

# SUDDEN AND SAD WAS HIS DEATH

## W. E. Harris Plunges Into Well, Dropping Over Hundred Feet And Breaking His Back.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Sad and sudden was the death of W. E. Harris, which occurred at his ranch, about one mile southeast of Yeager siding on the P. & E. railroad, under unusual circumstances yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was at work on his well a short distance from the house, when without any warning indication that he was ill, he plunged into the opening and fell to the bottom for a distance of about 150 feet into water that was eighteen feet deep. Three hours later the body was recovered, and an examination showed his backbone to have been broken as he came in contact with the timbers below.

At the time a hired man was nearby on the surface, but was unable to render any assistance to prevent the sad accident.

Mr. Harris, it is said, was sub-

ject to heart troubles. He was working on the windlass. He was seen to step to the side of the well, and after staggering went down head first to his death, without uttering a word. There was no sound whatever of a struggle below, and it is believed he was dead when he reached the bottom. Mrs. Harris and the hired man were the only ones present, the nearest neighbor being over five miles distant.

The deceased had been a resident of this country for about four years, and had recently taken out a homestead near Yeager. He was formerly section foreman of the railroad at P. & E. Junction, and bore a splendid name as a citizen and an industrious man. He was a native of Ohio, and aged about 50 years. The body is at Ruffner's to be prepared for burial.

# TOO FREE WITH UGLY-LOOKING KNIFE

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A colored gun-man named Leroy Dickensarge was before Judge McLane yesterday, for pulling a weapon on a woman of bad repute in the Star saloon on Granite street, and found guilty. Sentence was suspended until today, and in the meantime the bail was fixed at \$100 which was not furnished.

The demonstration of Dickensarge was followed by a stampede, and had it not been for the timely interference of outsiders, there was the possibility of serious trouble being on the boards, as he was alleged to be under the influence of liquor. Under a recent decision of the supreme court of the state, the displaying of a deadly weapon is associated with the actual use of such, in inflicting injury, hence the punishment of Dickensarge is expected to be meted out accordingly.

## EVEN STOVES ARE SENT THROUGH THE MAILS

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

"We are getting right down to business and the parcels post service is proving its popularity by the daily increase in patronage that has been recorded," was the manner in which Postmaster Smith of this city expressed himself yesterday afternoon as the closing hours were approaching.

"We are having trouble in one line of transmission only, the slight confusion that prevails by various patrons misinterpreting the local rate and linking it to the first zone. For the benefit of those who as yet are not aware of the limits of either, I will state that the local rate for parcels post matter applies only to the Prescott postoffice, and includes delivery to points only within the boundaries of the city. The first zone reaches out to offices within a radius of fifty miles of this office, with different rates for each. There is very little trouble now in the stamp business, and hereafter the service is expected to go ahead expeditiously and satisfactorily. It is certainly a great success."

Among the receipts for the past two days of a novel character was a violin that came from Chicago, for a local musician. It was in perfect condition with the strings on ready for tuning up.

Two pounds of butter went to Hillside station Sunday morning for a miner to make the hotcakes taste more like the old home article of other days as the writer expressed it to his groceryman.

A nine pound sheet iron stove was packed away in a gunny sack and slipped off the car at Yeager siding. There was no one in sight to receive the article, but the dust that arose from the road ten miles away, gave a strong clue that some-

thing would soon be doing in the line of ownership.

Laundry is coming into the city by the sack load, and if there is any virtue in the old adage that "cleanliness is next to Godliness," there are many in the hills who are desirous of getting the lockstep motion to brush up and keep in harmony with the divine inspiration.

From a commercial standpoint, Prescott merchants are certainly pleased over the introduction of the parcels post. At least 100 orders were filled yesterday for merchandise of various kinds, and the revenue was decidedly refreshing for so soon after the holiday season rush.

Postmaster Smith states that there has been a decided daily increase in the receipts of the office and the amount of solid comfort sent out in goods and wares, reflects the popularity of the movement and the saving made to consumers.

## SPORT CALENDAR FOR NEW YEAR BEGINS

(From Friday's Daily.)

The first event of the local sporting calendar for 1913 will be a bout between Tommy Ryan and "Kid" Willard, the affair to eventuate according to Promoter Billy Welsh, the last of next week.

