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LUCERO IS GUILTY

The Jury's Verdict Was Murder in The Second Degree

Sentence Will be Pronounced on May Third

Maximiano Lucero, who killed Pedro B. Salazar at Lucero's and Ortego's shearing pens, near Phoenix, on Feb. 15 of this year, has been given a jury trial and found guilty of murder in the second degree. The court announced that sentence would be passed on May 3. There is a wide range of punishment under this verdict, and the prisoner may be sent to Yuma for ten years or for life.

PIONEER

PASSES AWAY

John W. Freeman Dies at Snowflake—Brief Sketch of His Life

John W. Freeman was born in the state of Kentucky on April 15th 1836; while he was a small boy his family moved out to Caldwell County, Mo., and in the early 50s moved to Utah and located permanently in that state. Mr. Freeman took an active part in establishing settlements in southern Utah, was a commissioned officer of the militia, and was very active in defending the settlers of that against the raids of the Navajo Indian, and was with parties that followed them when they had stolen the settlers stock. He came to Arizona with an exploring party in the spring of 1876, in the winter of the following year he moved his family into Tonto Basin, and located on the East Verde, where he remained but a short time, then moved over to Snowflake, then a new settlement, there he remained until the time of his death, April 15th, 1905. He was a pioneer in every sense of the word, was a practical farmer and stockman, and had a vast amount of experience in building dams and ditches for irrigation purposes. He was one of the founders of the A. C. M. I., and was a director and vice-president of that institution at the time of his death. He had accumulated considerable wealth and was ever ready to use it to help build up the country and develop its resources.

WANTS AMERICA LICKED

Madrid, April 24.—Cardinal Hereras, who recently died in this city in his will left fifty thousand dollars for the first Spanish general who should land in America in a war for the avenging of Spain on the United States for the loss of Cuba and the Philippines.

In the supreme court today an order was entered refusing to probate the will and holding it void so far as the reward for an assault on the United States was concerned, in the opinion of the court the judge stated that while the bequest might be taken as evidence of patriotism on the part of the deceased it could not be allowed either from a political or strategical standpoint. To even suggest another war with the United States on the part of Spain it was beyond the range of possibilities.

Engineer and Fireman Killed

Last Monday morning the engine and three baggage cars of eastbound passenger train No. 8 went over an embankment 18 miles west of Ashfork, killing the engineer and fireman. The engineer's name was Rickster, one of the oldest engineers, so far as service is concerned, on this portion of the Santa Fe road. He leaves a wife and child who reside at Winslow. Morton, the fireman was a single man.

The accident occurred on the sharp curves between Crookton and Glead. It appears that the roadbed had been softened the day before by rain, and when the engine struck it on a sharp curve the rails gave way and it left the track and went down the embankment about one hundred feet.

The escape of the trainmen asleep in the baggage cars and the rest of the train that remained on the track was certainly miraculous. The engine and cars in going over the bank took out nearly fifty yards of track, which delayed traffic several hours before it could be repaired.—Flagstaff Gem.

Amos Madden Thayer, United States circuit judge died at his home in St. Louis on April 25 after an illness of four months, age 64 years. He wrote the opinion of the United States Court of Appeals on the Northern Securities case.

INCREASED PAY

Proposed For Employees Of The Forest Service

What is Required of Forest Rangers

There is a marked improvement in the methods of the Forest Service over the old system, including an increase of pay for reliable and competent men.

When the service has been fully reorganized the titles and pay of employees will be as follows:

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| Forest Supervisor..... | \$1,800 to \$2,500 |
| Deputy Forest Supervisor..... | 1,500 to 1,700 |
| Forest Ranger..... | 1,200 to 1,400 |
| Deputy Forest Ranger..... | 1,000 to 1,100 |
| Assistant Forest Ranger..... | 800 to 900 |

Forest Rangers now receive from \$720 to 1,080 a year or \$60 to \$90 per month.

The United States Civil Service Commission will soon hold examinations for the position of Forest Ranger at one or more points in the territory, due notice will be given of the place and date later. Many additional Rangers will be required for the new forest reserve soon to be established and for numerous vacancies now existing on reserves.

The examinations will be along practical lines, intended to bring out the training, experience, and general qualifications of applicants. The chief object in view is to obtain men thoroughly fitted for the work in hand, and especially men familiar with the general condition of the locality in which they seek to be employed. Success in the examinations will depend very much on the applicants ability to do the ordinary work of a Forest Ranger, and to do it well, than upon any theoretical knowledge he may have obtained. No man of good character and ability, and sound body, who has had actual experience in the timber or on the range of the West need hesitate to try the examination. In order that those men best fitted for the work may be present and compete it is extremely desirable that wide publicity be given to the coming examination.

The law now provides that Forest Rangers must be chosen, when practicable, from residents of the state or territory in which the forest reserve on which they seek employment is located.

What is desirable are good sound able-bodied men capable of enduring hardships and performing severe labor under trying conditions, from 21 to 40

years of age. Invalids seeking light out-of-door employment need not apply.

Applications for examinations should be made to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Further information concerning same may be secured from F. S. Breen, Forest Supervisor, Flagstaff, Ariz.

O'Neil Monument Commission

Governor Kibbey yesterday named the members of the Buckey O'Neil Rough Rider monument commission under the law passed by the late legislature appropriating \$10,000 for the erection of a monument at Prescott. The members of the commission are all residents of Prescott, E. W. Wells, Robert E. Morrison, Morris Goldwater, M. J. Hickey and Richard E. Sloan. The governor also appointed Dr. W. V. Whittemore of Tucson a member of the territorial medical board in place of Dr. H. W. Fenner resigned.—Republican.

American contractors in South Africa have broken the record for deep drilling. James Tobin, operating a diamond drill, located ore at the depth of 5,560 feet, near Randfontein.

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