

LETTER FROM PHOENIX.

EDITOR MINER:—It comes near "crowding the mourners" to ask a letter from Phoenix, that shall be newsy, when times are as dull as at present. There is a dearth of "local items differentiated out of social bioplasm" in this locality, and probably such will be the case until harvest. It is a matter of great interest to the local farmer to ride by his neighbor's wheat field and compare the stand of grain, the size of heads, and even to count the grains of wheat per head. A count of this kind to-day, in Maj. C. H. Veil's field, resulted in showing 90 kernels of wheat well developed, on one stalk. This is extreme of course, but seriously, the prospects of a large crop was never better in this valley. There is a large acreage both of barley and wheat, and this season has been exceptionally favorable. If there is no slip, Salt River and the Gila will be able to supply the expected influx of fortune-hunters this year, without an appeal to New Mexico or California.

But aside from our interest in the crops, there is little to stir the sluggish current of our lives. The District Court has come and gone; that is, the new Judge, Hon. DeForest Porter has, with commendable alacrity and quiet pertinacity, called case after case and refused to see why they should be continued; so that, in scarce more than a week from his advent among us, his docket was cleared; and having invested in real estate in and about Phoenix, he betook himself back to Yuma, almost before the various criminals whom he had sentenced.

Phoenix can boast an equality, if not superiority, of Prescott in one thing,—the insecurity of her jail. The Board of Supervisors have wisely concluded it was cheaper to board out our prisoners than to guard them here. Louis Davis was sent this week, with others, to serve out his term in the county jail of Yuma.

We hear that our reputation for small-pox is extensive in and about Prescott. The report of the health officer shows no case of the disease in the town or suburbs, but since that report was circulated, some weeks since, a solitary case—that of a Mexican child—has been known. The scare is over, and timid ones now breathe more freely.

"It never rains, but it pours" is an old adage—not very true here, but true with regard to newspaper enterprise. Growing up in ignorance or borrowed erudition, Phoenix has never had a paper, and few newspaper men have favored or bored us with solicitations. But a Chronicle agent came through, and the ball was set a-rolling. Next came your enterprising, whole-souled representative, C. M. Daley, who allowed none to escape him, and the large increase in the circulation of the MINER in this section testifies to the fact that we have a reading public if we have anything to read. Bancroft, of the Enterprise, followed, and now a subscription is almost full for the purpose of starting a paper of our own.

To-day inaugurates another era of progress. The California and Arizona Stage Company begin a tri-weekly line of stage and mail. We shall really be obliged now to go to the post-office daily, as we shall have a mail up one day, and down the next. Wonder how long it will be before we have street letter-carriers?

But while we rejoice at the occasion of mail facilities, the whole community is thrown into a fearful state of mind by the closing of our telegraph office, and the departure of C. M. Clark, the operator, for Florence, owing to the illness (small-pox) of the operator there. We all look earnestly for his speedy return; for, besides his many qualifications as an electrician and business man, is he not the light and life of the dramatic circle, who are straining every nerve to increase the Sunday School Library. Speaking of Libraries, A. Goldman ordered some 200 volumes from San Francisco, for the Library Club of Phoenix. We expect them here in about a week, together with Mr. Goldman's goods to the amount of \$30,000. Mr. G. will start a branch store at Tempe next week.

The "Desert Land Act" has inspired some of our leading citizens to action, and several have already made 640 acre locations, while others are talking of it.

Mining is dull here compared with Yavapai, but a coal mine, located by Dr. Tibido and H. C. McDonald, bids fair to have some influence in the civilization of this county.

A protest against the road commissioners' location of the road from Phoenix to the Globe district, via Reno, and asking for a location up Salt River Valley, is in circulation to-day. What the end will be, we shall know better in our next.

Yours truly,
S. C. H.
Phoenix, A. T., April 14, 1877.

Milton S. Latham has purchased the Santa Barbara Mineral Springs for \$25,000.

A Ship Canal Through Florida.

