

FIGHT A DUEL FOR FAVOR OF WOMAN

Mexicans Exchange Many Shots And One of the Combatants is Seriously Wounded.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

At Nelson, on the main line of the Santa Fe railroad on Saturday morning a duel took place and half a dozen shots exchanged between two Mexicans over who should be the favored one of a fair senorita. Joe Bedello received a wound in the right groin, while a bullet cut through the top of the cap he was wearing. His rival was shot in the right and left leg, but the wounds are not regarded as serious. Bedello went into the fight armed with two

pistols, a .38 and 45 calibre, and both loaded with explosive bullets. The belligerents each had a strong following of friends in that community and for a time it was believed a vendetta would follow. The woman in the case viewed the combat without any emotion whatever, and is now succoring the wounded lover. Deputy Sheriff Burnell of Seligman was soon on the scene and brought Bedello to the county jail yesterday morning.

MAN AND BEAST HAVE THRILLING ENCOUNTER

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

As a big game hunter, George E. Ainsworth, of Juniper, again comes into the limelight, killing a few days ago another mountain lion that reaches the size and weight of the one exhibited in this city last month, and purchased by J. E. Leeper of Jerome.

A letter to Joe H. Drew yesterday gave interesting particulars of the fight between man and beast and in which the former again triumphed. Ainsworth, it is stated, went into the deep snow of the Juniper range, after his game, and was met with fierce resistance, having two dogs killed and several scratches on his body. The lion was finally killed and the hide will be brought to this city to be sold. It measures nearly ten feet from tip to tip, and is of a size similar to the one killed previously by Mr. Ainsworth, which leads to the belief that both were companions, and probably of the same age.

Another feat in lion hunting occurred in the same locality a few days prior to the above, when "Billy" Johnson effected the capture of a younger one of the breed, and which likewise is pronounced a beauty. It was run into a cave and considerable trouble was experienced to get in range of it without exposing the hunter to a close quarter fight. It was shot through the head, and its hide also will be brought here to be placed on exhibition. Since the deep snows have fallen in that country, lions and lobo wolves are becoming desperate to secure food and on several occasions they have ventured into settled localities.

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TAX COMMISSION MAKES ITS ANSWER

Declares in Reply to Recent Resolution of Prescott Chamber There Is no Arbitrary Valuation.

PHOENIX, Mar. 3.—The state tax commission some time ago received a communication from the Prescott Chamber of Commerce to the effect that at an executive meeting of that organization the matter of the full valuation of property and the making of fixed valuations for certain classes of property were discussed. The result of that meeting was reduced to resolution which was transmitted to the tax commission. In reply to that communication the tax commission caused the following letter to be transmitted to the chamber of commerce of the Mile High City.

March 1, 1913.

To W. A. Drake and Malcom A. Fraser, President and Secretary, Prescott Chamber of Commerce, Prescott, Arizona.

Gentlemen—This commission is just in receipt of your favor dated February 24, 1913, in which you inform us that at an "executive" meeting of the board of directors of your chamber you "Resolve that the Prescott Chamber of Commerce goes on record as being opposed to the fixing of arbitrary standards of valuation of property for assessment purposes by the State Tax commission.

In reply to your communication we desire to state that the commission always appreciates honest criticism of any of its official acts, but in this case we feel that had you been fully advised with reference to our action, it would not have been necessary for you to have held the "executive" meeting, or at least for this purpose.

In the first place no "arbitrary standards of valuation" have ever been fixed by this commission, nor has any rule or method formerly adopted and used by the Arizona Assessor's association for the past three years been discredited in the slightest particular. Three years ago, Governor Sloan and Territorial Auditor Mauk, noting the great discrepancies in value of similar property in the several counties called a meeting of all county assessors in order to form an effective organization and generally to agree among themselves along lines of proper valuation and methods of assessment, to the end that all property should bear its just and equitable share of the burdens of taxation. Among the first acts of this organization was the classification of live stock and the agreement that none would assess any live stock covered by these classifications at less than certain minimums agreed upon for the current year's valuation. As the price of live stock varied, certain of these minimums were changed from year to year up to and including the meeting at Yuma, January 15th, this year. At this meeting practically the 1911 minimums of valuation on live stock were adopted, presumably on the supposition that property would be valued as in past years at 50 per cent of its actual value.

Shortly thereafter the State Tax Commission decided that the law calling for a full cash value should be enforced and so instructed the assessors. Several of the different county assessors at once wrote the commission requesting it to fix the minimums on live stock, stating that if they were not fixed they would use those agreed upon at the Yuma meeting, which were fixed on a basis of a 50 per cent assessment. This would obviously work a great injustice on property other than live stock, and the commission issued an order, not to assess at any arbitrary value, but setting up certain minimums such as it believed to be just and equitable. Subsequent to this date several hearings were held with taxpayers and the order was slightly modified and now meets the entire approval of both the commission and the Assessors' association.

