

EXTRA! The Portales Valley News EDITION

VOLUME XXVI

PORTALES, NEW MEXICO, SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1923.

NUMBER 30

PORTALES WELCOMES N. M. DEMOCRATS

CONVENTION NOW BEING HELD AT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

PORTALES AS AN INDUSTRIAL CENTER

Little does one realize the great strides which Portales has made in the past two years as an industrial center.

Among the manufacturing enterprises will be found a canning factory which cares for the immense tomato crop, putting out a grade of canned tomatoes superior to that of any section within five hundred miles.

To care for the great cotton crop, Portales has two modern cotton gins, valued at around \$75,000.00. These gins are equipped with the very latest machinery for the ginning of cotton, and are a big factor in the development of this industry in the county.

A recently installed ice factory of the latest type, supplies the county with pure ice.

Abroom factory, recently installed, is running night and day, manufacturing the home grown broom corn into brooms of a quality equal to any factory in the nation.

In the past thirty days a large cheese factory has been installed, and this has met with such success that the capacity has already been doubled.

Immense storage and curing plants cure the sweet potato crop, fitting it for the best market on earth — California. This industry is growing and expanding each year until the town has rightly been named the "Sweet Potato Town of the U. S. A."

This week, Portales has received another industry which has long been needed — a modern steam laundry. New machinery is being installed and in a short while this will be equal to any laundry in the state.

The broom corn industry is handled through immense warehouses, where it is stored and graded, fitting it for a world market.

The commercial interests are well represented here, with modern stores which carry complete lines of merchandise in every line, catering to a trade which demands the best.

The feeding interests are taken care of by large feed pens, where baby beef is fed and finished for home and foreign consumption. Through these pens car load after car load of fat hogs are shipped out weekly.

Portales has many enterprises and a field for others which will be brought here within the next year.

While the poultry industry in Roosevelt county has not kept pace with the dairy development, still it is gradually growing. Modern poultry and brooder houses are being built here and there and flocks are being increased. The hatchery is doing a good business and is aiding materially in poultry development, especially in the increase of high quality standard bred flocks. Roosevelt county ranks second in poultry production among the counties of the state.

JUDGE RICHARD H. HANNA DELIVERS KEY-NOTE ADDRESS



Judge Richard H. Hanna, of Albuquerque

SILVER TONGUED ORATOR HOLDS CROWD SPELLBOUND FOR OVER AN HOUR

In a masterful way, Richard H. Hanna, of Albuquerque, gives a review of the mismanagement of the Republican administration, both State and National.

The Key-Note Address In Full

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Democrats:

We are gathered together as representatives of a great political party, to take the first steps in a campaign for the selection of national and state officials. The responsibilities of government for many years have rested upon the shoulders of the Republican party. The Democratic party, therefore, as a minority party, has the privilege and the duty of analyzing the administration of public affairs by the Republican party, and so far as the criticism is constructive and fair we as a minority party, can and should perform a useful function in our analysis of the record made by our political opponents, upon which they must stand in the coming campaign.

Our judgment of the claims of the Republican party for continued confidence of the American public should not be based upon narrow partisan opinions but should confirm to our best judgment upon the facts disclosed by the record made. We do not suggest that any large element of our citizenship is corrupt or incompetent. For more than a century and a half the American people have, in a large measure, demonstrated their capacity for self-government, and in the main, our national governments have been characterized by conscientious efforts to serve the best interest of our people. It is true, very serious mistakes have at times been made, and unworthy public servants have been found. It is also equally true that neither of the great parties has any monopoly upon intellectual ability, integrity, or other qualifications for efficient and honest public service. We should be prepared, and doubtless are, to admit that the average qualifications of American citizenship, with respect to intelligence, honesty and willingness to serve the public good would average about the same in either of the great parties. Sometime long continuance of any political party in power affords opportunity for unscrupulous or dishonest persons to gain an ascendancy in governmental affairs and gives to them an opportunity to betray the trust and confidence reposed in them by the party to which they owe allegiance. This is demonstrated by the prevalence of scandal connected with the recent national administrations. It may be with considerable reluctance that we notice the deplorable conditions disclosed in recent years of malfeasance in office, by men high in place and rank in our national government. Of such characters have these disclosures been, that some may question their fitness for self-government or the long continuance of our institutions, unless such practices can be ended, and this sometimes seems doubtful through the indifference of public opinion.

For the most part, our citizenship has evidenced a lack of interest in the sordid, corrupt transactions which have come to light and become a part of the record made by congressional investigating committees. Even the conclusions of the Supreme Court of the United States based upon the same facts denouncing the transactions as clear evidence of corruption and breach of confidence on the part of the public officials awaken little interest. Too many apparently blinded by partisanship, are prone to attribute the disclosures to political agitation and partisanship.

Some individuals, however, holding high place in the Republican party, have recognized the warning which these disclosures convey, not only to true principles of American government, but as a menace to the continued power of the great party to which they belong. A notable instance of this has recently been brought to light by the frank statements of Senator Borah of Idaho, who, in a recent speech has warned his party that the people are indignant at the scandals that have been uncovered in our public life, and that nothing short of a complete repudiation of those concerned in such scandals, together with the choice of clean candidates and a fearless insistence upon high moral principles can return the Republican party to power. He suggests that the voters "will demonstrate that the voters will demonstrate that the Republican party belongs to neither cowards nor crooks." Such statements from the Republican leadership all too few in number, demonstrate that there are individuals in the leadership in that great party who would strive to improve conditions from within. On the contrary, we have witnessed the deplorable spectacle of the silence of other Republican leaders from President Coolidge down.

Judge Bots, in his recent key-note address before the Republican State convention said "that no one can regret the facts that have been disclosed more than the Republicans, but also that no one has been more diligent at trying to get at these facts than the leaders of the present Republican administration." He further stated "We have done every thing within our power to correct this mistake." If the roll of the Republican leadership is called, the term "we" will have little significance. With the exception of Senator Borah of Idaho, I do not recall any Republican leader of prominence who has raised his voice or directed his energies in any way to the correction of the deplorable conditions.

It has recently been disclosed that even Mr. Hoover, who apparently has some just claim to the confidence of the American public has his attention directed to the oil scandal within a few days after the lease contracts were executed by Secretary Fall. The protest of Mr. Hoover at that time was forwarded to Mr. Fall with a statement from Mr. Hoover as follows: "I should be glad to convey to this gentleman any reply which you may suggest." That fact is based on the records of Mr. Hoover's office, as brought into the senatorial investigation, and is shown at page 8167 of the Congressional Record under the date of May the 5, 1928. Insofar as known, Mr. Hoover has never, at any time since the protest was lodged with him on

cing the transactions as clear evidence of corruption and breach of confidence on the part of the public officials awaken little interest. Too many apparently blinded by partisanship, are prone to attribute the disclosures to political agitation and partisanship.

Some individuals, however, holding high place in the Republican party, have recognized the warning which these disclosures convey, not only to true principles of American government, but as a menace to the continued power of the great party to which they belong. A notable instance of this has recently been brought to light by the frank statements of Senator Borah of Idaho, who, in a recent speech has warned his party that the people are indignant at the scandals that have been uncovered in our public life, and that nothing short of a complete repudiation of those concerned in such scandals, together with the choice of clean candidates and a fearless insistence upon high moral principles can return the Republican party to power. He suggests that the voters "will demonstrate that the voters will demonstrate that the Republican party belongs to neither cowards nor crooks." Such statements from the Republican leadership all too few in number, demonstrate that there are individuals in the leadership in that great party who would strive to improve conditions from within. On the contrary, we have witnessed the deplorable spectacle of the silence of other Republican leaders from President Coolidge down.

