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We would suggest that the facilities for getting out of the ground floor lobby of the Auditorium are indeed very meager, for but one door is used, and young men are permitted to line up several deep, forming two walls which reduce the exit to a very limited passage way; making great delay in emptying the house.

Roth street door should be opened, and the young men should be made to "step lively."

FROM ARIZONA.

An Interesting Letter From John O. Day, Lately of this City.

PHOENIX, A. T., Jan. 1, 1896.

EDITOR LEADER:

Sitting by the cradle of the New Year, memory goes back to events of the past and I am reminded of my promise to write you a letter from Arizona.

I have been very busy since I came here, but have endeavored to gather some general facts in regard to this country and shall give you the impressions as they have been made upon my mind. For ages past Arizona has been considered a barren arid waste, and perhaps no other state or territory has been so maligned. This opinion may be accounted for in various ways, the principal of which, is probably due to the fact, that the two great transcontinental rail roads pass through the undeveloped portions of the territory, and the traveler from California's fertile valleys and gold-impregnated sands and the eastern fields of waving grain and cities busy with the wheels of industry, sees nothing but the worst conditions that exist here. He goes back to his home and when referring to Arizona, speaks of nothing but deserts, bones bleaching in the sun, rattlesnakes, Indians and bad men. That the things I have enumerated are here in "limited quantities" is not to be denied, especially the "bad man," but he is of no more hideous mien than in other communities. However there are better things than these to talk about, and in the last few years they have grown, increased and multiplied till the visitor is apt to give his attention to the better side of Arizona life. He certainly will if he visits the Salt River valley, for when the beckoning leaves of the fan palm are kissed by the zephyrs, where birds are nesting all the year round, where every day is full of sunshine, where the moonbeams kindle all the night long and where December is as pleasant as May there is certainly enough to be enjoyed without calling up the ghost of twenty years ago or following the renegade Apache in his bloody trail. The tide in the affairs of Arizona has indeed been turned, and the land that for years has been regarded as the home of the Apache, when civilization was a stranger and prosperity came not is now heading for statehood and her place in the march of progress.

The land that bloomed and blossomed before New York was on the map of the world is once more riding the waves of advancement and one by one the great undeveloped resources of this rich region, that contains in prolific quantities every mineral substance of value and every vegetable product grown, is being unfolded. Ten years ago Phoenix was a village of a few hundred inhabitants shut in from the outside world by what seemed to be unscalable mountains, and impassable deserts, without business life or activity and with little or no hope for itself either in the now or hereafter. But there came, on burro, mules or on foot, men with the prophetic eye, men capable of projecting future possibilities so clearly upon the imagination of others as to lead them to work energetically toward the fulfillment of those possibilities. A few years have shown the result of that work and what yet lies in the future for this City and the Salt River valley.

The irrigation canals, the prolific ranches, the alfalfa fields, the orchards of semi-tropical fruits, the flower embowered homes and the ten thousand contented and prosperous inhabitants of this city give only a foretaste of what this country is destined to be.

Phoenix is the capital of the territory and situated in the central part of the Salt River valley, whose trend is east and west, and has an area of about 900 square miles of as fertile land as can be found on the continent. I am quite willing to say that I like Arizona, and that it offers much to make life enjoyable; a most healthful climate, a first class public school system, plenty of churches, good society, and, in fact, all the advantages of advanced civilization to those who are inclined to enjoy them.

The more important resources of the country are agriculture, horticulture, stock raising and mining, of which I cannot now take the time to write. As regards climate and its healthfulness, the fact of the large number of visitors from every locality in the states, who annually seek this valley in search of a congenial resort, attest its superiority. Statehood is the watchword here now, and the people expect that their greatest advancement and progress will date from their admission to the sisterhood of states. A very large proportion of the population here is Mexican. Chinese and Indians are by no means a scarcity. At some future time I hope to write you in detail of the people, society, resources, and political conditions of the country. Wishing the Editor and his associates and all the readers of your valuable paper a Happy New Year, I am very truly &c.,

J. O. DAY

Take Parlor car on special to Columbus Sunday a. m. via T. & O. C. Ex. R.

Tunnel.

