

ELKS MAKE CHILDREN HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Flagstaff Lodge No. 499 made things merry for a whole hall full of children at their hall Saturday morning. There was a sure enough Christmas tree covered with all sorts of things to delight the hearts of the little ones, as well as big baskets filled with more and packages piled high all around the table.

There was a short program of music and Christmas pieces by young and old, then Santa Claus made his appearance with a jingle of sleighbells and a pack on his back. Then the jolly grand scramble commenced. Stockings filled with candy and nuts were handed out right and left. Presents of dolls, automobiles, blocks, banks and a hundred other equally acceptable gifts for little folks were turned loose with rapidity until they weren't a scrap of the whole stock left.

There were few if any children missed in Flagstaff this year by Santa Claus, for every effort was made so that all were remembered and especially the few who had reasons to believe that Santa might overlook them.

Flagstaff is so high up among the trees that we guess Santa Claus usually gets here first on his way around.

Metal Value Output Doubled

The output of gold, silver, copper, lead, and zinc at mines in Arizona in 1915 was valued at \$88,551,000, according to the United States Geological Survey, an increase of nearly 48 per cent from that of 1914, which was \$59,956,029. There was very little change in the output of gold, but there were notable increases in the other metals, especially in lead and zinc. Increased prices made a difference of nearly \$26,000,000 in copper, \$400,000 in lead, and over \$2,000,000 in zinc. Those figures are the estimates of V. C. Heikes, Statistician of the Survey.

Diphtheria Closes School

School closed Monday in Dist. No. 1 owing to the appearance of a case of diphtheria. For the same reason the entertainment planned by that school has been postponed indefinitely. There is now but the one case of diphtheria, so far as known, and there seems on reason to think it will break out elsewhere. Antitoxin seems a sure preventive and Health Physician Bouldin has made liberal use of it.—St. Johns Herald.

Returns from Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Fred Platten returned Saturday from Washington, D. C. She left here in September and reports a very delightful time until the last part of her visit when she took suddenly ill and was at the point of death for three days. Her niece, Miss Cecilia Ford, who accompanied her east remained there with relatives. Mrs. Platten says she is glad to be back in Arizona.—Williams News.

Want Some Navajo Rugs

Mr. B. F. Sweetwood this week received an order from the Fox Film Corporation for one hundred and twenty Navajo rugs. These are to be of different sizes and Mr. Sweetwood estimates that the total weight will be about two thousand pounds. This is probably the largest order for Indian rugs ever received by any company in Northern Arizona.—Williams News.

Truesdale Arrested at Albuquerque

J. W. Truesdale was arrested last night by Patrolman Charles Mainz on a warrant charging him with obtaining property under false pretense. The warrant was issued by Justice George R. Craig for "John Doe" on complaint of F. A. Sargent, of California. The charge is said to have grown out of a deal in oranges, which, according to Sargent, were of the value of \$300.—Albuquerque Herald.

Charged With Introducing Liquor

Last Thursday afternoon Jeff Starkey and J. N. Bozeman were arrested charged with having introduced liquor into the state contrary to the law made and provided. Both of them gave bond of \$300 to appear at a preliminary hearing before Judge Harrington.

Jack London a Miner

It is announced that Jack London has gone to Honolulu for the winter, and will not visit Wickenburg as he proposed doing. It is not generally known that Mr. London is interested in the local mining field, but it is a fact that he is a partner of William Lee in a gold property a few miles above town.—Wickenburg Miner.

MANY BUILDINGS CAVED IN HEAVIEST SNOW STORM IN HISTORY— MAJESTIC THEATRE CRUMBLES UNDER WEIGHT OF SNOW

Nearly Five Foot of Snow on Level and Still Falling---Thousands of Dollars Damage Done But No Casualties Reported---Trains Not Blocked

The Majestic theatre crumbled to the ground at about 6 o'clock this morning under the weight of snow and is leveled to the ground except a small portion of the front wall.

The box factory roof at the F. L. M. mill caved in during the night.

F. E. Brook's warehouse and sheds roof collapsed.

Rodriguez' dance hall roof caved in during the early morning.

