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TABLE OF DISTANCES.

FROM TUCSON BY RAILROAD.

Stat.	Miles. East		Miles.
Maricopa	46	Pantano	28
San Simon	63	Rillesen	46
Lordsburg	94	Willcox	80
Deming	158	San Simon	125
Kansas City	357	Lordsburg	190
	1001	Deming	226
	1577	Kansas City	1578

Stages for Florence, 25 miles.
Stages for Florence, 25 miles; Silver King, 37 miles.
Stages for Phœnix, 60 miles; Vultures, 50 miles; Wickenburg, 80 miles; Prescott, 152 miles.
Stages for Empire, 14 miles; Harshaw, 30 miles.
Stages for Tombstone, 30 miles.
Stages for Fort Grant, 24 miles; Camp Thomas, 44 miles; Globe, 152 miles; San Carlos, 96 miles.
Stages for Graiteville, 22 miles.
Junction of Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Railroads.

FROM TUCSON BY WAGON.

	Miles.
Arivaca, semi-weekly	74
Fort Hua. Monday and Friday	45
Crittenden, Monday and Friday	67
Florence, Tuesday and Saturday	100

GENERAL DISTANCES FROM TUCSON.

	Miles.		Miles.
Fort Lowell	7	Altar, Sonora	150
Julian Silver Ridge	17	Magdalena	250
Cienega	30	Guaymas	400
Mission Dos Pueblos	10	Davidson Springs	18
San Xavier	9	Sonoita Ranch	41
Chuichu	70	Camp Crittenden	56
Calabasas	7	Hughes Ranch	24
Rillito, line	73	Harshaw	74

STOCK MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 23.

Mono	6	King	19⅝
Bullion	1½	Alpha	2
Ophir	2½	Union	15½
Gould & Curry	2½	Best & Belcher	12
Hale & Norcross	2½	Belcher	2½
Savage	3½	Crown Point	6⅝
Gold Hill	9⅝	Eureka	12
Yellow Jacket	9⅝	Imperial	5⅝

NEW YORK, December 23.

Silver bars, 112; money at 5 to 6; government securities and railroad bonds; stocks active but weaker. Western Union, 99½ cents.

Adams	125½	Panama	135
Bullion	15	C. Pacific	116½
Central Pacific	4	U. P. bonds	117
Ill. Central	130	C. Pacific	80½
N. Y. Central	132½	C. P. bonds	115⅝
Erie	40½	Sutro	1

Local Intelligence.

MERRY Christmas.

WHO is going to run for City Treasurer?

TUCSON is filling up with strangers who have come to spend the holidays.

THE latest on the social tapis is the production of a well-known play by our amateur talent.

A CASE of the dead letters in the Postoffice, during the last four weeks, will be advertised this evening at the Postoffice.

THE amount cleared by the Episcopal Church entertainment was over $200. The management are highly satisfied with the result.

HENRY WARD's numerous friends will be pleased to learn that he has entirely recovered from his recent illness, and is able to be out again.

THE masquerade ball of the Cactus Club, to be given January 6th, 1881, promises to be the grandest invitation ball ever given in Tucson.

THE White House seems to be the Mecca for holiday gift seekers. They have engaged three extra clerks for the holidays, and are looking for more.

THERE are now three candidates for Mayor in the field: Hon. H. S. Stevens, Hon. P. R. Tully and J. Lambie. The prospect of an exciting contest is promising.

THE new office of the City Council in the adobe on Church plaza is almost finished. The city fathers propose to move from their old quarters on Friday next.

MR. MARCUS KATZ is announced as a candidate for City Treasurer at the approaching municipal election. Mr. Katz is a leading business man and would attend carefully to the duties of the office if elected.

A GENTLEMAN just up from Sonora declares that the climate there is truly delightful; the orange trees are full of fruit, and the gardens are prolific with green peas and other vegetables, like early June in the Eastern States.

A CHICAGO dispatch to the San Francisco Chronicle says that C. P. Huntington reports that the new Southern Pacific track line from New Orleans to San Francisco will carry emigrants between these two points for $10 each.

THE law offices at 216 Pennington street are being fitted up in elegant style, and will be occupied by the Hon. Thomas Fitch. We are glad to note that the eminent lawyer proposes taking up his residence with us permanently, and extend him a cordial welcome.

THE presentation, by the ladies of Tucson, of a Christmas present of $30 to the old hardware veteran, Geo. Howe, was a most notable and thoughtful act, and is but an illustration of the many deeds of goodness and charity the kind hearted ladies are constantly scattering around them.

J. H. BITTENHOUSE is in town from Southwater. He reports matters on the Gila very lively, the wheat trade being especially good. The Pima Indians are busily engaged in clearing up their ranches, preparatory to putting in their new crop of grain. The wheat raised by these Indians is said to be the best in the Territory.

