

When a man gives his whole time and attention to his business pursuits and fails to acquaint himself with his neighbors' affairs, he is regarded by a certain element as an unsocial and selfish misanthrope.

The climatic changes produced in Egypt by the influences of the Suez canal are somewhat startling to a student of meteorology, and they point significantly to the possibilities of a wonderful alteration of the climate of the arid regions of the west, and particularly that of Arizona.

As an evidence of the efficiency displayed in the collection of poll taxes in the several counties, the following comparative statement will be interesting: Maricopa county comes first with \$2785; Yavapai third, with \$2505; Pinal fourth, with \$1434; Graham fifth, with \$1306; Apache sixth, with \$1099; Cochise seventh, with \$1084; Mohave eighth, with \$747; Gila ninth, with \$702, and Yuma tenth, with \$315.

The practice of degenerating agricultural fairs into a series of horse races is the cause of considerable complaint almost everywhere, and the Rural Press notes that the people of that state will boycott the fairs outright unless a hinge is made.

An eastern inventor has produced a telephone that will "bottle up" the message transmitted over the wire and the receiver can hear it at his leisure.

The Russian government refuses to permit Chinamen to immigrate to Siberia. And now, if the Prince of Darkness shuts the gates of his sulphurous abode against him, the poor heathen will have no welcome in the world outside the walls of his own empire.

With the approach of cooler weather the fatal kerosene can make its bow to the public as it begins another annual farewell tour of the country. It has already appeared with great success in several eastern cities and appears as lively as though the years fall to impair its vitality.

A DISPATCH recites that a clerk for a New York law firm has robbed his employers of over a quarter of a million dollars. The statement does not require a denial. Who is there sufficiently venturesome to believe a law firm ever possessed that amount of available temptation.

A TEXAS gentleman claims the possession of an infallible remedy for the yellow fever and declares that he can cure any case in from fifteen minutes to one hour. He should be captured and sent to Jacksonville on a trial trip.

The barbed wire manufacturers recently held a secret conference in Chicago. They concluded not to advance prices just yet, but will wait until the consumers recover a little before again reaching for their last nickel.

DENNIS KEARNEY is talking free trade to sandlotters at San Francisco. The democracy of California seems doomed to be overtaken by some inexorable fate at every election, and this time its name is Dennis.

PITCHER, the defaulting Providence teller, has been convicted in Montreal of carrying stolen money into Canada, and that it might be fulfilled of the prophecy, "The Pitcher shall be broken at the fountain."

AN exchange says the painting of the table legs with a solution of corrosive sublimate will banish all troublesome ants. But what about the mother-in-law?

A NEW portfolio will shortly be added to the president's cabinet, and a department of Agriculture be created. The new official will likely be facetiously called the "Hayseed Secretary."

Several hundred Yuma Indians have gone down to the festa of the Diegano Indians. The harvest festival will continue for one week.

Cummings and Wilney two convicts from Maricopa County, whose terms had expired, were discharged from the Penitentiary on Thursday.

John Newman, of Pioneer, has purchased a Huntington mill, of a capacity of 16 tons per day, with concentrating tables, which he intends putting in motion at Pioneer.

Messrs. Fitzsimmons and Anand are now confined to their beds at the hospital under the care of Dr. Largent, although the latter hopes are entertained of their recovery.

Gov. A. Allen is in receipt of a letter from Hon. Mark Smith stating that he was assured by the President that the Chiricahua Indians now in Alabama will not be returned to Arizona.

Mrs. Vena Thomas, who has been engaged to teach the Tonto public school, arrived from Oakland, Cal., on Wednesday's buckboard. Mrs. Thomas is formerly residing in Globe, and afterwards at Florence. Mrs. Thomas is a capable teacher and the people of Tonto school district are fortunate in securing her services.

Recent arrivals from Solomonville report that the dead body of a white man was found last week at the cienega near that town at the bottom of a bluish stream recognized as a man who had been suffering from fever and some time previous had left on foot. It is supposed that his death arose from accident, as his neck was broken, evidently from a fall.

