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Len D. Sivyer, in one of his many interesting articles on Arizona, her mines and natural resources, has the following:

A MINING-CLAIM,

whether located by one or more persons, consists of 1500 feet in length, along a vein or lode, and 300 feet on each side of the middle of the vein at the surface, making the amount of ground located twenty-one and a fraction acres. The claim must be designated by a conspicuous mark, generally a pile of stones, called a monument, wherein is placed a location notice or description of the property. This notice is duplicated, and the locator is allowed by lay from 30 to 60 days—according to the locality of the mine—to have the same registered at the county recorder's office, and then during the year, and each succeeding year from the date of location, $100 worth of work must be done on the claim, in order to hold it by law. Every mining claim must have a name. It is the locator's prerogative, to make the selection of names, which vary as greatly in character, as the taste or culture of those who christen them. Scotch and Germans, in fact, foreigners generally, with a most commendable patriotism, rarely deviate from some title that will commemorate their native lands. Americans are noted for their eccentricity in mining nomenclature; they resort to all kinds of nonsensical titles, such as Bully Bueno, Way Up, Tip-top, Thunder, Turn Up, and hundreds of others still more ridiculous.

Often the bachellor remembers the "Girl he left behind him," and bestows her patronymic upon his mine, hoping that it will prove as good as she is. Miners are known by their mines, as much as by their characters, and when they meet one another, the mine is as punctually inquired after as the health of the individual. You will hear: "Well, how is the Mary Ann? does she turn out well? is her shaft dry? and how does the Emma show up?" "Oh she's cream solid; but I tell you I've struck it rich on the Jane Eliza," and so on.

The miners are doing their part nobly, even exceeding the greatest anticipations of the most sanguine miners, but this alone is not all that the country is remarkable for. There are large

HERDS

grazing upon the nutritious grasses. The farms are prolific in cereals. Poor men have become rich, and I do not, to-day—with quite an extensive experience of several years' sojourn in the western country—in all honesty and sincerety, know of any country that presents the flattering inducements to emigrants and others, especially men who have idle capital on their hands, as does Arizona with her wealth in mineral, agriculture, grazing, and other resources. I am well aware that there are many gentlemen in Milwaukee who have invested quite heavily in mining property in Colorado, and in many cases they feel sore over the investment; hence, I know the difficulty that would be encountered in trying to induce those same gentlemen to go further, and to seek a much richer field for their capital in the prolific mineral lands of Arizona.

RAILROADS

are on her lines, east and west, and it will be but a short time until the snort of the iron horse will be heard as it fleets from the east, loaded with cottoh, rice, etc., which will be dropped in her territory, and return with the gold and silver, and variovs metals from her bonanzas of untold value.

LEN D. SIVYER.

FROM OUR VERDE CORRESPONDENT.

EDITOR MINER:—Possibly you will be interested by a word from the Verde. Our crops of corn and vegetables this season are looking finely, and promise a good yield. Of course the small grain has been harvested long ago, and it came in full and heavy. I have never seen finer crops than are grown here, and I am familiar with vegetation from California to Maine.

The health of this locality is excellent, I think much better than most other sections of the Territory; in fact, such has proved to be the case this present season, and our climate much superior during the winter months, at least, to Prescott and vicinity, and not at all disagreeable or uncomfortable in the summer. I am of the opinion that this is a fine place for a home as any in Arizona. But I cannot agree with your correspondent of Salt River who says: "nowhere in California are people so well provided with homes where kinds of cerials and fruits can be raised" as at that place.

We labor under inconveniences and disadvantages as has been the case with all newly settled Territories, or localities of our Great West. Increased expense of provisions, materials, freights etc., Inconvenience of slow mails, thus delaying communication, etc. In general we have not all the advantages and pleasures of civilization and society. We don't expect it here as in California or the Eastern States until the iron rails have traversed our Territory, which we hope and expect will be soon.