Mr. W. A. Perdew, who was killed in the terrible wreck on the B. & O. S. W. Ry. last Sunday night, was buried here Wednesday. The deceased was well and favorably known here as a kind hearted Christian gentleman, and by his acts of kindness and gentle forbearance gained the love and respect of all. The aged father, in speaking to the writer on the subject, said, "This is my last boy. I have followed six of them to the tomb." Three were killed on the railroad, one by a falling tree, one died of consumption, and one died when quite young. He was importuned time and again by his father to leave the road and come home, and last summer he consented to do so and removed his family here, but not being very well satisfied with life on the farm, he went back to his old place on the road, and to his death. He leaves a wife and two small children, who have the heartfelt sympathy of all in this their hour of sad bereavement.

The Cameron Oil Co. are at work reaming out their "mystery," Tretchel No. 7. Work has been shut down on the Porter farm in the Turkey Hen field for a few days on account of cold weather and a scarcity of water.

Calhoun & Post have made a number of locations in this township but do not seem to be pushing things very fast. Lumber is being hauled to the Hill farm on Hoeking, where it is claimed a well will be put down at once.

Mr. D. H. Mellor, of Marietta, is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. John Coffman.

Mr. Phillip Roe, of Chillicothe, who was here attending the funeral of W. A. Perdew, will stop for a short time with his parents, near Fleming.

Miss Vania Skipton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Albert Dole, of Bluesville, has returned home.

The Limerick Debating Society is in full blast.

Mrs. Frank Coffman is seriously ill with the quincy.

Mr. John Walsh, who has been quite sick, is slowly improving.

Miss Mary Wittelkind, of Scotts Landing, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. A. Coffman.

Miss Carrie Calder, of Belpre, who has been the guest of Miss Mollie Zearing for several days, has returned home.

Mrs. Lizzie France, of Vincent, spent a short time with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Perdew, Wednesday.

Mrs. W. W. Perdew, who has been on the sick list, we are glad to say, is very much improved.

INGRATITUDE.

Boy—An'ter 'ink dat it was only yesterday dat I give yer a big piece of meat—Judge.

Valuable Horse Dead.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 10.—The celebrated stallion, Pilot Medium, for which its owner, Walter Clark, had refused \$90,000, died here Friday noon suddenly. The horse was valued at \$100,000. He was the sire of 47 trotters and five pacers, most of whom are standard performers.

Millionaire Behind the Bars.

AUBURN, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Anthony Shimer, Auburn's eccentric millionaire, was arrested Friday for refusing to remove snow from his sidewalk. He refused to give or accept bail and is now incarcerated in jail, pending examination, which is set down for Saturday.

DASTARDLY OUTRAGE—

A Colored Villain at Parkersburg Assaults Two Little Girls.

Last night between nine and ten o'clock an outrageous affair occurred in Parkersburg which caused not a little excitement in that city.

As the little daughter of Mr. Wetherell, the banker, and another little girl friend—each about eleven years old—were spending the evening together at Mr. Wetherell's, with no one else at home, a colored man entered the house and forcibly took the little Wetherell girl and carried her into an alley in the rear of the premises. The brute took a lamp, also, but aside from a severe beating and a most awful fright, the little girl was unharmed, and was found shortly after taken away, in a semi-conscious condition. The other little girl, named Strain, left the house in terror.

The man, of course, made quick tracks, and the authorities immediately instituted search for him. He is described by the little Wetherell girl as being rather darker than the average colored person, short, and wearing a brown overcoat.

Should he be apprehended, he will certainly be most severely dealt with.

BROKEN JAW.

Fred Best Severely Injured at Lobdell's Mill.

Friday afternoon Mr. Fred Best, employed at Lobdell's bicycle rim factory, met with a painful accident that will lay him up for some time. While moving logs he was struck in the face by a falling skid, sustaining two fractures of the lower jaw, one just in front of the angle of the jaw on the right side and the other in the median line. Drs. E. F. and Charles S. Hart were summoned and rendered the required surgical assistance. Severe as the blow was, none of Mr. Best's teeth were broken or injured.

Among the Derricks.

SOME SURPRISES AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO OIL MEN.

Sistersville, January 10.—There was quite a surprise among oil men yesterday afternoon, when word reached the city that Wilson & Co.'s Jack Arthur farm well, on Middle Island, had come in dry. It had been considered one of the most promising of the wells near the pay streak, and was being watched with much interest.