George McCormick and a Mexican whose name we did not learn broke into the China restaurant adjoining Hovey's saloon last night about 2 o'clock and at the point of a pistol drove the occupants out, firing two shots at the Colonel as he fled across the street. They then took an axe, broke into a trunk and extracted therefrom about \$50 in cash. Constable Smith arrested the Mexican this morning and locked him up, but McCormick skipped.

Last Saturday night, about 10:30 o'clock, as a wrecking train in charge of Engineer Wm. F. Polk, with Joe C. Martin as fireman, was rounding the curve at the point of rocks just below town, an object was discovered on the track some twenty feet in advance of the engine. The alarm was given, the lever reversed and the brakes put on, but without avail, and the engine struck and threw to one side the body of Monica Villa, which, in some manner not yet satisfactorily explained, was lying between the rails of the track in a crouching position. He lived some twenty minutes after reaching the hospital. His injuries were as follows: Both legs were badly broken in two or three places each, the left limb especially having suffered. One arm was almost entirely severed and the body showed evidences of severe, not fatal bruises. In addition there was a badly contused wound on the right side of the head.

Charlie Smith, an employe of the custom house, was shot and seriously, if not fatally, wounded in Tombstone about midnight Saturday night, by Charles Cunningham, with whom he had quarreled. The assassin is in jail.

Ward & Conarty, contractors, have brought fifty men from El Paso to work on the Bisbee road in place of the Mexicans, who struck for higher wages.

The Ross mill in the Chiricahua is cutting an average of ten thousand feet of lumber per day, the bulk of which is delivered at the Copper Queen mine, in Bisbee, in the shape of square timbers and two-inch plank.

The Old Guard mine and mill will not be sold until November next under the judgment rendered by the District Court. It is expected that the mill will arrive to pay off the indebtedness by the first of October, in which case the judgment will be released.

Charles Cook, who has been chloriding on the Three Brothers mine with Sol Prescott for several months past, started out about half past three o'clock, in company with Walter Noye and Thomas Sandys, on a hunting excursion, intending to be gone for a week or ten days. They left in a wagon belonging to Sandys with their blankets and provisions. Noye and the deceased got down from the wagon several times to shoot quail and cottontail on the road. About two miles this side of Charleston they espied a large flock of quail and both men went after them with their guns. The deceased came back first with two quail, and throwing them into the wagon laid his gun along the back of the wagon seat on the pile of blankets. He then climbed up onto the seat, remaining in a half-standing and half-kneeling position. The jar of the wagon caused the gun to fall from its place onto the ground with such force that the right barrel was discharged and the entire charge of No. 7 shot entered at the right nipple, causing almost instant death.

Born in Los Angeles to Dr. and Mrs. N. H. Matas, a daughter. Mr. Arthur Earl who formerly resided here, but now resides in San Luis Obispo, Cal., was yesterday nominated by acclamation for district attorney by the republicans of San Luis Obispo County. Another fact which makes it more of a compliment is that there were three candidates.

Thos. S. Bullock, president of the Prescott and Arizona Central railway, which saves the Atlantic & Pacific road from Prescott Junction and on here, arrived from the east Saturday last. We have had a talk with him. He has been in Europe nearly all summer, endeavoring to induce capitalists to aid him in pushing his road through our mines to Phoenix. Success has not crowned his efforts. He does not feel that he can extend the road by the route fixed in the subsidy bill. Says there are about 30 miles of said route over which he could not build a standard gauge road for less than \$30,000 a mile. His idea is, at present, to run his road south by way of Wickenburg or the Agua Fria, and from it send out 20-inch track roads to the principal mining districts of the mountainous region. Nothing will, however, be done until next spring.

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During the territorial convention Mr. W. S. Read took part with many of the visiting delegates out to the University and showed them what had been accomplished with \$6000. They were nearly all under the impression that the whole appropriation had been spent, and were surprised to find that the regents had \$19,000 on hand. Work is going steadily ahead and the territory is going to have a first class structure.

