

WEEKLY CHAMPION.

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The S. P. R. Loses the Grant.

The house committee on public lands, in congress, at a meeting held on the 22nd, at which all the members but two were present, unanimously agreed to report to the house a bill to declare a forfeiture of the lands granted to the Texas Pacific. The bill agreed upon by the committee contains, besides the provision declaring the forfeiture of the lands granted to aid the construction of the railroad, sections validating all acts of the department of the interior, its officers and local land officers, in permitting homestead entries, selections and purchases of land granted the company, and in issuing patents, certificates and lists thereon, and confirming the rights and titles of the parties holding patents or claiming the right of title under such certificates or lists of land. Payson will present the bill in the house tomorrow. The report recites the provisions of the act incorporating the Texas Pacific company, and briefly summarizes the history of the company and the legislation in it interest down to November, 1881 when the fight between the Texas Pacific and the Southern Pacific ended by a contract between them. It invites special attention to the hostility between the two companies down to this date, and quotes from the recently published Huntington correspondence to establish the fact of such hostility and its character. The report says on this point: "These letters tell the story. On the question as to the relation of these two companies during all the years the two lines were being constructed your committee do not find a single act performed by either that is not hostile in its character to the other."

ARIZONA'S BULLION PRODUCT.

Wells, Fargo & Co. have issued their annual statistical circular showing the treasure production of the United States west of the Missouri river, also of British Columbia and the west coast of Mexico. The total output of Arizona is estimated at \$8,183,743 which gives her fifth place as to total value of production. This amount is divided as follows: Gold, \$490,686; silver, \$4,147,427; ores and base bullion, \$3,555,630. These statistics, as compared with the same for 1882, shows a slight decrease, which so far as Arizona is concerned can easily be accounted for. With the return of business activity and a more settled condition of the Indian problem, prospecting will be carried on more extensively, and capital will be invested more freely and with better confidence. The coming year will see Arizona far in advance of her present position as a bullion producing Territory.

A. & P. TAXES.

Judge W. C. Hazledine was at the Park last week, and compromised with the Board of Supervisors of Mohave county, on a basis of \$4,000 a mile on the property of the A. & P. road in this county. This will net to the county about \$40,000, and we consider it a fair estimate of the valuation of the property. The road runs through miles of a barren country from which the company nor the county can reap any benefit, and the company has invested millions of dollars to open up a portion of the Territory heretofore almost impenetrable, some consideration should be shown the stockholders, who have so greatly benefited the people through the country traversed. Judge Hazledine presented his claims in a fair, reasonable manner, and the Board of Supervisors were wise in accepting his terms. Judge Hazledine, by his manly course, has won golden opinions from the people of Mohave county.

R. W. Chilson in a private letter to a gentleman in Tucson, writing from Casa Grande, says: "I have sold my Christmas Gift mine for \$45,000, paid down, the balance to be paid Christmas day. I have struck the largest gold vein that has been struck since 1849. Some ore assays as high as \$300,000; there is great excitement at camp, and we have to stand guard both day and night. There has been \$100,000 worth of property sold here this week."

TERRITORIAL.

The telegraph line to Quijotoa is to be built for \$210 a mile.

About 30 Apache children are to be sent to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to be educated.

It is said that \$18,000 or \$20,000 school money, will soon be divided among the ten counties of Arizona.

Wm Zent, of Maricopa, and Miss Fleanor Reece, of Vulture, were married at Phenix, on the 16th.

The Tucson Daily Star has abandoned its 8-page form and displays mainly proportions as a large four-page paper. The change suits us.

The first work proposed for the Bonanza mines at Quijotoa, is the excavation of three tunnels clear through the mountains, at different elevations.

A gentleman from the Quijotoas tells us of the folly of people rushing there at present. There are not 20 employed and nothing to be done for two or three months to come.

The Montezuma Hotel, at Hot Springs, New Mexico, was burned on the 18th inst. Loss about \$350,000. Insurance \$100,000. Another hotel will be put up. Gasoline caused the fire.

J. W. Davis, the aspiring Pinal county shyster, who would like to be chief justice of Arizona, is being vigorously sat down upon by the press of the Territory.—Republican.

Territorial Treasurer Butler is paying all outstanding warrants against the Territory, and will, after settling all the Territorial indebtedness, save the bonded debt of \$250,000, have a handsome surplus with which to settle the current expenses of the Territory for 1884.

One J. W. Davis, of Florence, is an applicant for the office of Chief Justice of Arizona. Rash youth, would it not be better for him to utilize his tender years in attending school and learning something, than to monkey around that way?—Index.

Through tickets over the Santa Fe road are sold from El Paso, says the Lone Star, to New York at a reduction of \$8.40 from the old rates. The reduction is owing to the Santa Fe road standing in with the Missouri road, as against the eastern trunk lines. Rates over the Texas and Pacific remain the same.

The mail which was robbed near Gillett contained several notarial and other Territorial commissions for parties in southern Arizona. Persons who have made applications for such appointments, and so far failed to receive any response, should communicate at once with Assistant Territorial Secretary Furnas.

The county printing of Pinal county has been awarded to the Florence Enterprise. As the paper generously offered to do the public advertising and printing free of charge, the editor in the last issue, claims the proud distinction of being called a "public benefactor."

The Herald says the Southern Pacific Railroad company have been unloading large quantities of ties at Benson during the past week, and parties who claim to know say that the company intend building a road at once from there through the Gila river country and on to the Needles, connecting with their road at that point.

