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## HALLOWED GROUND.

BY MISS A. F. Q.

Sister! this is a hallowed spot:  
Here lowly laid with me,  
Above her grave, where 'tis her lot  
To sleep so peacefully.

Memories of departed worth  
It has been mine to bring,  
And lay upon a shrine of tears  
A daughter's offering.

But now a hollower task is mine—  
A daughter's heart would pay  
This grateful tribute, while she weaves  
A shroud and simple lay.

Sister! do you remember, dear,  
The last sad hour we kept?  
Our nightly vigils round her bed,  
And watched while others slept?

Yes—though to distant lands I go,  
To many a distant spot,  
I know the memory of that hour  
Will never be forgot.

But, as the ancients would exclaim  
Their friends, when life has fled,  
So we will bear within our hearts  
The memory of our dead.

TUCSON, A. T., February 1.

## Territorial News.

Yuma county warrants are worth 42 cents on the dollar.

The Prescott papers complain of a dearth of amusements in that city, and the Legislature in session to-day.

A fire in the shaft of the Pochonito mine, Castle Dome District, on the 17th instant, nearly suffocated two Mexican miners.

Hon. G. W. Norton, of Yuma, and Michael Goldwater, of Yavapai county, are candidates for the position of Territorial Prison Commissioner.

Phenix Herald: The river is very low for this season of the year, but there is no likelihood of any scarcity of water in the summer, as we are informed that there is an unusually large amount of snow in the mountains near the head of the Salt river.

Phenix Herald: Mr. Isaac informs us that he has received intelligence that over three hundred Mormon families are now preparing to leave Utah to join their brethren at Mesa City, about twenty miles from this place. This will settle up a large portion of land in the upper portion of the valley.

The Epitaph says: The Silver Plume the first south extension of the Emerald, has been surveyed by Mr. Howe for patent. Three mines of the Wisconsin group, in the Huachuca, are about being surveyed for patents, and an order has been received by one of our deputy surveyors to survey the Cocopoc mine for patent.

The Epitaph says: Tom Stevens, a miner employed on the Contention mine, was last Friday holding a bucket of ore at a windlass, when his hands slipped and the handle struck him in the forehead, fracturing his skull. He was at once taken to the hospital, and Dr. Goodfellow has exerted all his strength to save the unfortunate man's life, but it is thought he cannot recover.

The Sentinel: Yuma has two hotels, one restaurant, four stores of general merchandise, four grocery and variety stores, two drug stores, and one stationery store, three butcher shops, one barber shop, two blacksmith shops, two wheelwright shops, two paint shops, one saddle and harness shop, four baker shops, one jewelry store, one stationery and book store, one printing and job office, one gunsmith shop, one boot and shoe shop, four Chinese wash-houses, three physicians, five attorneys-at-law, two telegraph offices, and eleven saloons.

Mining Matters.  
The Boston mill at Tombstone has contracted to mill 300 tons of Bandief ore.

The Baltic, adjoining the San Pedro, sends in good reports.

Report has it that the sunset mine has been purchased by San Francisco parties.

The Legal Tender, on the Sea Serpent Lode, is down 25 feet, and shows a four-foot ledge of gold-bearing quartz.

Triquetra sends in good reports.

The Centennial is down 66 feet, with a good ore dump of silver and gold-bearing rock.

The Moses is down 40 feet, with a good showing of ore. Ore low grade.

Hidden Treasure at 15 feet shows a gold ledge of six feet.

The Vizona can now be counted on as one of the constant bullion producers of this county. The mine has been thoroughly opened up to the 100-foot level, from the hoisting shaft to the main ledge, which has been drifted on for about 25 feet. Commencing on Monday last, two teams were run on an average of twenty tons, have been shipped to the Boston mill.

The citizens of that portion of New Mexico infested by hostile Indians are earnest in a movement toward their extermination. In Silver City over \$500 have been subscribed toward the scalp bounty fund. The list is headed with the following preamble:

WHEREAS, forbearance has ceased to be a virtue, we the undersigned citizens of Silver City, agree to pay the sums signed by us, or any portion thereof, to the head of any Indian that is connected with the band of fiends who are murdering our fellow citizens.

WHEREBY, if Curly Bill get the money to pay his attorney's fees in his late hearing before Justice Neugass? It might be well for the District Attorney to institute an investigation.