Judge Bots, in his recent key-note address before the Republican State convention said "that no one can regret the facts that have been disclosed more than the Republicans, but also that no one has been more diligent at trying to get at these facts than the leaders of the present Republican administration." He further stated "We have done every thing within our power to correct this mistake." If the roll of the Republican leadership is called, the term "we" will have little significance. With the exception of Senator Borah of Idaho, I do not recall any Republican leader of prominence who has raised his voice or directed his energies in any way to the correction of the deplorable conditions.

It has recently been disclosed that even Mr. Hoover, who apparently has some just claim to the confidence of the American public has his attention directed to the oil scandal within a few days after the lease contracts were executed by Secretary Fall. The protest of Mr. Hoover at that time was forwarded to Mr. Fall with a statement from Mr. Hoover as follows: "I should be glad to convey to this gentleman any reply which you may suggest." That fact is based on the records of Mr. Hoover's office, as brought into the senatorial investigation, and is shown at page 8167 of the Congressional Record under the date of May the 5, 1928. Insofar as known, Mr. Hoover has never, at any time since the protest was lodged with him on

(Continued on Page Two)

National Committeeman Can't dates Very Interesting

The struggle being waged between the Seligman and Hunker factions for a majority of the delegates when the voting starts on the National Committeeman has been the high light of the convention so far.

Arthur Seligman of Santa Fe has been National Committeeman for the past four years and George H. Hunker of Las Vegas is best known to the people of the party as Chairman during the campaign in which Jim Hinkle of Roswell was elected Governor by the largest majority of any Governor ever elected in the state.

Mr. Seligman and Mr. Hunker are both members of the party of lifelong standing.

Farmers find that by doing their own business through their own associations they can work to better advantage in the solving of both production and marketing problems. Market demands are studied, better quality products are put on the market, more attractive packages are adopted, and systems of grading are adopted. A study of available statistics for the State shows that Portales enjoys the distinction of being one of the best, if not the best, markets for farm produce in the state. In this connection the farmers feel that their co-operative marketing associations have a great influence.

N. M. Democrats Are Flocking To The Convention

FOUR COUNTIES INSTRUCTED FOR SMITH AND DELEGATES PROBABLY WILL FAVOR HIM

Santa Fe, May 19.—Four counties have instructed their delegates for Alfred E. Smith for president, McKinley, Rio Arriba, San Miguel and Santa Fe. A majority of the county delegations, although uninstructed, favor Smith. Party leaders say indications point to the election of delegates to the national convention in Houston uninstructed, but strongly favoring the nomination of Smith.

Rio Arriba, San Miguel and Santa Fe counties are instructed to support Arthur Seligman for reelection as national committeeman with indications that spirited opposition may develop in George Hunker of Las Vegas.

Santa Fe county delegates said they will initiate a move to bring the nominating convention, to be held probably in August, to Santa Fe. The time and place for this convention will be set later by the state central committee.

In spite of the fact that a large portion of the county's feed crops are fed to farm livestock, over two hundred carloads of threshed grain are shipped out of Portales annually. Most of this grain goes to the Pacific coast to the poultry feeders there.

Golf Fans Invited To Use the Country Club Course While Here

Visiting delegates and visitors who have a few hours to while away the time are invited to avail themselves of the golf course of the Portales Country Club.

The golf course is being improved each year and will soon be one of the best in the state.

A large concrete swimming pool is one of the features of the Country Club. This is supplied by pure water from the club's own irrigation plant.

Plans for the future are the beautifying of the country club grounds, setting out of shade trees, the building of a club house and possibly the laying out of a country club residential district.

One of the most encouraging phases of dairy development here is the increased interest in improved quality of dairy products and more economical production by the use of improved dairy cattle, improved feeds and feeding methods, and improved facilities for dairying. Within the past few years the development along these lines in Roosevelt county has been tremendous, and it will continue in the future.

Roosevelt county has a greater diversity of agricultural products than any community in this section of the country. Here is the list: fat and cheese, poultry products, beef cattle, dairy products (butter, grain, cotton, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, broom corn, peanuts, hogs. All in commercial quantities.

The Portales Valley News

J. G. GRAVES
Editor and Owner
Published Weekly on Thursday
TELEPHONE NO. 83

DEMOCRATIC IN POLITICS

Portales Valley News bought Portales Herald-Times September 12, 1916.
Portales Valley News consolidated with Portales Journal, December 18, 1920.
Portales Herald consolidated with Portales Times, March 27, 1913.

MEMBERS:
National Editorial Association
Panhandle Press Association
Western New Mexico Press Association

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

IN NEW MEXICO
1 Year \$1.50
6 Months \$1.00
3 Months .50

OUT OF NEW MEXICO

1 Year \$2.50
6 Months \$1.50
3 Months .75

The Wonders Of The Great Portales Valley

The many visitors to Portales to the State Democratic Convention will not fail to impress upon our visitors the great and wonderful resources of the great Portales Valley.

Roosevelt county has an area of 2500 square miles of fertile lands. Of these, 500 square miles lie in the Portales Valley which crosses the county in a southeastern direction, beginning in the northwest

corner of the county. This valley is watered by an inexhaustible supply of water which comes from an underground river and gives unlimited water for irrigation. It is raised by great pumping plants, giving each farmer absolute control of his water supply at all seasons of the year.

The principal crops of the valley are tomatoes, sweet potatoes, peanuts, sugar cane, alfalfa, strawberries, grapes, cherries, plums, cotton, broom corn and an unlimited variety of truck crops.

The entire county is a vast dairy and poultry farm. The cream sales who go through Portales amount to over \$750.00 per day the year around. The poultry industry will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

Yet, in spite of these great industries, there is less than ten percent of the lands of the county and valley under irrigation. The future development is unlimited. The Portales Valley alone can support a farming population of over 2,000 families of farmers, which would support a town of 10,000 people.

Her schools are of the very best and with the completion of the Eastern New Mexico Normal school will attract many families to the state, which will increase the taxable property of the county many millions of dollars.

Every citizen of New Mexico should read the key-note speech of Hon. Richard H. Hanna, in which he gives a comprehensive review of the gross mismanagement of the Republican administration, both state and national. In this the taxpayers will see why their taxes are at the present high mark. This condition can be corrected at the polls in November. It will take the vote of every Democrat to do this. Staying at home will only endorse this mismanagement. Read this address and pass it on to your neighbor.

Eugenio Romero Pleased With the Reception In City

Eugenio Romero of Mora, New Mexico, stated Saturday morning that he was highly impressed with the reception which the delegates had received in Portales.

Mr. Romero states that he finds the people of this county progressive and wide awake, and that the development which they are bringing about through the farming, dairy and poultry industry will mean a big thing for the state.

He says that Portales is a real town, and is developing faster than any town in the state.

