

Holbrook, Arizona, *December 1st* 1899.
 Mr. *J. M. Pratt*
 You are hereby cordially invited to attend the hanging of one
George Smiley, Murderer.
 His soul will be swung into eternity on December 8, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m., sharp.
 The latest improved methods in the art of scientific strangulation will be employed and everything possible will be done to make the surroundings cheerful and the execution a success.
 F. J. WATTRON,
Sheriff of Navajo County.

Invitation to the **Hanging of GEORGE SMILEY, For Murder**, which occurred at Holbrook, Arizona on January 6, 1900. Issued by **F. J. WATTRON**, Sheriff of Navajo County.

The first invitation (left), of which was sent out by the Associated Press, brought a letter of condemnation from President William McKinley to Governor Nathan Oakes Murphy, of the Territory of Arizona. Governor Murphy severely rebuked Sheriff Wattron and issued a stay of execution, whereupon the Sheriff sent out the second sarcastic invitation (right).

Revised Statutes of Arizona, Penal Code, Title No. Sec. 1849, Page 302, makes it obligatory on Sheriff to issue invitation to execution, form (unfortunately) not prescribed.

Holbrook, Arizona, *1/7-* 1900.
 Mr. *J. M. Pratt*
 With feelings of profound sorrow and regret, I hereby invite you to attend and witness the private, decent and humane execution of a human being; name, *George Smiley; crime, murder.*
 The said *George Smiley* will be executed on *January 8, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m.*
 You are expected to deport yourself in a respectful manner, and any "flippant" or "unseemly" language or conduct on your part will not be allowed. Conduct, on anyone's part, bordering on ribaldry and tending to mar the solemnity of the occasion will not be tolerated.
 F. J. WATTRON,
Sheriff of Navajo County.

It would suggest that a committee, consisting of Governor Murphy, Editors Dunbar, Knecht and Hull, visit on our next legislative and have a form of invitation to executions embodied in our laws.