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**AMUSEMENTS.**

**HABBITT'S OPERA HOUSE.**  
April 23—Whist Club ball.  
April 24—Olaf Kraser, the only Equimaun  
lady lecturer.  
April 27—St Perkins.

**OUR FIRST.**

For the first time in several years Flagstaff will, with this issue of the SUN-DEMOCRAT, receive an all home printed newspaper. In making the change it has involved considerable labor and expense, but the managers of the paper are determined to keep abreast with our city's progress, and shall not be faltering on the wayside. We mean to join the procession and get in the band wagon. Flagstaff deserves a live, spicy newspaper, and we promise our readers they shall have it. Our interest is a community interest and the aim desired by all is the upbuilding of our city, county and Territory. We are for Flagstaff first and the world afterwards.

THE plucky Greeks seems to be on the lead, and are determined to stay by their rights.

THE town of Pulaski in Virginia, was shaken by an earthquake on the 3rd of this month, but no damage was done.

TOBIAS KILE, 92 years old, Quakertown, Pa., recently enjoyed for the first time in his life the services of a barber.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S granddaughter has deserted her husband, and the British and German courts are very much agitated over the event.

SINCE the first of March this year, the Excelsior Mining Company have shipped 2,000,000 pounds of freight from Kingman to White Hill, Arizona.

BICYCLING has its drawbacks like every other undertaking. Mrs. Harvey Morton of Salida, Col., died on the 3rd inst., from the effects of a fall from a bicycle.

It is reported in Montaguas, Cuba, that women and children are dying on the streets of that city from starvation. Over 7,000 people have concentrated there, and three-fourths of them are without means.

ADDINGTON PARK, at Croydon, a country seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, is to be sold, as the cost of maintaining it is too great. The manor is burdened by the feudal service of presenting a mess of pottage to the king at his coronation.

OF the sixty-two men who have served as mayor of New York since 1665, William L. Strong is the only one to celebrate his 70th birthday in office. He looks ten years younger and but for his gout would be one of the most active men in the city.

PATTI has written some "confessions," in which she pleads guilty to a greater fondness for Longfellow than for any other poet. Her favorite novelist is Dickens, and her greatest pleasure is in entertaining her friends. She says that she has no favorite flower, as she loves them all.

It is reported by the State Commission of game in Wyoming, that there are 25,000 head of elk suffering from starvation. The Commissioners' deputy in that district says: "That about 5,000 head of calf elk and about 2,000 grown animals of the entire lot wintering there have already died of starvation. It has only been through

careful watching on the part of farmers that raids on their haystacks intended for cattle by the elk have been resisted. Fences had to be reinforced to accomplish this.

It is said that the King of Greece cleared from 30,000,000 to 35,000,000 francs in speculating in Turkish and Greek bonds, but he has taken advantage of the crisis his country is in now order to do this.

THE late Postmaster-General Von Stephan, of Germany was the inventor of postal cards and the founder of the universal postal union. Lord Amphil once said that he was almost the only example in Germany of a self made man rising to a high position in the government.

THE belief that Cleveland wants to be the democratic nominee for President in 1900 is prevailing in Congress. Representative Bland of Missouri, in speaking of the matter, said: "Yes, Cleveland wants to be nominated, and he will be, but not by the democratic party. He will be the candidate of the bandful of people at the Reform Club dinner."

BICYCLE baggage bits are now in force in New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Arizona, California and Ohio, and the prospects is bright for the passage of similar acts in New Jersey, Michigan and other states. The bill recently passed by the legislature of New Jersey now only needs the signature of the governor to make it a law.

It would seem from the following cablegram that the powers of Greece must obey: "The admirals commanding the fleet of foreign powers in Cretan waters had a conference yesterday with the insurgent leaders at Paleokastro. The Cretans were promised complete autonomy, including the condition that the nomination of their ruler should be subject to ratification by the Cretan Assembly. The insurgent leaders, however, cut the discussion short, and reiterated that their motto remained. "Annexation to Greece or death."

THE following, late from the scene of the foreign war, in speaking of the contest at Velesino says: "In the battle here yesterday, which continued throughout the day, 7000 Turks made repeated assaults on the Greek positions at the railway junction. They were driven back by musketry fire, which poured down from the stronghold of the infantry and Evzones. The Turkish cavalry charge on the Greeks seemed a sort of sheer madness, for the horsemen attempted to ascend a long steep incline in the face of two strong intrenchments of infantry."

