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THE DUTY OF OUR GOVERNOR.

Under the above caption our contemporary in its issue of yesterday audaciously attacks in a covert manner an incoming governor who has not yet received his commission. It is hard to believe that a public journal will be so unjust, but if this is the intent of the article, it is entirely devoid of meaning. The casting of a cloud of imputation over an official who has not had an opportunity to show his intentions, is a pre-emptive act that displays a bigoted bias or a narrow mind. It has been said that some men when they will be buried in a coffin three feet wide. We believe it. The administration of Governor Fremont was notoriously inefficient, and the criticism of the Nugget thereon is all merit; but by what right does the incoming administration of the past? Says the Nugget:

To meet the present requirements a governor must exhibit energy of nerve and adaptive capacity. In such development every good element of the territory will engender and applaud him and sustain him. If, on the other hand, he neglects the office to recruit his shabby finances, or to revel in lazy political dignity, he will soon become an object of distrust to be succeeded with aversion. Immediate gubernatorial action is imperiously demanded. The people of this territory will long endure a speculative, or timid, or inert, or incompetent head. They suffered enough through the inebriation and vacillation and abjectness of him who lately scoured fair territory. * * * "He shall slide in the territory for which he is appointed." This matter of residence is no idle injunction, but constitutes a continuous abode at the official seat of government—of easy access—and equipped and ready for every contingency—no pleasant prospect in some agreeable and advantageous locality, but a rough devotion to the arduous duties of an office which he has sworn to observe. * * * We shall not be surprised that the present incumbent lacks knowledge of the vital needs and exigencies of the territory. Should this be the case, however, the appointment is an unfortunate one. If efficient, the greater necessity for immediate and stirring investigation.

What manner of fair dealing is it flaunt before the public such imitations as are embodied in the above extracts, the effect of which, if it had any effect, would be to lead the public to believe that Gov. Tittle had accepted the position for purpose of "reveling in lazy political dignity" in a "pleasant stock partnership in some agreeable and advantageous locality"? If deficient, the greater necessity for immediate and stirring investigation. What investigation can the editor mean? Gov. Tittle can not certainly be investigated before he has qualified. The only "investigation" that is now called for is the cause of this uncalculated attack.

Is it fair and just to suppose that Tittle has accepted the position for sordid motives? that he will be a governor in name, and a rascal and stock-jockey by occupation; that he is "vapid" and will be both "stupid" and "incompetent"? Is the appointment of Frederick Tittle to the position of governor, the garnish that the people of this territory can congratulate themselves on having a man in the executive chair who will do his duty in all that the word implies; a man who will not act upon impulse but upon facts, and so acting will unflinchingly exercise the power vested in him for the good of the territory over which he has been called to preside. This we believe to be the conviction of the great majority of the residents of this territory, who extend to our new governor a cordial hand of welcome, believing that under his administration security and peace will readily come, and in their wake will sound the prospector's blast in the building up of new mining camps and the filling up of our valleys with industrious ranchers.

CHIME in Cochise county received a salutary lesson in the sentences recently passed for robbery.

THE Ontario mine produced in twenty-eight days of January, \$203,191, assay value.

FRENCH finances are not yet on a satisfactory basis and failures are frequent and heavy.

A PROTEST.

In the name of the business public of this county the EPITAPH takes a decided issue with late Acting-Governor Gosper on the following reflection by him in a letter published in yesterday's dispatches from Washington. Governor Gosper says:

The people of Tombstone and Cochise county, in their mad career after money, have grossly neglected local self-government until the lazy and lawless element of society have undertaken to prey upon the more industrious and honorable classes for their subsistence and gains. * * * Besides the cowboys there is a class, much larger in numbers, of the "good Lord and good-devil" kind, who keep up a secret partnership with the robbers, and profit by their lawlessness.

What voice, pray, had the citizens of this county in the selection of the government under which they have been struggling? The act creating this county studiously avoided any opportunity for an expression on the part of the public. The gentlemen who represented this county in the assembly and were instrumental in the passage of that bill, after receiving the suffrage of our citizens for the important positions of representatives did not get left under the provisions of the new county government. No, Mr. Gosper, there is a heavy vote in this county that believe that the gentlemen who were instrumental in the passage of the act providing for the Arizona lottery scheme three years ago could throw a good deal of light on the gag that was put on the voice of the people of Cochise in the passage of the act creating this county without ballot for officers, and their remembrance will last sufficiently long to be of telling weight when the time shall come to select the next territorial delegate to congress.