The report from this well says it came in about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It immediately filled 900 feet of the hole with salt water, with no sign of the valuable fluid. That the owners are disappointed in this hole is putting it mild. They seemed to have had great confidence in making a strike, and they were not alone in their opinion.

The South Penn oil company has a 10-barrel producer in their No. 3 McCormick, on the Big Flint, Doddridge county.

The well opposite Raven Rock owned by F. E. Metzger and others which was drilled in some time ago and closed after being shot was recently put to pumping and is said to be doing about 5 barrels.

Cal Watson and two of his assistants returned on the noon train from Point Pleasant yesterday, after resurrecting the tools and lowering the derrick on a wild cat well nearby drilled as a dry hole.

It is reported that the Alliance Oil and Gas company, controlling oil territory around Bergholz, has struck a paying vein of oil. They have two wells down and a third is being drilled. The second well is pumping lubricating oil of a fine quality.—East Liverpool Crisis.

The Johnson well in the Calf Creek field, owned by Wheeling and Moundsville parties, is reported in the Big Injun and dry. It is located one mile from the original well of this company.

T. N. Barnsdall is getting ready to do some testing in Greene county, Pa. The first venture will be in Richmond township. The Philadelphia company has turned its big gasser on the Suse farm, in the same county, into the line and has increased its pressure to a point where there is no doubt of the supply being equal to any emergency. The "Big Moses" in Tyler county, will not be turned into the main before the middle of February.—Wheeling News.

Your Boy Will Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had Lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy will live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to the use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial Bottles Free at W. H. Steyer's Drug Store.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

Clean Lasting CHEW Cool Sweet SMOKE



PUREST AND BEST. MAIL POUCH TOBACCO

PURE, HARMLESS, SATISFYING. ANTI-NEUROUS DYSPEPTIC

WAR PREPARATIONS.

England Determined to Make a Great Display of Fighting Power.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Great Britain has determined to make the greatest display of fighting power the world has ever seen. The fleet will be the strongest ever assembled under one flag. Its full composition is not yet known, but already 17 battleships or cruisers and 15 torpedo boat catchers have been ordered to join it. The purpose of this demonstration may be to resent Emperor William's action, or it may be a declaration of England's "come one, come all" defiance against the world. It is something which may work for peace, or it may work for war. A good deal depends upon the destination of the fleet, which, of course, is a government secret. Its composition is of some significance.

Conservative men still regard the mobilization of this great fleet as a precautionary and political measure, rather than as a war measure. Germany herself so regards it, for the news of the preparation has not created the sensation in that country that it would otherwise have done. It is doubtful, however, if each day's addition to the extensive war preparations being made by Great Britain will be received with equanimity by the continental corps. It is now known that orders have been given to the British naval authorities for instant equipment for sea of a large number of warships which would not otherwise be ready until spring.

GETTING READY.

Great Activity Among the Naval Authorities at Victoria, B. C.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 10.—The greatest activity is being shown by the naval authorities at this station. The officers have been taking a great deal in the dispatches regarding the off between Great Britain and Germany and more official dispatches than usual have been going on between Adm. Stephenson and the admiralty office in London.

It is stated that two large ships will come out to join the Pacific fleet, besides one which is intended to relieve the Royal Arthur.

Work on her majesty's ship Satellite, now in the Esquimalt dock, is being rushed both night and day. The Satellite met with an accident in the South Pacific, and when she arrived it was announced that she would be in the dock for six weeks. All this has been changed and the men at work on her say that she will be ready for service in a few days.

Terrific Work of Robbers.

DELAWARE, O., Jan. 10.—Auditor John J. Ramage, of this county, was attacked Thursday night by highway robbers and seriously dealt with. As he was going home a company of men approached him at a dark place and waylaid him. After taking a large amount of money and his gold watch from him, he was carried and put on the railroad track, where a train came along and cut off his right arm and horribly mangled his right leg and other parts of his body. The highwaymen have not been apprehended.

Havana no Longer Menaced.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—A special cable dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: Guanajay, just across the border of Pinar del Rio province, is now the center of active operations, the cloud of excitement which has hung over this city for days having gradually drifted westward. The capital being now no longer menaced, less anxiety is shown about the official headquarters, and many of the precautions hurriedly taken for the city's defense are being as quickly relaxed.