THE railroad company are laying in an immense supply of ice at the depot in Tucson, so as to meet any demands that may be made upon them during the season. The house has been enlarged to meet this increased supply. Seven carloads of ice were received yesterday for storage, and it will continue to come until the ice house is filled.

THE number of new names placed upon the Great Register of the county has been very large during the last week. A heavy and greatly increased vote may be looked for at the next local election. The necessity of having more than one polling place is becoming daily more evident, and, deserves immediate attention from the authorities.

MR. E. T. STRATTON, of Iowa City, Iowa, arrived in Tucson a few days ago to look into the mineral resources of the Territory. He states that much interest in Arizona exists throughout the States, and he looks for a large influx of capital from the East into this Territory for investments in mining property. The low rate of interest there makes capitalists eager to find more profitable fields for investment.

LEWIS WILLIAMS, who has charge of the smelter of the celebrated Copper Queen mine at Bisbee, is stopping at Porter's hotel. He says the deposits of copper show no signs of diminution, and the new developments that are being constantly carried on are opening up new and more extensive bodies of ore daily. The output of copper during the last month was three hundred and seventy-nine tons.

WM. ZECKENDORF has just received a new and immense stock of youth's and men's clothing, which he is offering at a discount of twenty-five per cent. below the prices of any clothing house in the city. The stock consists of business and dress suits, overcoats, broadcloth satin lined and ulsters. Mr. Zeckendorf guarantees these goods to fit as well as any suits that can be made to order in the city.

THE TWENTY-LEAGUE ZONE.

The Text of the Mexican Laws in Relation to the Purchase or Lease of Land or Mines.

TUCSON, A. T., Dec. 20, 1881.

ED. CITIZEN: As many of your readers may be interested, I send you a literal translation of the Mexican law governing renting of lands and mines to Americans within the twenty-leagues zone. This translation was made by D. J. Cummings of Magdalena, who is a thorough Spanish scholar and who has assured me it is correct. It will be seen that there is no difficulty in Americans renting mines, lands, etc., although they cannot purchase an absolute title, such as is possible below said zone. It is, however, said by those well informed that the zone will probably soon be abolished, and mining in Mexico made less expensive by lessening its restrictions.

SOLON M. ALLIS.

LAW OF FEBRUARY 1, 1856.

Minister of Fomento Colonization Industry and Commerce of the Republic of Mexico.

SECTION 2. The Exmo. Sr., President Substitute of the Republic has designed to direct to me the following decree:

The citizen Ignacio Comonfort, President Substitute of the Mexican Republic, to the inhabitants thereof. Know

That in the exercise of the authority ceded me by the plan proclaimed in Ayutla, and reformed in Acapulco, I have thought well to decree the following:

ARTICLE 1. The foreigners, inhabitants and residents in the Republic may acquire and possess rural and suburban or town property, including mines of all classes of metals and stone coal, be it by purchase, adjudication, denunciation or whatever title of dominion established by the common laws or mining ordinances.

ART. 2. No foreigner can, without previous permission of the supreme government, acquire real estate (bienes raices) in the frontier States and Territories within twenty leagues of the frontier line.

ART. 3. The foreigners who design obtaining the permission mentioned in the preceding article ought to direct their solicitations to the Minister of Fomento, that on sight thereof, and on information of the Governor of the respective State or Territory, he can determine its fitness.

ART. 4. In consistency with this law, the acquisitions that foreigners wish to make of properties or of land in the vicinity of towns upon which to build, they will enjoy as actual tenants or renters the rights of such circumstances and conditions being equal.

ART. 5. The foreigners that by virtue of this law acquire landed property remain subject in all its relations to them to the dispositions they find dictated, or that may be dictated, upon translation, use and conservation of the same properties in the Republic, such as to pay all classes of imposts without alleging at any time the rights of foreigners in respect to those points.

ART. 6. Consequently, all questions relating to such properties that may arise will be ventilated in the tribunals of the Republic and in conformity with its laws, excluding foreign intervention, whatever it may be.

ART. 7. The foreigners that acquire rural or suburban properties or mines in conformity with this law are obliged to render armed service for the protection of the property and conservation of order in the towns where they are settled; outside of such cases such service cannot be exacted.

ART. 8. That the foreigners that have acquired property in the Republic can become citizens thereof, it is enough that this circumstance be made evident before the political authority (Prefecto) of the place where he resides. This evidence being presented to the Minister of Relations with the relative solicitude, there will be issued their certificates of citizenship.

As such ordered printed, published and circulated, that it may be fulfilled.

Done in the National Palace of Mexico, February 1, 1856.

IGNACIO COMONFORT.

AL CO.: MANUEL SILICEO.

I communicate to you for your intelligence and the consequent ends.

God and Liberty.

Mexico, February 1, 1856.

SILICEO.

Works of Art.

