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ever. All parties are opposed to it. The democratic party with hardly a dissenting voice in New Mexico; whlle the republican party is split upon It. Yet the people of that territory would be a unit against it if they had any idea the territory would be admitted alone. In Arizona there are probably not 300 voters in the territory in favor. The rest would prefer to even remain in a territorial condition for ten years to come. And even the 300 would prefer single
statehood if they could get it. Let the two territorles vote separately upon the question and there will be no joint statehood.
M. C. Wilson, Oil City, Pa.-Within sight of my home just at present and for several months to come a scene
is being enacted that would repay any man of influence in government who is interested in governmental regulation of railroads to come a thousand, yes if he could afford it ten thousand miles, to get points. The great Pennsylvania railroad try ing to ruin the Independent Refining company in what should be a most unlawful manner. About three years ago the Pennsylvania railroad con ceived a plan of putting independent refineries to an expense, so they issued a plan and commanded them to
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sylvania railroad wont turn a wheel sylvania railroad wont turn a wheel or them until they do this. The Lake Shore railroad is within sigh the cars, but the Pennsylvania wont haul them the half mile to the Lake Shore railroad yards. Plenty of in-
formation here for government men
M. Chambers, 345 Railroad Ave. rookiyn, N. Y.-In your issue o January 5 in the department of "Cur rent Topics" I read with pleasure the
article, "The people of Arizona are p in arms concerning joint state hood," and I join with J. B. Pearsal of Douglas, Arizona, when he says
"Your suggestion may be a good one "Your suggestion may be a good one
insofar as Indian and Oklohoma territories are concerned, but conditions are entirely different as regards Arizona and New Mexico." I do think it strange that any fair minded per son would wish the joint statehood of so farge a territory. Dakota as a territory was not much larger than
New Mexico is and it was considered New Mexico is and it was considered large enough to make two separate states of. Notwithstanding its citizens, customs and conditions are sim-
Wyoming was taken from Daota in yoming was later accepted a state, although it has $14,340^{\circ}$ square miles less than Arizona, and 24,880 less than New Mexico, so surely each of the above, Arizona and New Mexi ico, is of sufficient area. Each has a splendid future before it with
wealth over and under ground suffiient to secure it financlally. Ther are intelligent people living there fine business women and men and in numbers larger than had many of mitted to the union. The customs of the people may be and are differ ent, their politics are also different and their citizens are somewhat un like, so why should they be doubled up and lose their identity to sult riz politecidedly is not anxious fo admission unless on her own responsibility. New Mexico is not anxious or joint statehood. It wants admis sion into the union as a state. There are some who would rather be joined o Arizona and be admitted than to continue a refuge and bone of con ention for broken down politicians I am glad the people are waking up before it is too late, and I hope congress will not make the serious misselfish reasons want the joint state.

If it is so taken into the union, it will be against the will of the people most directly interested. And at some future time-not so distantthere will be petitions and bills prearticle ts an sivision. "Them "The Ros well (N. M.) Record" saying: "Joint statehood has the support of prac tically all the democrats and a large majority of the republicans, and the people have become thoroughly tired of having their territory made a sanltarium for broken down politicians." That is just the trouble. They are
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1874 or 5 , when they had presented 1874 or 5, when they had presented
a bill for statehood. And if they felt capable then I am very certain they are more so now. Dear editor I hope you will rather urge them to wait a iittle longer-until their friends can prove that they have "growed up" o separate statehood and arrive to the dignity of the state of Arizona
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