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## MURDEROUS MINER.

**Desperate Fight Between Mohave County Miners in Which One is Hampered to Death.**

Over in the Union Pass country Saturday night was enacted one of the most horrible tragedies in the history of this country, says the Mohave Miner. Arising from a dispute over mining property Thomas W. Smith on the one side and Henry Lang and William Welbourn, engaged in a life and death struggle and which ended only when the combatants became too exhausted to continue the struggle, and which resulted in the death of Welbourn early the following morning. The fight must have been terrific and practically one-sided, as a post mortem on the remains of Welbourn disclosed six fractured ribs, one of which punctured the lungs, and the body, head and face pounded into an almost unrecognizable mass. Lang was also terribly beaten about the head and face, while Smith shows few marks of the encounter. A witness to the whole affair was J. T. Wright, known all over the Territory as "Whistling Dick." Wright came to Kingman Sunday and Smith came with him and surrendered himself to the sheriff. A coroner's jury, accompanied by Coroner Collings, District Attorney Dickson and Undersheriff Brown went to the scene of the killing Sunday evening and made an examination of the scene of the tragedy and took the testimony of the watchman at the Union Pass mines, who visited Smith's camp the night of the fight. A four-pound hammer that had been gripped by a bloody hand was found near the scene of the fight. The body of Welbourn was taken to Kingman and buried. In the testimony before the coroner Wright's testimony was favorable to Smith. He swore that the three men had been drinking and that a quarrel arose between them over the interest H. J. West was to have in the mines in which they had discovered rich ore; that the two men repeatedly assaulted Smith, but that the latter always had the best of the encounters.

### A Remarkable Discovery.

A short time ago while Joe Lee was butchering a steer belonging to J. B. Tanner's herd, he discovered in its paunch a black hard substance about the size of a good big Ben Davis apple, says the Farmington Times-Hustler. Curiosity prompted them to investigate and the object when washed proved to be a stone and what is known as a madstone.

Tests have been made with it and it seems to have the "drawing" power of many mustard plasters combined. Mr. Tanner was offered \$500 for it shortly after it was found, but refused the offer. He has since been offered \$1,500 for it, but refused to part with the stone at even that price.

Mr. Tanner has now gone to Arizona and sends back word to have the stone carefully preserved, and is more convinced than ever that the discovery is a very valuable one.

We have never given much credence to the madstone curatives, but those who have examined it assures us that it has very remarkable properties,

and that if applied to the skin will act much more readily than a mustard plaster.

Mr. Tanner has had the stone examined by experts and it has been pronounced a genuine article.

## COAL MINE

**Discovered in Apache County by C. W. Davis and Alex Shreeve.**

While prospecting last week about twenty-five miles northeast of St. Johns, C. W. Davis and Alex. Shreeve discovered three veins of coal, one four inches thick, one six inches thick and the other four feet, and from all indications there is plenty in the ground nearby. A few hundred pounds were brought to town and it proved to be coking coal of an excellent quality. A corporation is going to be formed in the near future to develop this prospect and it is expected that they will be able to market a great deal of the coal here. Should the railroad which is supposed to come through that part of the country be built, the expense of getting it to a market will be greatly lessened. We hope that the prospect will turn out well, and Apache county may yet be numbered among the mining counties of Arizona.—St. Johns Herald.

### Yuma's Winter Climate.

With snow 200 miles to the east and west of Yuma, even down the foothills to the railroad, and with cold and chilly winds which have swept over these banks of snow and ice, across the plains and down the valleys to the Colorado, it is a pleasure to note that our lemon and lime trees are in bud, blossom and fruit, the latter with its second crop rapidly coming on, have not been touched, so far as can be seen.

The melon and tomato vines, castor bean and pepper plants hardly show the touches of the frost, on account of our dry atmosphere. In a few places where the ground is very moist and the plants exposed to the full sweep of the north and northwest winds, the vines were slightly nipped. The new lemon, lime and orange trees, of one or two years, show that not a leaf on them was bitten by old "Frost." With such climate what may we not expect of Yuma's climate in the production of fruits and vegetables.

### The Beauties of the Pines.

"Flagstaff is one of the prettiest and liveliest looking towns along the Santa Fe and is really a beautiful and picturesque place in its setting of pines and its night background of mountain peaks" said a man from the east at the station the other day. "The ride through the pine forests from Cliffs on over through the mountains past Bill Williams' mountain is a glorious one. I never saw the country and the weather more beautiful and there is not a bit of snow anywhere but on the north side of the San Francisco peaks. It has been a wonderfully mild winter through this section."—Ash Fork correspondent Albuquerque Journal.

Nice waste baskets, willow or wire. SUN office.