We had the pleasure of seeing this morning two very elegant and curiously worked table covers at the residence of Hon. Ben. Hereford, on Pennington street. The first was a large square cover, which was sent to Mr. Hereford from Persia, and is made of different colored cloths of a peculiar fabric. The cloth is covered with various hieroglyphics, flowers and the Persian alphabet, arranged parallel and worked in silk in a manner exhibiting most marvelous skill with needle, and displaying a matchless taste in the combination of colors.

The second is a small center table cover of Egyptian workmanship. The central figure is worked in silk and is a fac simile of the seal of the Viceroy of Egypt. It exhibits the same artistic skill and elegant taste that characterizes the larger one.

The gentleman possesses also several beautiful lambrequins and bracket covers, also from the distant east, all displaying the same elegance of texture and expertness in the working of the silk figures. Among his many curiosities is a fan of curious workmanship. It consists of a center of peculiar colored shells, and is bordered by rare specimens of beautiful peacock feathers. The fan is exactly the same on both sides.

Should any ladies have a curiosity to see and examine these beautiful works of art, the courteous and urbane member of the legal profession will be pleased to throw open his rooms for their inspection.

Card of Thanks.

EDITOR CITIZEN:—The members of the Ladies Episcopal Society desire to return, through the columns of your valuable paper, their sincere thanks to all who assisted them at the entertainment given on the 20th inst., especially to those ladies and gentlemen who took part in the exercises and made the evening's entertainment so enjoyable. They desire also to express their thanks to Miss Boyd, who so kindly placed at their disposal all of the scenery connected with the troupe. As the accounts have not all been settled at this writing, we are not able to state the financial result but we know enough to assure us that our expectations have been fully realized.

Very Respectfully,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

For City Treasurer.

The name of Mr. Marcus Katz has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for the office of City Treasurer, to be voted for at the coming election. Should Mr. Katz announce himself as a candidate he will undoubtedly receive the approval of a large majority of our citizens. A business man of large experience and rare sagacity, and enjoying an unblemished reputation, Mr. Katz would fill the office in a manner that would leave nothing to be desired, and in the discharge of his duties he would prove alike creditable to himself and an honor to our local government. It is one of the most important offices in our city government, and care should be taken that only a man of character and ability should obtain it.

Telephonic Concert at Fort Lowell.

The citizens of Tucson have been treated, during the past week, to daily concerts by the brass band connected with the dramatic company now in town. The band usually ranges itself on Meyer street, near Congress, near the telephone office. To test the power of the telephone connecting with Fort Lowell, the operator in charge of the office communicated with the people at the post in reference to the presence of the band. The reply received was a whistle in the same tune and keeping the same time with the music of the band. Since then, whenever the band plays on the street connection is made with the Fort, and the people there are treated to a concert that almost equals the excellent music formerly furnished by the post band.

MINING APPLICATIONS.

Where to Publish Them—Important Decision for Miners.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29, 1881.

CHARLES D. BELLAMY, Esq., Georgetown, Colorado—Sir: Referring to your communication of 31st ultimo, I have to state in reply that it is the duty of the Register of the Land Office, where an application for patent to a mining claim has been filed, to direct the application of notice thereof in a newspaper to be designated "by him as published nearest the claim." (Section 2325 R S.) The term "nearest the claim" means the place nearest the claim, which is to be ascertained by the Register through the best sources of information at his command. It also means the nearest by the usually traveled route, and not always by an air measurement. In a mountainous country the nearest newspaper town in an air line from a mining claim may have an intervening range of mountains, over which communication is difficult, if not impossible, and in any event unusual, and the law, interpreted by its spirit, certainly does not design that publication should be made in a newspaper so situated.

Again, the Register should designate "a reputable newspaper of general circulation." (See decision of Honorable Secretary Chandler, case of the Omaha mine, Sickel's Min. Dec., p. 68.) A reputable newspaper may generally be defined as one of established business standing—one which derives from the community where situated a sufficient amount of business or patronage to make it self-supporting. It is not essential that it shall have a large circulation, but it should be generally circulated in the vicinity of publication.

It should be remembered that the duty of designating the proper newspaper for the publication of a mining notice is a ministerial one, to be exercised by the Register, over which this office can apply but general control.

Where that officer violates the provisions of the law to the prejudice of adverse claimants, without actual notice, this office will take such action as the facts may warrant. Very respectfully,

N. C. MCFARLAND,
Commissioner.

Municipal Affairs.

[Communicated.]

The end of the municipal year is approaching, and it behooves those who expect to remain in Tucson to look to the city government.

It would not be an offensive expression perhaps to call the City Council a set of dunderheads who are carried in a very small pair of breeches-pockets.

The year will also close without water, gas, tramways, sidewalks or any of the evidences of civilization, progress and enlightenment, but a host of "franchises," so called, and yet some of these Councilmen have the audacity to present themselves for re-election.