NEW ORLEANS has the greatest possibilities offered in the newly opened Southern and Texas Pacific railroad. No railroad in the world can compare with it in promise. It is the shortest all-rail route in the United States between the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. It is shorter by 600 to 800 miles than the New York route, free from snow and ice, free from trouble from the Indians. It shortens the distance for grain between California and Europe 10,000 miles, and allows its transportation across the continent by rail, which the Central Pacific route can never do. In addition to this, it traverses nearly 1,000 miles in Texas, running through a rich country, which it will help to build up; and penetrates the most promising mineral districts of New Mexico and Arizona. By this route, therefore, this city has a chance of securing the grain and fruit trade of California, the tea trade of China, the greater portion of the business of northern Texas, and the return trade of all these sections.—Denver Journal of Commerce.

HON. JUDGE STILWELL left yesterday morning for Tucson, called thither by the approaching session of the Supreme Court. His duties have been most arduous since the opening of the fall term of our district court, and from the criminal and civil calendar already provided for the spring term there is little likelihood of their being lessened for some time to come. During the past term of court two of the most important mining cases that have come up on this coast have been tried before him, in one of which he was accorded the unusual honor of being called upon to render a decision, jury trial being waived.

YUMA ITEMS.

Yuma Free Press, Feb. 4.
The Yuma county road is being gone over again by order of the commissioners and materially improved. The late rains have washed out the road for some distance this side of Silver district, and laid bare the rocks, but the addition of a little dirt will fix things all right. Considerable work will have to be done between Silver district and Ehrenberg.

Owing to the drouth in southern California, the sheep of that region are being transported by rail into Arizona, to save them from starvation. Some 50 to 60 car-loads passed through Yuma this week en route for the inexhaustible ranges of southern Arizona. This incident offers a sharp rebuke to the uninformed scribblers who have unceasingly written of this territory as a barren waste of unproductive lands. The fact is that all the sheep of the state of California could not feed across a tenth part of the ranges in Arizona. Immigrants are attracted to this territory, at present, almost solely by its mineral wealth, but the time will come when its agricultural and grazing resources will be fully understood and appreciated, and they are of great magnitude.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Items from Tucson and Mexico.

TUCSON, Feb. 10.—Col. Scott, with a corps of assistants, leaves here tomorrow morning to run a preliminary survey of the Tucson & Gulf of California railroad in the interest of the Southern Pacific railroad. The people of Tucson are jubilant over the fact that the Pacific road builders are taking hold of the project. The distance from Tucson to Port Lobos is about 175 miles, and the route is skirted on both sides with a series of promising mining districts, which are now developing some very rich mines.

Prof. Salazar, who has just returned from Sonora, says that a guano island has been discovered in the Gulf of California twenty-eight miles southwest of Port Lobos. He visited it last week, and says the whole surface of the island is literally covered with bird's nests, with eggs of every size and color. The deposit of guano, he says, is very large. The island contains about sixteen square miles.

The Caborca mill of Sonora shipped \$10,000, the result of last month's run.

The city council have adopted the street lighting ordinance. The gas will be lighted on March 1.

The Wallace sisters are playing here to large houses.

A company has been formed for the purpose of introducing the electric light.

Getting Satisfaction from an Editor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The National Republican has recently been publishing articles reflecting on A. M. Soteldo, clerk of the senate committee on railroads. To-night Soteldo and his brother Charles entered the editorial room of the Republican, where Clarence M. Barton, news editor, and Frank Conger, business manager, were sitting. Soteldo submitted a document to Barton, who said before acting on it he must consult Geo. C. Gorham, chief editor. Conger says that as Barton returned the paper and rose from his chair, Soteldo struck him; a scuffle ensued during which a lamp upset, and Conger seized it and ran out of the room. Several pistol shots were heard. The compositors rushed to the rescue, and found Barton struggling with Charles Soteldo. The latter was secured and put under arrest. Barton was found to be shot in the neck and left breast; he will probably recover. A. M. Soteldo was shot in the back of the neck, his spinal column being shattered, and early death inevitable. Charles Soteldo says Barton commenced the row, drawing a pistol and firing; that his brother had nothing to do with the shooting; he, Charles, drew his pistol and fired one shot and clinched Barton. During the struggle Barton's pistol went off and, he thinks, wounded the owner.