J. D. Burgess, of Table Mountain Camp, arrived in the city yesterday evening. An ice machine has been received by the quartermaster at Lowell and hereafter the post will manufacture its own ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miltenberg have returned from an extended trip to Europe. They visited many of the principal cities of the old world. They visited Mr. Miltenberg's old home in Germany. They also remained several weeks in New York visiting with the relatives of Mrs. Miltenberg.

The Indian industrial school has again been opened, starting off with 49 Indian boys and girls mostly Maricopa and Pinal. There are four teachers in charge of the school, who are employed by the Presbyterian board of missions. The school has been re-opened in the old public school building. It is expected that the new building of the mission will be ready for occupancy next week.

There is a scarcity of miners in Tucson and a big demand for them. There were about forty engaged here this week for the Quijotoa district, and it is understood that men are needed badly in the Gasa Grande district. It is estimated by a gentleman well posted in mining matters that 75 or 100 men are needed in the Quijotoa district around this city now. This indicates that the mines are looking up.

When Billy Reid gets his new opera house completed, Tucson, can boast of the largest theater in the territory and the best arranged. The roof, floors, doors and windows will all be complete next week. The plastering has all been done and the scenery is all painted and ready to be placed in position and the building will be ready for occupancy on October 1st. The first to appear in it, as far as is now known is Haverly's Mastodon Minstrels, on October 15th.

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J. E. Walker, clerk of the district court, returned last evening from an extended trip through the east and a visit to friends in California. The trip agreed with him.

The false impression that a good quality of cork cannot be produced in this section is disproven by a number of sacks of the cork recently secured by the Maricopa Exhibit association, which is equal to any raised on the coast.

Harry Parker and Frank Johnson, two employes of Coon, Burtis & Coon, started up to their beds on the roof of the workshop last night. Both tumbled in the roofing with their hands, and both were knocked down by an electrical shock. There was a thump and a thud yesterday afternoon and the electric lights seemed to be effected by the disturbance. One of the insulators was on the roof of the building, and it is thought that this communicated the electric fluid which knocked the boys down.

Civil Engineer F. P. Trott is now surveying the St. Johns canal, about twelve miles down the Gila, and the company will put a large force of men to work immediately and push the work through to completion.

J. M. Cotton is still in a very precarious condition, but his hopes are confirmed of his recovery. The old timers, however, have pretty good leather in them, and they frequently pull through, even when things look at their worst.

At 9 o'clock this morning Justice Woods called the case of Nabor Escalante vs. the State of Arizona, charged with being parties to the murder of Gribble, Doolittle and Johnson—this being the fifth day of their preliminary examination. A startling development was made. The only witnesses examined were Harvey Howe and Sheriff Halbert. The sheriff's testimony was very corroborative. To show the full effect of the evidence of Howe, the reporter will state that when the two Mexicans were arrested in Cochise county, they made a great endeavor and also an effort to throw away a watch that was in their possession. This watch was to-day identified by Harvey Howe, who stated that he was "a very good friend" of Johnson, who was assassinated with Gribble, as his property, and to make the evidence particularly binding he called attention to certain marks within the works, and upon opening the same his testimony was verified. No further witnesses being present the examination was continued until to-morrow.—Arizona.

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Persons—Lansford and steward. "Have you tied up the butter?" "It is done sir." "And chained down the cheese?" "Yes sir." "Are the imitation tomatoes on?" "They are, sir." "Where is the wax fruit?" "On the sideboard." "Lead the chicken through the soup, wash the halibut with the chips, eggs and serve up the porcelain steak."

Mr. F. A. Price came down from De Soto, Thursday morning.