The roof of a small house owned by W. A. Campbell caved in.

H. E. Johnson's carpenter shop on the south side was wrecked.

Campbell-Francis Co's barns used for their sheep outfit equipment at the corner of Beaver and Birch avenue gave way and are badly wrecked.

Nearly all business today is given over to shoveling off roofs and breaking open the streets.

Reports say that storm conditions are about the same at Williams. At Winslow there is over two feet of snow on the ground. Big floods are reported at Los Angeles and west.

By a splendid effort on the part of Trainmaster Duffield and his assistants, trains are still running but are late. Snow plows have been working since early yesterday afternoon in keeping the road open.

IRA HART MARRIES FAIR CALIFORNIA DAUGHTER

A quiet home wedding was solemnized last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crose on McFadden street, when their daughter Miss Helen, became the bride of Ira L. Hart, a prominent young cattle rancher of Flagstaff, Arizona. The wedding was quiet on account of the illness of the bride's father, who, however, was able to sit up in a large chair to witness the nuptials.

The home was made attractive for the impressive occasion with garlands of greenery, and pink roses and pink-tinged white geraniums. The bride and groom descended the stairway unattended, preceded by the charming little golden-haired ring bearer, Nina Jeanette Rowland, clad in dainty white and carrying the ring hidden in the cool depths of ferns in a graceful basket. Preceding the ceremony, F. C. Rowland beautifully rendered "Constancy," by Weber, and as the couple entered and took their places in the parlor beneath a wedding bell fashioned in white carnations and plumose fern held in place by festoons of greenery, they were met at their station by the officiating clergyman, Rev. Perry Frederick Schronk of the First Congregational church, who performed the single ring ceremony. Miss Grace Downing played Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The bride wore a lovely frock of embroidered white voile with lace overdress and pearl garniture and carried a shower of white carnations and maiden hair ferns, later captured by Miss Alice Cranston.

Following the shower of hearty congratulations, dainty light refreshments were served. The bride's table, at which she and the groom, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crose, the little ring bearer, Nina Jeanette Rowland; Rev. and Mrs. Schronk and Miss Downing, were seated, was canopied with graceful festoons of ferns, moored to the chandelier and centered with a basket of pink roses.

Many beautiful and costly gifts were received by the bride and groom, who slipped away to an unknown destination for a honeymoon trip. They will return, however, in time for Christmas dinner and will remain here until New Year's. The going away gown was a rich taupe shade, fur trimmed with harmonizing accessories.—Santa Ana (Cal.) Daily Register, Dec. 23rd.

Ira Hart is the youngest son of L. E. Hart, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of this county and popular with the young people of Flagstaff who will cheerfully welcome the news of the happy conclusion of his romance.

Aphold Makes Rich Strike

Henry Aphold shipped ninety-five sacks of rich gold ore from his mining claims down at Ajo to the El Paso smelter and has good reasons to believe from previous assays that he will net a good sum from the shipment. The work done by him in a short time while down there has convinced him that his claims are rich in the yellow metal. The Ajo district he is certain will be one of the biggest mining centers in the state soon, as any quantity of low grade copper ore is now in sight.

WILLIS AZBELL ARRESTED ON COLORADO RIVER ON MURDER CHARGE

Sheriff Dickinson Makes Capture in Middle of River with Aid of a Launch. Azbell on His Way Down River With His Family When Caught

Sheriff W. G. Dickinson returned last Sunday night from the Colorado river near Needles, bringing with him Willis Azbell, who is charged with the murder of Henry Thomas whose body was found in the J. D. dam south of Williams a short time ago.

Azbell had been in the Oatman country with his wife, a one armed woman and seven year old son. He left there suddenly and was temporarily lost track of until routed out of the brush along the river where he had a boat built to take him down the river. Dickinson discovered him going down the river, hired a launch, overhauled him and brought him to the Arizona side where he was arrested and brought to Flagstaff together with his wife and son.

Azbell, it is claimed was the man who left the Phoenix country with Thomas on the fatal trip to the mountains, which was the last seen or heard of Thomas until three months later his body was found in the J. D. dam with his head crushed and heavy stones wired to his body.

