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We can never replace a friend. When a man is fortunate enough to have several, he finds they are all different. No one has a double in friendship. --Schiller.

Help for Stricken Farmers

The movement instituted by the Rotary Club yesterday for the relief of the settlers in the vicinity of St. Johns, reduced to destitution by the collapse of the Lyman reservoir on the night that our great reservoir was filled, deserves the support of every man in this valley who is able to contribute support. Out of the golden prospect which lies before the people of this region there should come light to break through the gloom which sits along the Little Colorado.

A whole community has been rendered bankrupt in a night. There will be no crops there this year, and the orchards which were planted from one to three years ago will all die. The land which was dotted with happy homes will be turned back to the keeping of the desert for some years to come.

All possible aid should be rendered to these stricken farmers. Co-operation should be given the bodies which have taken this worthy work in hand.

Concerning Water

It is said that he who drinks of the waters of the Hassayampa never afterward tells the truth. Historians as that water is, that quality of it bars its use in the christening of the battleship Arizona. Until the water of the Hassayampa had gained its evil reputation, clear water had always been a symbol of truth and purity. No taint had ever attached to the water of the Roosevelt Dam, yet within the last two days such a conflicting variety of stories has been told by persons claiming to have secured the first water that flowed over the dam that we are forced to suspect that the contents of the reservoir have had a deleterious effect, no less harmful than the waters of the Hassayampa, upon the veracity of the men who have handled it.

At 9 o'clock on Wednesday night, half an hour after the first water had officially flowed over the dam, two Phoenix men drove into Globe, two hours from the dam, with a five-gallon Demijohn filled with water which they said was the first to escape over the spillway.

They had probably dipped it from against the breast of the dam, so that if it had not been removed it would have been the first to flow over. They had merely anticipated that final act of qualification. They had taken what they considered to be the cream of the water, the most likely, the first in the order of precedence. That the water did not actually pass over the dam was not the fault of the water. It was there ready to pass.

But it did not pass, and it is therefore disqualified for christening purposes. We have a similitude of its disqualification in the case of a man who has stood for hours in front of the box office, waiting to buy a ticket to a popular show. He has been advanced slowly step by step, but if, when at the head of the line, he steps out of it or is dragged out, before purchasing his ticket, his situation is as if he had never been in the line at all.

When men used to gather on the edge of a reservation about to be thrown open to entry, some impatient souls, unable to await the firing of the signal gun for the rush, hurried across the boundary, and as "sooners" disqualified themselves. The Globe water is "sooner" water, of no more value than the water captured the next morning. The only genuine water is that caught at the psychological moment and the physiological moment. It is the official water caught by officials of the reclamation service and a portion of which was put into possession of The Republican.

Racial and Religious Parties

In some quarters, since the beginning of the war, there have been expressions of resentment against the name which some of our citizens have adopted, though it was adopted as a distinction long before the war—German-American. The proposition to form a German-American party to control the politics of the country, though, perhaps, the great bulk of German-American citizens would not have anything to do with it, has been especially condemned. But there should be included in the condemnation every movement calculated to embrace a particular class of citizens and exclude all other classes. That would take in what was known as the Know Nothing party and all other political organizations, a qualification of whose members should be American nativity.

Ever since the formation of the old Know Nothing party, we have had other parties, among them the American party and others with similar aims, and we have had other parties from which persons of certain religious beliefs have been excluded. Some of us who resent the narrowness of such movements are not entirely without sin. It has frequently happened that political support has

been denied a candidate for office because of his race or his religion and large numbers of citizens who would scorn a religious or racial party have taken part in such denial.

A Habitual Attitude

The Los Angeles recognition of Arizona as a "back country" of that city, which called out the criticism of a correspondent in these columns yesterday, is an expression of a habitual attitude of Los Angeles, not only toward Arizona, but the "back country" of that city in Southern California. It is by no means new.

In the earlier days the loyalty of Arizona toward Southern California was stronger than it is now, but it was not worth so much then and was not so highly appreciated. A considerable part of our population of the territory had come from Southern California. Many citizens had never been anywhere else and, perhaps, had only a vague notion that there was anywhere else. They expected to return to Southern California and die. Southern California was the beginning and the end of all things.

Meanwhile, they patronized only California industries, and the products of our industries were sold in Californian markets for whatever they would bring. Local industries in competition with California industries were stifled by the loyalty of Native Sons to the Golden State. A fruit packing concern in Phoenix several years ago, whose products were better than those of any coast factory, went to the wall because it was not Californian. Every summer residents and their families went to the coast, "inside." It was a sacred pilgrimage.