Washington advices of the 20th instant say that the adoption of the conference committee's report on the sundry bill yet to be reported will show nearly \$30,000,000. The bill for the expenditure of \$100,000 in the investigation of the irrigation question by the geological survey. It was only about six years ago that the irrigation question began to attract more than passing attention even in the far west, where the so-called arid regions lie, and this is the first congress that has had the matter so seriously brought before it. Even the friends of the system are astonished as well as pleased at the success of their efforts, and they believe that the most important preliminary steps towards the solution of the great problem have been taken. Several bills were introduced early in the session, and one of them, looking to his character, looking to the development of the irrigable lands in the southwest by Delegate Smith of Arizona, Delegate Joseph of New Mexico, Mr. Symes and Senators Teller and Bowen, of Colorado. All the present measures are in aid of various irrigation schemes, but a definite proposition was finally reached in a joint resolution which passed both houses and was approved on the 20th of March reading as follows:

"Whereas, a large portion of the unoccupied public lands of the United States is located within what is known as the arid region and now utilized for stock raising purposes, which, while, by means of irrigation, may be rendered as fertile and productive as any land in the world capable of supporting a large population, thereby adding to the national wealth and prosperity; and

"Whereas, the arid lands in many of the states of the interior, contains, upon which chiefly the husbandman of the plains and mountain valleys depends for moisture for his crops, has been appropriated and is used for the irrigation of lands contiguous thereto, whereby a comparatively small area has been reclaimed; and

"Whereas, there are many natural depressions near the sources and along the courses of these streams which may be converted into reservoirs for the storage of the surplus water which, during the winter and spring seasons, flows through the streams, from which reservoirs the water there stored can be drawn and conducted through properly constructed canals, at the proper season, thus bringing large areas of land into cultivation, and making desirable much of the public land for which there is now no demand. Therefore,

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior by means of the director of the geological survey, be and is hereby directed to make an examination of that portion of the arid regions of the United States where agriculture is carried on by means of irrigation, as to the natural advantages for the storage of water for irrigating purposes, with the practicability of constructing reservoirs, together with the capacity of the streams at the points of construction and capacity of reservoirs, and such other facts as bear on the question of storage of water for irrigating purposes; and that he be further directed to report to congress as soon as practicable the result of such investigation."

A subsequent resolution of inquiry, directed to the Secretary of the Interior, elicited the information that an appropriation of \$250,000 would be necessary to carry out the provisions of the joint resolution. The senate, therefore, inserted, an amendment in the sundry bill placing that amount at the disposal of the bureau of the geological survey for the purpose indicated in the original resolution. The house cut the appropriation down to \$100,000, and refused to consent to an increase. To-day the senate conferees agreed to accept the house amendment, and the appropriation will be \$100,000.

Prof. Powell, director of the geological survey, states that he will put forth all his energies to the best advantage to begin the examination of the arid regions. In this connection Mr. Powell says:

"It is undoubtedly true that the greater the delay in the selection of areas for irrigation the greater will be the knowledge which can be brought to bear in making wise selections; but it is also true that the greater the delay the more complex becomes the practical problem by reason of the interference of vested rights. The difficulties arising from vested rights far outweigh, in my judgment, all considerations in favor of delay, and there is even ground for regret that such surveys as have been conducted in the past were not instituted at an earlier stage in the development of the arid regions."

The four surveying parties will therefore begin immediate operations. One will go into Colorado, working in the valleys of both the Arkansas and the Platte, a second one will explore the Walker river valley, Nevada, a third will examine the regions of the upper Rio Grande and its tributaries in New Mexico; the fourth party will make preliminary surveys in Arizona along the Gila and Colorado rivers.

The surveys will be continued so far as the limited appropriation will allow, but it is stated that the next congressional session will not be so important a work to stop for want of funds. The advocates of irrigation are exceedingly well pleased at the prospect.

His Good Luck Kid Ted Him. Virginia (New) Enterprise. Tom Roberts, who died at the County Hospital last Sunday, is said to have been the victim of what at first seemed a streak of good luck. He won \$15,000 in the Havana lottery. Before making the winning he was sober, steady-going mine. When he made his good luck, he had, of course, to treat the boys, and he kept on treating till his money was gone and he had thoroughly fixed upon himself the drinking habit. He fell into a state of general debility or decline that ended his days. But for the lottery winning (which he and his friends at the time of his death were good friends), Tom would doubtless to-day still live and be a rugged, jolly miner.

