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THROW MILLION OF PEOPLES' MONEY

Republicans are Still Unsatisfied, However, and Demand Right to Waste More

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 18.—Provisions for wasting nearly a million dollars of the peoples' money have left some of the Republican members of the second state legislature still unsatisfied, and wrangling over county salaries has been carried into the sixth week of the legislative session. Separate and distinct county salary bills have been passed by the senate and house, and republican leaders are struggling for a compromise. When the senate bill was "railroaded" through that body Senator Barth, Democrat, called attention to the fact that in the seven years necessarily covered by any measure passed at this session it would mean an expenditure of over \$900,000 more than the salary bill agreed upon by the Democratic caucus. The aggregate of the salaries to be paid under the house bill is considerably greater and the republicans of the house have voted not to concur in the senate provisions. They demand to be allowed to waste more than a million of the peoples' funds.

Senator Barth declared that the senate salary bill expressed "the desires of the office holding lugs of the state who want to get their months, and their hands and their feet into the public treasury." In the house Representative Swan, Democrat, of Quay county, said that the Republican majority's method of "railroading" a measure that involved millions of public money would be "immortalized by its infamy."

In the meantime, while wrangling over county salaries continues, tax and other legislation demanded by the people remains sidetracked.

The vicious Republican plan involved in the proposed investigation of the State College and First State Bank of Las Cruces affairs is not working out as smoothly as hoped for by party leaders. The Democratic minority in the senate has backed the majority into a corner, with a resolution calling for the investigation, also, of the affairs of the defunct Montezuma Trust Co. of Albuquerque, the Citizens' Bank of Des Moines, the American Bank & Trust Co. of Clovis, the Savings Banks of Melrose, Taiban and Knowles, the Taos County Bank and the International Bank of Tucumcari, and will either force some kind of action or show up more clearly than ever the partisan object of the Las Cruces investigation. President Ladd of the State College has branded as false statements made by Senator Holt, Republican floor leader, concerning the college management in relation to politics, and President Paxton of the Board of Regents, after emphatically denying the existence of politics at the State College, has announced that he hopes the investigation "will be had speedily, and will not be delayed by the conditions of the political shambles in Santa Fe." The bill providing for the investigation committee has been signed by Governor McDonald.

At the meeting of the Democratic state central committee here plans for the next campaign were made, and resolutions heartily indorsing the administration of Governor McDonald were adopted. The resolu-

tions commend "his business-like conduct of the affairs of his office as chief executive of this state," and express the firm conviction that "his attitude on public matters has so won the confidence of the state of New Mexico as to insure Democratic success in the next campaign."

Striking Points in President's Jackson Day Speech

If I were not ready to fight for everything I believe in I would think it my duty to take a back seat.

I love the Democratic Party, but I love America a great deal more than I love the Democratic Party, and when the Democratic Party thinks that it is an end in itself, then I rise up and dissent.

There are Democrats who are sitting in the breeching strap, who are holding back, who are nervous. I claim to be an animated conservative, because being a conservative I understand to mean a man who not only preserves what is best in the Nation, but who sees that in order to preserve it you dare not stand still.

Politics in this country does not depend any longer upon the regular members of either party. There are not enough regular Republicans in this country to take and hold national power, and I must immediately add that they're not enough regular Democrats, either. This country is guided and its policy is determined by the independent voters.

What seems perfectly evident to me is this, that if you made a rough reckoning you would have to admit that only about one-third of the Republican Party is progressive.

The republicans have not had a new idea in thirty years, they have not known how to do anything except sit on the lid.

This country is bursting its jacket, and they (the Republicans) are seeing to it that the jacket is not only kept tight, but is riveted with steel.

There is one thing that I have got a great enthusiasm about, I might almost say a reckless enthusiasm, and that is human liberty. Until this recent revolution in Mexico, until the end of the Diaz regime, 80 per cent of the people of Mexico never had a "look-in" in determining what their government should be.

