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SIERRA VOTERS DISFRANCHISED

Republican Caucus Majority for Second Time Denies People Election Franchise

Santa Fe, Feb. 24.—Republican house action in the case of Francisco M. Bojorquez, twice-elected Democratic representative from Sierra county, by which there was spread upon the records a deliberate lie—a clumsy, unnecessary and astounding lie—has brought to the entire state a realization that there is no limit to which the republican machine is not willing to go. The action stands as New Mexico's crowning humiliation at the hands of the Republican legislature.

In the facts generally known and forming a part of the Journal of the House, the Republican majority adopted a report stating that the governor of New Mexico, "well knowing that Antonio T. Chaves had been declared a member of this house, and duly qualified as such, called a special election in Sierra county, assuming to usurp the prerogatives of this house by declaring a vacancy in said district, and that said election was called and ordered by the governor knowing that no vacancy in fact existed, and that this action in calling said election under the circumstances, and putting the people of Sierra county to the useless expense of holding said election, was purely for political purposes in an effort to play politics with his office."

The House Journal shows that Bojorquez was unseated in the afternoon on Jan. 21, and his Sierra county seat declared vacant, and that it was not until late in the afternoon of Jan. 22 that Chaves, the Republican repudiated by the voters of Sierra county at the November election, was declared to be entitled to the seat. In the meantime, at 10 o'clock in the morning of Jan. 22, Governor McDonald, in accordance with the constitutional requirement, issued a proclamation calling a special election in Sierra county, and this proclamation, printed in the local daily paper, was in general circulation here, and the official document on its way to Sierra county before Chaves was seated late in the afternoon of Jan. 22.

The Republican majority could simply have denied Bojorquez his seat, and by right of might made the denial stick without explanation of any kind. Instead, it sought to falsify the records and pervert the facts, bringing added shame to the state.

After six weeks of political wrangling and county office lobbying, the Republican majorities in the senate and house have passed a county salary bill by a two-thirds vote. The bill will become a law regardless of the action of the governor. As predicted, the senate provisions for wasting over \$900,000 in the seven years necessarily covered by the act, failed to satisfy all the Republicans, and the senate conference committee of both houses raised the salaries fixed by the senate measure in three classes of counties. The bill passed provides for the throwing away of more than a million of the people's money in the seven years—for payment to county officers of this enormous sum in exchange for reasonable salaries, as fixed by the Democratic caucus measure.

The sixth week of the present legislative session closed with a total cost to the state of \$23,943.09, and with but seven laws enacted. This meant a cost to the taxpayers of \$5,420.53 per law. Only one of the seven laws—that extending the compulsory school term from five to seven months—is of benefit to the people of the state. Three of the laws make appropriations for legislative expenses. One of the others, which the governor allowed to become a law without his signature, is a libel measure for the protection of certain religious societies, and is believed to be unconstitutional. Another authorizes the expenditure of a balance in a state fund, and the remaining law provides for the Las Cruces investigation, which has for its object the mixing of political medicine for the unhealthy and unwholesome Republican machines. In this matter the taxpayers of this state are being robbed.

Baptist Services

for Sunday, February 28.

An illustrated lecture of 70 slides will be given at the Baptist Church Sunday evening presenting the work of the Home Mission Board in Cuba, the Canal Zone, the Southwest, and among the Indians, Mexicans, and Immigrants.

9:45 a. m. Sunday. 11:00 a. m. Morning worship. The pastor will speak on Christian Stewardship. 6:45 p. m. Young People's Meeting, Mrs. T. H. Rixey leader, Subject, Home Missions. 7:45 Illustrated Mission Lecture. All are cordially invited.

J. Q. Herrin, Pastor.

The "Jitney" Invention

All that is required to be a transportation magnate now is to own a Ford car. In nearly all of the large and many of the small cities the "jitney" bus is cutting into the profits of the street car companies and making owners of autos rich. When it was at first suggested that owners of machines could make any money carrying passengers for a five cent fare it was thought to be impossible. A few, wiser than the rest, started "jitney" lines with their machines. It has been demonstrated in San Francisco that the owner of a car can clear from six to ten dollars a day by carrying passengers at the "jitney" rate. In most of the cities these busses follow the routes of the regular street cars and are making trips on regular schedules. A "jitney," by the way, is a nickle, five cent.