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Arizona is increasing in wealth and population. Although property is not assessed for more than a third of its value yet the rolls for this year will show nearly \$30,000,000. The barriers which for a generation closed our doors to immigration and capital have been removed, and brains, brawn and money is coming to us to assist in developing the latest industries which will, in a few years, make us a rich and powerful state. Mines are being opened, canals are being dug, water storage companies are being constructed and a railroad system is being perfected that will soon, by giving cheap transportation, create ready markets for our coal, lumber, copper, agricultural and horticultural products.

In five years time thousands of acres in Yavapai and Apache, now used for grazing will be utilized by the thrifty husbandman. Where practicable, artesian wells will give the fluid that invests the arid plains with fertile vigor of restored productiveness. The waters from our running streams will be used upon the arid lands, the mountain canyons will be turned into lakes where the precious water will be stored for the uses of the husbandman.

Any one doubting the assertion that Arizona has a great future before her as an agricultural state has only to visit the Salt and Gila river valleys. Let him see what irrigation, yet in its infancy, has done for this country, of Maricopa and Pinal. Let him note the transformation which canals have made in what a few years ago was known as a part of the Great American Desert. In the Salt river valley 300,000 acres of land has been reclaimed, an equal amount in the valley of the Gila, with 600,000 acres of virgin soil, the most productive in the world, where all fruits, both citrus and deciduous, can be grown to perfection; where dates, figs, olives, oranges, lemons, grapes and every orchard product of the temperate zone is at home. Land 20 acres of which, when planted in trees or vines gives an annual income sufficient to keep the thrifty horticulturist in affluence, buy his daughter a piano and send his boys to college. Then let him look at the orchard of Clough, and eat the peaches of Lynx creek, test the melons and grapes of the Verde, and among our mountain ranges seek out a home where a few acres can be cultivated in fruits and vegetables, in confidence abiding the time when he will reap a rich return upon the investment made in labor, time and money.

Aside from the thousands of acres of grazing land and mineral and timber lands in this county, we have not less than 1,000,000 acres of virgin soil that can be profitably cultivated in cereals, grasses, vegetables and fruits. Sufficient to give happy homes to 100,000 people. The same may be said of Apache and to some extent of Mohave counties. All that is needed is a betwixt energy on the part of our moneyed men to inaugurate irrigating enterprises. Arizona is beginning to be regarded favorably by capitalists. In St. Louis, Chicago or any of the money centres, money is plenty for investment in any practicable scheme for irrigation and reclamation of desert lands. All that our business men would have to do is to demonstrate its feasibility and practicability, to be able to command all the money necessary to completion of any enterprise, no matter how great, having this object in view.

Railroads will have, and that in the near future. Railroad men are watching the industrial development of Arizona, and preparing to reap their share of the benefits to be derived therefrom. A north and south line from Phoenix to Prescott and from Prescott to the terminus of the Utah Southern, is among the first that will be constructed. This will give our southern neighbors a market for their hay, wheat, barley, flour, vegetables and fruit; it will give us a market for our coal, lumber and other products. It will make Prescott the summer camp of the Maricopa and Phoenix the winter resort of the Yavapais. It will make the union of the north and south complete, for it will be a union of mutual interests and reciprocal benefits that petty jealousies cannot disturb.

Thousands of people are tired of the hand to mouth life upon northwestern farms. They read the glowing accounts of the climate, soil and productiveness of northern and southern California, and many are tempted to pull stakes and start for the new Eldorado. To all such we say, on your way west stop and give Arizona a trial. We can give you cheaper lands, better climate and more productive soil than any state or territory in the west.

No place offers more or better inducements to the investor or homeseeker. The man of either class must be hard to please who cannot be suited in Arizona, rich as she undoubtedly is, in all the varied resources that build up states and create empires.—Prescott Courier.