Farmers of Roosevelt county believe in cooperation. This is evidenced by the large volume of business handled by farmers' cooperative marketing associations of the county, with headquarters in Portales. Approximately three hundred and forty thousand dollars worth of business is handled by four Roosevelt county farmers' associations, namely: Farmers Co-Operative Elevator Association, Portales Co-Operative Broom Corn and Warehouse Association, Portales Valley Sweet Potato Growers Association, and Roosevelt County Dairy Protective Association. All of these associations are incorporated under the State Co-Operative Marketing law and all are directed by boards composed of Roosevelt county farmers. Two of these organizations are more than seven years old, one of them two years of age, and the other has just been formed within the past year.

Dairying and poultry still remain the most satisfactory industries for Roosevelt county farmers. Indications are now that Roosevelt county will develop into a real dairy section, just as some of the most prosperous sections of the Texas Panhandle have done. This county is the greatest in the state in dairy production, approximately one half million pounds of butterfat being produced annually.

LOOK OUT FOR THE BRIGHT RED NECKTIE
Visitors to the Convention are warned to look out for the bright red necktie, which will be prominent on the floor of the Convention.
This tie was presented by Mayor Tingley of Albuquerque to Hon. Coe Howard, with the instructions to wear it at the State Democratic Convention.
It will serve a double purpose of identifying the next representative from Roosevelt and DeBaca counties and also in illuminating the convention hall.
If there is anything you want, just call on the wearer.
It is a part of his duties to see that every delegate and visitor is properly cared for.
It also introduces our fellow citizen, Coe Howard, who has done as much or more than any citizen for the development of Portales and eastern New Mexico.
Again we say, look out for the bright Red Necktie and see that its wearer is kept busy looking after the entertainment and comfort of the visitors.

HANNA'S KEY-NOTE ADDRESS (Continued from Page One)

April 20th, 1922, said or done anything to help or correct this matter, but in this he is not unlike his associates, in either the Harding or Coolidge cabinets. Apparently, they have been actuated by the hope that the affair would prove to be merely a tempest in a teapot,

and the American people forget without the necessity on their part of meeting the responsibility. Are they therefore, not to be classed with those other "faithless public servants" to employ the language of the Supreme Court of the United States, "who conceived and carried through the Teapot Dome deal."

This lack of interest is the characteristic of the entire Republican leadership with few exceptions. The oil scandal is worthy of careful consideration, and evidently receives such consideration at the hands of Sen. Borah, who he said "Corruption will undoubtedly be one of the issues of this campaign. We cannot avoid it if we would, and should not avoid it if we could." We submit however, that Senator Borah's confidence in Republican leadership was at least temporarily misled when he undertook to raise \$100,000.00 for repayment to Mr. Sinclair, in order to purge the Republican party of the taint of bribe taking. He did not find that the Republican leadership agreed with him, and he is now wondering what to do with the paltry \$6000.00 which his effort produced. Possibly the Republican leadership believe in that old saw of "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute," and decline to pay further tribute to Sinclair and his cohorts, or possibly they feel that their money will be better spent in a campaign fund for use of the coming campaign.

Mr. Borah also made a significant statement to which we all agree when he said: "The fight for clean government is a fight for free government." and "The issue is here." It is no ordinary condition. It is no ordinary situation. The future of our party turns upon how we propose to meet it. Timidity has no place in such a fight. Silence is accessory after the crime.

"We may talk tariff preach economy, plan for a prosperity and all these things which make for dollars and cents. But is that all? Is that the only and the highest element in our national purpose and life? Shall we stop there? Is that the full aim and end of the party? Is that the final goal of our boasted higher civilization?"

"We know as we look back over the past few years, we know as we trace the slimy wriggling of corruption through the corridors of government, that it is not all, that there is something more essential, something more vital."

"And the people know that it is not all. Along with these things, and now in conflict with them, but the essential part of them politically, are the great moral problems of the people and the constitutional questions where alone orderly liberty dwells. Organizations, party strategy, and card index and the check book will claim their place. But nothing has ever been as controlling as the American people as the simple power of great principles."

"You will hear it said in these days that democracy as a form of government is breaking down—that upon the complicated questions of modern industrial life the people cannot successfully pass. We need not debate the question now. But make no mistake that upon the great questions which involve national honor and public decency the people have an interest that is insatiable and an instinct that is sure."

Senator Borah's honesty in attacking the misconduct of the public officials of his political faith is meritorious, and we may say "Strength to his arm, and success to his efforts." But we submit that the silence of his party convicts it as an accessory after the crime. Silence, moreover, was accompanied by the receipt of a part of the spoils.

Judge Botts in his recent address to the State Republican Convention made a brave attempt to

sidetrack the citizenship of this state from a consideration of shortcomings of his party in the national aspect when he said, "It is the program of protection which is at every foundation of prosperity which we now enjoy," and that "were it now for the protective tariff, the sheep and cattlemen of this state would be out of business and the ranges left to the dominion of the prairie dog and the jackrabbit."

This "keynote" has been since followed up by a bulletin issued by the Republican State Central Committee, suggesting that you may vote for an industrial drought unless you vote the Republican ticket at the coming election. This bulletin puts forth the propaganda that only a Republican protective tariff can be the best interests of the cattle and sheepman of New Mexico be served, and attempts to create the fear that Democratic victory would spell hard times for all of us. This scarecrow has been erected by the Republican spellbinder and propagandist from time immemorial, and it is to be hoped that it has lost its efficacy. At least, it is subject to denial and relegation to discarded stage properties of political chicanery. We would ask our Republican friends whether the high protective tariff they so glibly boast about was in any way responsible for the deplorable condition in which the cattlemen of our state found themselves during the recent Harding administration, and why that party failed to protect the cattle and the sheepmen.

The real cause of the difficulty of the cattlemen was the incompetent management of the Federal Reserve Banking system, and since the administration of that great system has fallen into Republican hands, have witnessed what an unfriendly attitude and misconception of the purposes of that institutions can accomplish to the detriment of American business to whom the American Federal Banking system was created during the administration of our great leader, Woodrow Wilson.

Time will not permit any serious attempt at analysis of the difference between the two great parties upon the subject of the tariff.

It is sufficient to say in this connection, that the fundamental difference between the two parties, is, as shown by the present Republican tariff, the disposition to maintain a tariff higher than ever imposed in any previous tariff legislation, without thought of change in world-wide conditions developing after the war, and without regard to any sincere purpose

to protect American industry. It has become an effort to grant special privileges and to tax the American consumer without genuine intention of protecting American labor and capital. This is not a democratic viewpoint alone, but is supported by the experience derived from the operation of the law during the past six years, and is the conclusion arrived at by the economists and other students of public affairs.

At the time of the passage of the present tariff bill, the Chicago Daily Tribune, one of the leading Republican newspapers of the country, had this to say about the measure:

"We can guarantee one thing for the new tariff bill just reported by the Senate Finance Committee. Somewhere in its maze of barbed-wire entanglements each intelligent citizen will find a result in a business man, producer and consumer who attempts to negotiate it will meet a shock. It is one of the longest, most detailed, and most complex tariff bills ever presented in Congress. On the whole, it is a very high protective tariff. It bears every evidence of having been built according to the ancient methods of allowing or soliciting every special interest in the country to appear before the committee, argue for a high rate of duty to protect its own special commodity, and obtain such a rate regardless of its effect upon the economic organization of the country as a whole."

