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SESSION OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Proceedings of the Body at the County Seat Last Week—A General Outline Given

District court convened on Monday, September 21, at Flagstaff, the Hon. Judge R. E. Sloan presiding. The following officers were on duty: C. M. Funston, clerk; Jas. A. Johnson, sheriff; R. J. Walker, James Kennedy and T. A. Gandee, deputies. Among the legal lights present were E. M. Doe, district attorney; T. J. Norton and H. J. Stevens of Los Angeles; E. E. Ellinwood and E. S. Clark of Prescott; J. H. Kibby of Phoenix; X. N. Steeves and H. F. Ashurst of Williams; T. F. Moran of Holbrook; J. E. Jones; G. W. Glowner, F. C. Reid and T. A. Flynn of Flagstaff.

These gentlemen served as trial jurors: John Clark, F. R. Nellis, George Winslow, John Alexander, C. M. Wolf, Benj. Worley, John Williams, C. D. Henderson, Wm. McCoy, Porter Tory, Albt. Lebsch, J. L. Burns, A. W. Norton, E. L. Clancy, F. A. Pendell, Sam Quay, Alfred A. Cody, Edward Beal, F. M. Cummings, Edgar A. Brown, J. B. Jones, Wm. Nagiller, Pat Crowley, Wm. Mulligan, Walter Rule, S. A. Pleasant, Frank Aycock, Jas. Wallace, Jas. Bradshaw, J. J. McDavid, Dan McDonald, Willard Brown, Frank Ebert, J. L. Daugherty, Pius Fatie, Robt. Erwin, J. C. Simmons, Joseph Dixon.

Following were drawn for the grand jury: N. J. Cameron, C. H. Schulz, Geo. U. Young, Leo Verkamp, L. D. Zeager, G. W. Pattee, J. X. McDonald, A. A. Dutton, G. C. Morse, W. H. Switzer, C. E. Boyce, J. R. Treat, James Walsh, Wm. McIntyre, Thomas E. Smith, Thos. Sayer, Martin Buggeln, M. J. Rounseville, J. Aubineau, T. A. Riekel and F. W. Sisson.

Wednesday evening the grand jury finished up their duties and submitted the following report to the court:

We, the members comprising the grand jury for September term of court, beg leave to make the following report: Eighteen cases have been submitted to us for our consideration. Of this number we have ignored five and found thirteen true bills. We have been guided by your wise council and we extend to you our best wishes. Our district attorney should be commended for his zeal in guarding the interests of our county. Our sheriff has been prompt in having witnesses present, and to both these officers of the law we wish to extend our thanks.

We submit to you the reports from the committees appointed to examine the various offices of the county. Respectfully submitted, A. A. DUTTON, Foreman, LEO. F. VERKAMP, Clerk.

The grand jury returned indictments in the following cases: David Floyd, forgery; Robert Casey, assault with deadly weapon; Bert Smuthers, burglary; John H. Frey, embezzlement; Frank Burns, burglary; Charles Matroni, burglary; Hostine Yetta Sousa Be-ga, Navajo Indian, cattle stealing; Joseph B. Tanner, cattle stealing; George McCormick, illegal branding of cattle; James Wheeler, assault with deadly weapon; Pablo Griego, murder.

In the following cases the charges were ignored by the grand jury: Crockett Robinson, Rafael Rosalis, Harry Ford, Eduardo Madilano, Romald Martinez, Pedro Sanches and William Green.

In the case of Robert Casey the trial jury failed to agree; James Wheeler, acquitted; Ben Boulden,

jury failed to agree; Chas. Matroni, acquitted; David Floyd, Frank Burns, Bert Smuthers and John H. Frey, each plead guilty to the respective charges against them.

Bert Smuthers, Frank Burns, David Floyd and John H. Frey, who all plead guilty, on Thursday, to the charges against them, were on Friday sentenced by Judge Sloan to the penitentiary at Yuma, respectfully; fifteen months, two years, fifteen months and two years.