Bueyeros Parish

Lent, 1915. Holy mass will be said at Clapham on the 6th and 7th days of March, at Barney on the 8th and 9th, at Miera on the 10th and 11th, at Garcia on the 12th and 13th, at Bueyeros on the 14th and 15th, at Albert on the 16th and 17th, at Gallegos on the 18th and 19th, at Alimora on the 20th and 21st, at Mosquero on the 22nd and 23rd.

Rev. A. Estvelt, Pastor
Bueyeros Parish.

C. F. Klutz of near Thomas, was a trader in the city Wednesday. He showed his progressiveness by calling at The News office and subscribing for the county's leading paper. There's a reason.

UNION COUNTY AT SAN DIEGO

Is Attracting Great Attention at California Exposition. Vis- itors Deeply Interested

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 25.—Union county is coming in to its own at the Panama-California Exposition. In lecture and moving pictures at the New Mexico building of the exposition it is receiving the attention its richness and resources merit. That it will obtain a great influx of new and permanent residents as the result of the publicity being given it seems a foregone conclusion.

There are views of its farming and ranching, especially the latter, which it deserves as the premier stock-raising county of all New Mexico. Its advantages of soil, water and climate are dwelt upon thoroughly in the lectures.

Of greatest interest, after these advantages have been set forth, is the fact that there are 630,000 acres available for homestead entry, which at once fixes the attention of the hearer interested in the opportunities New Mexico may hold for him. He has heard what Union county may produce; he has heard of its cities, Clayton, Folsom and Des Moines; and, with his interest aroused, he received a punch in the "get-up" portion of his being when the lecturer tells him of the land available for entry.

Excellent railroad facilities next are taken up, the routes of the Colorado and Southern, St. Louis Rocky Mountain and Pacific and El Paso and Southwestern are traced, showing the numerous points from which shipments may be made to the central markets.

One of the first things a prospective new-comer always asks is concerning the schools of the section he is considering as his future home.

No parent will sacrifice his children's welfare for his own advantage, at least, not permanently, so that the ninety-one schools of the county, with their 109 teachers, form a drawing power of consequence.

Especially for the man who wishes out-door life and freedom from the restraints of the city or crowded East, Union county is attractive. For the man of means, perhaps seeking location for a business venture, the opportunities of Clayton are urged. He is told that a great portion of the rich portion of Texas is tributary to Clayton and that, with the big development certain to come in both New Mexico and Texas, a business in Clayton should be a thriving one.

Reinforcing the talks of the county and its three cities, there are available for distribution to the interested list of lands open to homestead and other literature detailing the industrial openings of the county.

Methodist Notes

for Sunday, Feb. 28th.

10: a. m. Sunday School 11:00 a. m. Sermon by the Pastor, Subject, "The Mind of Christ." 3:00 p. m. Preaching by the Pastor at Apache Valley School House. 7:00 p. m. Young Peoples' Meeting 7:45 p. m. Evening Worship Subject of Sermon, "A Biographical Sketch of Fannie J. Crosby." Rehearsal on Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Bible Study class on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Children's Instruction on Friday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock.

M. E. Ladies' Aid

The M. E. Ladies Aid met last week with Mrs. J. J. Herrings. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Earl Jennings, Wednesday, March 3rd. All members are urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Rally

To be Held with the Baptist Church at Clayton, New Mexico
March 4-7, 1915

Thursday, March 4.

7:20 p. m.—Devotional service led by S. S. Superintendent.
7:45 p. m.—How to Study a Lesson to Teach It—A Normal Lesson, by J. L. Rupard.
8:15 p. m.—How to Get the Scholars to Study the Lesson, by Rev. W. Dougharty, and open discussion led by Superintendent.

Friday, March 5.

9:45 a. m.—Consecration service led by Rev. W. Dougharty.
10:00 a. m.—Conducting the Sunday School, by J. L. Rupard. How to Conduct OUR School. Talks by Superintendent and others.
11:00 a. m.—S. S. Work—A Normal Lesson, by J. L. Rupard. Suggestions by workers.
2:15 p. m.—Devotional.
2:30 p. m.—The Standard S. S.—What? Why? How?—Open conference led by J. L. Rupard.
3:00 p. m.—Class Organization, by Rev. W. Dougharty. The Story of an Organized Class, by J. L. Rupard.
7:00 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. Conference—The Standard of Excellence, How to reach it, conducted by J. L. Rupard.
7:30 p. m.—Devotional service led by Rev. W. Dougharty.
7:45 p. m.—Five Things a B. Y. P. U. May Do:
1—Increase the spirituality of young Christians, by Mrs. C. U. Bridges.
2—Train young Christians in essential church activities, by Mrs. F. H. Beatty.
3—Edify young Christians in Scriptural knowledge, by T. H. Rixey.
4—Instruct in Baptist doctrine and history, by Rev. W. Dougharty.
5—Enlist them in all forms of missionary endeavor through existing denominational organizations, by Pastor. SOLO (selected) Miss Inez Eklund.
8:15 p. m.—The Strategic Value of a B. Y. P. U., by J. L. Rupard.

