

FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 1877.

LETTER FROM CAMP VERDE.

EDITOR MINER:—A domestic calamity of a painful nature occurred here yesterday. A very famous and highly intelligent cat, belonging to an officer of this Post, suddenly and unexpectedly departed this life, at 3:40 p. m.—cause, disease of the brain. It is said the disease originated from overtaxation of the cerebral organs—those organs in cats not being gifted with expansiveness. The officer and his worthy lady had educated the defunct feline to a remarkable degree of intelligence. It is uniformly because he had a source of very deep affection to them. They rejoice at the inevitable decease of Providence which suddenly remove an animal of such worth and intelligence, and which yet permit to exist a worthless lot of cats, in which category they had the bad judgment to include their own. Poor's Cat and handsome dog "Hank." One must, however, make due allowance for this somewhat sentimental exhibition of the ways of Providence, since a cat was their only love, playmate, and darling.

A social poetical genius attempted to reduce the case to poetry of the ordinary character, but after perusing the following lines (which by the way do not true genius, the divine afflatus failed him, and he "saw up the lid.") He composed his inaudible and incoherent subject out of his inner consciousness, and adjourned to Hank's to try the result of an experiment in the Bionic alliteration—

There is one in the W— mansion; There are tears in the eyes of H— Settled down on her classic feathers— In her heart there is deep distress; Red is her Roman nose, from weeping; With grief her sallow face is bow'd; As she relates the mournful story To a sympathetic crowd.

LETTER FROM McDOWELL.

CAMP McDOWELL, A. T., Jan. 18, 1877.

EDITOR MINER:—Since the departure of our friend Curdie, no items from this post have appeared in your journal. I therefore embrace this opportunity of letting you know that Camp McDowell is still in existence. Between horse racing, foot racing, jumping and various other pastimes, the holiday passed very pleasantly, and the way enjoyed themselves highly, although they indulged somewhat freely in eating, turkey, etc., etc. At present everything is in good running order and the boys have all settled down to await the arrival of the paymaster who is expected in a few days.

Many improvements have recently been made at this post under the supervision of the A. A. M. prominent among which are two sets of business quarters, which present a neat appearance, and are believed the finest in the Territory. Also an adobe wall, in process of construction around the cavalry stables which will soon be completed. Target practice is the order of the day at present here, and a good deal of competition is going on between the two companies, I. 6th Cavalry and C. 5th Infantry at this post as to which is the best shot. A team consisting of six members has been selected from each company, and they will compete for a prize in a few days, particulars in my next. M. W. Moran.

MOHAVE COUNTY ITEMS.

MINERAL PARK, January 10, 1877.

EDITOR MINER:—The Mineral Park mill has been running for the past ten days on rich ore some of it paying as high as \$100 per ton. There is now piled up at the mill near one hundred tons of ore for work and the mill is hummed plently to keep it running for months to come. Silver strikes are plenty, but greenbacks are scarce in this town.

The backhewer mill shut down about ten days since and will not start again until a furnace for roasting ore is built. Skinning on the mill is still going on and report is that the mill is doing better every day.

It is now certain that the Deer Company at Wallace, Montana will come a fine new stamp mill next spring. It is reported that the mill will cost two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and will be one of the largest in the West.

Word came from Greenwood last week that some miners were wanted and were to be taken to the mill. It is reported that the miners would find steady employment in that vicinity. This is evidence of better times.

Trains of immigrants are passing through town nearly every day, they mostly come from Oregon, Idaho and Nevada, two droves of cattle are driven by each train of immigrants they come to stay. Some of the immigrants report not less than 10,000 head of cattle moving this way. All stock cattle they seem to be bound for San Francisco. In addition to this we hear of large droves of cattle and sheep and horses from California on the road bound for Arizona.

If the drought in California continues, we will have large additions to our stock market. In writing of the drought in California a friend of ours writes that unless the rains come soon there will be no cattle to sell in Arizona or any other place, all will die before spring. She writes, accordingly, to be prepared for the worst.

There is now located in Mohave County nearly ten thousand head of stock cattle and sheep, for six times as many more. We have a fence law in Mohave County.

Local Intelligence.

SATURDAY.

PRESCOTT IMPROVEMENTS.

