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DURING the year 1884, 320,800 steerage passengers and 59,500 cabin passengers landed in New York City.

DAKOTA farmers plow their land by means of a broad traction engine, which drives the plow at a cost of less than \$1 per acre.

MORE adobe houses are said to have fallen in Tucson during the recent stormy weather than on any similar previous occasion.

An effort is being made among the members of the Territorial press now at Prescott to organize a Territorial Press Association.

GERMAN officers, many of whom travel under aliases as missionaries, continue to arrive in China and are engaged in drilling the native troops.

THE Phoenix Gazette thinks a new legislative apportionment bill should be passed at the present session, upon the vote cast at the November election.

BAGGAGE men have been discontinued on the passenger trains of the Southern Pacific railroad. That work is now being done by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messengers.

EVERY visitor to the World's Exposition in New Orleans is required to deposit a silver half dollar in a glass box in charge of the doorkeepers, no admission tickets being sold.

THE Lone Star states that tickets are now being sold from El Paso to New Orleans over the Texas Pacific railroad for \$40 cash instead of \$50 with a rebate of \$10, as at first announced.

ELDER Kimley and White, of the Morison Church, passed through Dallas, Texas, last week, with 17 proselytes from the Eastern States. They were going to the new Mormon colony near Cruces, Mexico.

A few days since a cable message was sent from Melbourne, Australia, to London and delivered in twenty-three minutes. The distance by land and sea is 13,398 miles, and the message was "repeated" eleven times.

PLACER county, Cal., boasts of the only bearing red date palm in the United States. The Herald says the tree is a native of China and the fruit is highly prized by the Chinese. They call the fruit "Hang Choy." The imported article sells at 35 to 50 cents a pound.

TERRITORIAL TREASURER BUTLER is now paying all outstanding Territorial warrants drawn prior to September 30th, 1884, having received the annual returns of Territorial taxes from all the counties of the Territory except Pima—which for some unknown reason has been delayed.

SERGEANT MASON, who attempted to kill Guiton by firing into his cell, and, in fact, narrowly missed the assassin, is living in peace and retirement on his farm in Virginia, purchased with the \$7,000 contribution which was raised by voluntary subscription during his confinement in the Albany Penitentiary.

EASTERN papers tell of a man there who has perfected an instrument, by means of which he is able to discover the location of hidden gold or silver or of other metal in the shape of ore. If they would cease to talk so much of the man and send him out here it might result in a mutual good to both sections.

To show how many unnecessary men are sometimes employed by big corporations one has but to take into consideration the recent action of the Southern Pacific Railroad folks. They have already discharged 1800 men, and yet their trains run as regularly, and the business of the road is handled as promptly as of yore.

LATE advices from California report that considerably more rain has fallen than at even date of last year, and that farmers can now cultivate their land and sow the seed without restraint, as there is abundant moisture in the soil to make a crop. The natural effect of the copious rains is to cause the farmers to part with wheat more freely at current low prices, having no fear now of a dry season.

The case of Salcido, heard by Justice Myers in Tucson last week, occasioned a degree of interest seldom shown in the court of a committing magistrate. The defendant was charged with the crime of setting fire to a house on the San Rafael ranch in Pima county. The Cameron family, prominent among whom is one Colin, profess to own a large area of territory which is utilized as a pasture for cattle which graze upon a thousand hills. Before the Camerons saw this sun-kissed land, a portion of the face of nature now claimed by them was settled by men who believed that the right of settlement guaranteed peaceable possession. Many have been ousted—some remain, and others are vibrating between hope, fear and despondency, knowing not what a day will bring forth. It does seem hard that those who, in good faith, planted their vine and fig tree, should not eat the fruit thereof or rest in the shade of the same. Arizona is now experiencing that which California so disastrously felt for many years. There was a time in the State of California when any one who desired to purchase realty looked up the records to ascertain whether a Mexican grant did not cover the land proposed to be purchased. Litigation ensued in consequence of the uncertainty of Mexican grants; lawyers became rich, judges were corrupted and juries tampered with. It seems as though Arizona was about to pass through a similar ordeal, and possibly be baptized in blood before we hear the last chapter read in the history of grants. The Cameron family are not regarded in Pima with any peculiar consideration, for they are looked upon as land-grabbers. In the prosecution of Salcido they retained an array of legal counsel to assist the law officer of the county, which is indicative of the fact that the criminal arm of the law is to be invoked to assist the strong against the feeble.

THE Record says a proposition has been made, which meets with much favor, to disincorporate Tombstone and have its affairs conducted in the future by the Board of Supervisors. The plan to be adopted for its government in future is similar to that adopted in Virginia City, Eureka, and many places in Nevada and California, namely, a form of town government. A special tax will be levied by the Board when making its annual levy for town purposes—such as police and fire departments, lighting streets, etc. This tax will, as in the case of the school tax levied in that township, apply only to Tombstone. The recent action of the council, in refusing to make any provision for the reduction of municipal expenses, has made this step necessary, and it is believed it will redound to the best interests of the camp. That the Legislature will grant the request for disincorporation there can be no doubt.