I dislike exaggeration in any form, and thank Assayer Kelley for remarks made in a late number of the MINER on this point. But I was intending to write a letter from the Verde. People are well situated here, plenty of deer in the hills to be had for the hunting; plenty of fish in the river, and of an excellent quality, always fat and seemingly willing (like Barkis) to enter the frying-pan. We go to the Mogollons for turkey, where they are found in abundance. There, too, most of the cattle belonging on the river are grazing among the pines, and most excellent feed they get. In regard to other game, ducks, quail, etc., are plentiful here; the ducks have just come along and will stay with us until March. One of the Jordan boys killed two bear a few weeks ago, and signs of others have been since seen hereabouts. The recent rains we have enjoyed have made the face of nature look more cheerful with its green hills and mesas. If it were not for making this sketch too long, I would speak of mining interests near by, for we have not been slighted by mineral wealth. In the course of time you will hear of the Verde mining district, and the Black Hills will resound with the noise of machinery. ELMORE.

Verde, Sept. 26, 1877.

MORE PINAL DISCOVERIES.—To a business letter from John C. Loss & Bro., Florence, dated Sept. 28th, they add: "Two more rich discoveries have been made in the belt between the Silver King and Silver Bell,—one, by Connelly Bros., and the other by Lemon and Bailey. The Lemon mine is supposed to be as rich as the King. Times have improved fifty per cent. in Florence within twenty days."

☞ Dr Dio Lewis, who is going into scientific horticulture, has ascertained that you can't plant cats too early, nor is it possible to get too many in a hill. You may not raise anything else that season, where the cat is planted, but in the meantime the cat will not have raised anything either, and that is where the enormous profit comes in.—[Oakland Transcript.

Written for the Miner.

THE KING.

I am King of all, the poor, the rich;
The King his throne, the beggar his ditch;
At my behest must lose of hold,
Or "presto, change," when lo! and behold!
The King's a beggar, the beggar enthroned.
Now, each in his former state disowned;
Thus my puppets move as I pull the string,
For I am Money, and Money is KING!

In the Nations' halls I proudly stand,
For I hold the Prince in my good right hand;
Of Minister, Senator, Members—all,
I buy them up, both great and small;
I buy their manhood, their honor; in truth,
They will sell what they call their Souls, in sooth,
And their empty lives at my feet they fling
For I am Money, and Money is KING!

I buy the love of a faithless wife;
I buy the stroke of dagger or knife;
I buy the Judge, the jury, the law
That will find for me a convenient flaw;
I buy the witness who will deftly swear
That white is black, most fair,
And long and loud will my praises sing,
For I am Money, and Money is KING!

They tell me of One, in a manger born,
Whose life was humble, and marked with scorn;
For He was poor; and poverty then,
As now, was properly shunned by men.
He talked to the rich of the "needle's eye,"
Of sinners in hell, the beggar on high
In heaven, where glorious angels sing,
And a mightier Power, than Money is KING!

Strange doctrine this, that the humble poor
May entrance find at the golden door,
And that hell will receive the rich man's soul
While ages in endless cycles roll.
If it's true, that money is linked with sin,
I'll buy me a Bishop and pray me in;
Then, surely, the gates will open and swing,
And welcome me—the MONEY KING!

A. McB.

Prescott, A. T., Sept. 24, 1877.

THE HUNTSMEN'S RETURN.—John F. Meador and E. S. Seed have returned from slaying deer in the Bill Williams mountain region. There appears to be a fatality hanging over that wierd land that exacts of every youth who for the first time penetrates the gloomy fastness of its grand old mountains and majestic canyons, that he shall for a time lose his reckoning and wander for a season. Meador took his turn in a snow storm last winter, and on this occasion seems to have been exempt, and allowed to sail along smoothly; but it is related of Seed that he had to succumb to the inevitable, became a subject of solicitude to his companions and a victim of fear for his own safety. It is just possible that the boys have set it up on him a little bit; but they do say that when one of John Marion's sheep herders was attracted by the sound of his voice, and rushed to his relief, under the impression that a bear had attacked one of his comrades, he was sitting on a rock with his rifle across his lap, a pistol in each hand, a bowieknife behind his ear, and making the air vocal with the sound of his voice. Lieutenant Stevens is still out with Henry Herbert, Captain Henry and others, and as this is his first trip, we shall expect to hear that he, too, has passed through a similar ordeal, an account of which we shall reserve until his return, in order to see which of the two fates has overtaken him, as it appears that those of the boys who have escaped being lost, have had to encounter the other horn of the dilemma and submit to attacks from white bear. This has been an eventful season among the amateur hunters in those mountains, but it has educated them so that hereafter they will know the ropes. Meador hands in a report of one deer and one coyte as the trophies of his prowess. The others probably did better, but we have no record of their exploits with the rifle. Dud Moreland was consulted on the possibility of white bear in this latitude, and gave it as his unqualified opinion that those bear-skins all had wool on them, whereupon John Marion immediately fixed up and started for his sheep range. We shall await further developments.