Goldwater and Bro's New Mammoth Store.

In accordance with our usual custom of giving notice to any and every important thing of enterprise, and not having heretofore mentioned the mercantile house of Messrs. J. Goldwater & Bro., excepting briefly, now that their mammoth establishment is fully stocked, and in running order, we propose to give them such an extended notice as their house is deservedly entitled to.

In the first place, show the removal of the trees from the Plaza, we looked at its southeast corner—as though having been constructed in a single night—an elegant and substantially built two-story brick block, the erection of which was commenced by Mr. James Howey in 1875, but which has only recently been completed and fitted up by its present occupant, at a heavy expense, and now bears the firm name on a large and handsome sign.

The exterior work was performed by Messrs. Campbell & Becker, the painting and glazing by Valentine & Winsor, and the plumbing by T. T. Moore.

The building itself would be a novelty to any city; it is certainly the finest in Arizona and of which Prescott is justly proud. A porch, ten feet in width, extends along the front and north side.

Let us take a look at the interior of the store, which is entered through an arched doorway, and one is simply amazed at the appearance which meets the eye.

The store is 60 by 30 feet in size, and the ceiling is 16 feet high; the walls having a hard finish, and the ceiling being painted white, gives to the whole such a light and airy appearance that the four fine chandeliers that are suspended from the ceiling seem to have been placed there merely for ornament.

There are three stylish white counters, with grained tops, which produce a very pleasing effect, one on each side and the third in the center of the store.

The shelving is neatly and elegantly finished in white, and surmounted by a broad cornice, which is ornamented by a narrow strip of gilt molding along its center.

The office—12 by 10 feet—is located at the left of the front entrance, and is simply a low platform, surrounded by a railing of turned posts, resting on a paneled base about 4 feet high, and covered with a cornice ornamented by a narrow gilt molding, similar to that upon the cornice of the shelving, the open railing affording an unobstructed view of the entire store.

The furniture of the office consists of one of Mahoele & Upton's celebrated safe—a desk of black walnut, over which is placed an elegant calendar clock—and a table supporting the gold scales, which latter are especially noticeable for the utility and workmanship displayed in their construction and finish.

At the rear left hand corner of the store is a stairway, of easy ascent, to the room above, which is well stored with merchandise, and affords ample room for displaying carpets, oilcloths, etc.

Besides the show cases on the counters, there is a perpendicular case, with glass front of novel construction, all of which are well filled with fancy articles, jewelry, toilet articles, perfumery, and fine pocket cutlery. There is also an upright show case with sliding doors, filled with ladies' hats and cloaks.

The goods displayed in this most magnificent department—the shelves—consist of such elegant patterns, and numbers of variety, and are arranged with such decided taste and systematic arrangement.

At the rear end of the store is the department of stoves, solder sets, crockery, glass, china, mirrors in black and gold frames, and handsome bronze clocks, all of modern styles. In front of the upper portion of this stairway is the rack containing wall paper and another containing oilcloths.

The counter on the right side of the store is piled full of clothing, under which are boxes of boots and shoes.

On the left side of the store are the canned goods, stationary, cigars, tobaccos, groceries, etc., etc.

On the south side of the main building is located a frame warehouse 24 by 30 feet, containing a very large stock of flour, bacon, iron, nails and other hardware, wagon material, paints, oils, glass, agricultural implements, miners' tools, supplies, etc., etc.

The whole appearance of this store, and the arrangement of the goods, are admirable, and the stock itself is one of the best selected, if not the largest in the Territory, and comprises every article of merchandise suitable for this market.

Messrs. J. Goldwater & Bro., from a business experience extending for a period of over 15 years in Arizona, know what kind of goods is needed here, and their stock bears evidence of their knowledge.

See notice of dissolution of Dudley and Williams' Hotel business. Mr. Dudley withdraws from the firm and Mr. Williams continues to run the house, which, by the way, is one of the best in northern Arizona.

The Camp Verde Variety Troupe will give an entertainment, some time during the month, which will undoubtedly surpass anything of the kind ever given by the troupe. Having seen the programme we can recommend it as a good one.

A new road has been built by the Mormon settlers on the Little Colorado, from their settlement to St. George, and rumor has it that some three thousand Mormons will join those already living on the Little Colorado, this winter on the coming spring.

