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Admiral Rojstvensky is in the vicinity of the equator. Wonder if he will take a shot at it when he is passing by.

Mrs. Chadwick is now associated with a big diamond swindle. We wonder if she was in that Tucson deal of Harcourt.

The era of favorable dispatches from the benighted on statehood are coming Arizona-ward these critical days. But if all signs do not fall the big finale will show how enthusiasm is raked up the back again by the stern reality of an evident fact.

Advices from Phoenix say that the jig is up on statehood, and that the big capital building is getting out of plumb. The session of the legislature to begin this month will after its conclusion make it look like the ruins of a Casa Grande. Once again will the capital be running around on wheels.

Ex-Sheriff Lewis, of Cochise county, has gone to his ranch to raise cattle hereafter. On the other hand Joe Roberts of Yavapai county has also retired to private life. But he will sell cattle. This is somewhat of a live stock coincidence in the line of shrewdly transactions. Two sheriffs with but a single thought.

Three months ago the entire press of southern Arizona was bitter in its denunciation of Senator Bard, of California, and by a narrow margin the chamber of commerce of Phoenix was ready to throw the tomahawk into his hide, on his supposed attitude toward the admission of this territory. Why don't they say something of the senator's course at this particular time?

"Wilson at Work" is now the order of the day in Washington. How his brave old heart will swell if he stops 'em, and won't his bosom have an elastic expansion also. The colonel can do the stride to a finish if he has the occasion. But in defeat this gentleman goes to pieces like a wet rag drops on the floor. We hold our breath.

There has not been a mass meeting to date in Yavapai county to "throw it into" the senate or anybody else on the statehood issue. The crying is done by the lone individual, and there are very few of them around at that. No time to bluster in this section. We will take our medicine from the big ones at Washington, just as we are accustomed to taking it every two years from the small fry Arizona trickster politicians at Phoenix. Nothing like getting accustomed to everything dished out politically or otherwise.

Prescott and for that matter all of northern Arizona is not "worked up" a little bit on the statehood question. We are not living on political grafting possibilities. What we desire is commercial progress, the mines to start up and the general country to go ahead. In short we have no political possibilities. In cunningly trained office hunters, the south has a monopoly on that business. Consequently the average man in this section cares little whether we go with New Mexico or any other starving commonwealth.

Our associated press dispatches of yesterday morning show the tendency of the day to curb the willful methods of corporations, and to bring them under the federal hammer for a proper course to pursue in the future. The new law that is contemplated applies as well to one corporate body as to another, and some of the long clawed wildcats in mining will probably be the first to be caught in the government cage. 'Tis well. Many deserving mining companies in Arizona as well as elsewhere are desirous to operate on legitimate lines, but the unscrupulous methods of the sure thing manipulator have dissuaded honest capital from investing. The new law should be speedily passed and then put into effective working order.

VERY EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

It is apparent that the voters of New Mexico and Arizona will have an opportunity to vote for or against joint statehood under the provisions of the Hamilton bill. The indications now are that a large majority of the votes of these territories will be cast against joint statehood, though why that fact should preclude any statehood whatever "until the crack o' doom," as Mr. Rodey seems to think, is not at all easy to understand.—Socorro Chief.

With all due respect for the usually sound judgment of our Socorro neighbor we are constrained to say the matter is very easy to understand. The deliberate judgment of the American people has decreed that these two territories must come in as one state, or stay out indefinitely, and the dullest observer of passing events cannot fail to have observed that fact in the chronicles of the times. We already have a cluster of states like Wyoming, Nevada and Idaho, and the people of the country of all parties have made up their minds that they will never hereafter take the risk of adding any more states to that class. Hence the only question to be voted on when the constitution comes before the people will be—"Shall we become a state in the union, or remain in the territorial condition indefinitely?" That's all there is of the statehood question. "Single statehood" is as dead as "16 to 1," and those who still cling to it are deceiving themselves.—Albuquerque Journal.

THE TERRIBLE SWEDE

Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, a foreign born United States senator, is championing the cause of the Hamilton bill in the upper house of congress, while Senator Bard, the nearest resident senator to Arizona, is as diligently opposing the passage of this bill. On one hand a man who has never visited any section of the southwest, and accordingly knows nothing as to climatic or industrial conditions prevailing or for that matter is in dense ignorance of even the social side of our existence, is viciously assailing the integrity of the territory of Arizona particularly. Senator Bard of California, is speaking to the people of the nation from a direct acquaintance with everything that is in evidence in this territory today. It is to be deeply regretted that such a parallel has been established. Furthermore, it is to be hoped that the simile drawn by the two senators will be respected to the extent that a familiar acquaintance will be given to the entire senate before such a drastic measure will be permitted to prevail as is contemplated by the ignorant element of this august body by passing this unjust measure. Senator Nelson seems to have been selected by the steering committee to do the dirty linen work of Beveridge and those of his ilk. He is a supple tool, and the more he is to be considered in the work he is performing, all the more of a disgrace is it to the patriotism and the bonafide citizenship of the nation. For democracy's sake and with a profound regard for the duty of true American citizenship, Senator Nelson should be called down and checked off.