THE WEATHER IN THE PAST.—We happened yesterday to pick up a weather memorandum, kept by one of our neighbors, commencing in May 1874, and continuing until March 1876, which we copy for the perusal of those who are fond of keeping track of climatic changes.

The last snow of the season fell May 9th, 1874, and the first snow in the Fall fell Nov. 17th, 1874, and ended with rain, which continued until the 22d; then beautiful weather until Dec. 15th, when a slight snow fell and continued until the 17th; then fine weather again until the 26th. A violent snow storm commenced on the 19th of March, 1875, preceded by a heavy gale for two or three days, and it continurd storming until April 6th. A heavy rain fell May 21st. The next rain was on July 7th. A slight hail and rain storm occurred on the 9th, and a heavy rain with hail on the 12th of July. More or less stormy throughout August, and a violent rain storm Sept. 6th, The first frost came Sept. 6th, and ice Oct. 25th. A slight rain fell Nov. 2d, and rain and snow on the 27th. It sleeted on the 27th of December, and snowed on the 29th.

In 1876 it rained or snowed Jan. 7th and 21st, Feb. 9th and 28th and March 4th and 8th. There was a severe gale and snow storm on the 9th of March, and the worst of the season on the 10th. On the 11th of March the thermometer was below zero. It snowed again on the 14th. Here the record ends.

A CAMP MEETING ENTHUSIAST.—The Methodists have been holding a protracted Campmeeting at Salt River, one mile from Phœnix, which has proven quite interesting and no doubt profitable, in a religious sense, if we are to judge by what a friend on the ground writes to a friend in Prescott. He seems to be quite enthusiastic in his description of the exercises, and winds up in language like this: "It takes me back to the memories of years long gone, when I used to sit and listen to the words of divine truth as they fell from the lips of the annointed of the Lord. We are having a warm time battling for the overthrow of Satan's kingdom, and ma cadimizing the road to the realms of glory. Oh! such singing and shouting, hugging and kissing by the younger brethren and sisters. It makes my old mouth water, and I can't help it. I wish you were here, I know you would enjoy it. It is confidently believed by many that the backbone of sin is broken in the valley, and that the Devil has taken his departure in the direction of Prescott, and no longer goes howling up and down these everglades seeking whom he may devour."

The net profits of the Western Union Telegraph for the quarter ending September 30th were $792,000. A dividend of 1½ per cent, has been declared, payable the 15th of October. The annual meeting of stockholders will be held on October 10th.

INDIAN ATROCITIES IN NEW MEXICO.

The following is a list of the killed and wounded by the Indians, in their recent outbreak in Southwestern New Mexico, all of which has been accredited to Arizona, by not only the entire press of California, but by the Citizen published at Tucson. The California papers are excusable for heralding this unreliable and damaging information to the outside world, having received their information through a channel that would not hesitate to circulate any report, let it be ever so false and damaging, if by so doing a stain could be cast upon the administration of General Kautz, who has proved himself to be an energetic, capable officer, who cannot be controlled by any *ring* or *clique*, to which, belongs the originator of all the false bosh about Southern Arizona being in a state of Indian warfare and murder:

KILLED:

On the Gila—James H. Guy. At Newsham's Ranche—William McClaren. At Knight's ranche—Juan Vigil, Barbaro Costales, Juan Pacheco. In the Burro Mountains—Jose Madrid, Jesets Madrid y Bargas, Evaristo Madrid, Santa Cruz Madrid, Manuel Ascarate, Prudencio Chaves, Carmelita Valdez, Blas Madrid, Juan Nanes.

WOUNDED:

On Upper Mimbres—Robert Shackleford. At Knight's Ranch—J. Coffee, Pefama Leona de Reide. At Newsham's ranche—One man, name unknown. In the Burro Mountains—Manuel Chaves, Ismael Chaves.