Numerous other comments from Republican sources could be referred to, but it is sufficient to point out that the deplorable condition of the agricultural industry is now conceded to be due to the disturbance created through the present tariff policy, and this condition of (Continued on Page Three)

HANNA'S KEY-NOTE ADDRESS (Continued)
unprecedented banking industry West and the industrial East imposed by the rates imposed. We would not ing industry of capped in its carry on success we do believe principle of the expressed in founder when rights to all to none." The sound and Golden Rule, of a true principle while Republica from the principle popular government and a line of demand

BEST PLACE TO EAT

Convention visitors will find this place the best place to eat while in

Portales. Come and see us.

PAP'S PLACE

WE GREET YOU

Visiting Democrats, we extend the glad hand of welcome and trust that your visit to Portales will be a pleasant one.

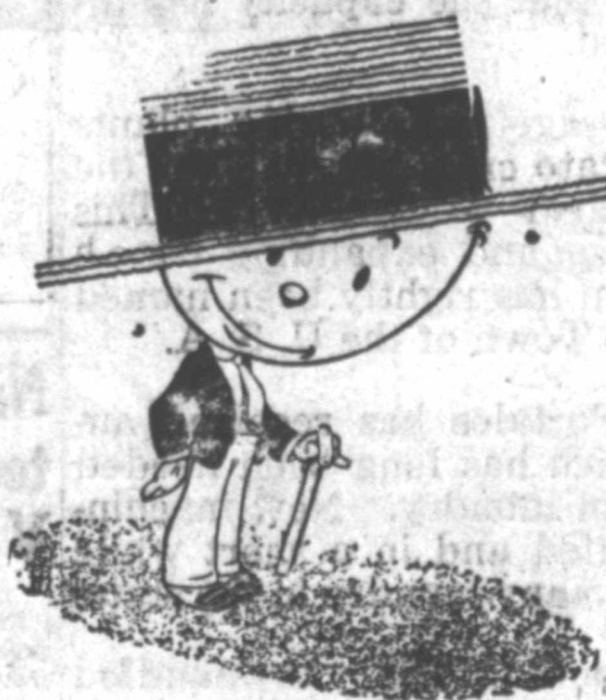
Come in and visit with us. Make this store your meeting place.

Priddy & Fooshee Co.

Pumps For Every Purpose

We Greet You

CONVENTION DELEGATES AND VISITORS



We welcome all of you to our city and invite you to make our store your headquarters while in town.

If there is anything you want to know about the irrigated land around Portales or the possibilities of the farmers here, we are more than glad to answer your questions. We will be glad to take any of you around the farms here and show you pumping plants in operation and the land that makes Portales famous for its many crops.

Roswell Pump & Supply Company

"PLANT MORE COTTON"

WATER WELL SUPPLIES

JERRY D. SMITH, MANAGER

The House of Dependable Merchandise

PROGRAM

Democratic State Convention of New Mexico

Invocation Rev. Lorta
"America" Maurice Klein
Introduction of Speakers Hon. C. M. Compton, Junior
Welcome Address for Convention Hon. Coe Howard
Welcome Address for City of Portales Hon. R. G. Bryant
Response to Welcome Address Hon. David Chaves, Junior
"Oh! Fair New Mexico" Maurice Klein
Roll Call of Delegates.
Appointment of Credential Committee.
Keynote Speech Judge Richard H. Hanna
Report of State Chairman Hon. W. A. Keleher
Report of National Committeeman Hon. Arthur Seligman
Appointment of Resolution Committee.
Report of Credential Committee.
Report of Resolution Committee.
Election of State Chairman.
Election of National Committeeman.
Election of National Committeewoman.
Election of Delegates to National Convention which meets in Houston, Texas, in June.

At noon barbecue luncheon will be served by Entertainment Committee under the direction of G. W. Carr, Chairman. For delegates only.

New Tub Frocks



For The Summertime Wear

A host of new styles for ladies and misses. Values out of the ordinary. Voiles, Organdies, Linens, Rayons, Tissue Gingham, Prints, Dimities,

Every One Tubable

\$1.00 TO \$6.00

Convention Visitors are invited to visit us. You are welcome at

The Ladies Shoppe: A.J. Rodes & Co.

HANNA'S KEY-NOTE ADDRESS

(Continued from Page Two)

unprecedented difficulty for the banking industry of the Middle West and the West, while the Industrial East has no doubt profited by the extraordinary tariff rates imposed by the existing bill. We would not see the manufacturing industry of this country handicapped in its legitimate efforts to carry on successful business, but we do believe in the fundamental principle of the Democratic party expressed in the language of its founder when he declared "Equal rights to all and special privilege to none." This principle is as sound and as equitable as the Golden Rule. It is the basic idea of a true democracy. It is the principle which distinguishes a Republic from a monarchy; it is the principle which distinguishes popular government from oligarchies and autocracies; it is the line of demarcation between jus-

tice and injustice; between selfishness and selflessness, between honesty and dishonesty, between clean government and corrupt government. It is as immortal as truth, and governments founded upon it and which adhere to it must endure for all time. When equal rights are disregarded or denied and special privilege is enthroned, decadence begins and festering corruption appears.

"Special privilege is the source, the center and the core of corruption in government; it is responsible for most of the injustices perpetrated by governments and for most of the immorality and dishonesty of public officials. It appeals to cupidity, to greed and all of the worst impulses and traits of human nature.

"Special privilege is the chief policy of the Republican party as at present organized and controlled. Since the moral issue upon which that party was founded has

been settled, special privilege has been the one thing upon which the Republican party has had to rely to sustain itself as an opponent of the Democratic party committed to the doctrine of equal rights to all and special privilege to none."

The words last quoted are not mine, but are the expression of a man who has made a close study of public affairs for many years, but his words, and especially those that follow, to continue a quotation from him, all of which were written some years ago, have peculiar application to the present condition of public affairs. I therefore take the liberty of quoting further from him:

"The commonest form of special privilege in government is a tariff policy which enables a small class of citizens to tax all other citizens for the special benefit of those few. From a temporary expedient it has become a fixed policy of that party, and by reason thereof, the most mercenary, ruthless, dishonest and corrupt element of that party has come into control. Certain forms of business, originally stimulated temporarily by this policy, have come to rely upon it for large and unjust profits, and they in turn have become corrupted through their dealings with the corrupt leadership of that party until now, as a result of this unjust and dishonest policy of special privilege we have a permanent alliance between corrupt business and corrupt policies."

Present indications tend to point to an awakened conscience among representatives of big business in America. An Associated Press dispatch under date of May 10th, 1928, referred to the fact that most of the two thousand delegates at the United States Chamber of Commerce Convention at Washington, appear to resent the discredit cast upon business ethics by the deal of Sinclair, Stewart, and other oil men, and enthusiastically welcomed the actions of Rockefeller and Parker in branding business and political corruption. This dispatch also points out that "there was similar rejoicing in Congress, where investigating committees were reluctantly coming to believe that their crusade had the hostility rather than the support of the business world.

We find other evidence of an awakened conscience leading us to believe that the end of corruption in National Government affairs is approaching an end. In the State of Indiana, where a corrupt Republican political machine has functioned in recent years, in such a manner that twenty-two state and

party officials have been imprisoned or indicted, has been in a large measure rebuked in the recent primary held in that state. An equally corrupt political machine in the State of Illinois, where corruption has been rampant for eight years, and where the use of money derived from big business interests has created another scandal of national character, has been overwhelmingly rebuked, and we hope, for all time destroyed.

