

The most surprising activity exists in the filling upon government lands along the Florence canal by visitors drawn hither by the recommendation of friends or a curiosity to see for themselves something of the wonders claimed for this favored section of Arizona. The land is rich and fruitful and with the certainty of a plentiful supply of water there are no risks incurred in securing property that will enhance rapidly in value during the coming years. There is a limit to the quantity of land capable of being supplied with water, and when this is reached the price will advance with great rapidity. Improved land now worth from \$30 to \$50 per acre will be in strong demand at from \$200 to \$500 per acre within five years, and every species of land with water right will command a handsome price. Therefore it is an exhibition of keen business sagacity in these visitors to obtain property that must necessarily bring them a plentiful return of wealth for a small outlay.

We present to our readers this week a map of a portion of Casa Grande mining district, showing the relative positions of the numerous mining locations on record. This district is among the most important mining centers in Arizona and it has produced a great deal of wealth by the shipment of its rich ores during the past three or four years. More recently the developments have given assurance that quantity as well as quality characterizes the ores, and large and strong veins of good grade ore have been uncovered. Judging from past experience this district will very soon occupy a prominent position in the mining world, such as its merits justify. The attention of capital is just now being drawn towards it and with the system in management and working that mining companies usually employ, the result of operations upon a large scale will be exceedingly satisfactory. From time to time as circumstances permit, other districts will be illustrated by maps through these columns and descriptions of the properties and developments be given in detail.

There can be scarcely a doubt that one of the projected trunk lines of railroad through Arizona will traverse the Gila valley, touching Florence, and that such a road will be under construction before the end of the present year. With good and cheap transportation facilities Florence will grow to become a large commercial city second to none in the Territory. It possesses the advantages of geographical location and the immediate surroundings to support a city and no prophetic eye is necessary to discern the plain writing of its destiny. The time is coming when the tide of immigration from the east will roll into Arizona like it recently did to southern California, for this portion of the great southwest possesses all the elements of climate, health, productivity and availability to attract people. With the advent of a new line of railroad the future of Florence will be fully assured.

A STORY comes from St. Johns, Apache county, by way of Albuquerque, New Mexico, concerning Chief Justice Wright, that we are loth to believe and sincerely hope it is not true. The telegram states that the case of Johnson vs. Morrison was being tried with Chief Justice Wright on the bench. E. M. Sanford, the attorney for Morrison, also for the Atlantic and Pacific railway, alleged he was prejudiced against him on account of railroad matters. During the trial he ruled against Sanford's points, showing personal feeling so plainly that it was noticed by other attorneys. Sanford, when outside of the court-room, criticized the court quite severely. The judge, hearing of this, took a recess of ten minutes, met Sanford in the clerk's office, and abused him outrageously, calling him a "black-hearted villain" and like terms, and then returned and resumed his place on the bench. It is regarded by lawyers as a very scandalous proceeding.

From the manner in which Gen. Boulanger is cheered by the French populace, he is riding a wave of popularity that is dangerous alike to himself and the peace of his country. His admirers favor a revision of the French constitution and the establishment of a modified monarchy in place of the present republic.

In spite of the constant attendance of half a dozen doctors who do not agree in their therapeutical opinions, Emperor Frederick III. still lives. Under such discouraging circumstances his display of vitality and courage is indeed wonderful—nay, heroic.

As actor in Nogales, whose part required him to feign death, recently performed it so well that he was the subject of subsequent funeral. His acting was true to life, as it were.

Pinal county is now enjoying both an agricultural and mining boom. The rapid construction of irrigating canal has been the cause of many people rushing in and reclaiming large tracts of land. Much of this land is already being put under cultivation and many thousands acres more will be reclaimed during the next six months. Then there is also a wonderful revival in mining; not only does the old producers continue their output but many new mines are being developed which will soon be added to the present producers. Pinal county has a most promising outlook.—Star.

At the last term of the district court in Mohave county, Judge Wright ruled that an Indian is a competent witness in the courts of Arizona. He also ruled that depositions taken in a primary hearing and reduced to writing were competent testimony in the trial of the party under indictment.

FLORENCE CANAL.
A Grand Enterprise for Southern Arizona.
[Tucson Daily Star.]
Messrs. D. S. Thomas and Geo. N. Pogue, of Florence, are in this city. Mr. Pogue is the president of the Florence Canal Co., of which Mr. Thomas was the promoter and is largely interested. From these gentlemen the Star learned that the Florence Canal Co. has been lately reorganized and the management has funds sufficient to push the canal and its laterals to completion within the next six months.

THE CANAL.
is now completed for 18 miles with water flowing through it. Its width is 25 feet at the bottom and 45 foot banks. When completed the canal will be 45 miles long with 60 miles of lateral ditches. This will bring under cultivation from 100,000 to 140,000 acres of as fine land as there is under the sun.

