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A PROPOSED MORRIS STATE.

The New York Press has a long article on the subject of the admission of Arizona into the Union. We give it more than passing attention, because the "Morrison" question is made a leading feature of the article, and it is headed "A Proposed Morrison State."

On the general question of the admission of Territories the Press is sound, it says:

"The territorial condition is included in its constitution to be permanent in the case of any American community and the Territory should become a State whenever it is proved that a standard of high civilization has been attained."

This is correct American doctrine, but, unfortunately, in its application other ideas are permitted to take a more prominent place than in this theory, and party politics often intervenes and overclouds the "high standard" which a Territory has reached in its early territorial progress.

As in the question which Arizona has applied, the Press is willing to waive the objection that might be raised by its Mexican population, because by treaty pledge they must be treated as American citizens.

But we are told, since population of Arizona is about 100,000 and of them more than 12,000 are Mexicans.

Well, must not they also be treated as American citizens? If the Press will take the trouble to inquire, it will find that these "Morrison" citizens in Arizona are among the very best people of the Territory. In their industry, order and general good qualities as progressive citizens it does not only the present prosperity of the prospectus State, but the very conditions which render possible and proper its admission into the Union.

What is there so objectionable about them? Their talk puts one in mind of newly arrived sprigs of English nobility, who expect to be regarded as social equals with the natives, and to be treated as such.

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"Morrison" it with "Morrison." There is no change in its affairs in that respect. Everything goes on in Washington as far as the "Morrison" is concerned, as it did before it was made a State.

These being indisputable truths, we give the ground for the claims about "Morrison" in Arizona. And what becomes of the objection to the admission of that Territory that the Press has expressed without giving the subject the consideration? There is another question, why should Arizona be admitted "Morrison" State? It is alleged that 60% of her population are "Morrison" citizens.

If 60% of the population of a State are Republicans, does that make it a Republican State? Or if they were Democrats, would that constitute it a Democratic State? The Press furnishes another illustration of the fact that whenever the average American asks for business the "Morrison" question, he seems to lose his common sense.

Arizona is entitled to admission into the Union as a State as Wyoming. It is not more than 100 miles from the United States than any other Territory. The "Morrison" question is no more than the "Morrison" question in the affairs of one State than those of the other. And it would not be a great deal more natural and would certainly be more truthful, if those who oppose admission for Arizona would say that party politics are not right, then try to talk up "Morrison" with the actually objectionable matter.

GOVERNOR THOMAS' OFFICIAL REPORT.

The report of the Governor of Utah to the Secretary of the Interior for 1903 has been issued in pamphlet form from the Government printing office in Washington, D.C. We reviewed the document when it was first prepared, and we are glad to see that it contains information that is valuable and worth preserving.

On the last page the pamphlet is comprehensive, as the whole political situation in Utah is set forth. In this report it is superior to the first draft of the report, in which we found some errors. We objected to the omission of the Democratic and Republican platforms—with the exception of a paragraph or two—and the publication in full of the "Liberal" platform.

There were some expressions, too, that we considered did not do "Morrison" justice as an organ.

In looking over the printed official report we find that these objections have been in great measure removed. The three platforms appear in full, and with other modifications the report is much better than it appeared before the corrections were made.

The Governor has evidently endeavored to render the report fair to all parties. That it appeared at first, and we take pleasure in making this statement as we desire to do in one or two paragraphs.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW.

HENRY CLINE, in his report for the week ending December 28, 1903, says that an active investment has commenced in the stock market. The tone of the exchange is steadily strong. In the bond market, there is considerable buying.

Business conditions at large are looked for by the practical student of the market. The principal of the rates are blocked with traffic. The coal trade has also progressed an unimpeded tonnage. The movement of corn to the coast has commenced. It is still in the wheat market, which is showing a slight advance for the first time.

Foreign markets showed an American sentiment also showed improvement. The growing case in London money markets helps confidence in American bonds. European politics, however, remain uncertain. The Franco-German situation is still unsettled.

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The assailant was identified as John George Bell, aged 31, a native of Germany. Last week he was placed on trial in Judge Halloran's court before a jury, for an assault with a dangerous weapon. The case was shortly investigated. Dr. Hall gave evidence that it was not Bell himself who placed on the stand to testify on his own behalf that he had committed the crime.

He testified that he had been ordered by the assassin to place the revolver in his hand, and that he had done so. He also testified that he had seen the assassin in the act of firing the shot.

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