The Southern Pacific railroad forced its way through the Territory amidst thick opposition and the inertia of a raw-hide people, and a stream of life is following its progress; but without adequate preparation this stream of life and wealth and activity will seek other locations for its development.

The city of Tucson has outgrown its "breeches," and must have a new pair or burst.

There are legal means, through Congress, through the courts or through the legislature when in session, for Tucson to relieve itself of a municipal incubus which has proved itself an obstacle in the way of progress.

The new men who come here with the life blood of civilization in their veins will no longer submit to be handicapped by the old fogies of the raw-hide period.

"Nothing that is can stay;
To-morrow will soon be to-day."

We must advance or retrograde, and the next municipal election will take the sense of the people on this subject. G.

Official Records.

LOCATION NOTICES.

Rhode Island, Old Hat District, Nov. 23, 1881, Andrew Damm.

Stem Winder, Old Hat District, Nov. 23, 1881; Andrew Damm.

Mountain, Old Hat District, Nov. 20, 1881; Andrew Damm.

Notch, Old Hat District, Nov. 20, 1881; Andrew Damm.

Teconderoga, Old Hat District, Nov. 23, 1871; Andrew Damm.

Blue Cloud, Old Hat District, Nov. 23, 1881; Andrew Damm.

Chester, Empire District, Dec. 18, 1881; N R Vail, J N Vaugn.

Jersey, Old Hat District, Nov. 23, 1881; James Stryper, A B Van Benthuysen.

Sunset, Tyndall District, Nov. 20, 1881; M D Cooley, James Lynch.

J Gould mine, Santa Catalina mountains, Oct 27, 1881, Wm Bust, John T Giles.

Cherry mine, Santa Catalinas, Nov 1, 1881, Wm Bust, John T Giles.

MINING DEED.

W L Locke to C Van Dyck Hubbard, Dec 20, 1881, ½ Hughes' mine in Papago Mining District. Consideration, $1.

Wm H Seamans to Walter L Vail, Dec. 16, 1881, Denver mine, Empire District. Consideration, $1.

Gilbert H Weeks and Josiah D Gates to Wm H Seamans, Feb. 11, 1880, Denver mine, Empire District. Consideration, $1.

BONDS.

John B Allen, principal; W C Davis and John S Wood, sureties; sum, $1,000; appointment of J B Allen as Notary Public.

MECHANICS' LIEN.

Against Charles Ferguson, on house and lot in Sonoita valley, Dec. 17, 1881, $169.32.

DEEDS FOR REAL ESTATE.

S H Drachman to Elvisa de Durazo, Dec. 19, 1881, part of lot 7, block 237. Consideration, $150.

Arizona Camels.

Old Arizonans will remember that some time about the year 1854, a number of camels were brought to this section by a government exploring party; not being fitted for this country and becoming unmanageable they were set adrift, to follow their own pleasure on the burning sands of Arizona's deserts. From time to time numerous stories have been heard concerning the capture of these animals, but upon investigation they proved to be unfounded. However, a capture has at last been made by Indians in the vicinity of Gila Bend, and last Wednesday a carload passed through on their way to the East. While they stopped at the depot quite a large crowd gathered to see them. The carload consisted of seven large and two small ones, and were consigned to a circus manager at Kansas city. They were in charge of an Egyptian, Al Zel, who had been sent out expressly to get them. They do not differ any from ordinary camels seen in this country, excepting that they far exceed in size any ever yet exhibited. The price said to have been paid for them is trifling, the Indians being very anxious to get rid of them, as their horses and cattle are greatly frightened by them. There are a large number still in that vicinity, but it is thought that the efforts now being made will result in their speedy capture.

Too Bad.

It is wonderful what an amount of suffering and deprivation some people are forced to undergo. We heard some ladies sympathizing a short time ago with a family who had suddenly met with reverses. "It is too bad," they said; "they have had to discharge all their servants, and now have only three left." Such poverty is hard.

According to the figures of Edward Atkinson, in an article in the last number of the Journal of the American Agricultural Association, Massachusetts, with the completion of her Central Railroad, will have more miles of railroad in proportion to its area than any other State or country in the world.

Come on, men and brethren, who want offices. There is plenty of room in our hotels and boarding houses. You may not get the thing you seek, but we can assure you a large gain in valuable experience. You will get wisdom, and that is said to be better than riches.—[Washington Republican.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Programme of the Entertainment Next Monday Night.