Pablo Griego was found guilty of murder in the second degree, and was on Saturday sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

ARIZONA MISSION CONFERENCE

Appointments Made for the Coming Year—The Closing Session.

The annual conference of the Arizona mission of the M. E. church has closed and Bishop Cranston left last Monday evening for Albuquerque, to preside over the New Mexico conference.

Sunday evening Rev. A. M. Gibbons, formerly of Prescott, preached the annual missionary sermon in Tempe. Rev. H. F. Tolle and Rev. J. C. Deniston addressed the league rally.

Rev. S. A. Thomson was retained as superintendent, and following are the appointments as far as they could be made at that time, as there were not enough ministers to supply all the churches, which are named in alphabetical order:

Bisbee, to be supplied.
Douglas, I. C. Sigler.
Flagstaff, J. H. Henry, returned.
Glendale, P. C. Hester.
Globe, John C. Deniston, of Madison, Wis.

Jerome, W. M. Ayers.
Kingman, E. G. Decker, returned.
Mesa, H. F. Tolle, returned.
Needles, David Roberts, returned.
Phoenix, A. M. Gibbons.
Prescott, E. O. McIntire, former of Globe.

Safford, H. I. Farr, formerly of Tempe.

Tempe, to be supplied.
Tombstone and Benson, Alfred Ramey, returned.

Tucson, D. B. Loofbourrow.
Willecox and Pearce, A. E. Dowd, from Iowa.

Williams and Ash Fork, John Oliver returned.

Yuma, to be supplied.

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The Postal telegraph company is giving its lines general repairs between Albuquerque, Los Angeles and San Francisco. There are now three gangs of men working, each gang consisting of about twenty men. One gang is working between Albuquerque and Winslow, another between Winslow and Ash Fork, and another between Ash Fork and Needles. These improvements mean new cross arms and the stretching of a new wire demanded by the increase of business.

Sketch of Members of the Hearst Party

The following short descriptive sketch of the members of congress who will be in the Hearst party was printed in the Albuquerque Citizen of the 28th:

Hon. William R. Hearst (democrat) of New York: Member of Congress, and owner of the large Hearst newspapers.

Hon. James M. Gregg, (democrat) of Georgia: Head of the democratic congressional committee, and a very able man.

Hon. Champ Clark (democrat) of Missouri: One of the first orators of the land, a very influential man in the house and one of the best friends of the territories.

Hon. William A. Jones (democrat) of Virginia: A scholar of high attainments and a man of recognized ability on the floor of the house. Has served six terms in congress.

Hon. Llewellyn Powers (republican) of Maine: Many terms a member of his own state legislature, and once speaker of its house; twice governor of his state; has served in two congresses previous to the present one; is among the wealthy men of congress; and is a man to whom universal respect is accorded. He was on the committee on territories of the last house, and favored the admission of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arizona to the union as states. He is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

Hon. David A. De Armond (democrat) of Missouri: Formerly a circuit judge in his own state; twelve years in congress; one of the ablest debaters in either party on the floor of the house; and a gentleman of the broadest views on all subjects.

Hon. James T. Lloyd (democrat) of Missouri: one of the best friends New Mexico had in the recent house; was a member of the committee on territories; drafted most of the report that was adopted by Congressman Knox and filed for the three territories; delivered a speech in the Fifty-seventh congress giving a succinct history of the efforts leading up to the admission of every state that was admitted to the union—the speech was a masterpiece of its kind.

Hon. J. M. Robinson (democrat) of Indiana: Ten years in congress, the only democrat from his state; a very able man and a friend of New Mexico; was on the committee on territories in the last congress and fought for the admission of the territories to the union.

Hon. W. M. Howard (democrat) of Georgia: A young man of decided ability; has been in three congresses; fought for the admission of the territories in the last congress.