But the population was receiving an admixture. People were coming from the north, the east and the south. They had come to make homes and to help build up an independent state and not a dependency. They owed nothing to any other section of the country. If they could do better, and that was why they had come, their allegiance belonged to Arizona. In time, all were more or less strongly attracted to Los Angeles as a place of recreation. It was the nearest and most important point near the sea. But the trade of Arizona began to scatter. It went where it could go with the greatest profit. If we could do better in Kansas City, we traded there. It was no advantage for us to build up at our expense a great town on the coast five hundred miles away.

Still, Los Angeles has probably had a larger share of the Arizona trade than it would have had but for a survival in some measure of the old sentiment of loyalty to the coast.

The time has passed when our citizens are content to receive only the gold-band in return for the commercial tribute we render and the vast sums we contribute annually to the coast resorts. It is not enough that Arizona societies and Hassayampa societies should be organized by Los Angeles for the entertainment of Arizona citizens. It is all very nice, but it is not profitable to us. The building up of the Los Angeles harbor and the creation of great terminal facilities are matters in which we have no local pride or concern. What does concern us is the establishment of wholesale houses and railroad terminals in Arizona. We are far more interested in making Arizona a beautiful front lawn rather than a neglected back yard, to use the happy simile of our correspondent.

We are, of course, proud of the great achievements of Los Angeles, and we are desirous that it may attain still more marvelous heights, but our most immediate concern is the development of Arizona.

EARLY USES OF COPPER

Copper is not a metal of modern utilization. It was mined and manufactured in prehistoric times, when it was utilized as a material for the construction of utensils for domestic use and also for implements of war. It has been generally supposed that the use of copper preceded that of iron, but at present it is believed by students of the subject that iron was first subjected to human use. In many regions, however, where native copper appeared at the surface, it is probable that it was worked before iron, because of the comparative ease and simplicity of obtaining it, which involved no metallurgy. The Indians of the Western United States were acquainted with copper. Many objects fashioned from it have been found in mounds indicating of early working of the Lake Superior copper mines exist, while in Tennessee there are remains of prehistoric smelting plants.

Copper was first mined in this country in Connecticut in 1769, and somewhat later in Pennsylvania. No important work was carried on, however, until the middle of the last century. In 1845, the whole output of copper was 100 tons, coming from Vermont, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. In 1912 the output was 1,241,762,598 pounds, the production coming from about twenty states. Probably the greatest mine is the Anaconda at Butte, Mont., which, in 1905, produced 55,590,000 pounds, and in 1913, nearly double that quantity.—H. A. McGraw, in the Engineering Magazine.

PROVED BY EXPERIMENT

One of the young ensigns who was acting as teacher on the battleship Texas asked the question, "What are the two principal parts of a sentence," expecting to get the answer subject and predicate. An old salt scratched his head in perplexity, and at last replied, "solitary confinement and bread and water."—The Sailor's Magazine.

NO JOY FOR HIM

"My wife is giving another party," said Mr. Cumrox.
"Well, I hope you'll enjoy yourself," replied the genial friend.
"I wouldn't dare think of such a thing. I might laugh out loud and upset the class of the entertainment."—Washington Star.

CURIOUS SYMPTOMS

A London curate asked after a man's health and received this reply:
"Well, sir, sometimes I feels anyhow, sometimes I don't feel anyhow, and the rest of the time I feels as stiff as a himmedge."—Christian Register.

FOR BETTER OR WORSE

"Why did you send your sweetheart to the wilds of Africa to hunt diamonds?"
"Two reasons—he might come back with a fortune or he might not come back at all."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

ANNA HELD AT HEAD OF BOY SCOUTS MARCHING THROUGH PARIS



Anna Held, the popular actress, has organized a troupe of Boy Scouts, who have shown some talent, and has coached them to sing and act with her at charity events in aid of the French Red Cross. The troupe is composed of regular Boy Scouts and has been placed under her charge by the authorities.

Anna Held at head of Boy Scout brigade in Paris.

VARIED REQUESTS OF TUCSON POWER CO.

Application for permission to charge ten per cent interest on delinquent accounts has been filed with the corporation commission by the Tucson Gas, Electric Light and Power company. The company states in its application that it has on its books delinquent accounts to an average amount of \$10,000, and that it has no resources save discontinuing service of consumers.