LATER.—Mrs. Soteldo says her husband realizes his very dangerous condition and that there was little ground for hope. He told her that Barton fired the first shot. Barton admits this, but says he shot low and missed, and is positive Soteldo's brother shot him. Barton will soon recover. Three men state they heard Soteldo threaten yesterday to kill Barton.

Waits from Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Burrows' bill, defining the qualifications of territorial delegates by excluding polygamy, which passed the house of representatives last Monday, was not taken up by the senate committee to-day.

The delegation from Southern Dakota this morning urged the President to remove Governor Ordway.

Senator Lamar was knocked down last evening while crossing the street by a pair of carelessly driven horses. The president this morning agreed positively to appoint Bruns Tzchuck of Nebraska consul at Vera Cruz. Tzchuck has been urged by both the Nebraska senators, but opposed by Representative Valentine. Senators think this indicates that the president does not intend to favor the state's arts more than others.

Bearding the Lion in His Den.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 10.—At Uintah last night, at a meeting of liberal citizens brought up in the Mormon church, resolutions were adopted strongly denouncing polygamy and favoring the annulling of the organic act of the territory.

A Railroad Circular.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—A joint circular has been issued by the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, and Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, calling attention to the opening of the new route via Halstead to western Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and California, and requesting other roads to represent the new lines in their coupon ticket service.

TELEGRAPHIC SPARKS.

The New York board of health announces that small-pox is not epidemic in that city.

The Sultan has conferred the grand cordon of the imperial order of Osman upon Count Von Moltke.

A large cotton factory at Jarzevo, Russia, has been burned. Insured for 3,000,000 roubles.

The Chicago brotherhood of telegraphers are moving for an entire organization, to extend over the entire country.

Ellis Craft, the second Ashland murderer, has been found guilty and sentenced to be hanged on the 14th of April. A new trial was denied.

General Hancock arrived at Little Rock, Ark., on Tuesday morning and was heartily received. He is en route South to visit his son.

Richard Sykes, a wealthy gentleman of Edgely, in Cheshire county, England, has purchased 45,000 acres of land in the northern part of Dakota territory, and will settle upon it with a colony of English farmers.

The creditors of Archbishop Purcell, to the number of about 500, held what amounted to an indignation meeting against the assignee at Cincinnati on Monday. The meeting was ungovernable at the very beginning, and for that reason very little formal action was taken.

TUCSON TOPICS.

From the Cities.

The house of late occupied by W. W. Williams is being renovated and will be occupied by Governor Tittle and family.

Mr. Geo. Emerick, now in from Arivaca, speaks encouragingly of the times, which continue to improve with advancing spring. Preparations are under way for the opening up of several claims, which from different causes have for the past few months been idle. The Albatross, reported sold some time since to Tombstone parties for \$45,000, is about to recommence work. The main shaft is down about 120 feet directly on the ledge, which is said to be 8 feet in width. The ore is silver-bearing, carrying but little gold. The shaft of the Oro Fino is down about 80 feet, and the vein although extremely narrow, is said to be exceedingly rich in high grade ore, generally averaging \$200 per ton. On top the croppings were not more than four inches wide, but at the depth of 80 feet the vein has widened to nearly 14 inches.

By virtue of an execution against Lord & Williams, there will be sold by Sheriff Paul all their right, title and interest in the following named properties, to cover the sum of \$8500, together with interest at one per cent per month from July 1, 1881, and accruing costs: Block 108, lot 1 in block 194, lot 20 in block 229, lot between blocks 200 and 202, block 85, block 69, block 139 and the south half of block 151.

From the Star.

The case of small-pox removed to the pest house last Monday, it is thought, will prove fatal. The unfortunate victim is a young man. The case is one of the most virulent type.

The Minas Prietas of Sonora is working sixty men. Last month's output was \$43,000.

Dr. J. L. White of Illinois, brother of St. White of the Contention, is at the Palace.

A short time since a lot of stock was stolen from the railroad graders of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad by two noted thieves. Sheriff Paul was notified of the same and a few days thereafter arrested one of the thieves near Casa Grande. Yesterday he discovered the whereabouts of the other stockman, Charles Prindle, and telegraphed the sheriff of Mariposa that he was in Phenix, and he was therefore taken in, and this morning he will no doubt be one of Sheriff Paul's guests.