The exhibition under the auspices of the public school, to be given Monday evening, December 26th, at Levin's hall, will prove a notable feature of the holiday season. The scholars who participate have thoroughly studied their parts and will make the entertainment a grand success. This is the first of the kind ever held here, it is stated. Friends and patrons of the school are invited to attend. Appended is the

PROGRAMME:

Introductory remarks.....Prof. Hall
Song.....The School
Recitation—"Grandfather's Soliloquy" (in character).....Johnny Rose
Declamation—"Rat, the News Boy".....Moses Drachman
Song—"Charlie Wants a Piece of Bread"—Maud Vail, Julia Durr, Kent Jones, Emma Goldberg, Alice Durr, Charlie Keeney.
Recitation—"The Bee".....Georgie Scott
Recitation.....Annie Wood
Composition—"Crossing the Plains".....Mary Harmsen
Composition—"Prize Banner Quickstep".....Maud Miller
Song—"Little Soldiers" (in character) Arthur Witcher, Eddie Witcher, Leon Wood, Georgie Holbrook, Georgie Smallwood, August Delfel, Horace Merrill, Kent Jones, Johnny Thompson, Norman Yates and Louis Detoy.
Declamation—"Calling a Boy in the Morning".....Paul Medbury
Recitation—"Little Speech".....Emma Goldberg
Declamation—"Little Hal".....Doane Merrill
Song—"Walking Down Broadway (in costume) Laura Noyes, May Miller, Ella Pierson, Paul Medbury, Eddy Holbrook, Willie Wamsley.
Recitation—"The Minuet".....Happy Smith
Declamation—"Trial of a Murderer".....Jose M. Asado
Recitation—"Cock-a-Doodle-loo".....Johnny Berryman
Recitation—"Patter of the Rain".....Estelle Alexander
Recitation—(parody)—"Patter of the Shingle".....Allen Smith
Song—"Happy Band"—Aurelia Borquez, Ida Levin, Rosa Schone, Clara Foster, Anita Foster, Annie Goldberg, Julia Durr, Julia Driscoll, Mary Driscoll, Anna Meyer, Celia Pearson.
Dialogue—"Gone With a Handsomer Man"....Frank Gillett and Rose Wolf
Instrumental Duet—"Fair Wedding".....Maud and May Miller
Dialogue in costume—"Forty Years Ago"....Laura Noyes, Maud Miller, Ella Smallwood.
Song—Guitar accompaniment.....Juana Martinez, Maria Espinosa and Rosa Haynes.
Recitation—"Girl of Dundee".....Adria Buckalew
Recitation—"Captain's Daughter".....Vincent Spicer
Song—"The Little Maid"....Maud Vail
Caudle lecture, (in character).....Flora Culver and R. Wood
Song of the Season.....Happy Smith, Annie Wood, Grace Davidson, Allen Smith.
Recitation—"Guilty, or Not Guilty".....Alice Schreiber
Declamation—"Flying Machine".....Sterling Wood
Song—"The Bell Goes Ringing for Sarah".....Grace Davidson
Recitation—"Naughty Child".....Dora Wolf
In character.....Annie Wolf
Song—"Nobody's Child".....Annie Wolf
Essay on Man.....J. M. Asade
Christmas Carol.....Laura Noyes, Alice Schreiber, Hattie Haskell, Maud Drake, Paul Medbury
Instrumental Trio.....
Christmas Play—"When the Clock Strikes Twelve".....Characters—Haron Beautempps, Philip Witcher; Gaspard, Frank Gillette; Henri, John Witcher; Eloise, Flora Culver; Lucienne, Anna Wolf.
Valedictory.....Belle Thompson

Instrumental music will be furnished by Miss M. A. Pearson and Miss J. M. Schreiber.

Sonora Mines.

Mr. R. C. Jacobs returned last Tuesday from a trip through the various mining sections of Sonora. The first place he visited was at San Juan, where the mines of which C. H. Holbrook is Superintendent are situated. The group consists of five mines, among which are the Puertecitos, Barrenos, El Cumbre. At present work is going on only on the Puertecitos. They are running a two-stamp mill, capable of crushing about five tons of ore in a run of twenty-four hours. Lately the mill has been open only during the day time. As an evidence of the richness of the mines, Mr. Jacobs states that with this limited capacity they have nevertheless taken out about $7,000 in five weeks.

In the same vicinity are located the Mina Grande, Sombretillo and La Vecina mines, owned respectively by Captain Barker, Curtis & Co., The Sombretillo Mining Company, of which Mr. Cunningham is Superintendent, and Mr. Oscar Buckalew, of Tucson. All these mines are being actively worked, and thus far present a most encouraging showing. The indications of this section all point to a lively, flourishing camp in the near future.

Mr. Jacobs next went to the mining district of San Miguel, situated about forty miles from Hermosillo. He visited nearly all the mines in this district, but as few of the mines had been very extensively developed, he devoted himself more particularly to an examination of the Yeso or Gypsum mine, owned by Griffith & Hardwick, which is a fully developed property, having been steadily worked for many years. This is a vein of three and a half to four feet of solid, clean ore between solid porphyry walls, and is almost a perpendicular vein. It has been worked for over a thousand feet in length to depths varying from thirty to one hundred and fifty feet, the latter being the deepest shaft. At this point the vein was sampled for twenty odd feet in length, taking ore from wall to wall in different places, and the average assay obtained was $72 silver per ton. Mr. Jacobs considers it one of the most promising and best developed properties that he observed during his extensive trip.