THE Journal-Miner goes after Phoenix citizens in this manner: "Phoenix has a chronic affliction of politics. They have politics in their beer, politics in their whiskey, politics in the water they drink, (this being the mildest form in which it is taken, and taken only in broken doses) politics in the very air they breathe. They talk politics on the street corners, saloons, in dark alleys, and under the broad glare of electric lamps, and of the noonday sun thirteen months in the year. Politics are on the tongue of every male citizen, and the newspapers are full of it. When they have not a territorial or county campaign, or a municipal squabble on their hands they are trying to make or unmake governors, judges and other officials."

THE municipal election held in Phoenix Wednesday was a very heated one. J. C. Adams Republican, was elected Mayor; City Recorder, T. A. Jobs, (R); City Marshal, Hi Hooker, (D); Treasurer, I. M. Christy, (R); Councilmen, B. F. C. Coecker, (D) and C. J. Dyer, (R).

THE Senate has passed the bill to provide free homesteads on public lands for actual and bona-fide settlers.

It seems that the Turkish and Greece war is about at an end. The Turks have enough of the Greeks, and are willing to bring the matter to a close.

GENERAL A. J. SAMPSON of Phoenix is an applicant for the appointment of Consul-General to Mexico. There are 90 applicants for the same position.

**OUR MINING OUTLOOK.**

FLAGSTAFF has mining resources. Do not overlook the fact. But the community can hardly be well versed in mining alone. Hence the development of mining interests naturally will be slow, and intermittent unless a substantial strike is made. However, the progress in this line may be though, those best qualified to form a correct opinion are justified in expecting that the influence of this industry in the future will be important. And in this connection the SUN-DEMOCRAT is going to risk a small prophecy. Some time in the future, whether immediate or distant, Flagstaff will be an important mining center. And when the city can boast of its many wood-working factories; when it speaks proudly of its flouring mills, its paper mills, packing houses and tanneries, it will be as fully entitled to possess sampling works and smelters, and we predict the future will bring with it every industry above enumerated. Only one danger threatens that will endanger the fulfillment of our prediction. We refer to that condition when a community does not awaken to its circumstances, its needs and its opportunities until rivals have absorbed the best products of its resources; until its sole consolation becomes a hazy reverie of what might have been. We do not believe Flagstaff possesses that kind of people, but a class who will be fully alive to seize every chance that may present itself, and our little effort to peep beyond the veil of the future goes without qualification.

**Liquid Course.**

This is not to imply that the town council has dissolved into a liquorish condition, but Monday afternoon the city fathers held an informal meeting at County Treasurer Francis' office to listen to W. F. Goodhue upon the question of water supply for Flagstaff. Mr. Goodhue gave a most interesting talk, concerning each general phase of the subject, relating to source of water supply, the desirability of various sizes and material for pipes, static and gravity pressure, protection of mains and security from pollution, and in fact, gave the benefit of his experience and judgment upon all points that might be brought up in an informal way. That the members of the town board are alive to the water question was shown in the interest manifested by every one in the details and suggestions laid before them. Mr. Goodhue's opinion seems to be that the great basin of Old Fort valley will supply Flagstaff with all the water she could possibly use for years to come with a reasonable increase of population, but proposed a thorough testing of that possible source before it should be discussed, and the whole question is to be formally considered by the board. The council are united in the matter, expressing the chiefest concern to be to obtain an adequate water system that would be consistent with the economy of time and expense.

**Lowell's Observatory.**

Professor Lowell's observatory is about completed, and the glass will arrive in a few days when it will be put in position at once. The new dome is the second largest wooden dome in the world, and the telescope is next in size to that of the Lick. The observatory will be permanent, and is a great acquisition to our mountain city. Prof. Lowell and his able corps of assistants made many friends during their stay here last summer, and the citizens of Flagstaff are glad to know they are here for a permanent stay. They made some wonderful discoveries while here, and no doubt the Skylight City, nestled at the base of the lofty, Frisco Peaks, will be the home of an institution noted for its astronomical observations. The Scientific American in speaking of some observations made says:

The recent observations of Perrotin at Nice (France), and of Lowell at Flagstaff, Arizona, says Promethous, have confirmed the theory that Venus and Mercury revolve on their axes like the moon; that is, the periods of rotation and revolution are identical. Herr Brenner's alleged discovery of a short time of rotation for Venus (about twenty-four hours) therefore proves a fallacy. According to Lowell Venus is not veiled by clouds, but by a dense atmosphere.

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