The country is theirs. The government is theirs. The liberty, if they can get it—and God speed them in getting it!—is theirs, and so far as my influence goes while I am President nobody shall interfere with them.

Have not European nations taken as long as they wanted and spilled as much blood as they pleased in settling their affairs, and shall we deny that to Mexico because she is weak? No, I say!

I want to ask the business men here present if this is not the first January in their recollection that did not bring a money stringency for the time being. I have asked bankers if that happened this year, and they say, "No, it did not happen; it could not happen under the Federal Reserve Act." We have emancipated the credits of this country.

Don J. Andres Pacheco, the Cuares merchant and stockman, attended to business in the city Thursday and Friday. Mr. Pacheco is one of the county's best men, and a republican with a real sense of right in his make up.

Big Week at San Diego.

San Diego, Feb. 18.—New Mexico played host to immense crowds again last week. After enjoying great popularity with several hundred teachers of San Diego county the week before, the natural expectation was there would be a lull.

There was not. Prominent men and women from the East succeeded the San Diego folks. The big new liner Great Northern came Wednesday on its maiden trip from the Atlantic via the Panama Canal, bringing a passenger list that has been exceeded, for notable persons, few times on any sea, and certainly never on the Pacific. Hardly had the big welcome accorded the Great Northern begun to die away when its echoes were drowned by the coming of 900 members of the Western Fruit Jobbers association in special trains Friday morning for a two days, out stay at the Exposition.

And then Chinese New Year was ushered in with brilliancy and noise. The exposition was thronged all four days, and the New Mexico building, as usual, led the rest.

It played host to an astounding variety of men and women, interested in an astounding variety of things. The Eastern business man who came on the Great Northern was interested particularly in commercial New Mexico, the society woman was thrilled by the Navajo blankets, Indian pottery and rugs that decorated the building, and she vowed that she would not return home until she had obtained samples of the Indian handicraft; the fruit jobbers came to talk apples and get information concerning the production of New Mexico.

And all remained to study other things. The business man talked coal and metals; when he turned to forestry. The well-to-do traveler became enthusiastic over the models of Indian pueblos and old missions and decided to return via New Mexico. The fruit jobbers remained to watch the fantastic steps of the Indians in the motion picture films of their dances. The many things found by the visitors to interest them and much comment. The discerning, of course, realized that this was only a result of the immense range of New Mexico's activities—and there were many discerning at the New Mexico building. Always the fact is emphasized that the building is only a reflection of the state; that what it has in miniature the state possesses on a gigantic scale; that specimens of copper represent hills of metal; that pueblo models stand for the wonderful realities of the sunshine state; that oil paintings of landscapes dim beside the actualities.

It was very gratifying to those in charge of the building that this fact should have been brought home so forcibly during the four days, for the persons who thronged the building have the means to travel and the money to invest. They were not, of course, persons who generally could be attracted to New Mexico to make it their permanent home; but they were persons who would delight in seeing every nook and corner of the Sunshine State or spend their winters there; or invest their capital in its industries; or buy its products.

It might be said that this was the acid test of the building. It had proved wonderfully effective in its appeal to masses of prospective settlers; now it proved just as effective in its appeal to another class. In short, the building and exhibits made good with the prominent visitors. In the celebration of Chinese New Year, the building drew a merry throng, more interested in striking "movies" than in a study of the commercial possibilities of the state; but the visitors will return later to consider serious things, as it were, coming to laugh but remaining to pray. It is this universality of appeal that permits the New Mexico building to cater to every sort of man and to do it with consummate success attained by no other show place of the Exposition.

The lectures on Clayton, Des Moines and Union county which were given last week, have been in every instance to filled auditorium of interested persons. The story of Union county growth and advancement, and the fact that there are so many opportunities for the prospective newcomer to that district, appealed to the hearers. A number of people visited the publicity office after the lectures to obtain further specific information regarding that district. The publicity that Clayton and Union county are receiving must result in great good to the community.