WHICH WILL PRODUCE
all the cereals, vegetables, fruits etc. The soil is a deep, rich loam and all kinds of fruits raised in California can be raised there, oranges, lemons and other citrus fruits. It is especially the home of the raisin grape, which on account of the dry atmosphere can be dried in the vineyard. The apricot, nectarine, peaches, figs, plums, and prunes all grow to perfection. The English walnut, almonds, pecans and other nuts of semi-tropical climes can be cultivated with great profit. Sugar cane, tobacco, citrus and all southern agricultural produce has been tried and the soil yields many fold, so it does not require much stretch of the imagination to

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the new agricultural region which is looming up in our neighboring county of Pinal, and which the Star predicts will in less than five years be one of the greatest fruit regions of the southwest. All of the small fruits, such as strawberries, black and raspberries and currants grow most luxuriously and the gooseberry is indigenous to the soil and climate. All that is necessary to bring about

THE GRAND RESULTS
is water and this is what the Florence Canal Company is now supplying. As we have stated there are 18 miles of the canal completed. They have now in operation the New England Grading Machine which with 16 horses moves from 1000 to 1200 yards of earth daily. They have two motor machines in transit, one of which will be put on the laterals, the other on the main ditch, which will enable them to open at least six miles of each monthly. Not a dollar of bonds has been issued to raise money to construct the canals, the coin has all been put up by the stockholders. As they have plenty of capital to complete the entire business it is not the intention to issue any.

Messrs. Thomas and Pogue are driving business men, just the kind of men who can and will carry this great enterprise to rapid success.

Decision Affecting Stock Raisers
Judge Zane, in the third district court at Salt Lake Utah, has rendered a decision of great importance to the sheep and cattle men of the west. The Promontory Cattle company, a few years ago, purchased a large tract of railroad land in the Bickler country. The railway lands are the even numbered sections, the alternate sections still belonging to the public domain. Through this purchase they became the owners of railroad lands or tracts of country stretching forty miles north and south and thirty-six miles east and west. The government lands included in this area put up more than 350,000 acres. John S. Hutz and a score of other defendants who own large flocks of sheep claimed that they had a right to the use of the public lands for grazing purposes, and also to pass over the company's lands in crossing, and as the company could not fence except in single sections, for that would enclose government lands, an application was made to the court asking that the sheepmen be kept off the tract altogether. Judge Zane refused to grant the injunction. He said if the injunction was issued it would secure the plaintiff the right not only to its own land, but also the exclusive right to the use of the government lands. It would further impose a great hardship on all persons driving this class of stock from one section to another in compelling them to go around a tract thirty-six by forty miles.—Stock Grower

Justice Gone Wrong.
The White Oaks Interpreter speaks as follows about some recent federal prosecutions in New Mexico: "It is reported that suits have been instituted against the Lezinsky Bros., for \$350,000 assumed to be the value of the wood cut for them in the Mogollon Range, and burned into charcoal for the purpose of carrying on the production of copper, before the building of the railroads enabled them to use coke."
The result of their mining enterprises and the energetic way in which they carried them out, under enormous disadvantages, was the building up of the little city of Clifton, Arizona, the attraction of immense capital to that territory, the advancement of the public interests there, to an extent beyond computation.

That they, in obtaining charcoal for their works, exercised any right not theirs by law, as well as equity, is not true. There is no case against them, and no one can be made, but divides and sundry officials may make a few hundreds out of the scheme, and they will at least be "satisfied." Such proceedings without foundation in justice, or warrant in law, are fast bringing the administration of Federal Justice in the territories into contempt. This result is to be deplored for the inevitable consequences to be felt long after the causes have been removed and forgotten."

Rev. J. J. Wingar, the father of Methodism in Globe, is about to take his departure from Tempe to California, where he intends making his future home. He has lost his eyesight completely. Mr. Wingar is an exemplary man and a worthy christian, and although an earnest and successful worker in his Master's cause, Mr. Adams did not consider him a light-weighter in the pulpit and consequently gave that as an excuse for snubbing him at the dedication of the church that Mr. Wingar was mainly instrumental in building. The feeling thus engendered has rested as a wet blanket upon the church in Globe, ever since.—Belt.

Supt. J. A. Canoe, of the Monarch mining and milling company, started for St. Louis and Chicago last Sunday. The properties of this company are located five miles south of the Yekol.

Arizona News.
J. H. Marston was married in Prescott last week to Miss I. A. Jones.
San Carlos and not Globe gets the new port.
Capt. Bullis, 24th Infantry, relieves Capt. Pierce at San Carlos.
Special Agent Slater has been exonerated from charges brought against him.
C. T. Hayden has resigned as one of the Regents of the Territorial normal school.