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THE Clarion would urge the honest members of either house in the present Legislature to give heed to the wishes of nine-tenths of the tax payers of Graham county when the Sierra Bonita bill comes up and vote against it. We can count on our fingers all the men who pay taxes in Graham that favor it. Boss Hooker is in favor of it, and we have never heard of any good reason assigned for his course except that he is down on our little county on general principles, and because he can't run it to suit himself. The cry used to be that Western Graham did not have proper representation, but no reasonable man can raise that issue now. The fact of the matter is just this: A few Wilcox speculators, being long on town lots, came to the conclusion some time ago that the easiest way to unload was to have that obscure hamlet made a county seat. This element is the principal factor that is working up the scheme. Then there are the hungry office seekers, they are in favor of it to a man. Not one good reason can be assigned why our little county should be divided. **THE** Clarion would urge each and every member who don't walk about the Legislative halls with a tag on his back labeled "For Sale," to give this matter serious thought. It is Graham and Cochise that are threatened now. If the Wilcox clique are successful, why may not some schemers get together, pool their funds and create new counties ad libitum—divide up Apache or Maricopa or Pima or any other county to suit their own personal and selfish ends? The Wilcox crowd are going in for special legislation with a vengeance, and we hope they will get it—in the neck.

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RECORD says: "When the bill comes up, let legislators demand of its fathers that they offer good solid reasons—not metallically solid—for its passage. If they do not, and the bill passes, every man who votes for it will ever be under the suspicion of having been influenced by the only argument ever yet offered by its advocates—the sack."

ACCORDING to the recent decision in the Sharon vs. Sharon case, a man in California desirous of getting married need not necessarily get a marriage license, pay a minister a marriage fee to perform the ceremony, and pass through other tape regulations. All he has to do is to select his woman, take her to his abode, and afterwards introduce her as his wife. They are then man and wife.

EX-VICE-PRESIDENT Schuyler Colfax dropped dead in the Omaha depot at Mankato, Minn., at 10 o'clock on the 14th inst. He arrived in that city a short time previous over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, and walked over to the Omaha depot. There he took off his overcoat and sat down, and almost immediately fell over and expired. Death is supposed to have been caused by heart disease.

HENRY CREWS, the New York banker, broker and grain-dealer, says the present year will be one of general reviving confidence, enterprise and activity in stocks and products, which will extend to every line of business on the American Continent, and vim will soon supersede lethargy from one ocean to the other.

ACCORDING to statements made by well informed Washington correspondents there is not much doubt but what Bayard is off from the Cabinet slate. Although he has not yet announced to any of his friends his decision in the matter, they are all under the impression that he will stay in the Senate, where he is needed.

ACCORDING to reports received from the northern ranges there has been some suffering and loss among the cattle of Colorado, Wyoming, Dakota and Montana, but the weight of opinion is that the herds have fared but little worse than usual. There is, however, much of the winter yet to come.

ITALY is the land of criminals, says the Director General of Italian prisons. It has 325 prisons, with a constant average population of 40,000 offenders against the law. Of these, over 6,000 are murderers. No other nation in the civilized world has such a large proportion of criminals.

IN case Dakota is not admitted into the Union some of the noisiest politicians up there threaten to set up a Northwestern republic of their own. The same kind of people talked of a Pacific republic in 1850 when California was kept out of the Union on a sectional issue.

A NEWSPAPER correspondent's club has been organized in Prescott. Hon. Pat Hamilton is president and G. H. Tinker, secretary. At their meeting held last week a committee of two was appointed to wait on all members of the press sojourning in Prescott and invite them to become members.

SENATORS LAMAR of Mississippi, Cockrell of Missouri, Harris of Tennessee, Vance of North Carolina, and Coke of Texas have organized themselves into a Southern Advisory Board to confer with the President-elect upon all matters relating to the South.

THE polygamy cases, appealed from the last term of the District Court in Yavapai county to the Supreme Court of the Territory, will not be heard by that body until its adjourned term in Phenix.

JOHN P. JONES was elected U. S. Senator by the Nevada Legislature last week. He succeeds himself.

A recent examination of one of the New Mexican statutes against gambling develops the fact that notes, bills of exchange and checks for which the consideration is gambling, are valid, not only between the parties, but are also totally void even in the hands of innocent third parties who have given a valid consideration for them.

FEBRUARY 7th has been decided upon as a Freemason's day at the New Orleans Exposition, when the Freemasons of Louisiana, through their Grand Master, will publicly welcome all members of the craft to the Exposition.

AN old attaché of the Washington Capitol says that in former days professional speech-writers used to get from \$100 to \$350 from Congressmen for a good oration.

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