Azbell denies his guilt, but it is reported that trace has been found of burros and other camp equipment

owned by Thomas that were sold to different parties along the route west by Azbell.

From all circumstantial evidence gathered the case at present looks strong against the man under arrest, though his story may put more light on the matter.

Henry Azbell, a brother of Willis Azbell now under arrest here, was arrested by Sheriff Dickinson after an auto chase on the road near Wenden last Tuesday night. He was brought to Flagstaff last night and lodged in jail.

It is charged that he joined his brother Willis and the murdered young man, Thomas, on the road coming north from Phoenix and it is not known whether he or both brothers were with Thomas in the mountains where the body was found. There appeared to be sufficient circumstantial evidence against both to hold them for trial.

Mr. Thomas, father of the murdered boy, Peter Strahan and Mr. Mahan came up from Phoenix Tuesday night. Mahan had sold a burro to Thomas while the other men were with him on the road and he was called to identify the two men.

YAVAPAI COUNTY HAS UNUSUAL CRIME WAVE

Yavapai county had an usual wave of crime during the week.

M. Bowman, a cowpuncher at Santa Maria shot and killed Ray Montonye. The quarrel arose over a lease on a woodwagon. Montonye was shot in the breast with a rifle and died two hours later. There was no witnesses to the shooting. Bowman gave himself up to the officers and claimed self-defense in justification of his act.

J. E. Smith of Sula, Montana, was shot and killed by Daniel McCarthy, a Prescott mining man at Wagoner Monday morning. McCarthy had taken Smith to Wagoner to show him some mining property, and claimed Smith was to pay his expenses. When he refused to pay his board bill McCarthy said he would follow him and have him arrested. Smith said he would stone him; McCarthy went into the boarding house and secured a shotgun. He claims Smith advanced on him with clenched fists and he shot intending to hit him in the shoulder, but shot too high, hitting him in the neck. Smith died in a few minutes after the shooting.

It is reported that one brakeman killed another in a quarrel in the caboose west of Seligman, by striking him with a hammer. The quarrel came up over their work in switching.

At Puntney the lime company's store was robbed Sunday night of \$120 in silver, gold and checks.

Herb, He Turkeyed at Home

Herbert Asselin, formerly a resident of this city but now of Flagstaff, Arizona, is here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.—Albuquerque Herald.

PRESBYTERIANS AND METHODISTS FEDERATE

The federation of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches is an accomplished fact. The matter was voted on separately by the churches interested Sunday, December 19th and the vote at both churches was almost unanimous.

A central committee for the purpose of making the scheme operative has been at work to outline a form of procedure and will report at an open meeting as one in the Presbyterian church. This meeting will take on a social form in order that all the members and friends of the federating bodies may get better acquainted. The first meeting for joint worship will be in the Methodist church next Sunday. Hereafter the church will be known as the Federated church of Flagstaff. The Rev. Thomas Hambly D. D. has been retained as its pastor. Clarence D. Thorpe will act as Sunday school superintendent. The utmost harmony has characterized the movement and if the spirit evident in the preliminary effort remains, a new chapter will be read in the moral and religious history of our town.

U. S. FOREST SERVICE NOTES

Supervisor Jno. D. Guthrie returned the early part of last week from Albuquerque, N. M., where he had been called for a few days conference. He states the new Elks Club is quite up-to-date and is a good boost for Albuquerque.

Through the efforts of the Forest Service, 20,000 small mountain trout were recently planted in East Clear Creek located thirty-five miles due south of Winslow. In hauling these trout none were reported as having died before being placed in the stream.

Mr. Henry C. Deutsch, of Portland, Oregon, has been assigned to the Coconino as a ranger. At present he is working in the local Supervisors office preparatory to assignment to a ranger district.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Korstian left Wednesday night for Albuquerque for a detail of several months. They will return to Ft. Valley Experiment Station before the opening of the next field season.

Ranger Fred Croxen came in for Christmas reporting a good crop of ice on Mormon Lake.

