

ABOUT JOINT STATEHOOD

Forty-three years ago this month congress separated Arizona as a territory from New Mexico as a territory. The reasons for the separation and the erection of Arizona as an independent territory were set forth by Senator Ben Wade of Ohio. Our neighbor will find Mr. Wade's remarks, declaring the policy of the federal government in this matter in the Congressional Globe for February 21, 1863. Among other things he said:

"The new territory of New Mexico, including Arizona, is an exceedingly large one, altogether too extensive for any municipal business to be transacted in its extreme portions. After the territory of Arizona was acquired it was for some time attached to New Mexico for civil purposes, and is now a part and parcel of that territory."

The principal point of population in Arizona is some 700 miles from the seat of justice in New Mexico. . . . The number of square miles embraced in this territory of Arizona is 120,912—about five or six times as large as the state of Ohio—and the portion of New Mexico from which it is divided is almost as large, for the boundary line divides the whole state nearly in the middle. I believe the organization of this territory will lead immensely to the increase of its population and to the development of its vast riches that are latent and undeveloped. I have no doubt there is as much necessity for the organization of this territory as any one we have ever organized. New Mexico and Arizona constitute a country larger than half of Europe."

If the Tribune continues its investigation of Arizona's historical and logical right to have a voice as to the conditions of its admission to statehood 43 years after its separation from New Mexico for the reasons stated by Senator Wade it will find that the law of 1863, creating this independent territory, contained this distinct provision:

"Provided, That nothing contained in the provisions of this act shall be construed to prohibit the congress of the United States from dividing said territory or changing its boundaries in such manner or at such time as it may deem proper; provided, further, that said government shall be maintained and continued until such time as the people of said territory shall, with the consent of the congress, form a state government, republican in form, as prescribed by the constitution of the United States, and apply for and obtain admission into the union as a state, on an equal footing with the original states."

Thus congress, 43 years ago, not only created Arizona as a separate entity, but promised her statehood as

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a separate entity when she desired, and was ready, for statehood. The pending bill proposes to commit that very outrage which the Tribune says it cannot perceive. It undoes the work of nearly half a century of independent existence. It violates the pledge of independent statehood implied in the language of the act creating the independent territory. It proposes to force Arizona back into an undesired union with New Mexico by referring the question of coallescing, not to Arizona's voters, but to a combination of New Mexico's and Arizona's voters—a combination in which Arizona is in a position to be outvoted in the decision of her own destinies.—New York Sun.

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DOWAGER EMPRESS OF CHINA

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The Chinese emperor is pictured as little but a figurehead overshadowed by his "august aunt and adopted mother." She still assists the emperor in ruling and, according to Chinese tradition, she, being his "ancestor," must always take the first place. "She sits upon the throne, he upon a chair at her side. It would be improper, according to all Chinese law, were it otherwise. The foreigners speak of the empress dowager forcing the emperor to stand in her presence and to sit upon a stool while she occupies the throne. It is not her majesty who forces him to do this; it is an immutable, thousand year old tradition in China that a son must take a lower place than his parent in his presence, be he emperor or peasant. The empress dowager still reigns. The times are still too troublous for her to withdraw her experience from the councils of state and though longing for the quiet and rest so necessary to a woman of her age and though real-

ly anxious to retire, she feels the time has not come yet."

Throughout her political career the empress dowager has always been a moderate. The storm of China for the Chinese she has been powerless to still, but has run before the wind, waiting the time when at least her ship of state may be able to govern itself accordingly, even though she may not be able to check or control the storm itself. The account of the Boxer uprising and of the flight of her court from Peking to Singanfu contains some curious instances of the anti foreign feeling.—Public Opinion.

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