Besides these he visited various other mining sections, all presenting very encouraging showings, and all giving evidence of the very rich mineral character of the country.

The trouble that has been said to exist between the Mexicans and Americans in the neighborhood of Coborca, has been amicable arranged, and foreigners wishing to visit Sonora can feel assured of a warm welcome and every encouragement.

Skipped.

Sheriff Paul left last night for Sonora, the object of his departure being the capture of B. W. Pyle, who is said to have jumped the country. Pyle was convicted of larceny at Tombstone, and his case is now pending before the Supreme Court. He was out under $15,000 bail, and many of our best citizens, believing in his innocence, went on his bond as sureties. They are now awaiting the return of Sheriff Paul, and if he brings his prisoner with him they will undoubtedly hail it as a pretty solid sort of a Christmas gift.

Upon further investigating the rumored running away of Mr. B. W. Pyle, it was learned from a well-known and responsible citizen that Pyle told him he was going away on business and would be back on Sunday night. It is further known that the receipts at Congress hall—which Pyle is running—are turned over daily to this citizen for deposit. He also left a sum of money to be paid over to a certain party, depending upon certain agreements being first complied with. In fact, Mr. Pyle's whole course of action previous to his departure shows nothing that would indicate a desire to "jump" the country, and it seems only fair to give him the benefit of any doubt that may exist in regard to the matter, until the return of Sheriff Paul, when his purpose will become definitely known.

JAMES PROVARD returned last night from an extensive trip to the mining camps in the State of Durango, Mexico.

MEXICAN MINES.

A Report of Various Mining Properties From a Personal Examination by Competent Authority.

EDITOR CITIZEN: Having just returned from a trip to Sonora I thought a few lines about matters there might be welcome. I found Magdalena a quaint old Mexican town just waking up to the possibilities that a railroad to their doors may bring. A wide and fertile valley, well watered by the Magdalena river, gives evidences of great fertility by the beautiful orange trees now loaded with fine fruit. I saw there for the first time the date palm bearing fruit and below the town quite large fields of sugar cane and the process of making "piriochs" in the crude manner of the natives was noticed.

The situation of the town, being surrounded on three sides by high mountains, the valley opening to the south gives it an equable temperature, and though, by the level of the railroad surveyors, found to be 2,516 feet above the sea and thus a little higher than Tucson, the Summers are cooler and Winters milder than at the latter place.

I found the officials very friendly and seeming very willing to do all they could to assist the enterprising visitors to find out about the country and its resources and also to secure good mining or other property.

As I went there with some misgivings as to Mexican titles and Mexican ways towards foreigners I wish to say that so far as I could see they were quite unfounded, and I am of the firm belief that if Americans go there with a willingness to abide by the laws and do as they would be done by, they will have no trouble.

On referring to the trouble lately had in the Altar District I was told and I think by those well informed that the trouble was hatched up by an outsider, and an American, who put up the Mexicans to what we would call a blackmail operation.

As a number of parties in Arizona had told me much against operating in Sonora, I sought by inquiry to satisfy myself what was being done by Americans both in the so-called zone of twenty leagues and below, and was much surprised to learn of the number of men and companies so working and amount of money so invested.

For information of inquirers, like myself, who may hesitate as I did about going into Sonora, I will say that I find there are many good mines and prospects to be had in Sonora at very reasonable figures, and that while it is no country for the poor prospector, with no money, it is a good country for those who have money enough to go on and work the property secured. For the benefit of those who wish for more detailed information as to experience there, I noted down a number of men and companies now at work to whom inquiry is directed.

Captain Wm. H. Towp, well known in Arizona, is working the Planchas del la Plata mines, about eight miles from the Arizona line, south of Oro Blanco. Has a two-stamp mill with capacity for five. Am told the mines are fine. Associated with him are Dr. Clark, of Magdalena, and a Mr. Hough, of San Francisco.

Capt. Barker, representing an Iowa company, is at work nine miles west of Saric and is opening up some fine property.

West of them Holbrook and Hogue are running a two stamp mill, paying dividends and expenses.

The San Antonio Gold and Silver Mining Company of Chicago, D. W. Irwin, President, have a 20-stamp mill 90 miles south of the line and 20 miles from the Gulf, running on gold ore. Also a two-stamp mill at Quitivaquita, on the line, now called Fremont.

The Caborca Mill and Mining Company, Roberts, Hoffman others, D. C. Mills, superintendent, are running 20 stamps on gold ore, 45 miles from the Gulf and 75 miles south of the line.

The San Felicita Comp any of Chicago, 20 miles west of Altar, are running 20 stamps on gold ore. The late reported difficulties are settled and pans are now being put in position to work the silver ores.

A New York company are working the San Pedro mine, near the Gulf, 20 miles north of Port Lobos.