RUSSIA'S SUNKEN TREASURE.

The Engineering and Mining Journal, a high authority states that the cost of one of our battleships, including armament, is all told nearly \$8,000,000, and Russian battleships probably cost, ready for action, about the same. In view of this fact it would seem likely that Russia's loss of warships in the far east since the war began totals about \$125,000,000 and may amount to \$150,000,000. This estimate includes not only the battleships, cruisers and destroyers of the Port Arthur fleet, but the two vessels sunk at Chemulpo and the Rurik, of the Vladivostok squadron, sunk in the battle on August 14th. If the Baltic fleet, now on its way to the east, is similarly destroyed, Russia's naval loss will in the aggregate double the figures given above. An expenditure of \$300,000,000 or more will have been as futile as if so much gold had been tossed into the sea. Enormous coal bills, costly repairs, provisioning, the training and wages of inefficient naval officers—all will have been waste. If to this naval loss be added the cost of fortifying Port Arthur and building Dalny and other new towns in Manchuria, half a billion will appear to have been thrown away so far on "brilliant diplomacy" in the far east, to say nothing of the expense of Kuropatkin's army.

There are some people in this section of the nation, who, in considering the relation of Arizona to the rest of the country from a political, financial and industrial standpoint, are of the pronounced belief that Arizona cuts some ice these days in the great issue of statehood that is before the United States senate. The fact of the matter

is and there is no gainsaying it that the methods that are prevailing to wipe us off the map of American patriotism by throwing us into an association that is unclean and disreputable, is so profoundly a fact that our true station is of no marred consideration or interest, whatever the powers that be. The issue that is before the senate today on the statehood merger, and the manner in which Arizona is being handled as a matter of convenience by several senators, reflects on position to that extent that we are practically muzzled and must submit to any thing they will give us and not what we desire. In short Arizona is practically a nonentity and of no weight whatever either politically or geographically. The methods prevailing at present at Washington prove it.

Yavapai county is the banner railroad subdivision of this territory. We have the main line of the S. F. P. & P. cutting through from the north to the south, the Jerome branch, the Congress short line, the great Bradshaw route, the California and Arizona is going through the western portion, there is a branch running up Big Bug to Poland, a narrow gauge is to be built from the mouth of the Poland tunnel on the Lyax creek side to tap the Mount Union country, and a survey is completed for a standard gauge from Wickenburg to the Black Rock mines. Last is the Prescott electric street car line and it too will go into the hills to the south. There must be a substantial resource to this mother of all Arizona counties to support such an extensive system of railroad transportation facilities. We have the best in the land. It is the mineral resources that are back of this long chain of extensive thoroughfares.

The legislature of Arizona will soon convene. Would it not be a graceful act for this body to devote the first day to eulogizing and lauding to the skies the sacrificing and noble efforts of Senator Bard to the cause of saving Arizona from the clutches of the New Mexico garrotter? It will be remembered that two years ago other senators were sent high skyward by this body, including such personages as W. J. Bryan and others in private life. Why not show our gratitude to the able California senator and go the business just one better in the line of ringing resolutions, whether we win out or not.

Several New Mexico papers are protesting against the amendment to the statehood bill making the state officers qualify by speaking the English language. They are on the right kind of ground, according to what Senator Beveridge said in Washington recently. To every question asked by the senator while he was in New Mexico, the answer invariably was "Quien sabe." Hence this provision, which is a perfectly proper one.

A Michigan paper at Detroit says that the admission of Arizona and New Mexico would be the worst blow the nation ever gave to the people, making the statement that the two territories are the most illiterate of any subdivision in the union today, and that both should be kept muzzled as territories and that they should not disgrace the American commonwealth by being admitted as states. Weow!

