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A POETICA EFFUSION

THE following is an effusion of Bixly, the Lincoln Journal poet at one of his birthdays:

Another year has sped away
As fast as it knew how;
I never was as old and grey
And fat as I am now.

I thought myself a boy till just
A few short weeks agone,
And here I am a lump of dust
With marks of years thereon.

It seems that life has just begun
The way I feel, but say,
Tomorrow I'll be forty-one—
I've not got long to stay.

A few more winters, at the most,
A few more joys and tears,
And then I'll be as fat a ghost
As ever haunts the spheres.

AN international gold mining convention will be held in Denver, Colo., on July 7th, 8th and 9th.

IT is estimated that at least two-fifths of the assessd valuation of Arizona consists of cattle, horses and sheep.

IT is estimated that the State of Utah will ship eleven million pounds of wool to the cities of Boston and Philadelphia.

THE people of the United States last year expended $270,000,000 for whiskey, $120,261,086 for coffee and $541,963,348 for beer.

THE Senate rejected the arbitration treaty this week by a vote, of 43 to 26. Everybody is glad it is out of the way. The Senate also passed the free homestead bill.

THE Phoenix Gazette says: "In the absense of "pie" Arizona politicians will have to content themselves with spring vegetables. They are much better for the system, too."

TALKING is becoming more in use every year. Aside from gossip and other necessary talk, there are 382,810 telephones employed in carrying our thoughts by means of languages.

THE debate on the tariff bill gives promises of being both heated and lengthy. It will no doubt receive several finishing touches in the way of amendments before its final disposition by Congress.

DOWN in Fargo a reporter on one of the dailies, speaking of a prominent milliner who was laying in her spring stock of goods, said: "He was pleased to see her stocking up." The next day that reporter was chased three blocks and a $4 parasol broken over his head.

IN place of the retroactive tariff in the Dingly tariff bill the republicans of the Senate Finance committee have inserted a clause making July 1st the date upon which the new duties will go into effect, and unless all the congressional prophets are away off the date will have to be changed again.

THE following bill has been introduced in the United States Senate: That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation, engaged in procuring and prosecuting patent claims to offer or award to their business correspondents or clients any gifts, prize, or chance to win one, medal of honor, certificate of stock, or any other article or thing of real or supposed value, intrinsic or otherwise; and any person or persons violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall for each offense be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment at hard labor for not less than six months nor more than one year.

THE amendment passed by the Senate to revoke the order of Ex-President Cleveland has been defeated by the lower house by a vote of 100 to 39.

INSTEAD of increasing the issue of pie, Mr. McKinley is curtailing it, much to the disgust of the hungry horde. He is keeping it back because he thinks it will be needed to get the tariff bill through, and for the same reason he hasn't made the modification in the civil service rules that he had decided to make.

DR. TALMAGE, speaking of a country newspaper, says: "The newspaper whose columns overflow with advertisements of business men has more influence in attracting attention to, and building up a city or town, than any other agency that can be employed. People go where there is business. Capital and labor will locate where there is an enterprising community. No power on earth is so strong to build up a town as a newspaper well patronized, and its power should be appreciated."

THE grandeur of the Grand Canyon is beyond doubt one of the greatest attractions on this continent. Each year brings this curiosity more and more into prominence It has never been questioned, says the Phoenix Herald, but what the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, in Arizona, is the eighth wonder of the world; and it stands today at the head of the list as the greatest wonder of wonders, and will ever remain so as long as earth itself exists. An opportunity to visit this grand and sublime masterpiece of the Almighty is within reach of all Our visitors should not return home without improving the opportunity of visiting this great point of interest. It is not a question of whether you can afford to make the trip or not, but can you afford to miss it?

A Phoenixan Abroad.

A. Redewill, of Phoenix, is with us in the interest of his big piano house. Besides rustling for business, Mr. Redewill find time to send breezy letters from all places visited, to the Phoenix Gazette, setting forth the advantages and resources of the various places. A thorough friend of our territory, he is always calling attention of the outside world to our great undeveloped resources. In Phoenix Mr. Redewill pays taxes on large property interests. He has the only house in the territory that carries a big stack of musical instruments. He is responsible, reliable and thoroughly honest. Give this home institution your patronage and let fake houses go by the board.—Mohave Miner.

