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We see no good reason why Clayton should not have a local option election. If a majority favor a dry town, then let us have a dry town; and if a majority favor a wet town, let's have a regular soaker. A decision in this matter, whatever the result, would be a good thing for the town. Business men would know better how to figure, and could decide how best to make investments. We favor an election, the sooner the better, because it will settle business conditions for a term of years.

Here, Too

When we stated last week that the legislature would adjourn on last Friday at noon, we acted on the assumption that the legislature would obey the constitution. Why we assumed that the legislature would obey we are at a loss now to explain, because as a matter of fact they had been constantly violating the same. We failed to guess to what limit the unlawfulness of that body would go. But we have the consolation that such republican newspapers as the Deming Graphic, the Western Liberal and other papers made the same mistake. The very organs of the republican party could not comprehend that their representatives would do the things they did do.—Sierra Free Press.

The News made the same mistake and for the same reason. Of course, we knew better than to suppose that the caucus corkscrew jimmy outfit would do anything right or according to the law and constitution. We were honest and right and no apology is necessary.

If you admire Teddy, all right; but don't forget to include in your daily prayers thanks to the Lord that he isn't president of our country at this particular time.

Union county's persistent trouble maker, Mrs. Mary Goodin, who was sent to the penitentiary the first of the week to serve a suspended sentence of two years, has been featured by every daily in the state. The truth of the matter is, Mary is not nearly as dangerous as she has been painted. She has never ran any one out of the county, but it is true that she has made several "skidoo" off her own dunghill. She has taken several healthy shots at people she seemed to consider trespassers, but has always been careful not to hit them. In our opinion Mary is more crazy than mean, and should be in the asylum instead of in the penitentiary. However, her absence for two years is a relief to all, and no one cares very much where she is, so long as she isn't here.

Safe From Embarrassment

The Silver City Independent suggests that we all get busy and prepare for 1916 and roll up the biggest Democratic victory in the history of the country. We suggest that every paper in the state come out in the open NOW and announce its politics. To avoid any embarrassment we did this in February.—Clouderoffer.

Yes, and to avoid any embarrassment, we did it about thirty years ago, and have never had cause to change. Recent converts should serve a term of probation.

Clayton implement dealers have had to wire additional orders for farming machinery in order to satisfy the demand. Union county agriculturists are "tearing the earth up" for a purpose, as will be apparent next fall when the real bumper crop is being marketed.

White Assists Kansas

The needs of the office of the state superintendent of public instruction of New Mexico were so eloquently set forth by State Superintendent Alvan N. White in his report to the governor that the state of Kansas increased its edu-

cational budget from \$10,800 to \$20,550. This is the news received by Mr. White today from W. D. Ross, the state superintendent of public instruction at Topeka. Mr. White is interested to note, however, that his report and recommendations, while helping Mr. Ross, did not bring the same result here, as the legislature of New Mexico failed to make provision for the assistants Mr. White asked.—Albuquerque Herald.

The jimmy politicians had plenty of money for "peanut politics," but "not one cent" for educational advancement.

The Baton Range says that the legislation enacted by the recent un-lamented caucus majority jimmy and corkscrew outfit, was "markedly conservative." Yes, so markedly conservative that the whole mess is hard to locate.

We are certainly glad that Bill Sunday is not God. Bill is so thoroughly saturated with ego that he opines that he would be an improvement on the Almighty, the God whose gospel he claims to understand and preach.

Prof. B. W. Lile, our best representative of the good old-fashioned school master who believes in teaching the "young idea" valuable facts instead of so many modern "fibs," came in the first of the week from Buceros where he taught a very successful school the past winter. Both the officials and patrons of the district were more than pleased with the school and are insistent that Prof. Lile serve them during the next term. He left Thursday for Nevada, Missouri, where he will visit relatives and friends during the spring and summer months. The News will keep him posted during his absence.

NEW MEXICO SONG
Adopted by the State

Much attention has been attracted by the song, "Fair New Mexico," both the words and music of which were composed by Miss Elizabeth Garrett, blind daughter of the late "Pat" Garrett. The song, which was recently adopted by the legislature as the state song, was first rendered in Santa Fe on February 26th. The words are as follows.

Under the sky of azure
Where the balmy breezes blow,
Kissed by the golden sunshine
Is Nuevo Mexico;
Home of the Montezuma
With fiery hearts aglow;
State of the deeds historic,
Is Nuevo Mexico.

Refrain

O fair New Mexico,
We love, we love you so;
Our hearts with pride overflow,
No matter where we go.
O fair New Mexico,
We love, we love you so,
The grandest state we know,
New Mexico.

Rugged and high Sierras
With deep canons below,
Dotted with fertile valleys
Is Nuevo Mexico,
Fields full of sweet alfalfa,
Richest perfumes bestow;
State of the apple blossom,
Is Nuevo Mexico.

Days that are filled with heart
dreams,
Nights when the moon hangs low,
Breathing its benediction
O'er New Mexico,
Land with its bright manana,
Coming through weal and woe;
State of our Esperanza
Is Nuevo Mexico.