Saturday, March 6.

10:00 a. m.—The S. S. Workers' Meeting—What? Why? How? by J. L. Rupard. What will we do about it? Open discussion led by Superintendent.
3:00 p. m.—S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Problems and Their Solution—Open conference.
7:15 p. m.—Devotional service led by T. H. Rixey. SOLO (selected) Miss Ina Hardgrave.
7:30 p. m.—The S. S. as a Factor in the Work of the Church:
1—Reaching the Masses, by Miss Josie Loyless.
2—Increasing the Membership, by Mrs. J. R. Dyche.
3—Developing Church Workers, by Mrs. J. R. Rixey.
4—Building the Kingdom, by Pastor.
A summing up, by J. L. Rupard.

Sunday, March 7.

9:45 a. m.—Regular Sunday School Session.
11:00 a. m.—Sermon, The Great Commission—The S. S.'s and B. Y. P. U.'s Part and Place, by the Pastor.
6:45 p. m.—Regular B. Y. P. U. Session.
7:30 p. m.—Praise service for the blessings of the Rally.
SOLO (selected) Miss Hazel Asmussen.
7:45 p. m.—Address, The Aim and End of the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Work, by J. L. Rupard.
All Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Workers are urged to attend. Everybody is cordially invited.
J. L. Rupard,
State S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Field Worker, Clovis, N. M.
J. R. Rixey, Superintendent.
J. Q. Herrin, Pastor.

JAPAN WON'T FIGHT U. S.

Island Kingdom Has no Desire to Commit Harikiri. Good Sense Rules

Adachi Kinnosuke in Harper's weekly: Japan has or has had no such fancy idea as committing harikiri by attacking the United States at any time.

Not, mind you, that Japan thinks that America will blow her off the map before breakfast if war should come. Not that she thinks it impossible for her to get Hawaii. Japan, indeed, thinks that she could get the Hawaiian and the Philippines, the Samoan and other islands of the Pacific belonging to the United States, and that rather easily. Indeed, she does not quite see the American occupation of Hondo, Shikoku Kyushu, Kokkaido, etc.; she has never yet lost a single moment of sleep. Japan knows that she can take Hawaii—unless things change radically. She knows the American temperament; how impatient it is in matters of National honor. All that Japan has to do is to take Hawaii, fortify it formidably, garrison it with ample force; leave the Philippines as a bait and then sit down in her well sheltered and gr-fenced waters, become a trifle more extravagant in mines and submarines and watch what miracles the American fleet would be capable of in operating six thousand miles from the home base. That is, if America be the only Power to reckon with. But it isn't. There is the rub.

The fact is Japan could never see the United States in the light of a menace. She has always looked upon the American-Japanese war talk as something rather useful to professional newspaper humorists when they get very hard up for jokes to fill up a column. It is not difficult to take the view of the thing when we are told that Japan is actually trying to fight the best friend she has ever had, international politically speaking, and by far the best customer she has, for the sole ecstasy of hoisting another white elephant onto her almost broken back.

Clinging to the jumping off edge of the extreme East is a string of not very fertile islands called Nippon. She has succeeded in winning the enmity of both Russia and Germany and also of China. She is straining her every effort to patch up her armor as well as she might. The United States—fourteen times as big as she in area and twice in number of people and prospering as no other people on the face of the globe, and and heaven only knows how many times richer than Japan—sitting six thousand miles away—thinks that the little heathen is spoiling for a fight with her. Japan would certainly laugh, if it were not so downright heartrending.

Notice

B. A. Asmussen, the tailor, announces that after March 1st, he will be at his place of business in Clayton each Saturday, and longer if necessary. He will live on his ranch during the coming summer.

FOUND—A pair of glasses near the railway. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this notice. George Metford.