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The following will interest many residents of this city in the line of mining operations of a corporation in which several of Prescott's people are stockholders. It is based on a telegram from New York city of recent date:

"Negotiations are under way for the sale of 150,000 shares of the Mitchell Mining company to a prominent mining corporation. The Mitchell is incorporated at \$5,000,000 the par value of the shares being \$10. The Mitchell will begin shipping ore in February. A 200 ton blast furnace and fifty ton reverberatory are being installed. It is expected that the property will ultimately have an output of about 40,000,000 pounds a year. Robert T. Hill's report on the property shows about 9,000,000 tons of probable ore broadly located out. The mines are about fifty miles from the Pacific ocean, and a railroad is now being built by the company to a harbor twelve miles east of Acapulco. A 1000 ton smelting plant will be installed after the railway is built."

John McDonald came in yesterday from the Blue Dick mine on which he has just completed the annual assessment work for this year. Mr. McDonald was formerly an owner of this property, the present owners being the Slate Creek Mining company. The old mine has produced many a good stake for its owners in years past and the ore is not all exhausted yet.

The property at present is under bond to a man named Barnes.

METAL MARKET.

New York, Jan. 9.—Silver, 60 3/4; Mexicans 47 1/2; Copper, Lake 15.37 1/2 to 15.50; electrolytic 15.12 1/2 to 15.25; Casting 14.80 1/2 to 15 1/4.

INTERESTING BATCH OF NEWS

From the Eastern Portion of County

Mixture of Mining, Personal and General News Items From Busy Sections of Yavapai.

Dewey, Ariz., Jan. 7, (Special Correspondence)—Miss Virginia Weatherford whose home is on Beaver Creek and who has been a popular teacher at Camp Verde, left last week for Long Beach, California, where she hopes to regain her health which has been poor for some time. Her sister, Mrs. Pindle, is teaching in her place.

Last Tuesday as Otto Dumas, of Oak Creek and Miss Emma Powell, of Cherry Creek were driving along the Cherry Creek road near the tunnel, they stopped to allow a freight wagon to pass when Mr. Dumas' team became frightened and ran away. Miss Powell had luckily alighted, but Mr. Dumas was thrown to the ground and slightly injured. The buggy was a complete wreck.

Mr. Pfan, brother of the manager of the Pfan mining company, arrived from Cincinnati this week. He was accompanied by a young mechanic, and having left Chicago in a blizzard they are both charmed with "sun kissed Arizona."

Miss Minnie Wingfield returned to Prescott the first of the week from a holiday visit to her father at Camp Verde. Miss Wingfield is a pupil at the Sister's school.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gillette, of Camp Verde, are the proud parents of a baby boy, who arrived a few days ago.

M. P. Lacey, of Poland, passed through Dewey today on his way to Camp Verde. He says that the Oriental Mining company's mill is to be in operation again very soon. Their mine, the Postmaster, located in the Big Bug district is now being worked. The Oriental company is composed of New York people.

Mrs. McGarvin has returned to her home in Los Angeles after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Beal, at Camp Verde.

Harry Milburn and Jack Chandler, sheep men from Coconino county, are herding a large band of sheep in the neighborhood of Ash Creek station.

Wm. Stephens has purchased S. C. Cherry's stock of general merchandise at Camp Verde and will continue the business.

It is rumored that about twenty men are soon to be put to work on the Lion mine on Cherry Creek.

It is reported that Nash brothers have made a rich strike at the Pick and Drill mine near Yerba Gulch in Brushy Wash.

S. G. Wallingford, of the Pfan mine has just returned from a trip to Prescott where he went to purchase supplies.

Fred Woodward and F. J. Price left on the afternoon train today, the former for a trip to Chicago and the latter for his home in Nickerson, Kans.

Earl Bullion, of the Inglenook Mining company, left today for a few days' visit to Phoenix.

E. P. Mulholland and son Russell, of Camp Verde, have returned from a business trip to Prescott.

J. J. Reddick, the blacksmith, is erecting a shop in Denver.

Mrs. Conway Bristow, of Ash Creek station was a Prescott visitor this week.

R. P. Mason was in Prescott this week.

Beginning tomorrow the stage will run daily between Dewey and the Pfan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bigbam have returned to their home in McCabe after a visit to the Verde.

Foraker's Fight for Arizona

A Washington dispatch of the 5th says: An amendment to the Statehood bill has been introduced by Senator Foraker, intended to permit the inhabitants of either New Mexico or Arizona to reject the constitution of the proposed state to be created by combining the two territories. The bill, as reported to the senate committee on territories, provides that the constitution shall be submitted to the people of the proposed state for its ratification or rejection, "and if a majority of the legal votes cast on that question shall be for the constitution, the said canvassing board shall certify the vote to the president." etc. The amendment proposes that a majority of votes must be cast in "each of the territories in order to ratify

the constitution. Opponents of the Statehood bill—that is, those who advocate the admission of Indian Territory and Oklahoma as one state, but urge that no action be taken at this time in regard to Arizona and New Mexico—believe that the Foraker amendment outlines the character of the contest that will be waged against statehood legislation. They declare that the people of Arizona are not ready for statehood, if compelled to accept it in the form of annexation.