Ryan has just returned from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he recently mixed things with Chavez. Tommy lost the decision but according to the papers of that city he was entitled to a draw at the worst and the referee need not have strained his conscience any to have declared him the winner. Ryan floored his opponent in the ninth frame, it being, by the way, the only knockdown during the fight. Chavez, it seems made a whirlwind finish and it was on that score the decision was given him. Ryan still considers he is the best man of the two and stands ready to prove it. That "Gay Old Sport" Jack McMahon has received an offer from Manager Levy of the Albuquerque Athletic Club, to meet Ryan's late opponent, but the doctor has ordered the "fireman" to give his injured right a six weeks' rest before he uses it again as a sleep-producer.

It seems to be the opinion among the local sports that Willard has heretofore been "playing possum," as it were, and that the "Marvel" can give some of the lightweight boys around here a run for the gate receipts. Be that as it may, the "Kid" now has the opportunity to demonstrate what kind of fighting stuff he is made of. No one questions but that Ryan is a clever boy with his hands. He demonstrated that fact in his controversy not long ago with Professor McMahon and the further fact that he uses his head in his battles, and incidentally his feet, which is as it should be with a man in the fight game. Mr. Willard had a padded glove argument with McMahon at Jerome not long since, which was declared a draw. That in itself entitles him to meet Ryan, whom it will be remembered fought a draw with the fireman here.

The exact date of the fight, with other details will be announced within the next few days.

Journal-Miner—High class job work

# ORANGE SHOW TO ROAD EXPERT IS BE HELD JUST ON LECTURING THE SAME TOUR

## Growers to Make Exhibits Despite Adverse Weather Being Accompanied Over State by Malcolm Fraser

(From Saturday's Daily.)

SAN BERNARDINO, Jan. 9.—After listening to reports from almost every fruit growing district in this part of the state, the executive committee of the third National Orange show unanimously agreed that there will not be the slightest deviation from the plans for the show as originally outlined. The show will be held, larger and more beautiful than ever, in this city, February 17 to 22. There is an abundance of the finest fruit in every district yet available for making exhibits, in spite of the adverse weather conditions of the past few days. Not a single cancellation of space has been made and on the contrary many sections have already sent in word that they will be on hand with even a better supply than they had originally planned to make.

Following the report that the fruit men are standing solidly behind the show, the committees have taken up their work with renewed energy and San Bernardino and the fruit growers will demonstrate to the world that they are equal to any emergency, and will make the third National Orange show worthy of the great citrus industry which it represents.

The great fruit exhibit tent, built especially for the National Orange show, is now enroute from the manufacturers, and the indications are that every foot of space in the two great tents will be occupied by exhibitors.

## NEW ROAD PLANNED TO TAP RICH TERRITORY

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Reliable reports are in circulation to the effect that Senator W. A. Clark has finally decided to build a railroad from Clarkdale to Phoenix, through some of the richest mining and agricultural country in the world.

It has been known for several years that the United Verde people were contemplating such a road, after the line from Cedar Glade to Clarkdale, in the Verde Valley, was completed. Now the Clarkdale road has been built and it is stated that one of the engineers is working with a crew of surveyors somewhere in the Verde Valley.

Clarkdale is the new town in the Verde Valley where the new United Verde smelter is being built. The road to Clarkdale from the S. F. P. & P. is now in operation.

From Clarkdale to Phoenix, by air line is 95 miles. The way the new road will go is a little more than 100 miles.

Until surveys are made it is impossible to say just where the road will run, but in all probability Cherry Creek Camp will be on the right of way. That is one of the most important mining camps to be reached.

The road is to run east of Humboldt and Mayer, through a country dotted with developed and partially developed mining properties. Coming south, it will pass east to Cave Creek and New River. Dozens of mines north of Phoenix that are now handicapped by lack of transportation facilities will enter the producing class.

In the country to be crossed by the projected railroad are great quarries of black and white marble. To the east lie forests containing billions of feet of lumber. Cattle and sheep interests will be greatly benefited and markets will be opened for the products of some of the richest farming land on the face of the earth. Already the Verde Valley produces as good apples as are grown anywhere, and only a fraction of the available land is under cultivation. Recently an irrigation company filed on a number of damsites along the Verde, with the intention of irrigating vast areas of the land that is now unproductive. With the building of a railroad, many similar projects will be undertaken.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The unfiled tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation for December amounted to 317,932,184, an increase of 79,881 over November.

B. H. Burnell, highway engineer of the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture, has already begun his itinerary through the state seeking to transmit to the people of Arizona expert information on road building, touching such subjects particularly as efficiency, economy of construction and methods of producing money to build state roads.

The information contained in these lectures has been obtained at great cost by the government, both by resort to public and private information gleaned from all sections of the United States. Through them the people of Arizona will be enabled to acquire valuable advice derived from the experience of others in actual road construction.