The District Attorney can obtain all the necessary information relative to that matter by application at his office. Also information as to who formed a plot to dig into the adobe jail and release him from custody.

THE match game of base ball played on Saturday at Fort Lowell, between the Government Stockings and the Tucson club, was won by the latter, by a score of 27 to 26.

Two bars of bullion, of 1000 ounces each, 720 fine, were brought in from the Con. Arizona mine on Saturday.

## The Proposed Change in Our Judicial System.

An act establishing county courts in each county of the Territory, is now pending before our Legislature and is exciting considerable comment, pro and con, among our contemporaries.

As the proposed measure is of considerable interest to our readers, we give a brief summary of the bill, being prevented by want of space from giving the full text:

Section 1 establishes the court in each county now organized or hereafter to be organized, to be styled "County Court."

Sec. 2 provides for the election of a Judge at the general election in 1882, and every four years thereafter—and for a special election for Judge on the 1st Monday in May, 1881.

Secs. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 confer on the new court the jurisdictions and powers now possessed by the District and Probate Courts, respectively.

Sec. 8 requires said county court to be held at the county seat, and to be kept always open and in session, except on non-judicial days, and to have a seal.

Sec. 9 declares such court to be a court of record with all the powers incident thereto, makes its judgments liens on real estate, and empowers the court to adopt rules of practice.

Sec. 10 prohibits the Judges thereof from practicing law, and provides for an annual salary of \$2000.

Sec. 11 provides for appointment by the Board of Supervisors of a special judge, in cases of vacancy, absence or disqualification, by reason of interest, etc. of the regular judge.

Sec. 12 requires the Judge to be practicing attorney of the Territory, and to reside at the county seat during his incumbency.

Sec. 13 makes the clerks of the Federal District Courts, in each county, clerks of the County Court, until January 1st, 1883, and provides for the election of a County Clerk, who shall be ex officio County Recorder, at the general election in 1882 and every two years thereafter.

Sec. 14 relates to the duties of the clerk.

Sec. 15 declares that in probate matters the court or judge shall be governed by the law and practice now controlling proceedings in the Probate Court, and in all other matters until otherwise provided, by the rules and practice now governing the District Court.

Sec. 16 provides that appeals may be taken to the Supreme Court in the manner now provided by law for appeals from the District Court.

Sec. 17 abolishes the District and Probate Courts on and after June 1st, 1881, and requires that on that date the records and business of said courts shall be transferred to the County Court.

We are disposed to look upon this bill as a move in the right direction, and believe that, with a few amendments, calculated to remove, at least in part, the objections so energetically urged by the Arizona Gazette, will supply a want seriously felt by the inhabitants of Pima, and doubtless other counties as well, and will do much toward not only simplifying and expediting the administration of justice, but also in reducing the expense attendant thereon. The measure, as it now stands, separates the probate from the other jurisdictions conferred on the new Court, and governs it by the laws now in force relative to probate matters, among which, of course, remains, in the absence of any repeal, the fees to be taxed in favor of the Probate Judge. These fees being by no means insignificant in any instance, in the administration of large estates frequently exceed the annual salary of the Probate Judge, and during the year, in a county as well populated as Pima, amount to several thousands of dollars. While the Probate Judge's salary remains at the nominal sum of \$800, or even \$500, as we understand the Gazette to claim to be, it is perhaps proper that he should be allowed to appropriate those fees to his own use; but with the Judges of the proposed new Court, for whom is provided a salary of \$2000 per annum, it is different, and while we do not advocate the abolition of the Judge's fees in probate matters, we suggest that a clause be inserted in the bill requiring the payment of those fees to the county. These fees, together with the Probate Judge's salary, incident to the abolition of the office, would, we think, in every instance fully recompense the several counties for the amounts which they would be required to pay as salaries for the County Judges, and in many cases leave a balance in favor of the county. As to the objection urged by the Gazette against the expense of summoning grand and trial juries for the disposal of cases in a Court always open, we think it well taken, and should be remedied before the passage of the bill by an amendment, either providing for stated terms for the meeting of the grand jury and the trial of criminal cases, or abolishing the grand jury system altogether, bringing all criminal matters before the Court on information and presentment of the District Attorney. The grand jury is but a relic of an effete criminal system, and has already survived too long the causes in which it had its origin and which, at the time, made it a necessary adjunct to the preservation of personal liberty. Its abro-

## THE LEGISLATURE.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Assembly.  
PRESIDENT, January 31.—Sharp introduced a bill concerning mines and mining, compelling those doing assessment work to file affidavits of the same with the County Recorder.