A Chicago company have a mine called the San Felix, for which they are building a 20-stamp mill at Port Lobos. They own several mines.

Charles Wimple and M. Escalante are now working an antimony mine, and are sending the ore to San Francisco to be worked. Their mines are 30 miles northeast of Port Salinas.

The Sombretillo Company, of St. Joe, Missouri, A. L. Kerr, J. L. Motter and Mr. Cunningham, have a ten-stamp mill on the ground and will have it running in 60 days. This is said to be a fine mine, worked many years by Spaniards. It has a four-foot vein of $100 ore.

James Rodgers and brother, of Harshaw, own several mines Sierra Cache said to be good, and are running an arastra. They also have some placer claims and have sent for a steam engine to pump water from the gulch in which the gravel occurs.

The McArthur Bros., of Chicago, have several promising mines on the line which are to be worked.

J. E. Thompson, Joe Pearson and Mr. O'Brien, of Magdalena, have two gold mines 35 miles northwest of Magdalena. They have been at work fourteen months and have a two-foot vein showing free gold, running $40 per ton. There is plenty of wood and an abundance of water. They have done much work.

Below the dead line or 20-league zone a large number are at work, among whom may be found Hagin and Tevis and George Hurst, of San Francisco, who are running a mine called No Palaro, 30 miles east of the celebrated Ramboz mines, lately bought by E. P. Allis, of Milwaukee. The No Palaro mine is smelting ore and cost $12,000. A smelter has been erected at a cost of $15000 and is now at work. Nine tons of ore were sent to San Francisco which cost 2½ cents per pound to haul to Tucson. On the nine tons $6000 was made clear of all expenses. Mr. King, near the same place, Opodepo, is running a tunnel in a very good prospect.

A. F. Tritle, well known in Arizona and Nevada, has a fine mine 18 miles from San Miguel, of carbonate ore, smelting, and has a four-foot vein.

The Minas Prietas, 45 miles from Hermosillo, was sold by Dick Johnson to San Francisco and Eastern parties for $250,000. They have 40 stamps running on gold and silver ore, and 20 more are to be added. They are now getting $30 per ton in gold. American miners are employed at $4 per day. The adjoining claim, also called Prietas, has recently been purchased by Eastern parties, who are vigorously prospecting, and may put up a mill.

The Chicago Mining and Milling Company, headed by A. E. Hessing, of the Staats Zeitung, in Lan Pas district, near Oposura, are putting up smelters on a very valuable property.

From Santa Teresa, west across the Dolores valley, in the black hills, Mr. S. V. Thompson, recently from Colorado, is operating a gold and silver property which promises well, the vein being large, and old workings showing a fine ore body. In all this mineral belt there is an abundance of water and wood, and within seven to ten miles, in the Sierra Azul, plenty of pine timber.

A Boston company paid $320,000 for the Pesquiera property. This property includes 40,000 acres of land and three mines. The Santa Elona has been worked for thirty or forty years. The ore goes from $15 to $50 per ton in gold and silver. A ten stamp mill is running. Two mills of 40 stamps each are now on the way to the mine.

In the Cucurpa district a number of mining properties are being prospected by foreigners, among whom are Dr. Hall, an old-timer, Mr. Rimpau, Mr. Kennedy and several others. Further north, in Santa Teresa, a number of fine new mines are being opened by Americans, as well as old Spanish mines being reopened. Among them are the Santa Villiang, Santa Gertrudes, San Antonio, Christoria and Mina la Agua. All of these show three-foot veins of free milling, chloride ores, running from $50 to $500 per ton. Abundance of wood, timber and water. William Bennet, R. J. Hubbard, A. E. Head and Dr. Leach, from California, have been recently interested in the same.

On the Sonora river belt, below Sinoquipa, Stephen Shugert has a fine ledge of silver and gold, and a California company are putting a mill on the property for an interest in the mine.

On the Sinoquipa group of mines a California company, with Pierre Humbert as general agent, have a mill on the way, and propose to work extensively.

About 25 miles southwesterly from Magdalena Colonel D. A. Bennett is opening, by shafts and crosscuts, an immense vein, the outcrop of which is strong for over one mile. His company, the Cordovena, has ten locations. A shaft has been sunk 120 feet, the crosscut at the bottom, now ten feet, being all in ore.

A. E. Head is working the Santa Barbara mine, about 36 miles from Magdalena. Extensive old works in good state; new work, a shaft 106 feet deep, cutting through two fine veins of galena ore; drift from bottom of new shaft connecting with old shaft, all in good ore, going $110 per ton.

Twenty-one miles south of Magdalena D. J. Cummings, of Magdalena, has some very fine property being extensively developed. He also owns the Guadalupe, situated about one and a half miles east from the above. Veins here show much free gold.

The Carter mines have been recently noticed in your columns; are fine properties, showing very wide veins of ore extremely rich in horn silver.