The secretary of the Arizona Good Roads association, Malcolm A. Fraser, will accompany the government engineer for the balance of the trip and will assist in the entertainment and instruction by showing stereopticon views of the road features in Arizona. The work began on Tuesday at Holbrook, after which a trip was taken down through Apache county to Springerville and St. Johns.

Mr. Burnell will lecture in Prescott on the 13th of this month.

## STATE ENGINEER INSPECTS OUR ROADS

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

State Engineer Cobb, with Supervisors Stephens and Heap and Road Superintendent Clark made an inspection of county roads north of this city on Saturday and Sunday, being conducted by Arthur C. Hendey in an Overland automobile.

The journey was one of observation by the state official, and was taken preparatory to deciding on a plan of future road building on the north and south system.

Leaving Prescott at 9:30 a. m., Camp Verde was reached at 12:45 o'clock after a stop of fifteen minutes at Dewey. The new bridge over the Verde river was crossed, when the road that connects with the grade built by the former administration was inspected. From Camp Verde to that point the grade is very rough. The upper part of the new road that will be on the north and south highway is a fine piece of work, and where the grade is cut out of the side of a cliff is surfaced with volcanic cinders, and where worked down and worn is a very perfect roadway. For some miles towards the top the road has become badly rutted by the narrow-tired wagon wheels and the same rut being followed by all vehicles that pass over it.

At some places on this grade it was necessary to draw the auto out of the ruts onto the loose cinder capping. On reaching the end of the grade at the rimrock a fine view of the valley below 2,000 feet, was given. The party returned to Camp Verde reaching the place at 5:15 p. m.

The journey was resumed that evening up the Verde Valley, Clarkdale, Cottonwood and other points being reached after a terrific blizzard was passed through. The return trip to Prescott was begun at 1:00 o'clock next day, and the party arrived in this city at 4:45 after a running time of three hours and fifteen minutes. No trouble of any kind whatever occurred during the entire trip, and with the exception of the old road from Camp Verde to the new grade the roads are in better condition than they have ever been.

Engineer Cobb was well pleased with his first trip over the northern part of the projected highway, and when warmer weather comes, contemplates a more extended inspection.

## MUST TAKE OATH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Upon the unanimous vote of the house ways and means committee, persons appearing before it in the tariff inquiry will be required to give information under oath hereafter. Today the committee began consideration of the iron and steel schedule.

# Arizona State News.

## PHOENIX.

Best Iron Ore in Southwest.  
"We have more iron ore than the whole United States Steel corporation owns and more than that concern owned and controlled before it was compelled to relinquish the Tennessee Coal & Iron company and the Hill leases. We have none as poor as the best of the United States Steel company. Our best iron ore is in the southwest and is bound one day to become one of the greatest resources of this section."

This and much more, C. W. French, chairman of the board of the Pacific Steel company of San Diego yesterday afternoon told a reporter for The Republican. Seated at his desk in the private car "Convoy," Mr. French paused from his work of going over voluminous correspondence long enough to greet the representative of the press with a pleasant smile and to announce that his visit here had no particular significance. Accompanied by members of his family, his secretary and a stenographer, Mr. French is making a trip east and north.

Last Hearing Held.  
The last of the series of public utility corporation hearings before the Arizona Corporation Commission upon the proposition of a uniform system of accounting was held yesterday, when the electric light and power companies were on the carpet. The hearing lasted for the greater part of the day and was attended by the representatives of the companies in Phoenix, Mesa, Tempe, Glendale, Globe, Clifton, Tucson, Bisbee, Douglas, Flagstaff, Prescott and Yuma.

The representatives of the companies made no strenuous efforts to oppose the introduction of the uniform system of accounting for the companies but manifested a desire to assist the commission all they possibly could in putting the thing into such shape as will make it the most practicable.

Last evening the commission announced it would shortly issue an order putting the system into effect with some modifications.

Tax Case Appealed.  
The gigantic tax suit between the county of Greenlee and the Arizona Copper company for the payment of the taxes of the company for the year 1911, which was tried in the superior court of Greenlee by Judge F. B. Laine some time ago and on which a verdict was rendered in favor of the county of Greenlee has now reached the supreme court of the state on an appeal, and will be docketed by Clerk Joe Dillon.

The total amount involved in this suit is \$55,431.36 of which \$33,258.29 is territorial taxes and the balance interests and costs and local school taxes. The finding of the lower court made on trial of the suit brought by Tax Collector John M. Webster is objected to on the ground that the findings of fact made by Judge Laine before the judgment does not support the judgment. Judge Laine found that the procedure by which the amount of taxation had been arrived at and those proceedings made by the assessor and tax collector to collect the taxes had been regularly done and therefore the taxes were due.

