

DISTRICT COURT IS NOW HEARING CIVIL CASES

Board of Supervisors Will Be In Session Today—J. E. Butler Will Be County Jailor Under Sheriff White.

(Special Correspondence.)

TOMBSTONE, Dec. 28.—In the District Court today there were a number of cases up for hearing. The first case called was that of the Bank of Douglas vs. C. D. Walker, an action brought on a note for \$300 and cost of suit. An order was made after the case had been submitted and judgment secured foreclosing the attachment of the property of the defendant, which consists of a saloon and cafe on Tenth street in the town of Douglas.

In the case of T. O. Phillips vs. Hoval A. Smith et al., for damages, the demurrer to the complaint was sustained.

In the divorce case of Lutavich vs. Lutavich which was tried at the last term of the court, and the defendant ordered to take charge of the children, and see that they were placed in school, a citation has been issued against Mr. Lutavich on account of his not having complied with that provision. The matter was called up today, but owing to one of the attorneys in the case being unable to attend it was continued.

In the case of E. A. Von Armin vs. Wm. Kline, for debt, the matter was continued until the 7th of January, at which time it will be submitted on an agreed statement of facts.

The case of Anton Lopovich vs. Nike Lopovich, for divorce, was tried this afternoon in the court behind closed doors, some of the testimony not being of the very best order.

The case of the Keystone Drilling Company vs. R. S. Hunt et al., was also set for trial today, but was not taken up until later in the day after the conclusion of the Lopovich case.

The Board of Supervisors will be in session tomorrow. They will endeavor to clean up all of the old business of the Board, and will also open the bids for the construction of the county bridge to be built across the San Pedro in the vicinity of Benson.

Two representatives of bridge firms are already here, and others are expected to arrive this evening and in the morning. The Midland Bridge Co., that erected the bridges at Hereford and St. David, has a man here, and the Pacific Coast Bridge and Construction company, of Los Angeles has a representative here.

The sale of the Silver Cloud Mining claim, which was to have been held this afternoon by Sheriff Hunt to satisfy a judgment that had been rendered in the District Court against the property for back taxes, was continued until January 8. It is reported that the original owners now wish to redeem the property. Several parties are ready to buy the property in when it is put up for sale.

The property is located in the Dragon Mountains a short distance east of the Middle Pass, and is said to be a good property. Several good bodies of high grade silver and lead ore have been taken from the mine in the past. Advice received here are to the effect that J. E. Butler, formerly of Pearce, but at present at Lowell, is to be appointed as jailer by Sheriff-elect Jack White to have charge of the county jail during his term of office.

Butler is an old resident of the county, having been here for nearly twenty-five years, being located at Tombstone in the early days. Mr. Butler is the chief of police of Tombstone.

E. P. Rapier, convicted of the crime of forgery and sentenced to serve a term of seven years, and Earl Buster, convicted of the crime of perjury and sentenced to serve a term of five years have been taken to Yuma by Sheriff Hunt. It is probable that Buster will be brought back to give his testimony in the Williams case when it is called although his deposition has been taken.

MARRY ON CHIMNEY TOP 200 FEET IN AIR.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 28.—Dedicating a smokestack 200 feet high with a wedding ceremony performed on its top while a howling gale shrieked about the ears of the party was the unprecedented scene which was enacted before thousands of people here today. The contracting couple was Carol Applegate and Alta Gale and the service was performed by Police Justice Fort.

One week ago the Peoria Gas and Electric company advertised that it would present to any couple married atop of their new smokestack a gas stove, fixtures for their home, \$25 and pay the minister's fee.

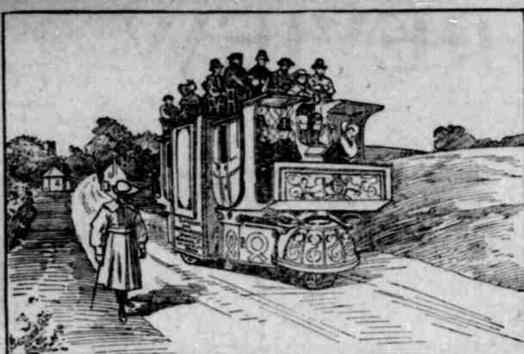
That there were many who sought the unusual opportunity of having their wedding made as near heaven as possible was evident by the stream of couples who rushed to the office of the company to apply, but Mr. and Mrs. Applegate were first.