The Grandeur of the Press.

Referring to the press when conducted by men imbued with the sense of duty and inspired by noble principles the Picayune truly declares that even with the human faults and infirmities which the press inherits from the hands and minds of the men who have made it what it is, it is a grand institution, the bulwark of liberty, the friend of freedom, the great advocate and tribune of the people against all tyranny and oppression and a universal educator. The press cannot be greater than its creators, but it is as grand as anything human can be. Its mission is truly noble, and it will have work to do so long as humanity in a civilized state shall remain upon the earth. Men, with their pride of opinion, their selfish schemes, their vaulting ambitions, may come and go, but the press goes on forever, to assist in the grand work of the humanizing, civilizing, educating, elevating and confirming mankind in honesty, truth and virtue, and in helping the race onward to its highest destiny.

The entertainment given by the Catholic Union at Babbitt's hall last night was largely attended, and was very interesting. Dr. D. J. Brannen presided over the meeting and the exercises consisted of a lecture by Hon. H. F. Ashurst, on the subject: "The Life of a Nation compared with the Life of an Individual," vocal solos by Mrs. D. J. Brannen and Miss Metz, a recitation by Mr. Hunter, instrumental music by C. H. Edwards and his sister, and a few pieces of select music by Mr. John Vercamp on his music box. Everyone present was highly entertained.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Council met on May 11th. Present Mayor Francis, Councilmen Keller and Babbitt. The minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Ordinance No. 26 having been duly introduced by Councilman Keller, was read at length, referred to the town attorney, and by him approved, was placed on its final passage and passed by a unanimous vote, said ordinance being as follows:

An ordinance levying an annual street tax.

The Mayor and common Council of the town of Flagstaff do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. An annual street tax of two dollars is hereby levied on each and every male inhabitant of the town of Flagstaff over the age of twenty one and under the age of fifty years, residing within the corporate limits of said town.

SEC. 2. Said street tax must be paid on or before the 1st day of July in each year, either in cash or by the performance of one day's labor on the streets under the direction of the Supervisor of Streets, and all moneys collected under the provisions hereof shall be immediately turned into the town treasury designated as the "Street Fund," and shall be used for the improvement of streets and sidewalks.

SEC. 3. The Supervisor of Streets shall on or before the first Monday in June of each year prepare an alphabetical list of all the male inhabitants liable to pay street tax residing within the corporate limits of the town of Flagstaff, and immediately after the completion thereof shall personally serve each person named therein with a printed notice that such street tax is due, and that the same must be paid as herein provided not later than five days after the service of notice, stating the penalty for non-payment. Said list shall be returned to the Council at the regular July meeting in each year, showing what persons have paid the tax, in what manner, and the date thereof. It shall be accompanied by a report in writing, showing the total amount of money received, the names of the persons who have paid it, with the Treasurer's receipt for the same. The report shall also show what persons have paid the street tax by labor, and the names of those who were delinquent on the first day of July, if any.

SEC. 4. The collection of said street tax shall be enforced in like manner as provided for the collection of poll taxes in paragraphs 2725, 2726, 2728 and 2729, of the Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1887, said paragraphs being a part of Chapter IX, of Title LVI.

SEC. 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Passed by the Mayor and Common Council of the town of Flagstaff, the 11th day of May, 1897. Presented to the Mayor for his signature and approval and by him signed and approved this 11th day of May, 1897.

The following claims were approved and warrants were ordered to be drawn for the payment thereof:

A. Kline, fire department $15.
Babbitt Bros., supplies $17.
Grand Canyon stage line $7.50.

The bill of W. A. Mayflower be laid on table for further explanation.

On motion the Clerk was directed to advertise for sealed proposals for opening San Francisco street from Dale avenue to Elm avenue, and Beaver street, and from Dale avenue to Elm avenue according to specifications on file in the office of Town Clerk.

On motion it was ordered that the Street Supervisor be directed to do two days labor raising the levee on River de Flag on Beaver street and that this work be done at once.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. So ordered. C. A. BUSH, Clerk.

IT is estimated that Greece will have to pay Turkey $25,000,000 for the little batch of fun she had with that government. Greece has made a hard fight for supremacy, but the chances are against it.

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