

The Argus.

VOL. II.

HOLBROOK, ARIZONA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 32, 1897.

NUMBER 46

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Brought Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

An epidemic of measles has broken out in Tulare.

The Alameda high school girls want to form a military company of their own.

The troops at the Presidio are becoming so proficient at football that they promise to furnish one of the State's crack teams.

The pay of deep-water sailors on merchantmen, having been raised to \$35 a month, is believed to account for numerous desertions from the battleship Oregon.

Anaconda's new theater, the Margaret, was opened on the evening of September 28th under auspicious circumstances. It is pronounced one of the finest playhouses in the northwest.

Wm. B. Storey, jr., graduated from the State University in '81, and a native son, has been promoted from the position of chief engineer of the San Joaquin Valley road to be its general superintendent.

A mind reader by the name of Leon Daniels got stranded at Hanford and was arrested for a vagrant. He found the people too busy over grapes and nuts to do business in that part of the valley.

The Woman's State Suffrage association, of which Mrs. J. F. Swift is president, has pledged itself to work for the election of the senators and assemblymen who favor submitting the suffrage amendment.

There is talk of reviving the University Press Club; to get together a number of students who will write weekly newspaper college letters in various towns of the State and thus keep the people posted on the university.

By the death of his father in Scotland, George Burns, until recently a fireman on the revenue cutter Grant, receiving a salary of \$28 per month, became one of the four heirs to an estate valued at \$1,000,000. He will return home and secure his portion of the estate.

Mrs. E. P. Bradley of San Francisco, for fifteen years a teacher of free hand drawing in the public schools, is suing the board of education to re-establish freehand drawing in the polytechnic high school, to reinstate her as a teacher and to pay her \$560 back salary. She claims that the act abolishing the class is illegal, and the withholding of her salary equally so.

President Jordan's idea of a national university is that it should be a small institution devoted wholly to learning, the place for the training of investigators and men of action. It should admit no student who is under age or who has not a definite purpose to accomplish. It has no time or strength to spend in laying foundations for education. It must spring from these people and be paid for by them.

William Greer Harrison's suggestion that there is analogy between the harmony of colors and of sounds is approved by Prof. Behr of the Academy of Science, who says the new problem will arouse the scientific world. Harrison believes that as sound is more or less dependent upon vibrations that so is color, which is really deposited matter. Thus a conservatory of flowers is really a conservatory of music; "a well-dressed woman is a symphony in color. She may, therefore, be a song, a melody—an opera. An ill-dressed woman is a discord. She may be a vaudeville, a variety show or a farce-comedy."

ARIZONA'S DEVELOPMENT.

Annual Report of Governor M. H. McCord.

The annual report for the past fiscal year of Myron H. McCord, governor of Arizona, makes an immense volume, and besides ordinary matter contains many photographs, statistical tables and historical sketches. An elaborate plea is made for immigrants.

The population of the territory is estimated at 87,500, an increase of several thousand within a year. The people of the territory are a unit on the subject in favor of admission, and statehood is asked as a right denied to Arizona, when with seven less reason it has been granted to other commonwealths. The year has been a prosperous one

with stockmen, with improving natural conditions and with higher prices for their products. The same favorable conditions apply to the sheep raising territory. In mining the territory is experiencing a period of high prosperity. A number of new discoveries of wonderful richness have been worked. The main product is gold from such mines as the Pierce, the Fortuna, the Congress and the United Verde. Copper follows a close second in value. The silver product has steadily declined for years, now being about \$500,000 per annum.

The prime necessity for Arizona is water storage, and the governor urges national aid for the reclamation of the vast areas of rich plains land, now arid and untilled all over the southern expanse of the territory. The money thus expended could readily be returned to the national treasury through the sale of the lands reclaimed.

The Indians of Arizona are now entirely peaceable. Their total number is estimated at 37,723. Of these the several Apache tribes are set down at 5109; Navajos, 20,500; Moquis, 2000; Pima and plains tribes, 7200; Mojaves, Hualpais and Chimehuevis, 2885.

The total enrollment in the common schools is 13,361, with 324 teachers. The territorial debt is \$965,588.12, less cash on hand, \$79,829. Of the debt, \$219,615 is floating in the shape of interest-bearing warrants. The county and municipal debt of the territory is set at \$1,375,027. Of the total amount the Territorial Loan Commission has funded \$1,782,000 into territorial 5 per cents.