MAHARA'S MINSTRELS SUE.

At Safford last week Mahara's Minstrels were sued before Judge Fonda by Mrs. Todd for breach of contract by reason of not having showed here on December 1, as per signed contract. The court gave her a judgment in the sum of \$45 for one night's hall rent and expenses of preparing the hall, together with the costs, which amounted to about \$68.

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AN ANCIENT STEAM AUTOMOBILE.

In 1822 William Church, an Englishman, made an omnibus automobile which ran on regular trips between London and Birmingham. It carried twenty-two passengers outside and twenty-six inside. There was such a strong popular prejudice against the use of such vehicles that the law prescribed extraordinary precautions against accident. A man with a red flag by day and a red lantern at night ran a hundred yards ahead of the machine.

GAGING STATIONS ON SANTA CRUZ RIVER NEAR NOGALES

NOGALES, Dec. 28.—The action recently taken by the Nogales and Santa Cruz county board of trade requesting the reclamation service of the government to establish gaging stations on the Santa Cruz river with a view to the final building of a reservoir to store the flood waters, is going to result in much good.

Mr. Reed, assistant engineer of the reclamation service, who has been here for over two days making visits to the river and examining localities and damsites, has been successful in his work, and reports that he will be able to recommend to his department that preliminary work be started towards the movement.

Some years ago Capt. Charles E. Perkins, civil engineer of Nogales, was ordered by the board of supervisors to make a plat and survey of a damsite on the Santa Cruz river, and after very careful investigation reported that about four miles above the international boundary line in a canyon an excellent spot was secured for the building of a dam, but was too expensive a project for private enterprise.

Upon examination it was developed that bedrock could be secured at only 47 feet from the surface. The soil is stiff, red clay, and the river bed is

sand and gravel, and right at this point where bedrock was secured the volume of water was far in excess of that for miles up or down the river.

The proposition is to build a dam 80 feet high of earth and stone of excellent quality can be secured in abundance on both sides of the site, the cost is thus materially reduced, and consequently 50,000 cubic yards of earthwork would cost \$25,000 and 35,000 cubic yards of rock work would cost \$105,000, or a total of \$130,000.

The same base of costs can be made for outlet gates and spillway canals. A foot level, is formed by the contour of the hills on the northern side of the proposed reservoir, showing that at each 10-foot level there are two square miles covered by the 70-foot level, or nearly 90,000 acre feet of water filled to that level.

The drainage basin above the proposed dam covers an area of somewhat over 1200 square miles, subject to more rainfall than any other section of Arizona, and all of this water passes down the river and finally into the Pacific ocean, useless for irrigation, but damaging to the farms on the river bottom.

The irrigable land which would be brought under such a reservoir is of an acreage beyond calculation without extensive survey.

ROPE IS READY FOR AN INHUMAN FATHER

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 28.—Who wants a little girl?

Around this inquiry hangs a tale of brutality and viciousness that has aroused a whole mining camp and which came very near causing a man to dance between heaven and earth on a rope, without having time to say his farewells. The story comes in a letter to Governor Kibbey with the details of names, but with the statement that two girls have been left orphans, without home or friends, at Fort Thomas in this Territory. R. F. Young, who is the superintendent of the Cananea & Globe Exploration company at Fort Thomas, is the author of the letter to the Governor. In the letter Young states that recently a miner who worked for him was paid in full and left the camp, leaving behind two little girls. It seems for the past month the miner had been beating and molesting the children, who were motherless, until the whole

camp was aroused and a movement was on foot to lynch him. Getting wind of this movement, the miner secured his pay and jumped the town. Superintendent Young immediately took charge of the two children and will adopt one himself, and writes to Governor Kibbey to find a home, if possible, for the other one. In order to adopt this girl, however, Governor Kibbey expects the family adopting her to be of honorable standing in the community and to be in a position to treat her kindly and give her an education. Of course, all the legal technicalities must also be complied with.

The name of the miner who deserted these children was not given in the letter to the Governor, but the miners who are employed at the Cananea and Globe camp are intensely angry at his vicious conduct and if he returns something will be doing over there that will be of a lively, interesting character to him.