Similar reference may be made to the primary scandals in the State of Pennsylvania, and numerous other instances could be cited would time permit, clearly indicating the depths of the corruption to which Republican leadership has sunk during the past seven or eight years, but the encouragement to be gained from a contemplation of these things is that the Republican rank and file are undertaking to purge the party of the stigma placed upon it by men of the type referred to.

From a Democratic standpoint, however, we submit that there is little to be hoped for in the continuance of the Republican party in power. The hold upon that great party by those unworthy of confidence, as demonstrated by past history, is such, that its leadership will consider its methods have been endorsed and license given to continue the same by any majority received in the election of this year. It is as idle to expect a change of heart in such leadership as it is to anticipate that the leopard will change his spots.

Political morals, and to a large extent, business morals, have already been too largely corrupted by such leadership, to justify the hope that methods will be changed. There has never been a time in American history when it was more necessary for this nation to be guided by the immortal precepts of Thomas Jefferson, for only by adhering to them can special privilege and attendant corruption in government be overthrown. Let us therefore gird our loins in an effort to play our part in the reclamation of our government from the corruption which is now admitted to have prevailed during the past Republican administrations.

We turn our thoughts now to State affairs, and what do we find? The constitutional convention which met at Santa Fe in 1910 had a membership of approximately seventy per cent Republican delegates, and we find Secretary Fall very largely dominating that body with the result that consistent effort was made to confer special privileges upon large business interests. The Corporation Commission was created but stripped of all real power to function. The legislative districts were apportioned to insure a Republican control of legislative bodies without regard to

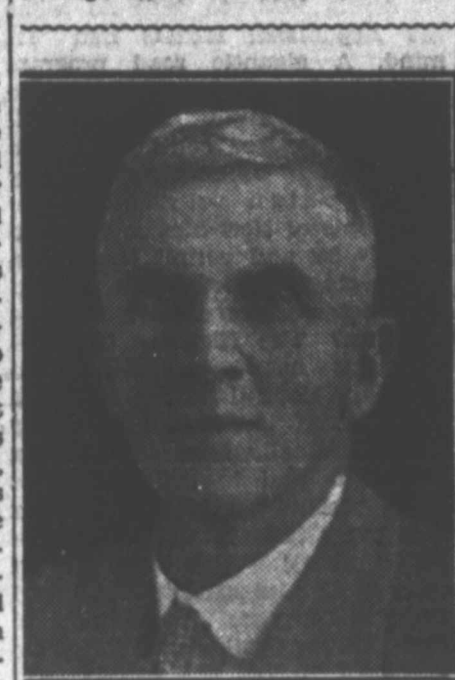


MISS JENNIE FORTUNE
Secretary of State

the will of a majority of our electorate. In the Senate apportionment, two counties at that time thought to be impregnable strongholds of the Republican party, San Miguel and Socorro, were placed in six senatorial districts with the thought in mind that the control of six senators out of twenty-four in the state would be thus assured to the Republican party. Numerous other unfair discriminations calculated and intended to disfranchise Democrats might be referred to, but it is sufficient to point out that since statehood, the people of our state have seen fit to elect four out of six governors named by the Democratic party, while the Republican party has only been successful in two state campaigns, yet the Republican party has been able to elect a majority of the State Senate until the election of four years ago when they failed in this respect, but evidencing the customary ruthless disregard of the will of the electorate, they unseated two Democratic members of the Senate who appeared with certificates of election, and gained a majority of one in the Senate, thereby destroying the ability of the Hannett administration to correct many of the abuses that had crept into state affairs.

We probably enjoy the unique distinction of being the one state in the Union deprived of the democratic prerogative of self-government through the choice of our representatives through the will expressed by a majority of the electorate. The Republican leadership, submitting the constitution of our state to us eighteen years ago, said in effect, that the people of our state were not capable of self-government in the matter of the selection of our representatives in the legislature. Republican leadership announced the proposition that the Republican party must

control the legislature through unfair representation given to the counties dominated by bosses who had long been in control of party affairs. It matter not to them that the Romero family, long in control of San Miguel county, had always been corrupt. It was sufficient that that family had always been able to deliver the vote of that county to the Republican party. That had been the history of affairs in that county until four years ago when the people of that county rose in rebellion, and overthrew its corrupt leadership only to find State leadership of the Republican party standing like the Rock of Gibraltar with the same determination to prevent an exercise of the franchise by the people of that county, and after that county had spoken and repudiated its corrupt leadership, a Republican unseated the representatives selected by San Miguel county and have since done all in their power to restore the discredited, repudiated leadership. The conditions referred to in the matter of the disfranchisement of a large number of our citizens in



WARREN GRAHAM
State Treasurer

this state have continued for almost two decades, and cannot be corrected before the legislative session in January, 1931, when the outrageous Gerrymander perpetrated upon us by the apportionment in the constitution may be corrected. In this respect, the constitution provides that the apportionment may be changed at the first session after the publication of the census of the United States. As you well know, the next census will be taken in the year 1930, and unless we rise to the occasion and carry this state in the coming election by such majorities that the Republican party leadership cannot further disfranchise our people by unseating our newly elected representatives, we shall be face to face with the proposition of another ten years of Republican legislative control over our State Senate in defiance of the will of our electorate.

No more important question confronts the people of our State than this, unless we be contented to delegate legislative authority to those counties given an unfair representation in the State legislature, and dominated by corrupt political leadership.

Another important matter the correction of which depends upon our ability to reclaim the right to legislate has to do with the election law of our State. In the 1920 campaign we had much to say about the destruction of the alleged secret ballot under our law through the assistance which the law prescribed might be given to electors, who for any reason were unable to mark their ballots. It was pointed out that the law, as then existent, encouraged fraud and made possible the purchase of dishonest electors, with the absolute assurance that the party worker corrupting the elector would make sure of the delivery of the purchased vote. The demand for the correction of this condition was such that the Republican party through its candidate, Judge Mechem, pledged a reform, and I desire to say for Judge Mechem that in good faith he made an effort to correct the law in question, and showed this by a request made to the legislature to correct the condition. The legislature, however, made but a pretense of correcting the matter and did not in fact do so, but provided by Chapter 22, of the Session Laws of 1921, that any voter who declared, under oath, to the judges, that he cannot read or write the English or Spanish languages, or that for the reason of physical disability for any other reason, he might not be able to mark his ballot, might request assistance from the officers of election in the marking of his ballot. This law was defective in that it made it possible for the political worker corrupting the elector, to director the elector to call upon a particular election official to mark his ballot who of course, could then certify that the ballot had been delivered in accordance with its purchase. This long continued practice of delivering the corrupt vote to the Republican party in defiance of an honest secret ballot, was continued in the election code adopted in 1927, and is clearly indicated by an examination of Section 327 of that act. All that the elector now has to do is to



ROBT. C. DOW
Attorney General

Mr. Dow is spoken of as the most democratic nominee for governor of New Mexico. Mr. Dow is a citizen of eastern New Mexico, and has made a good record as attorney general. He has also won fame in Las Vegas and Ft. Worth as a cowboy, steer roper and bulldogger.

declare orally under oath to the judges of election that he is unable to mark his ballot without assistance, and he can then be assisted in marking his ballot by the poll clerks appointed by the County Commissioners, or if he elects, by some member of his family, and we still have the condition existing under which a corrupt elector can declare orally that he requires assistance, whereupon the election official is still able to make certain that his vote is cast in accordance with his corrupt contract to deliver.