The assessment as fixed by the Territorial Board of Equalization for 1897, is \$30,613,702, a gain of about \$1,000,000 over the previous assessment. The National Guard of the territory consists of ten companies, with 484 enlisted men and officers.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Queen Victoria has refused to accept a violin made from a tree on the lot where John Brown was hanged at Harper's Ferry.

It is announced that Germany has been officially invited to take part in the proposed international bimetallic conference.

During the ascent of Mt. Ararat, Armenia, by members of the recent geological congress, Dr. Stoerber, professor of medicine, was frozen to death.

A Hamburger telegram says that Herr August Bebel, the famous German socialist, has been made assistant commandant of the Hamburg socialists in the forthcoming Reichstag election.

When the Baltimore leaves for Honolulu next week she will carry orders to the Yorktown and Wheeling to return to Mare Island. This means that the government is satisfied that the Baltimore and Bennington are able to protect American interests in Hawaii.

A schism is threatened among the Masons of Canada. A new lodge has been started, composed of French and Italians, under a charter of the Grand Orient of France, which does not believe in the Bible. Other lodges disown them, and have written to the Prince of Wales for instructions.

A dispatch to the New York Herald from Valparaiso, Chile, says it is stated that the government is investigating big frauds alleged to have been committed by the administration's representatives who are superintending the construction of a dry dock at Talcahuana. The government, it is stated, has lost 500,000 pesos by the frauds.

Bishop McKin, the Episcopal prelate of Tokio, says that of a total of 150,000 converts in Japan the Roman Catholics are first, with about 50,000, and the Greek Catholics second, with about 23,000. The Episcopalians number in the neighborhood of 10,000. He says that in the matter of church government, ritual and theology, the Episcopal and the Greek Catholic churches in Japan are closer than any other religious bodies, and intimates that the two bodies may soon be united. The bishop will sail for the orient soon.

It is a report on the birds of the islands of Santa Barbara, San Nicolas and San Clemente during a visit last spring by a number of Throop students and members of the academy. The report is written by Joseph Grinnell, the accomplished young naturalist and the leader of the expedition, who had as companions Horace Gaylord, Harry Gaylord and James Brittan. The pamphlet is full of information regarding island birds, water fowl and eggs, and will well repay perusal. The amount of work done by the party will be inferred from the fact that 450 bird skins were collected during the trip, and quite a number of species new to science discovered.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

Riverside has organized a chamber of commerce. Figueroa street in Los Angeles is to be macadamized.

Pomona as just adopted hotel and "cheap John" license ordinances.

The total attendance at the Redlands school, below the high school, is 44.

Chino reports 295 children in the schools, 21 being in the high school.

Orange county is agitating the appointment of a milk and meat inspector.

The leasing of Arizona school lands added \$1500 to the Territorial treasury.

The first publication of the Pasadena Academy of Sciences has been issued.

A. Phillips & Co. landed over 500 excursionists in Los Angeles in September.

The South San Diego ostrich farm is progressing, and is being stocked with additional birds.

The Pasadena water companies are putting in a submerged dam at Devil's Gate in the Arroyo Seco.

It is claimed that \$500,000 has been spent in building improvements in Pasadena since January 1st.

Summerland has a new 30,000 gallon oil tank constructed for the benefit of the Southern Pacific company.

The Southern Pacific company has special armed guards on its passenger trains now for fear of a hold-up.

Jerome, Ariz., was made an international money order office October 4. Jerome has many foreign residents.

Pasadena has an electric funeral car, appropriately draped and arranged for carrying a casket and forty passengers.

The Southern California Christian Endeavor convention will be held at Santa Barbara November 26th to 28th.

The Los Angeles council has voted to hold a special election for the purpose of determining whether fire and school bonds shall be issued.

San Diego's city attorney informs the council of that city that the act permitting the consolidation of certain offices is, in his opinion, unconstitutional.

The oil well being sunk by the sugar factory people on the Chino hills is said to have reached a depth of 1200 feet, with no oil indications yet to be seen.

A project is under way to locate a colony of discontented Alabama people in Cochise county. They will secure irrigation water by means of artesian wells.

Santa Ana's new sewer system will be 99,610 feet long and will cover the entire city. The cost will be about \$60,000, for which amount bonds are to be voted.