Four other requests have been filed with the commission by the company. One is to permit it to capitalize the expenditures of \$10,000 for removing its poles and lines from Congress street; another would allow it to put into effect a charge of \$1.00 for each cut-in and cut-out in short period suspension of service; a third, if granted would authorize the company to defer setting aside its depreciation reserve for another year, dating from June, 1915. The company, which is owned and controlled by the Federal Light and Power company also asks permission to keep its books and accounts at the office of that company in New York City, subject to the recall of the commission at any time. The commission heard the petitions, and has taken the matter under consideration.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

DELIVER US

From all the weep and sorrow that bloody warfare brings, when monarchs start to borrow some grief from other kings, from dreadful scenes of slaughter, and dead men by the cord, from blood that flows like water, deliver us, O Lord! From fear and melancholy that every death list gives, from all the pompous folly in which an army lives, from all the strife stupendous, that brings no sane reward, but only loss tremendous, deliver us, O Lord! From seeing friend and neighbor in tools of death arrayed, deserting useful labor to wield the thirsty blade, from seeing phoshears lying all rusty on the sward, where men and boys are dying, deliver us, O Lord! From seeing foreign legions invade our peaceful shore, and turn these smiling regions to scenes of death and gore, from all the desolation the gods of war accord to every fighting nation, deliver us, O Lord!

CHIEF PLEASURE

"Do you think aeroplanes will ever be as popular as automobiles?"
"Never. You can't fly low enough to put on airs for the benefit of your pedestrian friends." Kansas City Journal.

GRATITUDE FOR THE CELEBRATION WORKERS

Chamber of Commerce Appreciates Cooperation of All; Gila County's Neighborly Spirit

Appreciation of the work by committees, commonwealth and individuals to make the Roosevelt Dam High Water celebration the huge success it was will be expressed by Sec. Harry Welch of the chamber of commerce in a series of letters to the people who helped.

The celebration was a success beyond the fondest hopes of its organizers. There were five hundred cars gathered at the dam, and easily three thousand people. These cars traveled over three hundred miles of fairly dangerous road, and to the credit of the guards, it can be said that not a serious accident marred the motorades. The troubles made some of the drivers warm and peeved, but no car was damaged, no one hurt.

A large measure of gratitude is due to Gila county for helping make the celebration what it was, according to Welch. "They have no direct interest in irrigated prosperity, but the way they helped just goes to show the splendid spirit of neighborliness they have for us over there."

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ARIZONA'S METAL FOR THE SILVER SERVICE

Chamber of Commerce Believes Battleship's Dishes Ought To Be Finest of Their Kind

When the time comes to accumulate stunning silver service for the new battleship Arizona, that silver service ought to be the best thing of its kind ever presented to a dreadnaught by the proud state whose name it bears. This is according to the talk at the meeting of directors of the chamber of commerce yesterday. Letters had been received from the Douglas and Prescott chambers, asking cooperation on a scheme to raise by popular subscription the price of a set of dishes for the officers mess.

That Arizona silver ought to be used in the making was unanimously agreed upon by the directors. There has been another movement started, this time, to have a lot of Arizona copper beaten up into cooking pots and utensils such as are used about ship's galleys.

AID LUCKLESS RANCHERS

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ford of Flagstaff. His remarks showed that what is helpful to one part of the state is helpful to all of the rest as well.

Mrs. Ashurst spoke a few words, advising that some women are business producers and should be given opportunity to belong.

E. A. Trineano of the Machinery & Electrical company was chairman of the day, and in his usual decisive and interesting way made the meeting an enthusiastic one.

The prizes of the day were awarded by Mr. Hilton of Hilton & Peck, the prizes going first to Herbert L. Stevenson, the second one to Frank S. Hess.

Herbert L. Stevenson presented the club with a box of fifty cigars which were smoked during the meeting. Fred Warren also passed cigars around, with the compliments of the City Ice Delivery Company.

JUST AN IDEA

"Well, yes," confessed the landlord of Periwinkle tavern, "it is an idea of a purple stripe all around the hotel at the top of the first story. You see there wouldn't otherwise be anything to distinguish this particular inn from thousands of others. As it is, a good many people drop in to point out to me that such a decoration is not in good taste, or to urge some other color, or something that-a-way. And they usually remain long enough to spend a dollar or two before I am thoroughly convinced.

"Persons with literary talent, and occasionally a real writer, come along and suspect me of being a character, and heard here while studying me. As a matter of fact, a drummer gave me a can of purple paint out of his samples, and I didn't know what else to do with it."—Women's Home Companion.

THEIR IDENTITY

Germany—The other powers come to these straits in fowl disguise.
Turkey (mournfully)—Yea, as Turkey gobblers.—Baltimore American.

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