WEDNESDAY, YUMA, 11—It commenced raining this morning about 8 o'clock, and up to the present time it has continued to rain at intervals, and the indications are that we will now have rains in the valleys and foothills, while in the mountains, snow will be the order of the day.

T. Gardiner, County of Dental Surgery, recently arrived from California, left here this afternoon for Wickenburg, where he will remain a few days and proceed to Phoenix, Phoenix and Yuma; thence back to Prescott, where he proposes to settle permanently in the practice of his profession.

So-called Arizona—George Smith, an employe of the Little Colorado, W. C. Curtis, had his hand cut off with the single saw this afternoon. He was immediately placed in Mr. Curtis' express wagon and driven with all possible speed to the office of Dr. McCandless, where he is now under going treatment.

The train of Dennis & Murphy arrived yesterday from Phoenix, and brought up a large lot of Salt River flour, which was purchased by Mr. Goldwater & Bro. Mr. Dennis reports large crops of barley and wheat as having been sown this winter in the Valley, and that the foregoing rains are in good prospect, every thing of water, therefore the prospect for a large crop. The coming season is fair.

Yuma's Extra Mail—Mr. Patterson, of Maricopa Park, arrived here last evening, with a quantity of three tons of rocks, from the Yuma river in southern Nevada, which he sold to H. P. Blinn, and he in turn disposed of it to the Best Mining Co. Louis Gault, who has just arrived here from the Little Colorado, Nevada, informs us that Col. Henderson, of St. Thomas, is out here, and he will have a large quantity of this superior material sold.

The Paymaster and his clerk have gone to Camp McDowell to pay the troops stationed at that post, and after having paid off the boys in blue will return to Camp Verde and serve the troops there in the same way. Money for that purpose will be sent from Tucson in charge of a Commissioned officer, to meet the Paymaster at McDowell.

MONDAY.

Miss Anna Kellro has resigned her position as teacher of the Williamson Valley school, and a Mr. Harkins has been employed to take the position.

The children of Main Valley are moving in the matter of establishing a public school. A school house will be erected by subscription, but not being sufficient public funds due the district for that purpose.

The stage drivers, Alexander and Berry, left Phoenix, yesterday, on their way to Yuma, under a strong guard and but little apprehension as to their being rescued by criminals.

Joseph Price is still running his photographic laboratory at a lively rate at the Sacozo school. All that is necessary to win one five or ten dollars is to give a chance and then come a small picture has the figures to be had in it.

Mr. Moore, who was one of the first sheep heads in this territory, arrived from his sheep head in Maricopa County, Saturday last, and reports his sheep as excellent, sheep fat, and says in his opinion that after sheep business is established in the Territory, another country may be found for sheep.

The Miller Road to South Valley is now so far completed as to be possible for light teams, and is spoken of by teamsters and others, as good, for a new road, and a saving of some 15 miles in distance, over the old.

On Saturday night, between the hours of twelve and one o'clock, the demons commenced firing in our Plaza, whilst another party—of hoodlums—commenced a similar assault on the pine trees, fences, etc., on the west side of Granite Creek. We expect soon to hear of some one being arrested for shooting on the street.

The Prescott Amateur Minstrelle have an advertisement in today's paper. They will perform at Lule's Hall on Thursday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 18th and 20th.

The public of Prescott are acquainted with this troupe and know that whatever they put upon the stage will be strictly first class and performed right up to the highest stage of excellence. Go and see the boys play; it's real fun.

Henry Wickenburg, Esq., discoverer of the Yulture mine and founder of the town of Wickenburg, and his present postmaster, came up by stage this afternoon. Few men have run more narrow risks of being scalped by the Apaches than Henry Wickenburg, and kept their hair on. At the time of the discovery of the Yulture it was unsafe either to travel or remain in camp, without a large force for protection, and being outside of the value of his find, he determined to stay by it at all risks. Consequently he adopted Apache attire, kept constantly on the lookout with rifle in hand during the day and hid himself away in the deep cañons at night, until he found a man Mr. Moore, now of Maricopa Wells, who was willing for a share in this mine to share also the perils incident to its occupation.