Work will be pushed at once on the San Bernardino court house. The floors are to be of Oregon pine instead of oak, and the building will be heated by steam.

Whether Los Angeles has a fiesta next spring now seems to depend on the subscriptions of the two railroads. If they give \$2000 each the carnival will be assured.

The proposed protection district to protect property in Garden Grove and Westminster has been abandoned. There was too much opposition of property owners.

The top of Old Baldy is now wrapped in the beautiful, "the beautiful snow," and several other peaks, among them peak Butterfield, wear mantles of snowy stuff.

The proprietors of the Highland Springs have been arrested for violating the anti-gambling laws. A recently organized law and order league is behind the prosecutions.

The Los Angeles Florist association has just been formed, with F. Ed Gray as President; Carl Packard, vice-president; Miss Ethel Lord, secretary, and Fred Howard, treasurer.

In addition to a dozen or so of business blocks, forty residences are in the course of erection in Phoenix. All are of a good class, the average of cost being probably \$1500 or \$1800.

A big excursion is to be run between Los Angeles and Rand points as soon as the last spike is ready to be driven on the new Ranisburg road. The celebration is to be on an elaborate scale.

The hay crop in Arizona is the heaviest in years. Singularly hay of the homemade variety is higher in price

than it has been in years, being \$5.50 per ton plus the freight from Phoenix.

Beginning the first of the new year the California Limited train on the Santa Fe will make tri-weekly trips. The travel to and from Southern California is always heaviest in the early spring months.

E. F. Phelan, who had the contract for the tunnels of the Southern California Power company in the Santa Ana canyon, has been declared insolvent. He had assigned his contract to Fairchild & Gilmore.

The Southern California Water company has stopped work on the Morena dam because the council of San Diego has indorsed the report of its engineer that the dam was not being constructed according to specifications.

The opinion of San Diego's city attorney that a license ordinance legalizing tape and other shady games would be contrary to law, and a commission of a felony by any councilmen voting for it, has created a sensation in that city.

An epidemic of typhoid fever is feared among those who use water from the Santa Ana river in San Bernardino county. The stream has been dangerously polluted by the workmen engaged in the tunnels of the Southern California Power company.

The enlarging of the Arizona Canal is a big task, and goes forward slowly. It took 150 men and a corresponding number of teams ten days to clean out two miles of the canal, a good deal of blasting being necessary. Water has been turned in for a couple of days to enable stockmen to fill their watering tanks.

The Bixby lands, amounting to 8173 acres in Los Angeles county, have been sold to W. A. Clark of New York for \$405,000 spot cash. These lands are well adapted to the growth of the sugar beet and it is the intention of the new owner to put up another sugar factory, to have a capacity of 800 tons a day.

The 9,000,000 mark desired by the board of equalization was not quite reached in Maricopa county, Arizona, although it was crowded pretty close. The total valuation was \$8,798,942. The county rate is \$2.25, or the lowest in the Territory. The taxes to be collected are \$198,818.70, of which \$76,929.50 will go to the Territory.

Work has been resumed on the survey of the line from Deming, N. M., via the Gila valley and Globe to Phoenix. The survey was suspended at Solomonville three weeks ago. Now it has been ordered resumed, and a dozen men are in the field. Their route will be down the Gila valley to Geronimo, San Carlos, Globe, Florence, Mesa and Phoenix.

The proposed railroad from the Santa Fe Pacific to the Grand canyon is now certain of completion. Williams and Flagstaff are both bidding for the connecting point, with the result very much in doubt. The capitalists are now on the ground, piloted by the ubiquitous Buckley O'Neill, who is fathering the project. The declaration is made that within a week the surveying and grading forces will be at work.

Alderman A. E. Nutt and Sheriff F. S. Jennings of San Diego are said to be the local representatives of a company that will soon be organized for the extension of one of the local railway lines to Yuma. The project has been under contemplation for some time, and an effort was recently made in behalf of the parties these gentlemen claim to represent, to purchase a quarter block on the corner of Seventh and K streets, San Diego.

The making of a health and fashion resort of the Castle Creek hot springs, Arizona, is progressing. The wagon grade cut from Vulture siding to the springs has been completed, and is the best mountain road in the Territory. A stage line will be put on soon. Now comes the question of whether it shall first be pushed on the hotel or cottage plans. Later both will be built, but the question of which shall be built first will not be settled till October 15. Already \$50,000 has been spent there. An outlay of \$250,000 is contemplated.