B. H. Hereford, on his recent visit to Logan City, says the Tucson Citizen, claims to have discovered from the Papagos the meaning of the word Quijotoa. Kee ho (pronounced very gutturally) means a basket. Kee ho-oo means a big basket. This the Indians call the bonanza mountain from the fact that it looks like a huge inverted Papago basket.

The Clifton Clarion says: "William Church, Esq., president of the Detroit Copper Company, last week presented Nicholas Olguin with a costly saddle, which he purchased in Denver for him. Mr. Ignatio Campbell informs us that H. C. Hooker, Esq., last week sent word to Olguin that he desired to present him with two blooded saddle horses."

The sale of the Crocker mine, which adjoins the Peer and Peerless at Quijotoa, is of nearly as much importance as the great sale to the Bonanza men. Mr. P. P. Cunningham, who is now at the Baldwin hotel, San Francisco, purchased this valuable property for \$220,000 of Dan Crocker and his associate, the original locators, paying down \$60,000—the balance to be paid in instalments.

Making It Hot For Them.

The "Off Wheeler" and his gang have evidently struck a pretty tough country along the line of the Atlantic and Pacific road. A correspondent writing from Ash Fork to the Prescott Miner relates the following concerning the deal they got in that place: "Last night was a lively time for Ash Fork. For some time this camp has been infested with a lot of murderous cut-throats, bunko men, tin-horn gamblers and hard characters generally, with the "Off Wheeler," alias one Harlan, as the leader, apparently aided and abetted by so called good citizens. Yesterday it was quietly "passed along the line" that it was absolutely necessary for the peace, quiet and safety of our camp and its very good reputation to form a "committee of 101." The organization was soon perfected and about dark last evening a notice sufficiently "pointed and painted," as well as the consequences "duly pictured" were served upon the "Off Wheeler," and two of his gang; and this morning Ash Fork is rid of these murderers and cut-throats. As we are without the protection of the law we must protect ourselves. Last night our town was strongly patrolled and guarded by our law-abiding citizens, assisted by the freighters, armed with Winchester, shot-guns, etc. Tin-horn gamblers, men without any visible means of support, etc., had in the future better give Ash Fork a wide berth, as the "committee of 101" are determined to have law and order, no matter what the consequences may be."

ANOTHER "HOLD-UP."

A Lone Robber Stop the Wickensburg Stage at the Same Old Place and Goes Through the Mail Sacks.

At about 8 o'clock, Saturday evening last, as the driver of the Wickensburg stage had piloted his "oufit" across Willow Creek, some three miles west of Prescott, a lone highwayman ordered him to stop, throw up, throw out, etc., etc. The driver who was alone, obeyed orders and drove on. Officers who went out yesterday morning found the mail pouch cut open. Two registered packages—contents unknown to us—were looted by the robber, who also opened some other letters. Officers who went out early yesterday morning, collected scattered letters, etc., and followed the land pirate's trail until it became lost to them in the rocky country to the north of the road.

Joe, the driver, is of the opinion that the robber was young and active. His face was covered and his feet were, of course, done up in sacks. The "hold up" occurred at, or near the same old place where stages have often been stopped and where, it has been said by a jury, old man Givens robbed another stage.—Courier.

A writer in the Washington Star (republican) says: "The Star lately mentioned that Senator Eaton had said the chief justice should be placed in the line of the presidential succession next to the speaker. Judge Black once told me he thought the same. A justice of the supreme court a few weeks ago, said to me, however, that he did not think it would be wise to so frame the law, for it might interfere with the impartiality of the decision of a chief justice as to cases before the supreme court. He further said that to certainly remove the supreme court from the danger of having their usefulness impaired by seeking political preferments, they should, when appointed for life to the position, be by law declared ineligible to any other office. He added that a judge with presidential aspirations never could, according to his observation, concentrate his mind on the business of the court."

An important question of etiquette was decided at the President's New Year's reception. The point was whether, there being no president's or vice-president's wife, the wife of the speaker ranked the wives of the secretary of state and chief justice as the "first lady of the land." A precedent was established, for, when the hour for the reception arrived, Mrs. Carlisle, wife of the speaker of the house, came in upon the president's arm, and took her place at his right. Mrs. Carlisle is therefore, in accordance with the law of etiquette, "the first lady in the land."

The Sixth Cavalry which has been in Arizona for nine years, will shortly be moved to Montana.

One of the Gage Train Robbers.

Week before last Henry Whitehill, of Silver City, and John Gilmore, who claimed to be deputy sheriff of Grant county, N. M., came here in search of one of the Gage train robbers, who, they learned from a negro who was concerned in the robbery and captured by Whitehill, was resident here. The party they were after was Frank Taggart, well-known here. On the arrival of Whitehill and Gilmore here, Taggart was absent in the American Valley after cattle and Gilmore, accompanied by a deputy sheriff sent out by Sheriff Perez went after him, and Thursday evening, of last week, returned with their prisoner, whom they took to Silver City the next day, but not until a writ of habeas corpus was tried. It is said the other two robbers were in a cabin not far from where Taggart was arrested, at the time, and it is supposed they have gone out by Fort Apache, up through the northeast corner of Yavapai county, by Flagstaff and on into Southern Utah.—Apache (St. Johns) Chief.

Senator Gwynn, of California, passed through Peach Springs on Monday night last, on an eastern trip. Old age seems to wear lightly on the old gentleman, although his white locks would indicate he had lived near his allotted time.

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