

ARIZONA NOW 48TH STATE

Simplicity Marks Inauguration of Officials of Last Territory Admitted to Statehood.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 15.—With the simplicity that in matters official has come to be designated as "Jeffersonian"—characteristic of that part of the West which was last to be surrendered to civilization by the advance of the white man—George W. P. Hunt was inaugurated as the first state Governor of Arizona. A few hours earlier in the day, word had come by telegraph from the National Capital that President Taft had signed the proclamation admitting Arizona, the last of the territories on contiguous soil and the forty-eighth state of the Union.

The new Governor of Arizona is a native of Missouri, and not 50 years old. He comes from revolutionary stock, his great grandfather having been an officer under Captain Paul Jones. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a Shriner and an Elk. He is a first cousin of Richard Yates, War Governor of Illinois. Mr. Hunt came to Arizona in the early eighties and "punched" a burro into Globe, where his first employment was in a restaurant. Later he became a clerk in the Old Dominion Commercial Company, of which he is now president and largest owner.

Arizona enters the Union with 113,020 square miles of land within its borders, and a fraction more than two inhabitants to each square mile. The territory was acquired from Mexico by cession in 1847 and the Canadian purchase in 1853 when it was made a county of New Mexico and called Dana Ans. In 1854 an effort was made to organize a territory, a memorial being introduced into the Legislature of New Mexico to that effect. Two years later a convention was held at Tucson and Nathan P. Cook elected delegate to Congress. He was not seated.

In 1857 Sylvester Mowrey was elected and likewise was not allowed a seat. In April, 1860, a constitutional convention was held at Tucson, a constitution drafted and territorial officers elected. But it was not until the Civil War that President Lincoln signed the act which created the Territory of Arizona.

The first territorial officers were appointed by Lincoln. The flag was raised and the government of Arizona proclaimed at Navajo Springs, December 29, 1863. John N. Goodwin was the first Governor. The first election was held on July 18. Chas. D. Posten was chosen first delegate to Congress and a Legislature of 27 members elected.

The first Legislature convened at Prescott, September 26, 1864.

The Capital was moved from Prescott to Tucson in 1867 and then back to Prescott in 1877. Soon after it was moved to Phoenix where it will remain until 1925, according to the enabling act.

Arizona's efforts to acquire statehood began more than 20 years ago. On two different occasions, bills granting statehood were passed by the House of Representatives only to be rejected by the Senate. In June, 1910, both Houses for the first time concurred in a bill granting Arizona and New Mexico separate statehood, the measure being finally approved January 20, 1912. Then followed the constitutional convention at which the majority disregarded warnings from Washington and wrote down the constitutional convention referendum and recall. The latter as applicable to the judiciary was eliminated at the first state election as a necessary condition to admission imposed by President Taft. The Legislature will meet on March 15 when it will elect Marcus A. Smith and Henry F. Ashurst, chosen by advisory vote, as United States Senators. A large majority of the members are pledged to resubmit to the people, the reincorporation of the recall of Judges into the constitution. It is generally believed that an amendment favoring equal suffrage will be submitted at the same time.

Arizona's chief industry is copper mining. In production of copper, Arizona leads all states in the Union. Agriculture also has thrived, encouraged by Federal reclamation projects and Arizona had the largest unbroken forest in the world—about 10,000 square miles of yellow pine.

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WANT TO HOLD CONVENTION

Some Republican Leaders Hold Conference in Portland for Purpose.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—The Journal says: The ghost of the old convention system stalked out in daylight at the meeting of the Republican state committee in the Multnomah Hotel.

With bravery and bitterness, several speakers advocated that the presidential preference primary law, so far as it relates to the selection of delegates to the National Republican convention and the nomination of candidates for presidential elector, be thrown into the discard.

Advocating a return to the convention system for the election of delegates and nomination of electors, J. S. Dellinger of Astoria and Dr. J. M. Keene of Medford declared that the time has arrived to "go down the line" and call a convention, disregarding the "fool law" passed by the people in 1910.

"The trouble is," explained Dr. Keene, "that we have been drifting along for years, letting U'Ren have his own way. The time has just about arrived to point out to the people the way things are going. I am in favor of taking action right now. Let this committee call a state convention for the election of four delegates at large to the national convention, and congressional conventions in each congressional district. This is the only way I see to get the party represented by Republicans in the national convention."

Charles H. Carey, who is not a member of the committee but had been called in to advise the members on legal matters, counseled moderation. He advised that the people would not support the course of action outlined by Keene and Dellinger. He said he believed the committee should follow the law as it stands, but it would be proper to name a committee to see what could be done to test the constitutionality of the law.

Carey's advice prevailed. It was voted to name a committee to consult with Attorney General Crawford and Secretary of State Olcott to decide what can be done toward bringing a friendly suit without delay to test the validity of the law. The chief point to be called in question is the provision by which voters in each party are allowed to vote for only one out of ten candidates for national delegate and one out of five candidates for presidential elector.

Chairman C. W. Nottingham, who presided, appointed J. S. Dellinger, Dr. J. M. Keene and W. W. Stelwer, the latter from Wheeler County, as a committee to take up the matter.

HIGH COST BRINGS SIMPLE LIFE IN ZOO

Monkey's and Hippo's Luxuries Cut Off in the Menagerie.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The latest complaint over the high cost of living comes from Central Park menagerie, where it appears that the monkeys, lions and hippos are leading the simple life owing to the curtailment of expensive luxuries from their bill-of-fare.

