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Brief Local Notes.

A grand 'baile' was given at the Dreamland hall last night.

Road Engineer, G. Becker was attending to business here Tuesday.

Last Monday night Mrs. Ward Heap presented her husband with a big baby boy.

Mrs. Jose Garcia is still very ill and very little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Mineer are the proud parents of a fine little lady who arrived at their home Tuesday night.

Friday, January 28 a big program and dance will be given at the academy hall by the students of the academy.

Alvin Stradling, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stradling, Sr., arrived home Sunday night from Provo, where he has spent the past few months among relatives.

Judge Brennan, of Cochise county, has spent the past few days in Apache county, sitting on the bench for Judge Gibbons in some cases in which he was disqualified.

A. M. Hall of Eagar was at the county seat last Friday attending to matters in court. He says that so far the winter has been very mild up in that part of the county.

H. J. Knight was in the city last Friday. We are informed that he was making some oil filings which were located in Apache county near the Brundage ranch on the Puerco.

W. F. Lesueur, manager of the A. C. M. I. at Eagar, was in town last Friday attending to matters pertaining to the Desmond Royal estate, of which he was administrator.

Pedro Sanchez, father-in-law of Jose Salazar, died here in St. Johns this week of pneumonia, which he contracted while en route to St. Johns from Holbrook. His illness was of brief duration.

Mr. Keller and Connond, two men from Los Angeles, who have been operating the steam shovel and crane at the Lyman dam have quit the job and returned to their homes in the angel city.

"The Fall of Babylon" starring Norma Talmadge at the Jen-Dike Theater last night, drew one of the largest houses of the season. The play was true to history, following closely the times as they were during the reign of Belshazzar.

The superior court has been in session here this week and one matter that has been up was the distribution of the Lucy Eli estate. The matter was brought to a sudden close, when Judge Brennan, of Cochise county, who was on the bench in Judge Gibbons' place, cited the attorneys to a certain clause of law which stated that where a will was in evidence naming a person as heir, that in case of death of the heir, the property becomes the property of the heirs of the deceased heir. Such was the case of the Tamar estate willed to Lucy Eli.

Pioneer Gone to Reward

In the passing of August Mineer into the world beyond St. Johns loses one of her best and highly respected citizens. He came to St. Johns 39 years ago, a man full of energy and ambition, with a desire to do the right and make a mark in the world or to make it better for his having lived in it.

For many years with his wife and children he lived on their farm in the St. Johns field in that part which is commonly known as 'Egypt'. Here they endured all the privations so well known to those who have paved the way for civilization, but through it all they managed to get enough to subsist upon until times became more prosperous.

During the past several years they have lived in St. Johns, where he builded a very comfortable and convenient home finely finished and up-to-date.

During the past four years he has served as Justice of the Peace of the St. Johns Precinct, and during the four years of his administration he was always found on the side of right, and all his judgements were tempered with mercy and a desire to help those who were found in error.

It is to such men as August Mineer, that we who are now living under more favorable and better conditions, owe much, for it is through their efforts and privations that we have good schools, good church buildings, irrigation systems and other good things which follow in the wake of the pioneer.

Mr. Mineer was 71 years of age Nov. 12, 1920. He is the father of nine children—all whom are living except one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Harris, who died some few years ago. The living children are: Mrs. John Lundquist of Utah, Mrs. Parley Wilkins, Mrs. Ernest Wilkins, Joel Mineer, Allie Mineer, Elmer Mineer, Karl Mineer, all of whom are married and living in Apache County, and Edgar Mineer, the baby, not married, is at Fruitland, N. M., teaching school.

The sympathy of all goes out to the family and especially to aged mother and wife who is deprived of the companionship of her husband in her declining years.

Funeral services were held at the academy, Saturday, January 8th and many friends besides the relatives paid respect to the departed. The remains were interred in the Westside cemetery there to await the resurrection day.

The St. Johns Relief Society will give a program at the academy Saturday night, Jan. 15, on Fathers' Day, in honor of the fathers who are invited to come.

The Springerville Hustler says: "You people who like coffee had better lay in a supply for the law of this 'Land of the fr' are going to stop selling it in a short time. First they stopped whisky and now they are after tobacco and they will stop you from drinking coffee next. Guess they will let us breathe for a while yet."