Another Dam to Be Built

After a delay lasting many months, Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock today sent a letter to the reclamation service, directing that bids be advertised for the construction of irrigation works at Yuma dam, Arizona, and at last this great work will be got under way with as little additional delay as possible.

The credit of untangling this mess and getting the way cleared for actual work belongs to Senator Bard and Director Wolcott of the geological survey. In the interior department itself, there grew up a notion, some time ago, that nothing whatever could be done toward getting the Yuma dam project started until the tangle with Mexico over the diversion of the waters of the Colorado river had been cleared up, and also until some decision as to what course the government will ultimately take toward the imperial project had been reached. It appears now it will be some time before any decision regarding the imperial project can be reached, and how long it will take to arrive at a complete understanding with Mexico regarding the Colorado river nobody can say.

Some time ago, Senator Bard set a work to get these questions divided, so that bids for the construction of Yuma dam could be called for and that irrigation work at least be put under way. There was considerable difficulty to be met and overcome, but it was done with Mr. Wolcott's help, and the reclamation service will call for bids just as soon as the advertisements can be prepared.

Senator Bard is also working on the Klamath Lake and river irrigation projects in northern California and Oregon, and hopes to get that work under way before long. The waters proposed to be used for irrigation works in this case are navigable, so that some special legislation by congress will be necessary and he is getting this legislation into shape.

THE NOXIOUS KNOCKER KNOCKS

He Forms a Club Composed of Himself and Goes to Work.

Contributed by a A. Booster.

Funk De Slusha, the puissant president of the Knocker's club, called the meeting to order last night in the same old beer hall, and as he holds all the offices in the club and is the entire membership, order was easy obtainable. He rapped three times with the iron mallet generously donated by his employer out of his large supply of such well worn implements, tipped his hat to himself in the bar mirror, stood the booze clerk off for a stein and proceeded to business. The first business was the tossing of a few bouquets at his bountiful boss for allowing him to exist, after which he hurled a bunch of invectives into an imaginary crowd of workmen in his own line, but who attend to their own business. He put a few Christian Science dynamite bombs under the Yavapai club because the club failed to appreciate his greatness sufficiently to forward him an invite to its annual banquet; hammered the city council into smithereens because it put a good man at the head of the water system and one who could not be dictated to by the Twilight Windjammer, knocked Constable Ward into political oblivion because he wouldn't tell his official business to a puny representative of the Evening Scandal Monger; split his mallet knocking at the county democratic central committee because it wouldn't turn the sack over to the Afternoon Holdup when threatened to bolt the democratic ticket; took a vicious swipe at poor Bicknell, whose ghost has too much respect for itself to haunt the office of the Sunset Hoodoo; took a fling at all mankind, cursed the Devil and then took a sneak to his abode. The only person injured by the meeting of the "Club" was the proprietor of the jug palace, who was out a stein of beer.

THE STORM CONTINUES

Dr. W. E. Day reports the rainfall from the inception of the present storm to 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning as 1.6 inches. The storm continued during all of Tuesday, the pre-

cipitation turning to snow during the afternoon. Reports received from Flagstaff at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon were to the effect that there was one and a half feet of snow on the ground and it was still snowing.

Williams reports about two feet of snow. At Seligman it rained nearly all day, then snowed this afternoon and all night; Kingman had no snow but lots of rain and at Banning, Cal., a cloud burst is reported to have done considerable damage. The desert country between Prescott and Phoenix, is reported to have been covered with water yesterday morning, the storm in that section being quite as heavy, if not heavier than in the mountain section.

The railroad company suffered some damage from the storm, and from the storm, a washout occurring between Wickenburg and A. & C. Junction causing a delay of over six hours to the north bound train and a corresponding delay to the north bound freight train.

Granite creek is carrying quite a good volume of water as a result of the storm. It will be of incalculable benefit to the entire territory.

STOLEN.

Gray horse, paces, branded X right shoulder, left thigh; also saddle, Lee Bassett maker, Vinita 2T. Thief has big role of money probably one thousand dollars, has red skin and hair, may have hair dyed. Three hundred dollars reward for property and conviction. We have evidence.

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