The monkeys have not seen an egg in two months. They used to get one apple every day, but it would be like offering them pearls now to feed them eggs, according to Overseer Kennan. The only luxury they have is milk, and that with plenty of water in it, for the supply is but five quarts a day and there are 60 monkeys to drink it.

"Ten years ago," explained Kennan, "we could board a monkey for 7 cents a day; a hippo or elephant for 60 cents. Now it costs 12 cents for the monkeys, \$1 for the hippos, and \$2.75 a day for the elephants. The big tigers and lions need from 12 to 18 pounds of meat a day, and the cost runs close to 10 cents a pound."

Relief Fund Committee.

Members of the special committee appointed to take charge of the relief fund for the families of the victims of the launch North Star disaster are requested to be present at a meeting to be held Friday evening, February 16, at 8 o'clock at the Mars' field Chamber of Commerce. Important business to come up.

F. A. SACCHI,
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ORATORY IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Coos County Schools Arrange for Contest to be Held in Near Future.

Supt. F. A. Tiedgen and Dr. J. T. McCormac, supervisor of schools, returned today from a visit at the high schools at Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point. Supt. Raab of North Bend, who accompanied them, will return this evening.

Yesterday a meeting of all the city school superintendents in the county and County Superintendents Bunch and Dr. McCormac was held at Coquille at which school matters in general were discussed.

One of the principal actions taken was to arrange for Coos County oratorical contest in which representatives of the five high schools will compete for a silver trophy cup which Dr. McCormac is to purchase. The date and place of this contest will be announced later. This contest will be independent of the debate which will be held this month in compliance with the state plan.

INSECTS DAMAGE TIMBER

Government Making Crusade Against Little Enemies of Forests.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—Throughout the Pacific slope and Rocky Mountain regions grow the largest and most valuable coniferous tree species of the world; the pines, the spruces, the Douglas fir, the balsam firs, the hemlocks, the cedars, and the Sequoias (redwood). Each one of these has at least one insect enemy which has killed trees in the past and is actually doing so today.

"Insect Damage to Standing Timber in the National Parks," is the title of a paper read by an expert of the Bureau of Entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, before the conference of national park superintendents held under the auspices of the Secretary of the Interior on September 11-12, 1911, and issued as Circular 143 of the Bureau of Entomology. In this circular a summary is given of the damage caused by a little group of "tree-destroying" beetles, and of the practical methods of controlling them, resulting from the investigations of the Bureau of entomology.

In a national forest where there was no evidence of destructive fires for the last 20 years it was found that the standing and fallen dead yellow pine that had died within that period, and which had heretofore been considered as a natural and inevitable forest condition, represented in board feet nearly half as much timber as was then living. The sugar pine and Douglas fir represented one-fourth as much dead as was then living. Every dead tree examined in this estimate showed evidence that it had been killed by insects.

An irreparable loss was caused from an aesthetic point of view in 1904 and 1905 by the death, through the attack of the mountain pine beetle, of the three giant sugar pines on the trail from Wawona to Glacier Point and the Yosemite valley. The veteran sugar pine known as "Uncle Tom," along the road entering the park, was also killed by this beetle.

The fact that it is plainly shown that this waste of natural resources can be prevented must interest not only the officials of our national and state parks and forests but every owner of timber, large and small.

QUAIL SHUT OUT SUNLIGHT

California Birds Are Destroying Crops.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Ranchers from the Coachella valley who were in Los Angeles today, reported that quail were so thick in the valley that crops of all kinds were being destroyed, despite the efforts of the State Game Wardens, who are now trapping the birds by thousands and sending them to other sections of the state.

One rancher said he saw one covey of quail that must have contained 5000 birds. "They were so thick the sunlight was shut out when they flew past," he said. "The quail are very wise," he added, "and hunters find trouble in shooting them, while the trapping is still more difficult."

RING TAKES FINGER OFF

Wedding Emblem Worn for 53 Years Costs Woman Part of Hand.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 15.—A wedding ring worn for 53 years cost Mrs. M. Marks the loss of her finger. After a visit to her husband's grave in a local cemetery she attempted to close the cemetery gate from a moving buggy. The ring, which had grown loose from years of wear, caught on an iron spike and her finger was ground off before the buggy could be stopped.

The ring was placed on her finger at her marriage and never came off until the finger came with it.

SPEAKS TO STRANGER, FINDS LONG-LOST SON

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 11.—By mere chance, Sepaphen Tiensens, a Belgian, met his son Raymond on a business street in Denver after a search of more than ten years for the boy, who ran away from his home in Brussels at the age of 9. The elder Tiensens came here from St. Louis a week ago and asked his way of a young stranger encountered on the street. The young man recognized his interrogator to be a Belgian, and in replying spoke in his native tongue. In the conversation that followed the relationship was discovered, and father and son will return to Brussels within a few days.

FINDING OF NUGGET IN TURKEY'S CRAW CAUSES SWEET HOME STAMPEDE.

SWEET HOME, Ore., Feb. 15.—The finding of a gold nugget in a turkey's craw some few weeks ago by Commissioner Brown of Lebanon has created quite an excitement in this vicinity, as the turkey was bought from one of the mountain ranches here. Men are coming in here by the back loads to investigate and look for the mineral that may be hidden in these hills. The Gabriel boys have succeeded in finding one ore bearing spot and have dug a tunnel 25 feet back in the mountain. The rock they are now working in is said to be valued at \$12 per ton. They think they will strike the main vein of ore in a few weeks. M. J. Nye, agent for the Oregon Western Colonization Company, made another discovery last Friday, six miles northeast of Sweet Home. He brought some of the rock in with him.

THEY INJURE CHILDREN

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