching was done in the Spanish language by Father Bueno of Trinidad, Colorado, who through his rare tact and ability attracted the attention of all who were within the sound of his ringing and eloquent voice; and we, the undersigned, as a committee, have prepared the following resolutions:

Therefore, inspired by the learned preacher and the Christian faith shown, and his tremendous warnings to his flock to do good and shun evil; and great was the comfort to those who are faithful to their Creator. He made in his eloquent sermons so complete and convincing showing of the last judgment, that not a single person of all those present, even the most indifferent, could say anything but Amen. The effect is shown unequivocally in the fact that at the beginning of the series of sermons but 185 were present the first night, while 273 were present and witnessed the closing service. There were over 800 conversions, and persons who for thirty and forty years had strayed from any religious practice, came to the fold of the Church. Twenty five children of both sex, made their first communion. Therefore be it

Resolved, that on account of the truthfulness of these gallant soldiers of the Catholic faith, we the Catholic people of Clayton, hereby express our appreciation and gratitude for the benefits derived through the words and works of the successful missionary, Rev. Father Bueno. Be it further

Resolved, that we give our hearty commendation to our active and well loved Parish Priest, Rev. Father Dumarest, for his untiring efforts in our behalf, and to provide us with the most important of our business in life.

Submitted:

Fulgencio C. de Baca.
M. G. Fixer.
Luciano Castillo.
Manuel Martinez.

Committee on Resolutions.

Wanted

One hundred relinquishments in Union county. See Jno. B. Simmons, Clayton, N. M.

A Surprise Party

The Eastern Star gave their sister member, Mrs. Nellie Hosfeld, a surprise Friday afternoon by going to her home to show their respect and esteem before she leaves to make her home in Denver.

The afternoon was quickly and pleasantly passed with games and conversation, which was closed by the serving of a delicious two course luncheon.

Mrs. Hosfeld was presented with an Eastern Star spoon as a souvenir of her work in the Chapter here.

Prof. Hosfeld favored the ladies with some beautiful selections on the violin.

Those present were: Mesdames Asmusen, Haydon, Dych, Gray, Paddock, Sothers, Barnhart, Winchester, Moore, Turpin, Kilburn, Oibeter, Easterwood and Small.

We want to buy a car or two of reclaimed beans. See us. Otto-Johnson Mercantile Co.

ELY ON THE LEGISLATIVE CONTEST

Republican State Chairman Protests Against Dishonesty and Thieving Methods, but seems to be all Alone.

EXTRACTS FROM INTERVIEW

Says Title to Office is as Sacred as Title to Property and Should be Respected.

"I certainly am willing to talk about the contests before the house of representatives. I am always willing to talk about any matter, particularly a political matter of this kind, in which the people are directly interested. A right to a seat in the house of representatives of this state is just as much a property right as is a right to any other office, or a man's title to his land, and when this right is questioned, both the contestant and the contestee are absolutely entitled to a fair trial of their claims. A man who is not elected to an office is not entitled to hold it; that goes without saying, and the question of his political affiliations, or of his racial origin are equally immaterial. My protest isn't so much against the filing of contests—in fact, it isn't at all against the filing of contests—but it is against the proposal to jam 'em through the legislature without a hearing and for no other purpose than to secure a two-thirds majority in the lower house.

"A question of election and privileges cannot be decided fairly in a party caucus, where a mere majority of the majority assumes to control the action of the whole body. The testimony should be gathered by a committee of the legislature and it should be submitted for the consideration of the whole house, and every man in the house should be expected to vote in the decision of the contest according to his best judgement, and in perfect good conscience. It should be conducted just as fairly, and as honestly as a trial by jury and the members of the house, Republicans and Democrats alike, who are supposed to be selected from among the very best men of their several counties, ought to constitute a jury vastly above the average in intelligence, in judgment and in fair dealing. If that spirit characterizes our Republican majority, I venture to say that they will be met fully half-way by the members on the minority side and the people of our state will hereafter be assured that a contestant for a seat in either branch of our legislature will be given a square deal, regardless of the partisan control of either house.

WILL STICK TO IDEALS

"When I advance this argument I am told that I'm a theorist and impracticable; that I don't understand conditions and am too honest to be in politics and deal with Democrats; that my ideals are too high. It is true that I have my ideals and I am going to retain them. If I can't retain them and remain in politics, then I'll have to get out of politics. If a man can't be square and honest in the business of government, then he should retain his integrity and let the government go to grass. Things have arrived at a pretty pass in our state and in our country if men who come to the legislature of our state must leave their ideals and their sense of fair dealing at home. However, the last campaign was conducted on these ideals and along these lines.

It was just as clean a campaign as we knew how to make it; fought squarely on issues and without any resort to questionable methods.

"The bugaboo of the governor's veto is a myth. Our government is a government of checks and balances. It's a wholesome thing to have the possible radical action of one party curbed in a measure by the presence of another. I am perfectly satisfied in my own mind that any reasonable legislation which we may pass will receive the approval of the governor. I am also satisfied in my own mind that this feverish desire to secure a two-thirds majority of both houses is prompted by anything but motives of the purest patriotism on the part of the irresponsible lobby who are urging it. The people can't reach the lobby. But the people can reach the responsible members of the house who are now being urged to take the first step in a course which I feel to be filled with peril.

AGAINST "JAMMING"

"No state ever more sorely needed the earnest and patriotic service of its legislators than we do this year, and I am against jamming contests through the legislature without an open hearing in the house which shall be equally fair to contestants and contestees.

"PROSTITUTION" OF POWER

"I am a Republican through and through, and I haven't the slightest faith in democratic doctrines as applied either to the government of our country or our state. But I cannot conceive of any necessity confronting our party which would justify it in prostituting its power. This legislature was elected for the purpose of forming and shaping a state. It is my sincere hope that two things more than anything else will result from its effort. First, that the best men in the state will lend themselves to its continued service; and, second, that the men who serve the state will give it the very best that is in them. There is no surer way to make political service contemptible in the eyes of the people than for a great party to degrade itself by pursuing questionable ends by still more questionable means."

Methodist Notes

for Sunday, January 24th
10:00 a. m. Sunday School. 11:00 a. m., Morning worship subject of Pastor's Sermon: "What is man that Thou art mindful of him?"
7:00 p. m. Young People's Meeting. Leader: Mr. D. A. Paddock.
7:45 p. m. Evening Worship. Subject of Sermon: "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus."
Midweek service for bible study on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.
Ray Spotis Dum, Minister.

C. Otto left Sunday for Denver and Kansas City. He will go east from there probably as far as New York and Boston.