One Year Cost of War

London, Feb. 15.—In a statement explanatory of the arrangement made at the recent conference between the finance ministers of France and Russia and himself in Paris, David Lloyd George told the house of commons this afternoon that the expenditures of the allies on the war would be two billion pounds sterling during the current year of which Great Britain was spending more money than her two allies.

The present war, Mr. Lloyd George said, was the most expensive in material, men and money that had ever been waged. Great Britain, the chancellor of the exchequer told the house of commons, could finance the war for five years out of the proceeds of her investments abroad. France will be able to do so for about two or three years with something to spare. Russia he said, although prodigiously rich in natural resources, was in a different position.

Lloyd George said that it was decided at the conference of the finance ministers in Paris not to issue a joint loan. Golden Wedding Celebration

Tuesday, February 16th, at the family home near Cone, was celebrated the Golden Wedding anniversary of Don Juan Vigil and wife, Eleonor Trujillo Vigil. More than four hundred people from all parts of the country attended, and the celebration was one of the biggest events that has ever happened in Union county. About fifteen automobiles went from Clayton, and were loaded to capacity with friends of the couple. At 12:30, headed by the venerable couple, the whole company joined in a grand march. In the afternoon Prof. H. H. Errett addressed the people, touching briefly upon the life of Don Juan and praising him as a pioneer. Two big dances were enjoyed at night, one at the home and the other at Rosebad. It was an enjoyable occasion and will long be remembered by all in attendance.

H. G. Magruder of near Hayden, was a trader and business visitor in the county seat the first of the week.

DEMOCRATS SUSTAIN McDONALD

State Central Committee Passes Strong Resolution of Confidence

"Be it resolved, by the Democratic central committee of the state of New Mexico, that we unqualifiedly indorse the administration of Governor McDonald, and we unreservedly express our confidence in his integrity and ability, and particularly commend his business like conduct of the affairs of his office as chief executive of the state, and further express the firm conviction that his attitude on public matters has so won the confidence of the state of New Mexico as to insure Democratic success in the next campaign."

"We further indorse and approve his conduct in holding forth and fostering an ideal in New Mexico politics, that of eliminating what has been called 'practical politics' from affairs of state, and pursuing such a course as has ever made for real welfare of the whole people of this state."

The foregoing resolution, passed by unanimous vote was the final expression of opinion and policy by the Democratic state central committee at its meeting Sunday evening. Votes of confidence in the legislative minority and in State Chairman Paxton were also passed unanimously.

That he stands ready to give as much of his money and of his time as any other man in the party to help wage the great fight of 1916, was the sentiment expressed by Governor McDonald in addressing the members of the Democratic central committee Saturday evening—a sentiment which elicited cheers.

When called upon for a speech, the governor replied briefly to the attacks made that he is not a politician. He said that he believed in peace and harmony but he had never backed off from a challenge. He said it had been assumed that he is the administration of the state whereas half of the officers are Republican. He told of the split over the constitution four years ago and the bringing about of harmony; called attention to the fight made by the progressives with the democrats three years ago, said he has contended that men who assisted at that time are entitled to some consideration, and they have received it as far as the governor is concerned. This declaration was taken as a reply to Mr. Crist and some other critics.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Hugh J Collins Dead.

Attorney Hugh J. Collins who had been in poor health the past six or eight months, died Thursday morning at Oklahoma City, while on the way to Tulsa, Okla., heart failure being the immediate cause of death. The deceased in company of Mrs. Collins and sister, left Clayton Wednesday noon for a lower altitude on advice of physicians. Mr. Collins was an efficient attorney and popular in Clayton and Union county and his death will be greatly regretted. The News extends sympathy to the bereaved wife and relatives.

Walter Scott of the Otto neighborhood, was a trader in town Wednesday.