Geo. W. Hanco, proprietor of the Genega Station, 15 miles this side of Camp Verde, has built himself a fine dwelling, barns, stables, corrals, etc., and is prepared to accommodate travelers with meals for themselves and animals. It is now the regular mail station of the Arizona and New Mexico Express Co., headquarters for large herds of sheep, cattle, etc., belonging to George, and the only thing we would recommend him to add to his well regulated establishment, is a Mrs. Hanco.

We are now printing the MINER on our new press. It being something new in this section, and some of the printers in the MINER office having ever worked or seen a press of this kind worked, we have failed to make a success in printing the two last issues, having had to learn everything by degrees; but we have now so far learned all the different parts of the machine, as to be perfectly satisfied the press is a success, and we will be able hereafter to print our paper in a creditable manner.

The rain, of which we made mention on Saturday evening, continued for into last night when it ceased to rain, and on Monday morning the air was so clear and bright that the sun shined for some hours, and the ground was dry. This was continued at intervals throughout the day and evening. This morning, however, dawned bright and clear, and the dew has been checked with clouds and showers, with the thermometer ranging in the neighborhood of 40 degrees above zero.

C. T. Rogers & Co., the Prescott meat merchants, government contractors at Fort Whipple, Camp Verde, etc., drove into their slaughter house, to-day a fine head of beef steers. The company's fine steers, purchased from the best stock in the Territory, for which they are paying liberal prices. From a small concern, these gentlemen, by fair dealing and close attention to business, have become the largest, by far, meat merchants in Arizona, supplying something over 1500 persons, daily, with meat, and of superior quality.

The accident to George Smith's hand, which we mentioned in having been cut off with the single saw at Curtis' mill on Saturday, was not quite so bad as represented. The saw entered his hand between the wrist joint and the second joint of the thumb bone and crushing through the flesh, bones, sinews and muscles to near the center of his hand.

Dr. McCandless and Lincoln have placed the bones in their proper positions and dress of the wound with a view to saving the entire hand including the thumb, of which we understand there is now quite a favorable prospect.

How came so much sulphur in the metal bearing pocket? is a question more easily asked than answered, yet one man has as much right to speculate on it as another.

The evidence that the same ore contained all metal bearing districts is too plain to require argument, and the ascertained fact that sea water contains not only sulphur, but all other soluble minerals in solution may lead to the conjecture that the presence of the sea at the time of the formation of the metal bearing rocks may have had something to do with the curious combinations of sulphur, antimony, arsenic and other minerals with iron, silver, lead, copper, etc., and the fact that they are so often found in combination may go to strengthen the proof that these minerals have a natural affinity for each other, and in the process of formation are attracted by the law of affinity.

As many people are coming into the Territory, from Oregon, Nevada and Utah, with large herds of cattle, horses and sheep, it may be of interest to them, and others who know where they can find ranges for their herds. Having lived in Arizona for a number of years, and during those years we have visited every portion of the Territory, and paid some considerable attention to the grazing resources, therefore we speak from experience. All the country in the vicinity of the San Francisco Mountains is accessible and well adapted for grazing purposes.

Again the eastern slope of the Maricopa range, extending from the Bill Williams range to the white mountains near Camp Apache, is well watered and has an abundance of bunch and other nutritious grasses, capable of supplying food for thousands of stock, and is especially adapted to sheep, horses and cattle. And now since there is no danger from the Apaches, we would advise those who are coming to our country, to look to the east and satisfy themselves.

MAILS.—Williamson Valley and Harkinsville mail matter, under the new contract, lays in the Post Office, at this place, from Saturday until the next week Friday—this is owing to a change in the time of stage departure since it came under the control of the new contractors, and is no fault of the old contractors, whom we have always found ready and willing to accommodate the public in every reasonable way. Under the present arrangement our paper is published on Friday evening whilst our stages leave on the same day in the morning, consequently no MINER can be sent on this route until the following week. We understand that the C. & A. Stage Co. have bargained with the new contractor to carry the mails for a specified time, and we have seen the agent who expresses a willingness to change the day of departure from this place so that the mail will leave on Saturday, thereby accommodating all concerned.

If men despised the strength of American women, as a woman's paper asserts, then why should a Marina street man take off his boots on the cold sidewalk these frosty nights and try to climb in at his chamber window?

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