Leandro Jaramillo has been very ill for the past ten days. Drs. Bouldin & Heywood are in attendance. It is probable that an operation will be necessary.

The recent examination of school children disclosed the fact that 50% have abnormal tonsils, fully 25% of them have tonsils which need removal. Many will be handicapped through life without operation, and many are not able financially to pay customary price for removal. Because of this necessity we have decided to do this work for all school children for a fee of \$35 until March 21, 1921.

DRS. BOULDIN & HEYWOOD.

A CARD OF THANKS.

To all we desire to extend our heartfelt thanks for the kindly word spoken, the friendly hand extended, and the comforting presence given in the day of our sorrow.

SOLOMON BARTH AND FAMILY.

Northern Arizona Pioneer Missionary to Mexico

PHOENIX—Ammon M. Tenney, oldest surviving pioneer of northern Arizona, has started for Mexico in his 76th year, vigorous and eager to return to his lifetime work as a missionary and colonization agent for the Mormon church. He took with him letters from Governor Campbell and others to help him in his desire in the rehabilitation of northern Mexico, where he lived for twenty-five years, till driven out by the revolution. His proudest boast is that his people lived in Chihuahua for thirty-five years without a single conviction among them for crime, though at times the state contained as many as 5,000 individuals of his faith.

Born in 1844, Tenney as a child was a member of the Mormon colony at San Bernardino, Calif. When 15 he was left among the Piutes at Las Vegas Springs, to learn the language. In 1857 he was a missionary to the Moqui, with Jacob Hamblin, "Leather Stocking of the West," crossing the Colorado at the Crossing of the Fathers, the first white men to ford since the Franciscans Esalante and Dominquez passed in 1776. He was in the first party to pass entirely around the Grand Canyon, in 1859, and was a guide for J. W. Powell after the latter had shot the Grand Canyon. He guided the first Mormons into Arizona in 1873 and helped in establishment of many of the northeastern Arizona and western New Mexican settlements of his faith. He hopes to still serve, to the southward, as a colonization agent in the interests of his co-religionists.

Noted Novelist Builds on Gila County Estate

GLOBE.—Zane Grey, noted author who has written numerous things of interest in Arizona, is erecting a magnificent home in the northern part of Gila County, according to word brought to Globe by Henry Haught, a prominent cattleman of that section.

David Jones Dead.

Word was received here Monday that David Jones of Thatcher died Sunday night of pneumonia.

Mrs. Jones, his mother, who resides here in St. Johns, had received word of his being dangerously ill a day or so before and left to be at his bedside. She arrived there Sunday evening the day of his death.

He leaves a wife and two small children to mourn him besides his widowed mother and five brothers and three sisters. They are: William, Henry, Hyrum, Thomas and Roland Jones, and Mrs. John W. Sherwood, Mrs. Richard Rudd and Mrs. Arza Greer.

Hyrum and Tom Jones left Monday morning for Thatcher to attend the funeral and help in any way possible to console the bereaved wife and their aged mother.

David Jones was well known in St. Johns, having been born and raised here until he reached manhood, when he went to the Gila Valley where he was married and since then his home has been in that valley.

Jaun E. Padilla's father died at Concho during the latter part of last week. He has been an invalid for a number of years.

Pioneer Lady Called Beyond

Early Friday morning of last week Mrs. Refugia L. Barth, beloved wife of Solomon Barth and devoted mother of Atty. Isaac Barth, Addie Backstien, Lottie Taylor and Cecelia, Clara, Jacob and Maurice Barth, died at the family residence in this city, where they have lived for the past 46 years, after a very brief illness.

Every possible means was used to try and restore her to health by loving hands and kind neighbors and the medical skill of Dr. Bouldin, but on January 7th, her spirit left the weary body and departed for a higher and better sphere.

Mrs. Barth was born at Cubero, New Mexico, March 17, 1855, and in the year 1874 she was married to Solomon Barth and came to St. Johns to make their home, where they have resided ever since. Mrs. Barth was a Noble woman and highly respected by all who knew her. She is the mother of eight children all of whom are respected in the communities where they are known and reside.