In the latter part of your resolution we are pleased to note that you recommend "the assessment of all property within the state according to its actual value." This is certainly gratifying to the commission, and especially so, when it notes on your letterhead that you have as members of your Board of Directors re-

presentatives of properties of enormous value who have, not in the past been in entire accord with these sentiments.

Respectfully yours,
State Tax Commission,
JESSE T. BOYCE,
Secretary.

Hard Blow For Hunt

Special to the Journal-Miner.

PHOENIX, Mar. 1.—The prison investigation committee made a trip this afternoon in which they found that the matters complained of in the petition of the residents of Florence existed, but had since been corrected by an order from Governor Hunt, consequently in this connection no recommendation was made.

It was recommended that legislation be enacted at this session requiring convicts without exception to be clothed in a distinctive but not humiliating garb; that no convict be made a "trustee" or "honor" man except on recommendation of the Board of Parole, which is yet to be created; that sales of goods by the State to employes or officers of the State be prohibited; that prisoners under guard be permitted to work on public highways or on a farm to be run for the maintenance of the state prison. Lastly that the bill be drawn at once and made an emergency measure making it a felony to sell or give liquor to an inmate of any state institution. The report was adopted without debate in each house. Although tired out by a hard afternoon on bills the Senate was given a tonic just prior to adjournment by Roberts of Cochise who made some pertinent remarks concerning Attorney General Bullard. The Cochise Senator had called during the day at Bullard's office to inquire why the section of land adjoining the Tempe Normal school had not been acquired by the State at the last session at the request of Bullard. The legislature passed an emergency measure to assist him in acquiring this land. Senator Roberts had been informed that the Attorney General had been too busy to reach the matter in question. "I move that the Land Commission be instructed by the Senate to report on this matter and let us know if the Attorney General is in reality too busy to perform the duties of his office on account of the amount of State business, or whether he is too busy on account of the legal work it is said he is doing for the Phoenix Street Railway and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company." The motion was adopted and the inquiry will be made.

The House killed the anti-lobby bill and passed bills appropriating money for artesian water investigation in Sulphur Springs Valley and agreed to an amendment to the constitution permitting women to hold office.

By a vote of seven for and ten against the Sims amendment to the three cent fare bill failed and the bill was ordered made ready for final passage tomorrow. The bill was ordered to furnish duplicate assessment lists to taxpayers was killed by the Senate although Senator Sims made a strong effort to save the measure.

MISMATED PAIRS ASK TIES BE SEVERED

(From Thursday's Daily.)

During the week three new divorce cases have been entered on the docket of the Superior Court. The interested ones are A. D. Woodmansee who is plaintiff against his wife Vernie Woodmansee, Richard Limer of Jerome who seeks a legal separation from his wife, Mary Limer, and Hattie Turnbull who desires the marriage ties severed with Clare Turnbull.

J. H. Hennessey filed an action against Joseph Rambaud, of Ash Fork, to recover a gold watch and chain, a diamond stud, and other jewelry, which he alleges was left in the care of Rambaud, and which the latter refuses to return.

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City News

...In Brief

(From Sunday's Daily.)

New York Visitor.

Miss Gertrude Norris of Syracuse, N. Y., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latimer.

Outside Visitor.

Mrs. Elzora Shackelford, of Jerome Junction, is in the city for a few days visiting with friends and is at the Head Hotel.

After the Bovine.

P. C. Witt, of Montel, Texas, is a recent arrival in the city and left yesterday for the eastern part of the county on a cattle buying trip.

To New Town.

George Belle of Vulture is in the city and in a few days leaves for Clarkdale, where he has accepted a position at the new smelter.

Visiting Friends.

Miss Lizzie Carrolton, of Gallup, N. M., is a recent arrival in the city en route to Jerome, where she will visit with relatives and friends for a few weeks.

Visiting Friends.

Mrs. E. W. Stephens, wife of Deputy Assessor Stephens, is in the city for a few days from Ferguson Valley, visiting with her many friends in the city.

Returns to Ranch.

Mrs. L. O. Tucker, of Granite, after a week's visit with friends in the city, returned home yesterday. Tucker is one of the successful dry farmers in that section.

Sells Oil Lands.

A. L. Verdugo has sold to H. Redondo, of Yuma, all his interests in oil lands in the Verde Valley, the deed being filed for record yesterday for a nominal consideration.

From the Farm.

R. C. Burmister, the Lower Agua Fria farmer, was a business visitor to the city yesterday, and gives the usual report of the country being drenched and a productive year assured.

Returning From East.

George Braddox, formerly a resident of this section, writes from Peoria, Illinois, that he will return during the present month, after a few weeks visit with relatives, at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Plenty of Rain.

Guy Shultz, the Santa Maria cattleman, is in the city and at the Prescott hotel. He states that rain has fallen throughout that section and the downpour was the heaviest ever known in the winter months.

Business Trip.