An engineering project of considerable interest contemplates the building of a canal through the peninsula of Florida, in order to effect the junction of the Mississippi river and the Atlantic ocean. The project in question was presented at the meeting of the International Geographical Congress, and was there most favorably commented upon. Nature has already provided the greater part of the route, and the obstacles to be overcome are easily within the skill of the engineer. The proposed route is described as follows: From New Orleans to St. Marks in Florida, a series of lakes, lagoons, water-ways, all navigable, extend along the coast, separated here and there, at long intervals, by low necks of land, requiring but little more than skilful dredging to open the route to the Suwanee river in Florida. From the Suwanee to the Great St. Mary's river, which, from the proposed point of junction pours its stately flood, unimpeded by rock or shoal, into the Atlantic ocean, near the southernmost point of Cumberland island, the distance is only thirty miles. By this plan, and at a moderate cost (for the canal would only need to have a depth of from seven to eight feet to float the largest steamers or craft frequenting these rivers) 20,000 miles or rivers and navigable waters, already swarming with craft and eager for commerce, will be opened up, and, to use the words of one of the enthusiastic advocates of the enterprise, "The Southern planter or the Western Gauger from the remotest district, will be enabled to ship their produce by the easiest and cheapest mode of transportation known to commerce, and without breaking bulk to ocean going steamers and shipping of any tonnage, lying in the safe harbors and anchorage of the Atlantic coast thus avoiding all the dangers now incident to the navigation of the Bahamas, the reefs of Florida, and the Gulf of Mexico.

Our Montezuma correspondent fails to confirm the MINER's report of San Carlos Indians near the Big Sandy and Santa Maria rivers. He is an old Arizonan, familiar with Indian sign and his evidence is worthy of consideration.—Yuma Sentinel.

The MINER has said that Apache Mohave Indians are living on Sycamore Creek, one of the tributaries of the Santa Maria. Some of the band are at work for James Oneal at Camp Date Creek, others for Wm. Gilson of the same place. Mr. Dan O'Leary informs us that some others are living in the breaks at the head of the Verde River. We are notified by R. B. Carley, who is a prominent citizen of Maricopa County, that on his way from Salt River to Prescott, a few days since, he learned that a party of Indians from San Carlos had been at the Bumblebee ranch down near Black Canyon. Now the Sentinel's correspondent may be a good man, familiar with Indian sign and his word worthy of consideration, and all that, still, we think, had he read the MINER he would have known just where to have found the Indians, if he had been anxious so to do. The Indians are on Sycamore Creek, that's what we said and say so now.

AN INDICATION.—We learn from the San Francisco Post, that so prominent a capitalist and operator in mining property as Mr. William M. Lent has gone from that city to inspect personally some important discoveries in Arizona and that quarter. This is strong proof of downright strong attractions there, and important mining developments in the region to be opened by the Southern Pacific Railroad. One of the Arizona mines, the Silver King, recently has been shipping some very rich ores to San Francisco. A lot of this ore, of 2½ tons, assayed at \$4,890 in silver per ton, and was actually sold for \$4,000 in gold.—New York Mining Record, March 29.

NACHES, THE PIUTE CHIEF.—The venerable Naches, head chief of the Putes, is ill, and has been taken to one of the towns of Nevada for medical treatment. He is represented as very feeble, but no fears are entertained as to his recovery. His friendship for the whites makes it desirable that he should survive, as he has great influence with his tribe, which at times makes threats and becomes unruly. While he is absent from his farm, which he has now in fair running order, its affairs are managed by his brother, who is said to have had several years' experience as a cultivator of the soil.

Mattamoros, April 9.—General Cortina left this city last night at one o'clock, under strong escort, for the mouth of the Rio Grand, where he subsequently embarked on the Mexican man-of-war Libertad to be conveyed to Vera Cruz, where it is believed he will be placed in the Castle. His friends are rejoicing that he is beyond control of Canales, and feel confident that his life is safe in the hands of the Diaz Government.

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