By Southwick—A bill establishing the salary of certain officers in Apache county; Probate Judge to receive \$300 per annum, District Attorney, \$400 per annum.

A bill was passed to repeal an act fixing the fees of all public officers in currency; also House bill No. 17, compelling all butchers to keep blues intact for 30 days.

The bill for the organization of County Courts was fully discussed in the Committee of the Whole, and lengthy amendments offered by Hayes. The committee finally recommended the Judiciary to frame a bill.

The bill re-creating the old gambling law, which passed the House, was laid on the table. The Council favors a law making the license \$100 per quarter.

On the special order for the Gila county bill, Anderson not being present, a motion was made to postpone until Thursday—carried. A strong opposition was made. The Council will report on this matter on Thursday, and a bitter fight will follow on Thursday.

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## OVER THE WIRES.

Capital Jottings.

WASHINGTON, February 1.—The President approved the bill placing Gen. O'Connell on the retired list, with rank of Major-General.

National Banks hold \$106,891,000 in specie, gold coin being nearly one hundred millions, and silver coin about seven millions in amount. The amount of circulating notes outstanding December 31 was \$31,700,000.

The Democratic Senatorial caucus met to-day to make arrangements for counting the electoral votes next week. After some discussion, it was decided as follows: In the first place, the dominant party in the Senate will not consent to the establishment of the precedent proposed by Ingalls' resolution, or to any similar resolutions deviating from the long-established practice of counting the electoral vote in joint convention of the two branches in the Hall of the House of Representatives; second, the resolution now on the table of the Senate, declaring that the Vice-President has no constitutional authority to count the electoral votes shall be called up at an early day—probably to-morrow—and pressed for passage at the continuous session in the morning, or through the night, if necessary; third, the select committee on this subject shall report, and the majority in the Senate pass, as soon as practicable, a substitute for Ingalls' resolution, in substance that the two Houses shall assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on the day after the election, and the electoral votes shall be made by two or more tellers on the part of the House and one or more on the part of the Senate; that the totals for each Presidential elector be ascertained, and the electors' votes cast from the State of Georgia, shall in seven days after the time prescribed by the federal law, be handed to the President of the Senate, and he, as presiding officer of the joint convention, shall announce the results in the same way in which the results were announced under similar circumstances in the years 1857 and 1869, when the electoral vote of the States of Missouri, Wisconsin and Michigan were cast on other days than those fixed by the general law. According to this hypothetical declaration as to what would be the total for each candidate if the votes of Georgia be counted and if the votes of Georgia be not counted, but it is provided in the concurrent resolution that this hypothetical declaration shall be made by the presiding officer that in any event Jas. A. Garfield and Chester A. Arthur have received a constitutional majority of all the electoral votes of the States duly elected President and Vice-President.

San Francisco, January 31.—The grant subscription now amounts to \$225,000. The grant is for the purchase of \$30,000,000 from Peru and Bolivia, with the control of the guano and nitrate beds until paid.

The Senate Committee on Federal Relations will report favorably on the Chinese treaties, and they will be confirmed.

Murder Will Out.  
SAN FRANCISCO, January 31.—Advises from New Mexico state that it has been ascertained that Col. Potter, of the United States geological surveys, who has been missing since October last, was murdered and robbed by a party of three Mexicans while on duty in the field. One of the murderers was hanged a few days ago for horse stealing, and another, believed to have belonged to the gang and a party to the murder, is now under arrest at Albuquerque.

Santa Rosa, January 31.—Two bridges on the Santa Cruz creek are gone and one on Mark creek. All the other bridges, both county and railroad, are injured. Great damage was done by the loss of the ferries. But little rail is being run since yesterday, and the sun is shining now.

MERCED, January 31.—The storm has subsided temporarily. The weather is warm, with a strong breeze from the south. The water in the reservoirs is bank full and overflowing. The San Joaquin has risen but slightly so far as heard from, and no material damage is done.