State Insurance Figures.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 10.—State Insurance Commissioner Hahn Thursday night completed his financial statement for the past year. The total receipts were \$176,262.17, the total expenses \$19,513.46, and the balance turned into the state treasury, \$156,748.71, which is an increase of \$55,020.40 over the net revenue of the department in 1894. Of the expenses for this year \$2,000 was incurred by the codifying commission.

Cleveland Banks Reserving Their Bids.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 10.—There is a well-defined opinion in the minds of bankers that the president's attempt to make a popular loan out of the new bond issue may prove a failure. The Cleveland banks are reserving their bids until the time shall have almost expired, because of this feeling of uncertainty.

Can't Ship to Cuba.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—A decree has been gazetted prohibiting the export from France or the French colonies of warlike munitions intended for the island of Cuba.

Sacrifice Sale

OF 300 PAIRS ODD PANTS.

We find after invoice that we can not and will not carry them over and they MUST GO. Prices from 35c to \$4.00. Some of them not more than half former price. Country merchants will find many lots among these great bargains. 100 Knee Pants Suits will be closed at two-thirds value. We have just closed out from a large manufacturer a lot Men's Suits and Overcoats in winter weights that will interest every one needing such goods. Come and see us!

S. R. Van Metre & Co., Wholesale. (Reliable Cash Clothiers) Retail

A "Before Inventory" CLEARING SALE

We will be ready in a week or two to count up stock; before that time every over-loaded department must be reduced to invoice at the right figures. No need to bother you with any excuses or admission of mistakes. A long-drawn-out merchandise story is a bore. Tomorrow we offer the following: Woolen Hose, Blankets, Furs, Woolen Underwear, Mittens, Gloves, etc., etc. Not a word about their cheapness or quality; you are the best judge.

Knox, Jenvey & Allen, No. 168 Front Street.

EXTRACT TONKA---Vanilla

Would be the proper label to put on most of the so-called Extracts Vanilla on the market, and as indicated by the difference in the size of the type, "TONKA-vanilla;" the TONKA is in the majority while the vanilla is in the minority. Extract made from TONKA resembles vanilla in odor and taste and costs about \$10.00 less per pound, hence the cause for adulteration. But TONKA is very poisonous, as Prof. Kohler finds that TONKA is a decided Narcotic, and is at first stimulant, afterwards paralyzing to the heart. OUR VANILLA is made from "Pure Mexican Vanilla Beans" only. Don't be deceived by the fine appearance of the package, remember its the kernel not the shell that signifies.

Putnam Street Pharmacy.

Closing Out Sale of Ladies Fur Capes.

- Genuine Persian Lamb, 30 in. long, 100 in. sweep, former price \$50.00, now \$30.00.
Genuine Wool Seal, 30 in. long, 100 in. sweep, former price \$40.00, now \$24.00.
Labrador Wool Seal, 30 in. long, 100 in. sweep, former price \$30.00, now \$19.00.
Electric Seal, 30 in. long, 100 in. sweep, former price \$40.00, now \$28.00.
Astrachan, 30 in. long, 100 in. sweep, former price \$30.00, now \$19.00.
Astrachan, 30 in. long, 100 in. sweep, former price \$15.00, now \$8.25.
French Coney, 30 in. long, 100 in. sweep, former price \$12.00, now \$7.50.
French Coney, 27 in. long, 100 in. sweep, former price \$9.00, now \$4.75.

We will move in room now occupied by C. W. Woodin about February 1st, 1896.

W. A. Sniffen's Hat Store.

Facts.

All should know. The unnecessary fuel consumed in cast stoves, and food spoiled by imperfect baking, added together every two years, are equal in value to all the stoves and ranges in the United States. Yet housekeepers say "I have a good stove now, but will buy a

Majestic Steel Range

later." Many keep steadily on consuming extra fuel, putting up with imperfect baking and only partly heating water, when they could save money by buying a MAJESTIC and throwing their old stove out of doors.

The Majestic Steel Range is no experiment; it took 30 years to perfect it.

NYE HARDWARE CO., 170 Front Street, SOLE AGENTS, Marietta, Ohio