Hon. H. D. Clayton (democrat) of Alabama: A lawyer of great ability; has served in three or four congresses; was a friend of the territories in the last congress, and helped in every way he could.

Hon. Oscar W. Underwood (democrat) of Alabama: One of the ablest young men in congress, and sub-leader of the democrats of the house on the floor; was one of the best friends the territories had in the last congress; a gentleman who it is a pleasure to meet.

Hon. John A. Moon (democrat) of Tennessee: Head of the minority on the committee on territories in the last house; made one of the strongest fights on the floor of the house for the admission of the territories, and is without question one of the best friends the territories had on the floor; he is recognized as one of the ablest men be-

longing to his party in the house.

Hon. Henry C. Loudenslager [republican] of New Jersey: Has served in five different congresses; is one of the ablest men on the republican side in the house; has often been talked of as a candidate for the United States senate, and as a candidate for vice president of the United States.

Hon. Frank D. Currier [republican] of New Hampshire: One of the brightest and ablest men on his side of the house of representatives; was a friend of the territories in the last congress, in spite of the fact that he is from New England, and helped us in every way that he could; he made several speeches that gave him a national reputation.

Hon. Edward L. Hamilton [republican] of Michigan: Made a speech on the floor of the house in the last congress that was scattered all over the nation as a campaign document; he is universally recognized as one of the ablest men in the republican party anywhere; He will be head of the committee on territories in the next congress; he fought for the admission of the territories last time, and it is presumed he will do so again; he is the man of all men whose good graces the territories ought to court at this time.

Hon. John A. Sterling [republican] of Illinois: Has not heretofore served in congress, but from his biography in the Congressional Record appears to be a scholar of no mean order, and a man of uncommon ability.

Hon. H. T. Rainey [democrat] of Illinois: According to this young man's biography in the Congressional Record, he is a scholar of high order, and has had vast experience in the politics of his state. The Fifty-eighth congress will be his first term.

Hon. M. E. Benton [democrat] of Missouri: Has served three or four terms in congress; a man of unquestioned ability and favored the admission of the territories last congress.

Hon. Charles H. Weisse [democrat] of Wisconsin: The Fifty-eighth congress will be his first term; from his biography published in the Congressional Record, it is learned that he has taken a large part in the politics of his state, although this is the first time he has been successful.

Hon. J. A. McLaurin (democrat) United States Senator from Mississippi: He is the colleague of Senator Money; is a man of large experience in politics in his state; a scholar of a high order; has served as governor of his state; his term of office will expire in the senate in March, 1907.

Hon. John Sharp Williams (democrat) of Mississippi: Will probably be the leader of the democrats on the floor of the house of representatives in the coming congress. He is a very able man; was a friend of the territories in the last congress, and took part in the debate favoring their admission.

Hon. Charles A. Culberson (democrat) United States senator from Texas: A very able young man and a lawyer of the highest attainments; favored the admission of the territories in the last congress.

Hon. Dennis T. Flynn (republican) of Oklahoma: For many years delegate in congress from Oklahoma, and one of the ablest men in the house of representatives in either party; well known in New Mexico.

Hon. Marcus A. Smith (democrat) of Arizona: Well known in

New Mexico; a very able man and a lawyer of unquestioned ability; corralled the entire democratic vote in the house and senate for the omnibus bill in the last congress.

Samuel Powell (republican) of Indian Territory: Spent the entire session of the last congress in Washington, favoring statehood for the territories; is a newspaper writer of more than ordinary ability, and understands the conditions of the territories better than the average man; has written a great deal for the Oklahoma and other papers, and will probably spread his views of the territories broadcast through the press after visiting us.

Hon. Bird S. McGuire (republican) of Oklahoma: Present delegate in congress from that territory. A young man of unquestioned ability.

Hon. J. F. Wilson (democrat) of Arizona: Present delegate in congress; a lawyer of high attainments and a man of vast experience in the west.