Ranger Jesse Bushnell and family came up from Sedona for Christmas. The trip was easily made from Sedona to Flagstaff by way of Oak Creek Canyon. This road should be improved and made first class thereby opening up one of the beauty spots of Northern Arizona.

Ranger A. D. Morse, located at the Beaver Creek station, made the trip to Flagstaff in one day. He looks as if the balmy weather of the Verde country agrees with his constitution.

Ranger Richard T. Ross, located on the Flagstaff Lumber Co's operation, spent Christmas with his family in town.

Home for the Holidays

Students at the state normal school from Navajo county came home yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents and friends. They are Misses Helen Sapp, Anna and Susie Thomas, Master Paul Richards and Lester Thomas.—Holbrook News.

GRAND JURY MAKES SIX INDICTMENTS

The special grand jury called last Wednesday by Judge Perkins brought in its final report Tuesday afternoon late and was discharged.

Many witnesses from Flagstaff and Williams were examined in liquor cases and six indictments were turned in as a result of their labors.

Mark L. Page and Tom Preston were jointly indicted for having shipped liquor into the state labeled household furniture. Page is under a suspended sentence for a previous offense of the same character. His bond was fixed at \$750 and that of Preston at \$500. In default of bond both were committed to jail.

A. G. and George Rounseville of Williams, were indicted for introducing liquor into the state and their bail bond fixed at \$500 each, which was given.

N. J. Bozeman and Jeff Starkey were charged in the indictment of introducing liquor unlawfully into the state and were placed under \$500 bond each.

The jury, after having investigated the circumstances of the killing of Jess Hison by Edward M. Roupe near Williams, and examining a number of witnesses brought in on bill of indictment.

In the Superior Court

In the case of Cameron vs. Bass, motion for new trial submitted without argument and overruled. Plaintiff gave notice of appeal. Super-sedeas bond fixed at \$200.

Mrs. Alice Regina Barclay was granted a divorce from Bert Stephen Barclay Wednesday afternoon by Judge Perkins. Attorney J. M. Holub was attorney for the plaintiff.

Mrs. D. M. Riordan Dead

Mrs. D. M. Riordan died at her home in Los Angeles December 26th, 1915.

Mrs. Riordan was prominently identified with the early history of Flagstaff where she made her home for many years. She was a brilliant woman, a musician of marked ability and one who found her way readily into the hearts of the people generally. Many old time friends in Flagstaff will deeply mourn her passing.

J. R. Cooper's Father Passes Away

Silas Halsey Cooper, aged 81 years, died at Livingston, California, Dec. 15th while visiting a son at that place. His home was at Hanford where he had lived since 1900. He was a native of Michigan, a veteran of the civil war and a member of the G. A. R., also a mason. He leaves a daughter and three sons to mourn his earthly end, among them Mr. J. R. Cooper of this city. Mr. Cooper has the sincere sympathy of his friends here in the loss of his father.

Mrs. H. C. Yaeger Passes Away

Harlow Yaeger received the sad news of the death of his mother at Pasadena Sunday and left Monday morning for that city. Mrs. Yaeger was the wife of Mr. H. C. Yaeger at one time mayor of Phoenix and well known here. Mrs. Yaeger had been seriously ill for some months and there were little hopes of her recovery when taken to Pasadena. It is understood the body will be taken to the old home at Phoenix for burial.

Patsy Rogers, of Walker Party, Dead

Prescott, Arizona, Dec. 24.—Patsy Rogers, a member of the famous Walker expedition, and one of the pioneer residents of Arizona, is dead at the state Home for Pioneers. Rogers, who was 93 years old, came to Arizona in 1855. Among his companions was the celebrated Kit Carson. The party was employed by the Hudson Bay Company in hunting and trapping in the Verde country.

New Street Lights Arrive

The new city lamp posts have arrived and a gang under the supervision of Homer Bartlett are making preparations to plant them on the cement prepared for them. The underground wires have all been laid ready for the connections.

This will start the new work of beautifying the city, to be completed when the streets are paved next spring. The streets are in bad condition now brought about by constant upheaval for other improvements during the past year.

The city council deserve great praise for all that has been done in 1915 and we hope that 1916 will bring about even greater improvements.