It is experience based upon observation that thousands of votes in our state are thus corruptly influenced in every election we have had, and until corrected, it is reasonable to assume that such condition will prevail indefinitely.

We must reclaim our fundamental privilege as American citizens to legislate for ourselves free from the influence of corrupt politics, and until we accomplish this, we will never purge our election laws or our statute books of many of those things which would seem to indicate our inability to adopt honest principles in state affairs.

The so-called best minds of the Republican party have been engaged for the last six months in an effort to divert the attention of the people of this state from the true political situation. Their advance agent, Judge Botts, keynoting from a platform of doubtful stability, has been endeavoring to attract people to the sideshow, where he has on display a wax works figure of the late Grover Cleveland, and where he proposes to exhibit a life size statue of the tariff bugaboo, with a wide collection of prehistoric coyotes and prairie dogs. Thus far the people have failed to block the entrance to the sideshow, but are indicating a strong desire to get into the main tent of the public circus and see what is going on about taxation, roads, efficiency in government, and honesty in public office.

The high minded publicity agent and subsidized press of the Republican party have worked over time at sending out propaganda that the breakdown in the taxing machinery of the State, the great increase in valuations, and the burdensome increase in taxes, have been but the result of the inheritance of deficits from the so-called Hinkle and Hannett Democratic administrations. It would be as easy for the Republicans to prove their case in this direction as it would be for aviator Lindbergh to fly to the North Pole in 24 hours on a gallon of gasoline. The Republicans are on the defensive in the matter of taxation and they know it. All the explaining and all the apologizing that their best minds can do, and all the false and misleading statements sent out by their most skillful press agents will not alter the facts.

The average tax rate for the four years of democratic rule, under the so-called Hinkle and Hannett administrations excluding the state road and school levies, was approximately 3.4 mills. The present rate on the same basis, that is excluding state road and school levies, is 5.8 mills. This is an increase of 2.4 mills. There is no intention whatever, expressed or implied on the part of the Dillon administration, to apply any part of revenue produced by the increase of 2.4 mills, on any alleged deficit, but it can be stated without fear of contradiction that all of the taxes produced by the increased levies will be consumed within the taxable period for which such levies are made. The average State property valuation for the four years of Hinkle-Hannett rule was \$314,227,370.00. It will thus be seen that the increase in levies is 2.4 mills, nearly double the levy for State property on the 1927 tax rolls in comparison with the four prior years of Democratic administration. Based on the four years average, the increase would produce an annual amount of \$762,001.37 or \$3,048,005.48 for the period. In other words, the tax payers of New Mexico have paid dur-

(Continued on Page Four)

WELCOME Visitors and Delegates

You are now in the garden spot of New Mexico. We extend to you a hearty welcome, and invite you to make our place of business your headquarters.

Every effort will be made to make your stay in our town pleasant.

KEMP LUMBER CO.

The National Committeeman

Must be a man whose allegiance to the party or its nominees has never been questioned.

He must be a who who has no affiliations that may lessen his cooperation with any member of the party nor with any party objective.

George Hunker's sincerity for Democracy has never been questioned. His political sagacity is valuable to the party.

As Chairman Mr. Hunker rolled up the largest majority for J. F. Hinkle by which any man has ever been elected Governor of this state.

He has hundreds of friends throughout New Mexico who would gladly cooperate with him in every way as National Committeeman.

This ad paid for by a delegation of his friends and written entirely without his knowledge.

WELCOME, DEMOCRATS
We extend you a welcome to Portales.
We hope that your visit will be both pleasant and profitable.
E. N. SMITH, Agent
Gulf Refining Company

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS
We extend a hearty welcome to all visitors and delegates. We invite you to make our store your headquarters while in Portales.
J. B. SLEDGE HARDWARE CO.

WELCOME
We extend to the visitors and delegates to the State Democratic Convention a hearty welcome to Portales and Eastern New Mexico.
We invite you to make this bank your headquarters. Come in and rest, visit with us.

First National Bank
Portales, New Mexico

HANNA'S KEY-NOTE ADDRESS
(Continued from Page Three)

ing the first year of the Dillon administration \$762,001.37 over and above the amount they were required to pay during the last year of the Hannett administration. During any one of the three years prior under Democratic rule for the same identical purposes. To state the bald fact, with no possibility of error, the Dillon administration has been costing the taxpayers of New Mexico in excess of \$2000 per day over and above the cost of government during the four prior years of Democratic administration. This increase is based on tax roll revenues only and is not taking into consideration such items as the two cent a gallon increase in gasoline tax. The annual increase in taxation is approximately four times the accumulated period deficit of all preceding administrations. Had the valuations for the four years of Democratic administration been on a par with the taxable year of 1927, the increased tax revenue would have been \$771,425.47 or the amount now paid annually in excess of the levy production during any one of the four years of Democratic administration. The alleged deficit which the Republicans are attempting to confuse the voters about and which was the accumulated deficits of all administrations since statehood, both Republican and Democratic, dwindles into insignificance, when contrasted with the tax burden now placed upon the people by the Republican administration. People are paying \$5.80 in taxes per thousand dollars in assessed property valuation under the Dillon administration as against \$3.40 under the most expensive Democratic administration in the history of the state and are getting poorer government. The natural increase in appropriations by the last legislation, which was predominantly Republican, was \$350,000. In addition to this amount, that legislature appropriated \$500,000 for state institutional buildings to be spread over a taxable period of four years, or an annual amount of \$125,000, making an actual annual increased appropriation of \$475,000. This is slightly in excess of 50 per cent in the increase of tax assessments. The present indications are that there will be a deficit at the close of the present fiscal year for the present fiscal year alone in excess of \$200,000. What has become and what is becoming of the money? Only the Republican best minds can answer and their answer thus far has failed to satisfy the taxpayers.

The \$200,000 deficit for the sixteenth fiscal year under the Dillon administration is a fixed obligation to be paid at some future time. There is no escape from it. What I have here said about increases in property valuations and increases in levies, is but half the story. I will only take the time to mention some few new obligations, which are distinguished in various forms of verbal dress, but which in their final analysis, are nothing but bills payable by the State of New Mexico and obligations which must be met at a future time. During the current fiscal year certificates of indebtedness and debentures have been issued by the Republican administration with a lavish hand, pledging future income or taxes. In other words, the present administration, not satisfied with living within its income and spending it as and when received, has anticipated revenues that may be produced in the future by various forms of obligation, whether direct or indirect, and in this way that administration has tied the hands of future administrations. Gasoline tax debentures have been issued to date in the sum of \$750,000, mortgaging all future gasoline tax collections for an indefinite period. The present administration proposes to issue a total of two and one-half millions of dollars in gasoline debentures before October 1, 1928. For all purposes there have been issued to date by the present administration certificates of indebtedness or debentures in excess of \$1,841,309.75, all pledging future income. On or before October 1, 1928, the present administration, during its administration, will have issued certificates of indebtedness and debentures, pledging the credit of various New Mexico funds, in excess of three and one-half millions of dollars. This enormous sum of money is and will be bearing interest at the rate of not less than 5 per cent per annum. Taxpayer's burden from which there is no escape. Included in this amount of obligations are the National Guard emergency certificates of \$34,809.75, the police fund of \$4,000, the malaria fund of \$2500 and institutional building appropriations of \$350,000. Are the taxpayers of this state, already staggering under a burden too heavy to carry, going to vote for a continuance of this sort of government? Another two years of this and the State and its taxpayers will be bankrupt.