Besides the above named members of congress, Hon. W. R. Hearst will have with him a full corps of newspaper writers, and photographers, so that the territory can expect to get the biggest piece of advertising and widest write-up it ever received in its history. If New Mexico had to pay for the advertising it will get through this trip of Congressman Hearst's, which does not cost the territory a cent, it would bankrupt it to pay it. Therefore, the territory should feel grateful for this courtesy on the part of Congressman Hearst in thus favoring us.

Delinquent Taxes.

The law passed by the recent legislature makes no changes in the revenue laws, except in regard to the collection of delinquent taxes; all other steps in the assessment and collection of taxes are the same up to the time taxes become delinquent, says the Prospector.

Taxes become delinquent on the second Monday in December, as heretofore. It is made the duty of the tax collector, by the new law, to return delinquent lists of real estate forfeited to the territory for taxes, beginning with the year 1888. From these lists the clerk of the board of supervisors makes a back tax book. Hereafter the back-tax book is to be made up within thirty days after the annual settlement of the tax collector. The back-tax book is then delivered by the clerk of the board of supervisors to the tax collector, and charged to him as the duplicate assessment rolls are delivered and charged. It then becomes the duty of the tax collector to collect the taxes.

The method of collection is entirely changed by the new law. Suits must now be brought to enforce the lien of the territory, in the same manner as suits are brought to enforce other liens. The party owing the taxes is summoned into court, either by personal service or by publication, in the same manner as in ordinary suits. To the petition must be attached a tax bill which is made out by the tax collector, and this tax bill is prima facie evidence of the correctness of all the proceedings in the assessment of the property, levying of the taxes, etc. Unless the taxpayer can show to the court that the tax is unlawful, or some other good and sufficient defense, judgment will go against the taxpayer and execution will issue upon the judgment as in ordinary cases.

The law expressly gives the right of redemption on all delinquent taxes until December 31, 1903, by paying the ordinary tax and certain interest and percentages. The right is also given the taxpayer to redeem at any time before his property is sold by the sheriff, by paying all taxes, interest, penalties and court costs. After sheriff's sale, however, the taxpayer is entirely divested of his property, and all equity of redemption.

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HON. HUGH PRICE TELLS HIS STORY

Says His Removal Was a Dirty Scheme By Commissioner Richards to Get Office

Hon. Hugh H. Price, ex-Surveyor General of Arizona, arrived in Phoenix last Saturday from California where he had been for his health. Speaking to an Enterprise reporter concerning the charges that resulted in his removal from office he said:

"I have done nothing that was not strictly legal. The Act of June 7th, 1900, Section 10, provides that in cases where the work of the surveyor-general's office is congested the clerks can perform work out of office hours. When the inspector was here I showed him this clause; but it did not seem to have any effect on him. There was undoubtedly a scheme to remove me, and this is made obvious by the fact that Mr. Richards, the commissioner of the general land office, appointed a kinsman as my successor. My official acts are open to the world. There was not a dishonest act during my administration, by anyone in the office. We simply tracked the law and followed the precedents of my predecessors and every surveyor-general in the west. I have the statements of various officers, among which is a statement by a man who was employed in the surveyor-general's office of Arizona thirty-seven years ago, all of which I will take to Washington, showing that the same policy has been followed for years. It is simply a dirty game of politics to get an office, and I am going to Washington for a vindication. I know that I will get it. Mr. Richards cannot do me this way. I do not care for the office. In fact, I am glad I am out of it, and I would not have it again; but my name must be cleared. This alone will be my purpose in going to Washington. I want to be set right before the people of Arizona."

Mr. Price also stated that when the inspector came to Phoenix he acted in a very secret and stealthy manner—a manner that indicated that he had a purpose. Instead of going straight to Mr. Price and giving him a chance to defend himself or present his side of the case, he called the clerks out to one side, swore them and paid no attention whatever to Mr. Price or Mr. Murphy. From the above it can be seen that Mr. Price vindicates Mr. Murphy.

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