A Big Find of Texas Skeletons. Austin Herald. Seventy-five miles northwest of El Paso toward Deming, New Mexico, lies a small range called the Good Sight mountains. The cattle of the Carpenter-Stanley Company make them a grazing-ground and an occasional cowboy traverses them. The mountains are full of mineral, but neither prospector nor cowboy likes to go near them, for the place has become notorious on account of the number of mysterious skeletons that are found there. Last week three were again found, the first near the Bunch spring, under a heap of stones, from which the head and feet protruded. Remains of clothing and a camp outfit were scattered around. The back of the skull was crushed in. The other two skeletons were found but a mile off, with no traces of clothing remaining. The locality is remote from traveled roads and has always been a refuge for hostile Indians and outlaws, and the remains are supposed to be those of prospectors who were killed during the last raid, about three or four years ago.

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Capt. H. A. Read, of the St. Patrick mine on the east slope of the Pajarito range, 12 miles northwest of Nogales, Arizona, was a guest at the Grand Central yesterday. He is on his way to New York City (his home). The mine is in charge of Capt. Middlemass formerly superintendent of the Consolidated Arizona, Oro Blanco district. The captain on the 16th of August last purchased this property for \$29,000. During the time that has expired since the day of purchase he has marketed sufficient ore to pay expenses and one-half the purchase money. The ore afforded by the St. Patrick is a chloride of silver in quartz matrix and runs in value from \$100 to \$6000 per ton. The average of the ore shipment amounted to 450 ounces silver, and some of the ore afforded 10 per cent lead. Capt. Read is also identified with a very promising copper mine. The ore body upon this property is 7 feet in width and furnishes carbonate of copper that possesses 34 per cent copper and 18 ounces in silver. The company are meditating the erection of a copper plant.—El Paso Bulletin.

Startling Discovery. The discovery by the inhabitants of a locality hitherto unvisited by the pestilent scourge of fever and ague, that it exists in their very midst, is decidedly startling. Such discoveries are made at every season, in every part of the Union. Subsequently, when it is ascertained, as it invariably is at such times, through the valuable experience of some one who has been benefited and cured, that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a thoroughly efficacious eradicator of the malarial poison, and a means of fortifying the system against it, a feeling of security, stability and tranquility reigns throughout the whole neighborhood. Besides the fever, ague and ague cake are removed by the potent action of the Bitters, to which science also gives its sanction as a remedy for rheumatism, dyspepsia, constipation, liver complaint, debility, kidney troubles, and all diseases impairing the organs of digestion and assimilation.

Board of Supervisors. [Official.] OFFICE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PINAL COUNTY FLORENCE, Sept. 10, 1888. The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, D. C. Stevens, and A. Macy, Supervisors, and Wm. E. Guild, Clerk. Absent, Chairman T. D. Hammond. On motion D. C. Stevens was appointed Chairman pro tem. The bills of W. J. Bley and F. E. White for desk and book case for the Clerk of the District Court, were opened, and on motion the desk in the Court House was awarded to W. J. Bley, his bid being the lowest. The bills for the book case were laid on the table for further consideration.

The duplicate assessment rolls of Pinal county and School District No. 1, were examined and found correct and as follows: Valuation of real property, \$71,010,430 00 " personal " 28,610,636 50 Total valuation \$1,795,066 50 Tax on real property, 26,503 64 " personal " 20,033 06 Special tax on cattle, 317 21 \$ 46,853 91 School District No. 1, Pinal county. Valuation of real estate, 749,417 70 " personal property, 187,581 89 \$ 936,999 59 Tax on real estate, 1,873 38 " personal property, 453,17 \$ 2,326 55 The chairman pro tem affixed his warrant to each of said duplicate tax rolls and the same were turned over to the Sheriff and ex-officio tax collector as required by law.

On motion the assessor's fees were fixed at 5 per cent of the Territory and County tax collected, and 3 per cent of the tax collected for School District No. 1, Pinal county. The following demands on the County Treasurer were taken up, and on motion allowed, and the Clerk instructed to draw warrants for the same: GENERAL FUND P. Bosch, constable fees, \$ 48 65 W. H. Benson, J. P. fees, 24 75 Thos. H. Kinnard, medical services, 24 75 A. Gonzalez, Int. fees, 7 50 Wm. Steffy