The Ramboz mines, lately bought by E. P. Allis, of Milwaukee, lie about ten miles from the surveyed line of the railroad to run from Hermosillo to Magdalena, and about fifty miles south of the latter place, and comprise two old mines long looked for but only found two years ago by Henry Ramboz. Seventy arastras are found about six miles from these mines which were supplied with free milling ore from very extensive workings and the veins carrying large quantities of horn silver ore from three to six feet wide.

Many other Americans and American companies might be named, but this article is already too long.

I have to acknowledge the kindness of Dr. Clark, D. J. Cummings, Mr. Hubbard and Wm. Bennett, of Magdalena, for many items of interest and their uniform courtesy during my short stay.

Mr. Richards, Engineer in charge of the party now locating the Sonora Railroad between Magdalena and Calabasas, informed me that large quantities of material are collected at Hermosillo and that not long hence we would see the cars running to Magdalena.

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Tombstone Troubles.

[Nugget.]

Ed. Benson, of the firm of Montgomery & Benson, proprietors of the O. K. Corral, lies dangerously ill in his room at the corral. We understand the physicians gave him up last night.

Yesterday a party, consisting of James Floyd, engineer, Pierre Humbert, Jr., and Henry Meyer, formerly superintendent of the Gould and Curry mine, of Nevada, left for Arispe, Sonora. They take with them the machinery for two hoisting works and a sawmill. It is estimated that they will be thirty days on the road, as they will have to build it part of the way. They took with them a party of twenty American miners to work on the company's mines, the wages being $3 per day and board. The machinery for a twenty stamp mill is said to be en route from the East for Arispe.

From Mr. C. W. Pinkham, who arrived from Sonora yesterday, we learn the following particulars concerning the killing of an American near Fronteras: A Mexican was coming from the direction of the coal fields near Fronteras, and while ascending a hill some miles distant from the latter place was fired upon without effect by the American, who was going in the opposite direction. The Mexican returned the fire, killing the American instantly. It is thought that the latter mistook the former for an Indian, which would account for the seemingly unprovoked attack. There were no papers found upon the body of the dead man, which was buried by the roadside, by which he could be identified. The clothing and effects, however, were brought into Fronteras, and Mr. Pinkham describes them as follows: One remodeled Colt's revolver, 44 calibre, No. 195,825; one gray blanket-lined miner's coat; one pair of eye glasses; white felt hat with cord around it; one pair of half-gauntlet gloves, California make; one woolen neck scarf; one quilt; two pair of yellow blankets, somewhat worn. The Mexicans who interred the remains state that the man had the appearance of a prospector. It is hoped that the description of the effects may lead to the identification of the unfortunate man.

The Emily mine is showing some magnificent carbonate and horn silver ore. At twenty feet down on the incline the ledge is two feet and a half. This is another young Ingersoll, and whoever gets it will have a bonanza.

Assessment work is being done on the Lucky Cuss and Owl's Nest, two of the Tombstone M. & M. Co.'s mines. From the Lucky Cuss they are taking out magnificent ore that was left upon the hanging wall by the former workmen. A new shaft has been started on the Owl's Nest near the north end, and some fine ore is being taken from it. This point shows a better quality of ore than in eigther of the old shafts further to the south.

[Nugget.]

The Ingersoll Mining Company have 2000 tons of first class ore on its dump that is estimated to be worth $300,000. This mine was purchased for $10,000 last spring. What mining district can beat this showing?

Mr. Thomas Ewing came in from Las Delicias, Sonora, yesterday. He reports meeting Mr. Geo. S. Rice, of the Boston mill, with a four-mule outfit at San Pedro, on his way down the country into the heart of Sonora. He says the Mexicans are putting in large crops and that there is a general improvement in business affairs all along the line of his travels.

We are indebted to Mr. Arthur Laing for the full particulars of the reported sale of the Copper Queen mine. It appears that Mr. L. Zeckendorf, one of the owners, had written to parties in London about the mine, and had set a price upon the stock, which was $8 per share, or $2,000,000 for the property. These gentlemen sent out P. Taylor, Esq., of the firm of John Taylor & Sons, London, and Mr. Thom, a celebrated mining engineer, to examine the mine and make a report upon the same. They were accompanied to Bisbee by Mr. Jas. Douglass, a mining expert of Pennsylvania. They returned from Bisbee last evening and took the down stage for Benson. They made a critical examination of the mine, which was found better than the Epitaph report upon the same some time ago, for the reason that a winze has been sunk upon the ore body 15 feet since we saw it, thereby adding that much to that in sight. Ore was selected by Messrs. Taylor and Thom, and a run of 15 tons of ingots made, which was in every way satisfactory. It is not known whether the London parties will take the mine at $8 per share or not. That will be a matter for after consideration.

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The hotels of this city are crowded to such an extent that strangers now exper