The Silver Belt says the Old Dominion copper copper produced copper at 2 1/2 cents per pound laid down in New York.
P. Michaelson died at Hackberry on Thursday. Mr. Michaelson was the mail contractor on the route between Hackberry and Lost Basin.

Col. C. C. Bean has filed United States patents for eighteen mining claims, in Copper Basin, for record. The fees for recording amounted \$135 or \$7.50 each.

The directors of the Arizona Industrial Exposition association are making the most extensive arrangements for the coming fair in October next.

Repeated showers, during the past ten days, have had a vivifying effect upon vegetation, given grass a new growth and insured an abundance of feed for stock until the rainy season in July and August.—Silver Belt.

Richard Webber, from London, England, a nephew of James Pemberton, the Superintendent of the American Flag mine, arrived here Tuesday morning, and will probably remain some time.—Fagsall Champion.

A cowboy tournament is being arranged to take place at Lakes, in Williamson valley, Arizona, on June 1st, which will be just at the close of the spring rodeos in that country.

Hon. Melville W. Fuller, the new chief justice of the supreme court, is a personal friend of Judge W. H. Barnes, of this city and Surveyor General John Hise. General Hise was for many years Judge Fuller's neighbor in Chicago, and he is now one of the bondsmen of General Hise.—Star.

Inasmuch as it was adjudged by the district court, that it was necessary for the Board of Supervisors to give bond in the sum of \$5000 each, as required by the "Code," they complied with "the law," on Tuesday last, upon the solicitation of citizens who expressed anxiety that they should at least continue in office for the term for which they were elected.—Silver Belt.

The railroad from Escondido to San Diego and thence to Yuma is now an assured fact, as rails and other material has been received at San Diego for its construction. E. F. Quilty, a wealthy Englishman, is now in San Diego. He is one of the syndicate of English capitalists who have advanced \$3,000,000 for the development of Lower California, the major portion of which is to be expended in the construction of the railroad.

Yuma Items.

The handsome Dorrington cottages are completed and await occupants.

Governor Zuleik has commissioned Frank E. Ewing, a notary public for Yuma county.

Mr. Geo. W. Norton, of Mohawk valley, paid a flying visit to Yuma a few days since immediately returning to the scene of his labors. He reports rapid strides in the construction of the now famous canal under his supervision.

Supervisor D. M. Field has returned from Los Angeles. Mr. Field will commence to develop his marble deposits at once; his quarries are located near Gila City.

A serenade and reception was yesterday given Hon. J. H. Behan, superintendent of the Territorial prison, by a large number of the most prominent citizens of Yuma. The evening was passed in dancing, cards and conversation. A regal repast was served, to which the guests did ample justice. Toasts were proposed and responded to, all plainly indicating the high regard and esteem in which Mr. Behan is held by our people. The occasion will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant ever given in Yuma.

Albert F. Andrade upon arriving from San Francisco immediately departed for Lerdo, Sonora, upon a business trip. It is reported that General Andrade has lately obtained greater and more important concessions from the Mexican government than ever before, and that heavy capitalists will shortly invest largely in the Lerdo grant, which comprises upward of a million acres of remarkably fertile land. The prosperity of the colony, owing to its close proximity to Yuma, cannot fail to redound to the benefit of our citizens, and especially so in a commercial sense, this being the natural shipping point for supplies and appliances.

The Library Magazine.

The current issue of The Library Magazine presents the extraordinary number of 224 pages, in large type, handsomely printed (and all for ten cents, or \$1.00 a year), the papers being as important in character as they are remarkable in quantity, including one on The Constitution of the United States, by Hon. E. J. Phelps, United States Minister to Great Britain; a brilliant paper on The Mammoth and the Flood, from the London Quarterly Review; The Higher Education of Women, from the Contemporary; Mr. Ruskin and His Work, from the Edinburgh; The Struggle for Existence, by T. H. Huxley; Shakespeare or Bacon, by Sir Theodore Martin; Mystical Possession in Russia, by N. Taskoi; English and American Federalism, by C. R. Lowell; The Extraordinary Condition of Corsica, by Charles Sumner Maine; The Balance of Naval Power in Europe, from Blackwood's; one of a series of papers on Post-Talmudic Literature, by Dr. Bernhard Pick; The Christian Element in English Poetry, by M. V. B. Knox; besides several other important articles, and the editorial department of Current Thought, which embodies brief extracts from notable articles in American and foreign periodicals. John E. Alden, Publisher, 393 Pearl Street, New York; 218 Clark Street, Chicago.

The Democratic County Central Committee of Pinal county took the ground that no census was present at the nominating convention last Saturday and the chairman thereupon appointed Messrs. G. H. Oury, W. C. Smith, M. Kennedy and J. L. Stowe as delegates to the Territorial convention, with Joe Phyl as alternate. There will therefore be a double set of delegates from this county at the Phoenix convention next Monday.

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