I would like to have at least one hour during which I might discuss the road situation in New Mexico, but I am obliged to limit myself to just a brief reference. The people of New Mexico naturally desire good roads, well constructed, honestly constructed, properly located. They expect to pay for the privilege of having good roads. They do not expect to pay, however, for incompetence or for extravagance. They do not expect to pay an exorbitant price. The State Highway Commission undoubtedly has great faith in its ability as a road building organization in the year 1928. They have neglected road building in all parts of the State except in a comparatively few instances, until the present time, when they are producing by means of sale of debentures, a fund of two and one-half millions of dollars, which will be expended in a wild, hurried, harrassed manner, not in the interest of taxpayers, not in the interest of building good roads, or improvement of those already built, but with a view to acquiring political patronage, in the employment of large numbers of men, who will be required to vote as their masters dictate and who will be obliged to use their own influence in behalf of the Republican organization. Enough was developed at the state highway probe before Judge C. R. Brice in Santa Fe in the month of April, 1928, to indicate what the Republican leaders had in mind. A gigantic road program would be launched just before the 1928 fall campaign. Contracts will be let to favored contractors, who will respond handsomely by way of campaign contributions. Are the people of New Mexico going to sit idly by and permit this gross, overbearing conduct on the part of the Highway Commission and its satellites? The Highway Commission has not been satisfied to await the natural income in excess of one and one-half millions of dollars annually from gasoline tax collections and to build roads as funds became available. Remember that every taxpayer in New Mexico is paying a tribute of 5c on every gallon of gasoline for road building purposes. In addition to this 5c per gallon tribute, the State Highway Commission will add two and one-half millions of dollars to your road bill, making an amount in excess of four million dollars from that source alone. We will dismiss with a wave of the hand the other income for road purposes, which is the State road levy of one and one-half mills, which will produce in excess of \$450,000. In order that the two and one-half million dollars in road money may be available this year, when it is so badly needed for the welfare of the public, and incidentally to assist in financing the Republican campaign in November, the taxpayers will be obliged to pay a premium in the form of interest for the period of the debentures of two and one-half million dollars the amount of \$421,450.00. Are the taxpayers of New Mexico willing to pay this premium? When we stop to consider that from natural sources this would have been produced in 20 months without paying any interest, we are appalled at the temerity of the State Highway Commission. In fact, this money could have earned interest, if it had been deposited in a public depository at a fair rate of interest.

We must see the viewpoint of our Republican friends, however, and not be too harsh in our criticism of them. This is a critical year. What could the taxpayers have received for the purpose of having funds available? The taxpayers could have received in excess of 140 miles of standard graded roads. The road situation in New Mexico is simply appalling. The rank and file of voters would be discouraged and disgusted if they would but know of the manipulations of the inside mechanism of that department. Highway machinery has been bought with a lavish hand during the Dillon administration. Our great and distinguished Governor is a progressive man. It was only because of great pressure brought to bear on him prior to his inauguration that he decided to wear evening dress at the ceremonies incident to his inauguration. It was the Governor's pronounced conviction when he was running for office that New Mexico roads should be maintained by mule power. Once in office he became an ardent and devoted disciple of machine power for road work. Dillon sat idly by while the State Highway Commission purchased tractors, scrapers, and other highway machinery to the extent of not less than \$200,000, and paid to favored representatives of machinery companies prices that were exorbitant, hiding the identity of the machinery house representatives behind thin smoke screens.

THE LIQUOR LAW JOKERS

The present Republican administration is permeated with hypocrisy. Platform promises were made without number, without any expectation of performance. Take for example the promise to cooperate in the matter of suppressing the liquor traffic. Extravagant

promises were made by Republican campaign leaders, the net result of which was the passage by the last legislature of Chapter 89 of the 1927 Session Laws. Have you ever heard of that law being used? Perhaps not because it was never intended to be used. It was passed to fool sincere people who believed in the promises made to them by the Republican organization and campaign orators. That law has two outstanding jokes, the first, that a search warrant can only be issued by a district judge, of whom we have only nine in a state area of 122,000 square miles, and issued under the most restricted conditions, and the other is contained in the last sentence in paragraph 5, "provided, that nothing in this section shall authorize seizure or confiscation of liquor, or a conveyance where such liquor does not exceed one quart, unless the same is being transported for sale." Is it any wonder that the national prohibition director complained in the public press that New Mexico was one of five states not cooperating in the enforcement of the National Prohibition Act? Sincerity and justice demanded that Governor Dillon veto an act containing such hypocritical provisions, but he failed to do so, and permitted New Mexico to become a nonentity among the states in the matter of contraband liquor law enforcement.

FREE TEXT BOOK LAW

The Republicans have fooled the people not only in connection with prohibition enforcement, but they have fooled them in the matter of free text books. Glowing promises were made that an adequate free text book law would be adopted if Dillon and his cohorts were placed in power. We search in vain for that law. We only know that not only was no free text book law passed as promised, but that the book trust has been doing business at the same old stand, through favored agencies in New Mexico, which demand and obtain exorbitant prices for text books, grossly in excess of the prices paid in Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and other states in the southwestern area.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT

The courts have been congested with litigation, and the newspapers have from day to day been filled with articles involving the quarrel between State Superintendent of Instruction, Lois Randolph, Republican, and the State Board of Education, predominantly Republican. For almost two years, almost all of the time of these education officials has been devoted to criminalization and recrimination, violent arguments, disputes and open hostilities. To such an extent has this disgraceful condition of affairs extended that in all seriousness, in all parts of the state, the state department of education is known as the war department and the state superintendent is known as the secretary of war. There has been no coordination or cooperation in that department; no concentration on the problems that demand attention, affecting the welfare of New Mexico's educational facilities. These people, involved in this long standing quarrel, however estimable they may be in their private lives, have most certainly used time and money which should have been devoted to the interests of the school children of New Mexico, to see their own opinions prevail, their own policies carried out. The business of educating the children of New Mexico is the most important business before the people of the state. Why should the people tolerate in the executive department of education such constant quarreling, bickering, litigation and allied diversions that have characterized the present administration in connection

with its conduct of public education in New Mexico? There is only one answer and that is to place the present officials with capable men and women who will cooperate, who will work for the best interests of the schools of New Mexico. The people of the state will have an opportunity to work such a reform at the polls on November 12, 1928.