Dan Bacon, formerly a resident of this city, but now of Hackberry, Mohave county, is in the city on a business and pleasure trip for a few days. He gives a good account of the industry in the northern county.

Verde Visitor.

Fred Back, one of the well known cattlemen of the Verde Valley, is in the city on business for a few days and gives a good account of the condition of stock on the range and the prospects for fine feeding this summer on account of the recent heavy storms.

From the Range.

Colin Campbell, who is in the city from Kingman, where his sheep are wintering, reports their condition as favorable, while grazing is also good. D. M. Francis, who has been looking after his flocks on the desert, was also in the city yesterday and is en route to Flagstaff, his home.

Visiting Old Home.

S. L. Finley, a resident of this city about ten years ago and engaged in mining, was an arrival from Flagstaff on Friday, to visit with friends for a few days. He is now engaged in the mercantile business in Flagstaff. He received a cordial welcome from many acquaintances.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Northern Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Martin, of Flagstaff, are in the city and leave today for Mayer to visit with friends indefinitely.

On Mining Business.

R. J. Robertson, recently from British Columbia, arrived in the city yesterday from his mining camp near Kirkland, on a business trip.

Business Trip.

W. B. Ellison, the well known livestock grower and popular business man of Ash Fork, is in the city for a few days on business matters.

Hard Road to Travel.

R. W. Ainsworth, of Walnut Creek reached the city yesterday on horseback, reporting the roads as in the worst condition ever known, and the trip a hard one on man as well as on horse.

Concludes Visit.

Miss Gertrude Norris, of Syracuse,

N. Y., after a two weeks' visit in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latimer, returned home yesterday. She had been wintering in Los Angeles.

Small Blaze.

The woodshed at the rear of the residence of O. F. Ortel on North Mt. Vernon street was destroyed by fire yesterday morning at about 10 o'clock. Live ashes are attributed as the cause of the blaze.

From the Range.

Oscar Thippenny, the young cattle grower of the Santa Maria, was a visitor to the city yesterday on business and reports snow and rain in abundance in that country, and cattlemen rejoicing over the good outlook for feeding.

Mining Visitors.

John Reilly and John Jackson, mining men of the Copper Basin, are in the city on business. They report an average depth of eighteen inches of snow in that section, but on the mountains adjacent of nearly two and one-half feet.

Contracts Awarded.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors yesterday the contract for the stationary supplies was awarded to W. N. Kelly, while the blank books went to the H. H. McNeill Company at Phoenix, both bidders furnishing list prices.

Marooned by Snow.

Miss R. Lewis, of Santa Barbara, Cal., who arrived recently to accept the position of teacher of a public school at Cherry Creek, returned to the city yesterday after being marooned for several days at Dewey. She will remain here indefinitely and has cancelled the above position tendered her by the board of trustees.

HIGH GRADE FREE MILLING ORE CUT INTO

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Authentic reports from the Climax mines on the Hassayamys are to the effect that the cutting into of a big body of high grade free milling ore has been determined on the 500 foot level in No. 5 raise, as the outcome of recent exploitation, under the management of Willis A. Cates, consulting engineer.

The machine drills are working on the property, and in addition to this important discovery, Mr. Cates states that sufficient ore has been exposed to keep the twenty stamps running for months ahead, and without taking into consideration the tonnage to be extracted from future development. What the per ton value of the recent strike is, cannot be learned for the present, but that it is of high grade is the report in circulation among the miners employed. The old mill that has been practically rebuilt since the Climax resumed a few months ago, will begin dropping stamps as soon as weather conditions permit of taking in distillate. Also will the ten stamp mill purchased recently at the Hidden Treasure mine near Turkey be loaded and taken to the camp.

The Climax is attracting very much attention in mining circles and it is freely admitted by mining men that it is destined to be a very heavy producer of the yellow metal.

WOMEN CREMATED IN COTTAGE FIRE

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Belated details of the sad death of Mrs. Bonants, at Mayer several days ago, were learned yesterday from arrivals from that town. This estimable woman was burned to death in a cottage, situated about one-half a mile distant from the town and near the old Treadwell smelter, under circumstances that were frightful, and while her husband was within a short distance of the home.

Mrs. Bonants was ill and in bed at the time, and the supposition is that the fire started in an adjoining room from a stove. The doors were closed, and after the fire had been confined to the interior for some time, the roof gave way with the heavy snow when she was caught in the mass of debris that was ablaze. When the house was burning Mr. Bonants was shoveling snow along a path to the chicken house, with his back toward the building, and he was unaware of the horrible fate overtaking his wife until the sound of the crashing roof attracted his attention. He made every effort possible to rescue her, but was unable to render any assistance whatever. The body was badly burned and was unrecognizable.

The deceased was aged over 60 years, and was the mother of Mrs. Kramer, who resides at Mayer with her husband.

FINE FOR WORKMEN.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—The House passed the Senate workmen's compensation bill 218 to 71.