Two Minute Title Talks

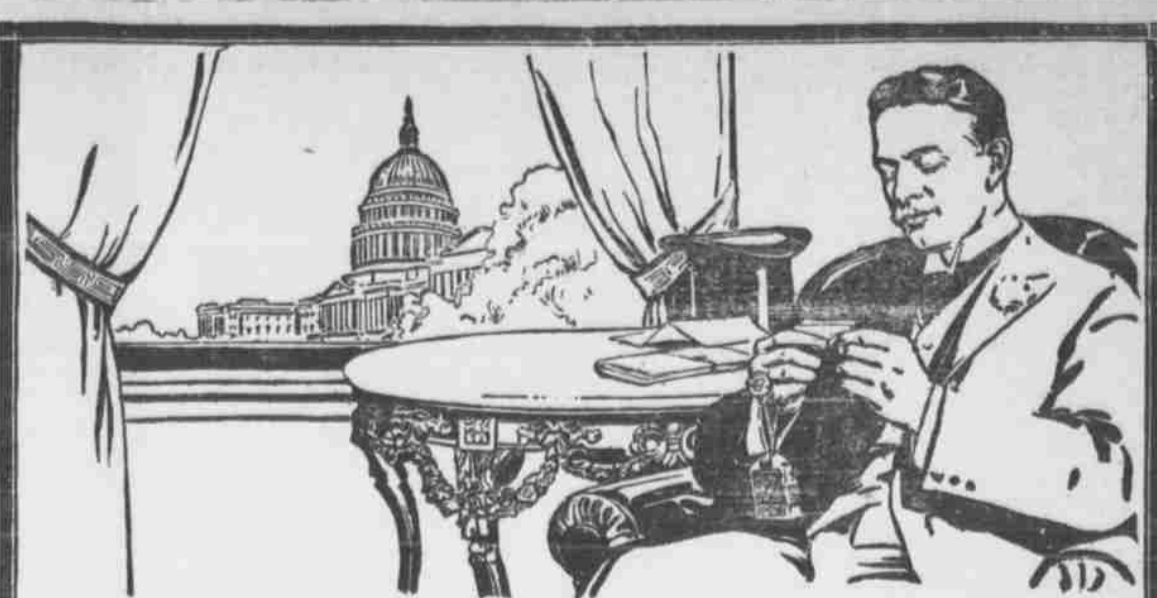
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Mountain of Salt.

Several hills of rock salt exist in Algeria. One of these, near Jelfa, is 300 feet high and nearly a mile across. In spite of the soluble character of the material of which it is composed, it stands up in high relief from the surrounding clay, without any signs of erosion. There are in it, however, many sinkholes, into which the torrential winter rains soak, being at once absorbed and given out again at the base of the mountain in the form of salt springs.

Quicksilver.

The ore from which quicksilver is obtained is a brilliant red rock known as cinnabar. When of high purity it is actually vermilion in color. Cinnabar is the original source of the pigment known commercially as vermilion. It is a compound of sulphur and quicksilver, and in order to separate the latter from the sulphur the rock is roasted. Passing off in the form of a gas, the mercury is afterward condensed and flows out in a fine stream, like a continuous pencil of molten silver. Like gold and silver, mercury is occasionally found in a native or pure state. Sometimes the miner's pick penetrates a cavity that contains a cupful or more of the elusive and beautiful fluid. Miners suffer much from the poisonous effects of the quicksilver fumes. Extreme cleanliness is the best safeguard for workers in this dangerous occupation.

Moving Picture Tricks.

Some of the most thrilling scenes in the moving picture dramas are taken with the aid of small models, which are considerably less than life size. It is much cheaper, of course, to burn up a toy building or to sink a miniature ship than to destroy an original to make a moving picture holiday. The models used for this work are carried out with great attention to detail, and the pictures are taken with the camera very close to the ground to get the proper perspective. The moving picture audiences, even when paying the closest attention, are completely deceived.—Boston Herald.

SHORT SERMONS.

As a simple naturalism takes the place of the old pessimistic supernaturalism, the faith of the world—that in every man which helps him to realize his aspirations—has an optimistic glow.—E. E. Newbert.

It is a grand thing to find joy in one's work. If you have found that, you have found the heart of life. Glad service is better than great service unless that be glad too.—James Buckham.

Of course we have a duty to distinguish between the good and the bad, but we have a duty to discriminate also among the things that are good. We are made not for the good only, but for the best.—Robert Speer.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Moral energy grows with the obstacles against which it is measured, and the putting forth of moral energy as the purpose of our lives is the highest exemplification of humanity. When we put forth the highest moral energy, then we touch the stars of life.—Felix Adler.

Begin your web, and God will supply you with thread.—Italian Proverb.

This church of all the saints is a great power in the world. Every true sergent of God must belong with this mighty service of God, must get his strength through it and contribute his strength to it.—Phillips Brooks.

Let not thy peace depend on the tongues of men.—Thomas a Kempis.

Russian Tipple.

A popular drink among the peasants of Russia is called quass. It is made by pouring warm water over rye or barley meal. It is a fermented liquor and is very sour, but has been used for years by these poverty-stricken people.—Liverpool Mercury.

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