THE LAND OFFICE

Closely allied to the state department of education is the State Land Office, because from that office is received a large part of the revenue with which the expenses of public school education are paid. The people of the entire state have viewed with profound regret the inefficiency which has signally characterized the operation of that office during the Dillon administration. Immediately after the opposition party prevailed in the last campaign, Land Commissioner B. P. Pankey installed as his chief lieutenants Fred Meuller, of the Steve Etchiverry letter fame, and Charles Barker, the acts of both of whom the people of New Mexico had repudiated at the polls in a former election. During the Hannett administration of the land office the per capita revenue produced was \$9.10. During the present Dillon administration it has dropped to less than eight dollars, which will require that a levy be made on property throughout the state to produce sufficient taxes to meet the deficit. The number of employees in this office during the present administration has been practically doubled without the necessity existing therefor, as is indicated by the drop in revenue. The State Land Office should be kept out of politics. A board of supervisors should be provided for by the legislature, some members holding over from administration to administration, so as to permit continuity in the work. Only in this way will it be possible to prevent the Commissioner from hearing appeals from his own acts in grazing and oil lease matters. Only in this way will the people be assured of competent, disinterested, honest, management of the state's most extensive and most important enterprise.

Time will not permit a further discussion of the important problems confronting the people of New Mexico today. I have not spoken primarily for the convenience of democrats but to the citizens of the state generally. What I have said in regard to the tax situation is of utmost importance, because whether they will or no, the taxing problems are the problems of the Republican taxpayers as much as of the Democrats.

It is a condition which confronts the people and I have merely pointed it out to them frankly, and I believe fairly, for the purpose of serious consideration between now and November 12th, at which time they will have an opportunity if they so desire, to remedy the present existing defects in their state government, and to retire to private life the present state officials who have proved themselves incompetent and incapable of grappling with important problems on fields of political activity.

This occasion would be of little moment if we failed to indicate in some small way what the Democratic party in New Mexico proposes to do to right the wrongs which bear down so heavily upon our people and to restore the government once more to a plane of honest and efficiency. The democrats cannot promise to accomplish impossible things. The republicans have saddled on this state, and will saddle during the next few months, debts in such vast amounts, and have obligated

the state and its departments to pay such large sums in principal and interest from time to time that no administration will be able to work a reform in the financial structure overnight. Bonds and debentures issued, through what we conceive to be mistaken and improper policy by the republicans, will all have to be paid for, not by some magic produced out of thin air, but through taxes paid by the people of New Mexico. The democrats can, however, and will, do these things: Restore honesty in government, in nation and state; economize in expenditures to the end that taxes may be reduced; use their best efforts to stop at once the mortgaging of future income and revenue, with a view to paying the way of the state on income and revenue, as and when received, to the end that the people will not be made to groan under tax burdens which are even now insupportable; pass legislation which is needed, without cant or hypocrisy, to remedy the existing defects in our framework of government.

The democratic party has not the inheritance of power. We have won our way to our present measure of success from the ranks. We are often made painfully aware that we are in a minority. But we have glorious possessions. We have played a magnificent part in the conduct of our national government from Thomas Jefferson to Woodrow Wilson and in our state government, from W. C. McDonald to A. T. Hannett. We have now and have always had, as part of our priceless heritage of democracy, respect for law and the orderly processes of government by which the validity of contracts is enforced, and the inviolability of sane liberty established. In the possession of these great fundamental elements of force we have the right, the duty to assert our thoughts and principles.

This day calls to us with a greater challenge than ever before, to match our minds, our thoughts, the best that is in us, as true citizens of this great republic, to bring back to the government of our fathers honesty, fair dealing and justice between man and man. Our own state of New Mexico calls to us with a greater challenge than ever before, to demand that honesty and integrity shall be restored in our state government, that taxes shall be reduced, that economy in governmental affairs shall be the watchword. Men and women of New Mexico, in every county and in every city and town, join in this crusade of righteousness. Shall we, the leaders of this great political organization, holding with

in its hands the power to achieve and accomplish all of these things for our state, and to help accomplish and achieve them for the nation, fail our country in this critical period of our history? Upon you, ladies and gentlemen of this convention, in large part depends the answer. You are the chosen leaders of democracy in New Mexico. Have you the courage to pay the price of leadership? If so, here and now rededicate yourselves to the fight for democracy, for honesty in government, for integrity in the management of public office. Here and now register a firm resolve that you will do your part to right the wrongs and remedy the defects now so apparent in

your state and in your national government. Shall we, men and women of this convention, and of the state of New Mexico at large, fail to grasp the significance of our present situation politically? Shall we fail to respond to the cry of the heart of America? Shall we fail to measure up to an opportunity so splendid? Or shall we play the part of real men and real women and participate to the fullest extent possible in the affairs of state and nation politically to the end that this government of ours shall under God, continue to grow and prosper, not through wrong and wrong doing, but by right and righteousness.

WELCOME, DEMOCRATS

Eat with us while in Portales.

We serve a plate lunch for this occasion. If crowded, be patient; you will not have long to wait.

PORTOLA CAFE

WELCOME

Delegates and Visitors

Delegates and visitors to the Democratic State Convention are cordially invited to make our place of business their headquarters while in Portales.

If you have tire trouble, we are here to serve you. Complete line of oils, gas and auto accessories.

C. & T. Service Station

WELCOME

We extend to all visitors and delegates a hearty welcome to our town.

Make this store your headquarters and meeting place. Come in and rest.

We trust that your visit to Portales and Eastern New Mexico will be a pleasant occasion.

AGAIN WE SAY, WELCOME DEMOCRATS AND VISITORS.

JOYCE-PRUIT
COMPANY.

Visitors To Portales

We take this opportunity to extend you a hearty welcome.

The town is yours, and we hope that you will use it for your pleasure and convenience, and when you depart that you will carry home pleasant memories that make you glad that you came.

Our place of business is open to you and you are invited to use it.

Portales Lumber Co.

VOLUME XI

Big Democratic Convention Votes Roy

The big state convention which was voted the meeting ever held in Portales, after a two hundred and housed.

Owing to the accommodations, the town were three visitors provided breakfast.

The convention 10:00 o'clock with an invocation. State chairman, Lehrer, presided. Following the ice Klein, gave the "America" followed Mexico."

C. M. Compton, the speaker, introduced the Neekie, the J who proceeded address with the voice.

Mr. Howard's in describing the extended by Portales, ere he every visitor be deed good to be Mayor R. G. the key of the the, telling the was open to them to make while here.

Hon. David, quere gave the welcome, and say that Albuquerque proud of this by and orator.

Next came the by the Hon. Rio Albuquerque. For an hour and have heard a pin auditorium, which reviewed the went administration the waste had the present high After the address a big barbecue visitors.

In the afternoon the appointments. Following this election of state committee. There were the chairman, Erickson and E. E. Albuquerque, and Hugh of Roswell, at Swope got 45 7 1-3 and And the second ballot. In one vote of 15 ing 56 votes, to and five for A bundies began v ough, and Don which placed S on, moved the ough by a s done.

W. A. Keeler, chairman, had p mination, and Roswell had the candidacy of On the first 10 votes, Hunk an 186, which for any of the McKinley county. Hunker, sw lowed by Tor an, Grant and a motion by nta Fe, second ntly, the elect de unanimous The balloting Steewoman, be Henry Meach Mrs. A. A. J. W. F. Kinty, and Mrs Vegas, as c The first ball n, 75; Jones, 1-2; Kirby, ot; Kirby, 25 lins, 142; Me Mrs. Meacham n withdrew es and after begun, Mrs asked the c Jones by est prevailed Mrs. Meacham nomination l Albuquerque, Noble of Las A. L. Zinn o es by Eugen el county, a night ses urn until 11 on elected gates to the at Houston te each: est district.

(Continued)