A lofty mass of rock, which threw its shadow over Las Vegas, half a mile away, tumbled into the valley last week. Five to fifteen thousand tons of rock were loosened from its foundation by intense cold, followed by unusual heat. The mountain towered 5000 feet above the Gallinas river. The earth seemed to tremble as the mass descended steadily down the side of the cliff, and when it reached the bottom the effect was appalling. The most remarkable result of this sudden and violent change under nature's direction is found to be the dislodging at the point of rupture, high on the mountain side, of an eight foot vein of copper carbonates and sulphides, which was promptly located by F. B. Martindale, who claims to have been the best climber and first on the spot, and he is now holding his claim with a brace of forty-fours. Half-way down the side of the mountain in the cradle of the swarth, a coal bed was laid bare, which was also pre-empted as soon as discovered.

A miner while working on a claim about ten miles from Forenco discovered the face of a tunnel supposed to have been made many years ago, before this country was inhabited with its present race of white men. So says the Florence Enterprise. We shall know more of this strange discovery soon. — Phenix Herald.

A sour mash—an old maid.—Franklin Herald.

LOCAL SPLINTERS.

THE District court adjourned on yesterday until February 22.

Hon. W. H. STILWELL, departed yesterday for Tucson, where he goes to attend the Supreme court.

J. L. REQUA, Esq., of Virginia City, arrived on yesterday's coach, and is quartered at Brown's.

A VERY select dinner party was given last evening at Mrs. S. Chapin's, in honor of the birthday of Tom W. Moore, Esq.

THE mail, until further notice, will close at 11:30 a. m. for the west; at 9 p. m. for the east, and for Charleston at 1:30 p. m.

THE large room formerly occupied by the express company will be fitted up in good style and occupied by the popular barbers Messrs. Ben and Will Barron.

THE following passengers passed Colton yesterday going east: P. McCune, Tucson; D. W. Cummings, Tombstone; J. K. Decker, wife, and daughter, Miss Clement, Tombstone; Lord Beaumont, England.

WE are informed by Judge Berry that after a careful comparison of the paid certificates with the stubs in the books of Marshall Williams, the amount outstanding and unpaid is a little over \$4,000 and not so much as first stated by him.

THE case of Eugene Woodbury, charged with being one of the principals in the robbery of Springer & Hackes, came up yesterday before Justice Holt, at Charleston. Five witnesses were examined for the prosecution and two for the defense. The case was continued until Monday.

THE programmes for the Knights of Pythias ball, which have been received by the committee on arrangements, are very exquisite. This is only one of the preparatory measures which are being made that the gathering on St. Valentine's eve may be a splendid success.

JOHN C. DAVIS, Esq., arrived in town from Dos Cabezas yesterday and will return today. He reports the camp quiet but with splendid prospects of great prosperity. The climate at the place is much colder than Tombstone, and there is plenty of snow in that vicinity.

A NEW book store is soon to be opened in Safford, Hudson & Co.'s block by Mr. I. O. Smith. The stock and fixtures belonging to Marshall Williams have been purchased and a large amount of new goods will shortly arrive from San Francisco, thus giving Tombstone a first class book and stationery establishment.

WYATT EARL, Morgan Bay, and Doc Holliday were arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out at Coconino before Justice Smith, at the instance of Joseph Isaac Clanton. The charge upon which they were arrested, we are informed, was but a renewal of the one under which they were arrested last fall for the shooting affray in Fremont street. They were taken before Court Commissioner Drum last night to effect their release on a writ of habeas corpus, and the matter taken under further advisement until this morning. If it is a fact that this warrant has been allowed to issue without new evidence to warrant it, the code of rights that protects all alike has been violently infringed. Cleared by a lengthy examination before a magistrate and then by a grand jury, it is only in the province of another grand jury to take up the case, unless new evidence is brought forward before the issuance of a warrant. These are cold facts and not contingent turkey.

INDIANS IN SOUTH PASS.

Men who came in from the pass of the Dragoons yesterday about noon reported two bands, one of ten and one of seventeen, as prowling around that part of the mountains. There was also a vague rumor that one or two children had been killed in that locality, which, if true, could be no other than some of the children of Mr. Hill, but the report had not been confirmed up to midnight and we may be spared the circulating of such a sad affliction. Deputy Marshal Jackson with a strong squad of men, left Tombstone yesterday noon to scout in that end of the Dragons, and the cavalry and scouts that camped at Helms' ranch Thursday night reconnoitered the stronghold yesterday.

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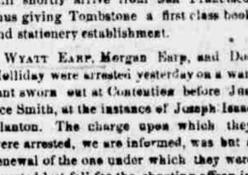
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