MRS. GEN'L SHERMAN, ON DANCING.—This lady, who seems to be taking every opportunity to get her name into print, has taken up the cudgel for W. H. Rulofson in defense of his "Dance of Death." Speaking of the waltz and round dances, she says that her soul revolts against it, and that very soon women of self-respect will blush at it, and that public opinion will eventually drive it out of society. She adds: "The advocates of this dance have had their own way long enough—absorbing all entertainments—sneering upon and ridiculing those who quietly decline to participate—openly and constantly insinuating of those who decline it that they are therefore evil-minded, etc., or quoting impudently and insinuatingly their old weapon, *Honi soit qui mal pense*, and throwing themselves in men's arms to prove their own purity of mind."

THE BABY GORILLA.—Frank Buckland writes of his visit to Pongo, the baby gorilla, at the Westminister Aquarium, England: A little boy and girl luckily came in to see him while I was present. After awhile they both began to play in a childlike fashion with Pongo. Gradually they fraternized, and began to play together after the manner of little children. Not being a child, I cannot enter into their funny sayings and doings about nothing at all. So these three, the little fairhaired boy and girl and the gorilla, played together after their own childish fashion for nealy half an hour. Pongo evidently liked the little girl the best, and I made her experiment on him with ornaments, handkerchiefs, etc.; but no—the ape's brain could not understand the human. Pongo put everything in his mouth, and tried to bite it up.

In the Washington Star, of Sept. 15th, we find the following complimentary notice of Governor McCormick:

In the resignation by Gov. McCormick of his position of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, we have the rather rare instance of an executive officer of such exceptional ability that both his associates and the general public deplore his loss to the service. It has probably never happened before that an official in so short a time made himself so thoroughly a master of his duties, and so almost indispensable to the place.

The following is one of the many spurious, contemptable, unreliable and damaging telegraphic reports that are sent out and emanate from the office of the *Emir* in Tucson:

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 22.—The Union's special from Tucson to-day says: It is reported here that the forty-seven Indians killed last week were all women and children. If so, the situation is worse than ever.

HOLIDAY SEASON.—These are festive days among the Israelites. Since the beginning of the Hebrew New Year, Saturday, Sept. 8th, there have been a succession of feasts every few days, with but two fasts within the time. The fast of Gedaliah occurred on the 10th, and that of Yomkippur on the 17th. Yesterday, the 28th, was the feast of Hoshaanah, and to-day, the 29th, that of Sheminee Atzareth. To-morrow, September 30th or *Tishree* 23d, will occur the feast of Simchas Torah.

JOHN W. YOUNG seems determined that the bigamous reputation of his family shall not suffer in his hands. He has fully determined to commit the revolting crime of marrying his father's stepdaughter and the ceremony was performed a few days since. Young some years ago married a lady in Philadelphia and renounced polygamy, if not Mormonism. This lady has left him with a portion of their children, but Young will probably find no difficulty it starting a harem now that he has begun.

New York, Sept. 14.—The Tribune says: Brigham Young's mother, now 98 years of age, is living at Martinsville, Indiana. Her faculties are yet bright. She is in very humble circumstances, and dwells, with some bitterness, upon the fact that her son, who had so greatly prospered in this world's goods, should have forgotten her, leaving her to an old age of penury and want.

"Before we were married,, said he to a friend, " she use to say 'by by' so sweetly when I went down the steps." "And now what does she say?" asked the friend. Oh! just the same exclaimed the man—"buy buy.' Ah! I see," said the other; "she only exercises a little different 'spell' over you."

Our agreeable friend, Charles A. Johnson, recently of Colton, has been appointed Postal Clerk on the Yuma train. The force is now composed of Messrs Hamilton, Gill and Johnson, three excellent and energetic young men. They will commence running through to Yuma next week.—[Los Angeles Republican.

Portland, Oregon, is 670 miles from San Francisco, and the fare by steamer is $8. Los Angeles is only 380 miles distant from the metropolis, yet the steamer fare is $15, and the railway fare $23, exclusive of incidentals.—[Los Angeles Republican.

A popular clergymen in Philadelphia delivered a lecture on "fools." The tickets to it read, "Lecture on Fools. Admit one." There was a large attendance.