Advocates of the San Pedro government harbor are rejoicing over a recent demonstration of the deepening of the water on the bar. Tuesday the barkentine C. C. Falk, drawing twenty feet of water, was towed over the bar without difficulty, greatly to the astonishment of the old inhabitants, to whom such a performance is unprecedented. It has always been the custom to lighten the draught of vessels in the outer harbor to less than eighteen feet before attempting to bring them in. Manager Haynes of the Terminal railroad ascribes this to the dam constructed by his company across what used to be the mouth of the San Gabriel river, between Long Beach and San Pedro.

MINES AND MINING.

At Skaguay silver is so scarce that a \$20-gold piece has been given for nineteen silver dollars in change.

The first quartz mill in California run by electricity was that of the Dalmatia mine in El Dorado county.

The California, one of the lost mines on the desert, is reported to have been rediscovered in Arizona, south of Sentinel station. Arizona and the desert have been prolific in lost mines, all of which were immensely rich until found, but the men who were with them have never been found.

The cyanide plant of the Good Hope mine, says the Elsinore Press, which has been in operation for some little time working the tailings from the mill, employs from ten to fifteen men. Sixty tons of the tailings are treated every day, and the average amount of gold extracted is \$5.86 per ton.

The Mining and Scientific Press says very truly that the loss to California farmers by the stoppage of hydraulic mining is treble the gross amount of contributory damages occasioned by the debris, and approximate to the loss to the miners themselves. It is time this debris question was reopened and the fact recognized that it is the greatest measure of prosperity to the farmers themselves.

The Grass Valley Telegraph says that John D. Rockefeller has turned his attention to California gold mines, and has sent his private secretary, Hulet Merritt, to investigate opportunities for investment, and is now on his way to the Coast. Would it not have been wiser to have sent a good mining engineer? Private secretaries are not supposed to be experts in mining matters, but perhaps the mining engineer will follow. There are plenty of opportunities for the profitable investment of some of the oil king's millions and they will be welcome.

The Ferris correspondent of the Riverside Press says that the Gavilan Mining company are steadily at work on their claim seven miles west of Ferris. They are down 322 feet and have run four drifts. The ore extracted is being piled up in one of the drifts, and only the ore extracted in development work is kept. A report was circulated some time ago that the bottom had dropped out of the Gavilan mines, but this proved to be a false rumor. The value of the pay rock is about \$50, and San Francisco parties have been investigating the proposition for a 20-stamp mill. Experts were taking measurements last week at the Santa Rosa mill.

Mariposa Mines.

Prince Poniatowski and his associates in the California Exploration company have closed a deal by which they came into possession of the Virginia mine in Mariposa county. The gentlemen decline to give the exact purchase price, but the figures are in the neighborhood of \$130,000. The Virginia is the fourth mine Prince Poniatowski and his associates have bought in Mariposa county, and one in Tuolumne and with seven in Calaveras county, they are now actively working twelve gold mines.

San Bernardino Cobalt.

The filing of the incorporation papers of the Lytle Creek Quartz Mining Company has revealed a secret that has been most jealously guarded. The object of the incorporation is not the working of gold-bearing quartz, but the founder of the company, Shipman Reed of Colton, has discovered in Lytle Creek canyon a ledge of cobalt, the only one yet found in the United States. It is 6000 feet in length and from ten to twenty feet in width, and assays very high in a very fine quality of cobalt, besides nickel and a low grade of gold. The ledge is located six miles above the hot sulphur springs in the canyon, and it is proposed to erect a ten-ton smelter on the spot for the reduction of the ores. This is no visionary scheme, as the smelter will be here the coming week, and will be placed on exhibition and on trial in this city for a few days before it is conveyed to the mines of cobalt. It requires a very high temperature to reduce cobalt quartz, and the smelter that is to be used is the invention of one of the stockholders of the company, Lugora A. Blubaugh of Fernando, Los Angeles county. In the corporation are E. J. Turner, formerly a member of congress from Kansas, now residing at Washington, D. C., and his father, Dr. J. S. Turner, a wealthy resident of Fernando. The capital stock of the company, \$100,000, is all taken by the five incorporators, and work will be pushed in developing the mines.