MINING MAN DIES IN YAVAPAI

Fell Unconscious to Floor and Dies Before Medical Aid Can Reach Him.

PRESCOTT, Dec. 27.—Last night, at 9:30 o'clock, J. O. Schlessinger, general manager of the Gazette Gold mining company, died suddenly at his mining camp in the Bradshaw mountains.

Little of the particulars could be learned, but it is known that he was suddenly taken ill in his office at his company's camp, a short distance from Harrington, and after falling to the floor unconscious, expired before relief could reach him.

The immediate cause of death is thought to have been the bursting of a blood vessel in the brain.

The deceased was a mining engineer of many years' experience in the Rocky Mountain region. He came here about three years ago from Denver, Colo., to assume the duties of the position he was filling at the time of his death, and was a man who commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he had any business dealings. In addition to his other duties he served for a time as consulting engineer for the Tiger Gold company, resigning this position many months ago to devote his entire attention to the development of the properties of the Gazette Gold company, in the future possibilities of which he had great confidence.

Before coming to this Territory he was for a number of years in charge of large mining operations in Colorado, where he gained a national reputation as a mining engineer. He leaves no immediate relatives in this section, all of his known relatives being residents of Denver. A message was sent to them late last night covering the sad news of his death. He was aged about 50 years. Funeral arrangements will be announced hereafter.

FOURTEEN ARE KILLED.

MANILA, Dec. 28.—The governor of Oriental Negros has reported that fourteen natives were killed and thirteen wounded in a panic at midnight Christmas mass at Tanjay. A woman was seized with an epileptic fit and cried out for help. This caused a stampede by the fatal results mentioned above.

LEPROSY STILL EXISTS IN NEW YORK

Dr. A. L. Ashmead Asserts There Are More Than One Hundred Well Defined Cases Now in Unfortunate Colony.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Though it was announced a few years ago that New York's leper colony had been abolished, there exists now on Blackwell's Island a leper colony consisting of five wretched men, each of whom is awaiting as patiently as possible the only release for which he can hope.

This announcement that the city is again caring for its lepers will come as a surprise to many, and perhaps as a relief to some who fear contagion. That relief will not be great, however, when it is also known that Dr. Darlington, who is at the head of the department of health, rules that leprosy is something with which he is not called upon to deal.

Dr. Ashmead, generally recognized as an authority on leprosy, asserts that there are more than one hundred well defined cases of the disease in New York.

Dr. Ashmead makes the further assertion that a well known member of New York's social "490's" has a well developed case of leprosy.

Housed in one of the wooden sheds on Blackwell's Island are the five lepers—three Chinese, a Russian and a Dane. Ole Hansen, the Dane, now 65 years old, is blind and in a distressing condition of helplessness. Their quarters are in what is known as Ward R, a small, low building just east of the main structure of the Metropolitan hospital and very close to the Brooklyn side of the East river. There is one small room they pass the weary days and nights, do their own cooking and repair their own clothing.

In warm weather they spend most of their time sitting in the sun under the eave of their cabin, frequently with their hands and faces smeared with Chamberlain's Ointment, a product of India and a remedy as old as leprosy itself. The Chinese each spring plant seeds and fashion pretty little flower beds about the door and under the windows.

Most interesting of all the distressing life stories is that of Ole Hansen, the aged Dane. Physically he is merely the decaying ruin of a human being. Yet his intellect remains substantially unimpaired. He can speak only a few words at a time and his syllables come in gasps, but as he tells the visitor about some incident of his life a choking laugh tries to struggle from his throat, but there are no longer any lips or eyes to express his merriment.

In 1870 Hansen was sent with a detachment of the Danish army to the West Indies.

For several years he did military duty in Santa Cruz, and then served for a time on the police force there. In 1891 he came to the United States and worked as a coachman and gardener in Brooklyn. In 1896 he noticed the appearance of strange looking spots on his face. He consulted a physician and was sent to the skin and cancer hospital, where he first learned that his disease was leprosy. After a short term of treatment he was discharged as cured, but after three months yellow spots began to appear

on his body, and he was sent to the city hospital, where he has since remained.

The graft exposure in San Francisco is going so fast that it is only hitting the high places.

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