The remains were held in State until Sunday at 2 p. m., awaiting the arrival of the children who were absent. All arrived for the funeral except Isaac who was ill and could not come.

The funeral was held at the Catholic church and the services were conducted by Rev. Father Derichmont. J. Alfred Anderson and a selected choir sang the funeral hymns.

C. P. Anderson, L. R. Gibbons, W. W. Berry and M. Dannenbaum were the pall bearers.

The church was filled to overflowing and many had to remain outside. The remains were interred in the eastside cemetery, being followed there by twenty-three vehicles all loaded with sorrowing relatives and friends.

Many people from surrounding towns were in attendance at the funeral service, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Becker and Dr. Kauffman and wife.

The sympathy of the whole county goes out to the grief stricken family and especially the aged father and husband. May the Father of all heal the wound with which they are so sorely afflicted.

Annual Report

Levi S. Udall, clerk of the superior court, handed in his annual report to the board of supervisors the first of the year. From it we gather that the total receipts of the office for the year amounted to \$1,082.10.

Fifty-two marriage licenses were issued, and there were five divorce suits filed, four of which were successful. Two persons were examined on the charge of insanity and one of them was sent to the asylum. Seven coroner's inquests were held. There was but one jury session of the superior court, which cost the county \$385.30.

Court was held on 96 days during the year.

The total expense for the year was \$1,751, or \$668.90 less than the receipts.

The Arizona legislature will be asked to enact a law to prevent a justice of the peace performing marriage ceremonies. It is claimed that such tieups distract from the sacredness of the ceremony, and besides the attorneys, who are suggesting the new law, are growing tired of looking after so many comebacks that the lower courts are responsible for.

A reward of \$100 has been offered by Apache county for information leading to the capture of Ignacio Gonzales, who murdered his wife at Cooley, on December 28. Gonzales came from Mexico and secured work at Cooley about a year ago. He strangled his wife to death with a towel.

Taking the H--out of "Hard Times"

From Williams News.

The long predicted hard times are here all right, but the American people have refused to go panic. The prediction that the American working men would demand a soviet government when asked to accept lower wages has been disproved, and the discontent and turmoil are but a shadow of what was forecasted.

It is said on pretty good authority that the bolsheviks in Russia comprised about ten per cent of that country's population at the time they established the soviet government—an organized ten per cent. Haywood recently boasted that the I. W. W. in America has over 200,000 members. He also predicted that the period of readjustment, in this country, would increase that membership many times over. He argued that when factories began to shut down, just as they have done, all over the country and the owners began to force down the wages, the working men would rebel and turn to the I. W. W. There was enough logic to make many owners tremble for the outcome. Two hundred thousand I. W. W.'s constitute but one fifth of one per cent of the population of America. That is a long way from the needed ten per cent—in fact one-fiftieth of the needed number. However it can be readily seen that it would take no time at all to increase the membership of the I. W. W. to ten per cent of the population if something should happen to really turn the working people to that type of radicalism.

The good common sense and fairmindedness of the great mass of working people is saving the day. Instead of the strikes, riots and rebellions forecasted by Haywood, the working men have quietly accepted reductions in wages and gone on with the work of feeding, sheltering and clothing the nation. The workers have had the good sense to see that 80 seventy-five cent dollars are worth exactly as much as 100 sixty cent dollars. There is no harm in a cut in wages that does not reduce the purchasing power of the wage. So long as wages and the cost of living go down together the workers of the nation have no cause to complain. That is what is happening today, and the change is going on in such a peaceable and orderly manner that are being agreeably surprised. The good sense and sound reasoning of the American people have taken the H— out of hard times.

Forest Ranger Kills Rancher.

Winslow, Ariz., Jan. 6—Chas. Quayle, rancher and sheepman, was shot and killed at the Quayle ranch, about 40 miles southwest of here, in Coconino county. Fred W. Croxton, a forest ranger, is reported to have telephoned the sheriff at Flagstaff that he had killed Quayle and that he was leaving for Winslow to surrender to the authorities.

According to information received here, no one witnessed the shooting and it is not known at this time what caused the tragedy. Quayle is survived by his widow and two children.