## WAR NOW ON.

**Port Arthur Besieged by Land and Sea. The Japanese are Successful Everywhere.**

London, Feb. 10.—The text of the official dispatch received by Ambassador Hayashi is as follows:

"On Monday the Japanese squadron escorting transports, met on the way to Chemulpo, the Russian gunboat Korietz, as the latter was coming out of port. The Korietz took an offensive attitude toward the Japanese vessels and fired on the Japanese torpedo boats. The latter discharged two torpedoes ineffectively and then the Korietz returned to her anchorage in port. Early Tuesday morning Admiral Urik, commanding the Japanese squadron, formally called on the Russian warships to leave, adding that if the demand was not complied with he would be compelled to attack them in the harbor. The two Russian warships left the port about 11:30 a. m., and a battle ensued outside the Polynesian islands. After an hour's fighting the Russian ships sought refuge among the islands. Towards evening the Russian cruiser Variag sank and at 4 a. m. today the Korietz is reported sunk, having been blown up. The officers and men took refuge on the French cruiser Pascal. No casualties on the Japanese side."

### Japanese Will Take Port Arthur.

London, Feb. 12.—The British government has information which leads it to believe that Japan is likely to be in possession of Port Arthur in a week. In Japanese circles here it is privately thought that the war will be over by July. British officials are inclined to share in the Japanese view regarding the duration of the struggle.

### PORT ARTHUR TAKEN.

A London dispatch of today reports the taking of Port Arthur by the Japanese.

### Navajo Extension Hearing.

Monday the investigation of the conditions on the latest extension of the Navajo reservation came up before special Agent Frank Mead. The hearing was had in the court house and among the witnesses were Gov. Brodie, W. R. Johnston, Fred Allen and about every cattleman interested in the range in that section and a number of Navajo Indians. The hearing lasted from 10 o'clock in the morning until nearly midnight, and Mr. Mead went into the hearing exhaustively and fairly and he has a knack of getting at the facts in the case without offending any one of the interested parties. In addition to the evidence taken on Monday Mr. Mead will go over the section in question and when his report is made it will be thorough and there will be no reason for any one to complain of lackness in Mr. Mead's method in conducting this investigation.

### Found Oil Prospects.

J. C. Heslet and W. H. Engle, of the Yavapai Oil Development company, left last week for a prospecting trip for oil along the Verde river near where they now have several oil claims located. Mr. Heslet returned to Pres-

cott last night very enthusiastic over a discovery they made. He says they found a soft oil sand which has the same smell as the hard rock which has been pronounced by quite a number of oil experts to be strong indications of oil. He says the sand strongly resembles sand which has contained oil. They found what they believe to be an oil seepage at the foot of a mountain, and think by exploring this seepage that oil may be found. Mr. Engle will return to Prescott in a day or two.—Journal-Miner.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ITEMS.

As your boy grows up he will not want to go to Sunday School unless "papa does."

The introduction into the Sunday School of the pictures published by the S. S. Times Co. marks a step forward. The school voted to have these pictures instead of the annual Christmas treat.

Rev. J. M. Ferguson, Sunday School missionary for our church, was in Town Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Ferguson has just taken up his work and goes from here south to look over the field about Douglass.

The sermon Sunday morning will discuss the subject: "Your Life a Letter of Christ to Your Friends and Enemies." In the evening the subject will be: "Faith and Life's Victories." Both are subjects worthy the earnest attention of any man or woman. You are cordially urged to hear them discussed.

At the monthly business meeting of the teachers and officers of the Sunday School last Tuesday evening, it was voted to procure new bibles for the school and also to add to the number of our song books. It is hoped to form in the near future, one, and perhaps two, new classes in the school. At the close of the business session Mrs. Acker presented a very interesting review of the first chapter of Patterson DuBois' new book, "The Point of Contact in Teaching," after which a round table was held at which the subject of home preparation of the lesson was discussed.

The subject of the Young People's meeting next Sunday evening will be "Jesus First Circuit in Galilee;" Mark 1:2. to 2:14 and parallel passages being the scripture passages to be read. The following is the proposed program:

Paper, "Jesus in Galilee," Miss Naomi Land.

Reading from Stalker's Life of Christ, Miss Lenora Francis.

Discussion—"Jesus the Healer and the Modern Medical Mission."

An outline of the lesson has been sent to each member of the society and an interesting meeting is expected. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

As our friends of the M. E. church have no preaching service next Sunday morning, we extend a pressing invitation to all who usually attend service there, to meet with us both morning and evening.

Don't laugh at the music committee in its efforts to organize a choir until you have tried it yourself. It isn't so easy as it looks, some times, to do a thing.