Both the county and the company are represented by Phoenix attorneys. Stonemen and Ling of this city won the suit in the lower court and Kibbey, Bennett and Bennett are filing the appeal.

## Good Roads Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Arizona Good Roads Association will be held in Phoenix on February 10 according to the call for the sessions sent out yesterday from Prescott by President T. G. Norris. The sessions have been called during the attendance of the legislature in Phoenix for definite reasons as there is a great deal of road legislation coming up in which the association is vitally interested.

The county boards of supervisors of the state are each entitled to full representation in the convention, every incorporated city or town is allowed two and every automobile club is allowed two delegates. If all the institutions thus affiliated with the good roads association take advantage and send delegates there will be a merry crowd of Arizonians in the city immediately prior to the big spring festival which is to be held four days after the road meeting.

## Fair Commissioners.

The state fair commission will meet Monday and Tuesday of next week to go over the fair proposition, outline the plans for the fair next year to be bigger and better than ever and see how much money they are going to need, so as to know how much to ask the legislature for it.

## BISBEE.

Two Sets of Officers.  
H. W. Thomas, newly appointed justice of the peace for Bisbee, yesterday began establishing his office in room 14, of the Muheim block. Mr. Thomas and J. J. McCrea, newly appointed constable, have not yet qualified, but it is expected that this will be done. This will include the putting up of a bond, which has to be approved by Gus Hickey, chairman of the board of supervisors.

It is probable that the new justice of the peace will today make a demand for the court books of Justice High. This demand, it is understood will not be complied with and the case will again be opened. There are two courses of procedure open to the precinct officers. One is the instituting of quo warranto proceedings testing the right of the office of the newly appointed officers; and the other is to sue for salaries when they are next due. It is believed that this latter course will be pursued.

Lawyers in the city hold widely different opinions as to the present status of the two sets of precinct officers. It is contended by many that when the injunction was denied and the appointments and redistricting was made by the supervisors, that that definitely ended the matter and that the old precinct officers were ousted. They base their claim on the following extract from Chapter 43, first session, laws of Arizona (the precinct law): "and the terms of justices of the peace and constables now in office are hereby terminated on the first day of January, 1913." Therefore, it is said, the decisions or proceedings of the hold over precinct officers are not legal.

It is just as strongly contended on the other hand that the action of the superior court is not binding, as the matter is to be taken to the supreme court. When the decision was made by the superior court a notice of appeal was made. Whether this appeal can be carried to the superior court now that the plaintiff in the action Judge T. D. Burdick, is dead, is a question that will come up later. As to the legality of decisions made by the present incumbent it is claimed that, until the new officers have qualified, the old officers have a perfect right to remain in their present positions and perform the duties of the office.

## TUCSON.

### It Was Cold.

The cold wave struck Tucson in full force Monday night and early Tuesday morning. The thermometer at the U. S. Magic Observatory recorded a minimum of 6.4 degrees. At the University of Arizona Agricultural Experiment station, a minimum of 5 degrees was attained.

A thermometer owned by Lee Park Lin, Chinese interpreter for the United States Immigration service, recorded half a degree below zero, while another private thermometer of expensive make and supposedly reliable, gave 2 degrees above zero.

Water pipes were frozen in many parts of the city, some of them remaining frozen until nearly noon. Numbers of ornamental trees were killed. A palm on North Stone avenue, upon which a spray of water had been allowed to play, was profusely decorated with long icicles.

Willcox and Bowie are reported to have had zero temperatures while incoming passengers from the east reported a foot of snow at Lordsburg.

### Check Baggage From Homes.

By an agreement made by the Southern Pacific and a local transfer company, baggage may now be checked from any residence in Tucson to any place on the Pacific coast and to any residence or address in any town in California where the railroad company has a similar agreement with transfer companies.

The transfer companies give bond to the railroad company for the safe delivery at stations of all baggage entrusted to their care. Under the new arrangement a person going to California may check his baggage at his home and to any address in California without the bother of having it checked at stations and never sees it again until he opens it for a boiled shirt when he reaches his destination. The arrangement applies only to points in California.

## THE STORK COMES.

(From Saturday's Daily.)  
During the height of the snow storm yesterday forenoon a passing stork hovered over the house of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gunn, and later continued his flight to the west. He left a fine little baby girl and the happy parents are rejoicing over the event of their first born.