

The Flagstaff Literary Society.

In pursuance of call, a large and enthusiastic meeting was held at rooms 10 and 11, Rabbit block, Sunday, January 23d, 1898, for the purpose of organizing the Flagstaff Literary society.

Messrs. James P. McGovern and J. M. Simpson were unanimously elected temporary chairman and secretary, respectively. In calling the meeting to order Chairman McGovern said:

"Gentlemen—We are assembled here today with a view of organizing a literary society, the object of which is to cultivate literary taste and for the moral and social advancement of its members. It is the present intention of the promoters to hold weekly or bi-weekly meetings, at which debates, orations, lectures, declamations, essays, readings, etc., will be had, in addition to the customary parliamentary practice. That an association of this character is needed to counteract the influence of the saloon and gaming table is a fact brought home to us daily, and that we can and will succeed if we stand together is also beyond the peradventure of a doubt."

Chairman McGovern was unanimously appointed a committee of one to draft a constitution and by-laws for submission at next meeting.

On motion duly seconded it was unanimously

"Resolved, that the next meeting of this society be held at the courthouse on Friday, February 4th, 1898, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of perfecting organization, electing officers, etc.; and be it further

"Resolved, that this society hold its initial debate and entertainment on said date, viz., Friday, February 4th, 1898, at 8 o'clock p. m.; and be it further

"Resolved, that the question to be debated at said meeting shall be: 'Resolved, that we favor home rule for the territories of the United States.'"

Mr. Gibson was unanimously appointed a committee of one to notify all persons within reach as to the date of said meeting.

Messrs. Simpson and Greenleaf were unanimously appointed a committee on publication of notices.

Messrs. Gibson, Simpson and Reid were appointed a committee to select debaters and prepare programme for said meeting to be held on February 4th, 1898, as above set forth.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

J. M. SIMPSON,
Secretary Pro Tem.

At the meeting of the board of supervisors on the 5th inst. the hospital contract was awarded to Dr H. S. Gordon at 70 cents per day. The Prospector secured the county advertising and most of the job work, though the Range News and Orb get a small share. John Henninger will feed the prisoners at Tombstone at 15 cents per meal; Geisenhofer, at Bisbee, 34 cents per day. J. F. Williams has the contract to bury indigent dead at Bisbee at \$18.45; C. B. Tarbell at Tombstone, \$25.—Willcox News.

There was admitted from Mexico during the year 1897 a total of 593,324 head of cattle. Of this number there were 58,576 disposed of in Arizona for grazing and slaughtering purposes. Arizona stands second on the list, Texas being first. Most of the cattle for grazing purposes were placed on the ranges in this county.

Governor McCord has proclaimed Tuesday, the 25th of January, to be a legal holiday. On this day will occur the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of gold in California. The developments consequent upon such discovery are probably without parallel in the history of the world, and the day should be fittingly celebrated.