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**PUBLISHERS OF
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Arizona publishers to the number of fourteen met Tuesday at Tucson and formed a statewide association under the plan of the United Typothetae and Ben Franklin clubs of America.

The organization, which was projected at a previous meeting in Tucson, was completed with these men at officers:

President: E. R. Ladd, business manager of the Tucson Star.
Vice President: Col. Allan T. Bird, of the Nogales Oasis.
Secretary-treasurer: C. A. Stauffer, business manager of The Arizona Republican.

With the following, the officers compose the executive committee: F. T. Alkire, of the McNeil Company of Phoenix, and J. E. Owen, business manager of the Tucson Citizen.

The executive committee of this body will now take up the work of getting every newspaper publisher and job printshop owner to become a member. Nothing short of absolute state-wide membership will satisfy the present members of the organization.

Phoenix will have the next meeting. It will be during the Aztec Sun Fete in April that the publishers will convene here. Interesting entertainments will be provided to make the Capital city sessions notable in the annals of the association.—Rep.

Real Estate Transfers

During the week J. C. Lathrop closed a deal with Bradley and Gardner for four lots in the southern part of the city. These lots sold at an increased valuation of 300 per cent in three years time. Three years ago Mr. Lathrop bought 22 lots in the southern part of Holbrook for \$25.00 apiece and sold four this week for \$100 apiece, showing the rapid increase in valuation and the growing demand for Holbrook real estate. Mr. Lathrop has reserved a 50-foot frontage in the same addition, on which he expects soon to be called upon to build a new playhouse to meet the demands of greater Holbrook.

Bradley and Gardner are putting up a two story frame-building on the lots purchased.

Mrs. Thorwald Larson was quite sick during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooley and Miss Edna Greer will attend the academy track meet in Snowflake, tomorrow.

W. E. Watts of Albuquerque, is the new barber who presides over the chair in the Palace pool hall.

Art Saunders and Miss Rose Scorse drove out to Woodruff yesterday with Miss Julia Savage, who was returning home from a two weeks' visit with Miss Scorse.

W. F. Purcell, and Mrs. Purcell of St. Johns, and Mrs. Newsom and daughter of Chicago, were the guests of Mrs. W. H. Clark, at the week end.

LADIES Mrs. E. J. Smith will have on display next Friday, March 27th a fine line of fashionable Easter millinery. Call and see the stylish hats for women and children.

Paul Meyerhoff manager of the Holbrook branch of the A. and B. Shuster company's store, is now touring Italy. A card to a friend during the week, brings the news and also states that he is having the usual good time.

L. S. Heward bought 13 lots in the Zuck addition this week, and immediately sold four of them to Will Wooster.

Joe Dent and daughter, Nora came down from Flagstaff and will leave today for Taylor to visit with the family of R. L. Newman, and incidentally take in the sports Snowflake.

L. S. Heard, Mrs. Heward and Mrs. Saxton were visiting in Woodruff Sunday.

R. S. Teeple has turned his attention to tilling the soil and with the assistance of L. S. Heward and Dan Murphy is making a scientific garden, in the yard of the old Wetzler barn. Jim Scorse says that "Teep" is a claimer, but he had the finest stand of sweet peas last year and extends an open challenge for the season.

J. E. Kliendienst, who, with his wife, left Winslow a few weeks ago for Washington, D. C., with the avowed intention of devoting two months time to the pleasures of the gay Capital but came back to the Land of Sunshine just 20 days from the time he left it, and was mighty glad to get back. Mr. Kliendienst was a business visitor here Saturday.

A New Soap Material

Settlers in western Kansas are cutting and marketing soap weed or Spanish bayonet to supply the demands of soap manufacturers. There are various plants in the Southwest locally known as soap weed, called amole the Mexicans, but the one gathered by the Kansas farmers technically known as yucca bacata, a species with exceptionally large fruits, is the most used. The soap manufacturers, however, utilize the roots and tops, and are paying \$8 a ton for the plant at the railway stations, while estimated cost of cutting, drying, baling, and hauling, ranges from \$5 to \$6, depending upon the distance to the railroad. Since a man can ordinarily get out a ton a day, the gathering of the soap weed affords an opportunity to secure a fair day's wages at a time when other ranch activities are not pressing. After cutting the soap weed is allowed to dry from 60 to 90 days and then is baled up in the ordinary broomcorn baling machine.

Present day soap manufacturers use this weed for toilet and wool soaps. Its qualities have been known for a long time but the harvesting of the soap weed is just now becoming commercially important. There is a plentiful supply of it throughout southern Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

Forest officers have considered this weed an nuisance, since it is the nature of the plant to spread over extensive areas and kill off other vegetation. It is particularly a pest on stock ranges. In line with its policy of range improvement, the government is anxious to rid the forage areas of all such injurious plants, and it is the hope of the forest officers that the commercial demand for soap weed will soon reach such proportions that it will not only take an otherwise useless product, but will also eradicate it from areas which could be utilized to better advantage for the supplying of forage to cattle and sheep.

Mrs. McAllister was on the sick list this week.

Miss Josie McLaws, of St. Joseph, will open up dressmaking parlors in Holbrook in the near future.

Bob Benton of Winslow, was here during the week. He is a prominent cow man and his visit here was connected with affairs pertaining to that industry.

Mrs. L. D. Divilbess accepted an invitation from Mrs. Seth Stiles to "Come to Winslow and assist in celebrating my last birthday," and is now a guest of Mrs. Stiles.

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Dr. Asher and wife who have been visiting Mrs. Asher's sister, Mrs. D. L. Close, left Sunday-morning for Grand Canyon, on a pleasure trip. They will return to Newark, N. J., in about three weeks, via Holbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crosby, went to Snowflake today.

Mr. Schawbb, a missionary at Indian Wells, returned home yesterday, after a two days stay in Holbrook.

Lars Peterson, the wealthy rancher of Pinedale, was a business visitor here during the week. He came down from Snowflake with Walter McLaws.

Mrs. E. H. Dailey, who last Tuesday passed another milestone in the journey of life, was delighted with a birthday present from Mr. Dailey, consisting of four beautiful hand made drawn work linen table covers, of exquisite design and workmanship.