

# NEWS And VIEWS From The CAPITAL OF ARIZONA

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Figures received by the tax commission from the county boards of equalization show that the total assessed value of all property in Arizona is \$408,168,617.74. The exemptions are \$3,308,020.24, leaving the net value of taxable property \$404,860,597.50. Last year the total taxable property, after the state equalizers had completed their work, was \$375,862,414.66. It is believed that the figures received from the county officials will be raised materially when the board of equalization holds its 1914 meeting.

Following are the net valuations for the fourteen counties:

Apache, \$6,108,509; Cochise, \$93,435,985.46; Coconino, \$16,773,933.72; Gila, \$35,044,705.01; Graham, \$10,192,243.45; Greenlee, \$31,228,355.45; Maricopa, \$75,951,205.35; Mohave, \$15,436,180.35; Navajo, \$7,418,839; Pima, \$25,421,671; Pinal, \$24,209,887.07; Santa Cruz, \$6,298,000.07; Yavapai, \$43,118,323.53; Yuma, \$13,722,759.04.

A special train will carry the soldiers of the National Guard of Arizona to the annual state encampment, to be held near Fort Huachuca, August 5 to 17. The train will start from Holbrook Tuesday, August 4, with only the second platoon of Company E, stationed at Snowflake, on board. The night will be spent at Phoenix, and by the time the train reaches Huachuca it will carry 500 men.

Governor George Hunt has been notified by the war department that a regular army officer, holding a rank not lower than that of captain, will be detailed shortly as inspector-instructor of N. G. A. This place has been vacant since last spring, when Lieutenant Robert D. La Garde was withdrawn, but Colonel George Leroy Brown, instructor in military science at the state university, has been discharging some of the duties. The new instructor will devote particular attention to Companies C of Tempe and D of Mesa, and I of Yuma, which must conform to the standard of the war department by January 1 or be mustered out.

Phoenix is to have an armory. Companies A and B, stationed at the capital, have leased a skating rink for a term of years. Arrangements have been made to secure about \$2500 worth of material, and the citizen soldiers themselves will make the rink into a first-class armory. Among them are carpenters, electricians, painters and contractors, so that they will not have to employ outside help. The rink has a seating capacity of 2500 and it is expected that it will be used for large conventions and athletic events. Already the guardsmen are planning for some important wrestling matches during the state fair, in November.

Governor Hunt has forwarded to the agricultural department at Washington details of a plan whereby, it is hoped, Arizona will receive increased benefits from the Lever law. The Lever law appropriates money for university farm extension work in the various states. This year Arizona will receive \$10,000 without assuming any obligation, but each year hereafter will receive an amount equal to the sum appropriated by the state itself for the same purpose. Governor Hunt believes that money from the cities and counties can be applied under provisions of the law the same as funds appropriated by the legislature. This is the point on which he has asked the opinion of the department. He believes that next year the legislature will appropriate at least \$10,000. If an equal amount is received from cities and counties, \$40,000 will be available for agricultural instruction in Arizona.

The Maricopa County Farmers' union and Phoenix Board of Trade have taken steps for the establishment of a bureau of freight statistics at the capital. They believe that such a bureau can do a great deal to secure lower freight rates between points within the state. The Board of Trade has received encouragement in its movement to secure a refrigerator car service from the Salt River valley to southern Arizona.

Additional time has been given by the interstate commerce commission for the railroads to revise their tariff sheets to comply with the recent order reducing rates on flour from middle western points to Arizona. The order was to have gone into effect August 1, but has been suspended till September 1.

A number of investment companies are affected by an order of the corporation commission revoking the stock selling permits of all concerns that have not filed their annual reports.

The Phoenix city tax rate has been fixed at \$1 on each \$100 valuation which is the limit permitted by the charter. At the assessed valuation of all taxable property is \$27,194,500, this will raise \$271,967. It is expected that the receipts from other sources will be about \$210,000.

Having defeated every important western team in telegraphic matches the team of the Phoenix Rifle club now claims the Pacific coast championship.

An exhibit of Arizona art and sculpture will be held at Phoenix, January 12, 1915, under the auspices of the Woman's club. Special prizes will be offered for artists who have lived and worked in Arizona.

Prof. H. A. E. Chandler, head of the department of economics at the state university, has notified the governor that he will attend the eighth annual conference of the National Tax association, to be held at Denver, early in September. Tax Commissioners C. M. Zander and Charles R. Howe, the other delegates appointed, will also attend. Prof. Chandler writes from Chicago, where he is spending the summer, that he has been appointed a member of the mine taxation committee of the American Mining congress which holds its annual convention in Phoenix early next year.

James J. Murphy, former assistant state treasurer, is now secretary of Thomas A. Flynn, U. S. district attorney for Arizona. Mr. Murphy is extraordinarily well fitted for his present position, having been admitted to practice before the supreme courts of Illinois and Arizona.

## Arizona State Fair to Be Bigger and Better

It is beginning to look like business at the State Fair Grounds once more. The process of making a Bigger and a Better Fair has begun. The sound of the hammer and the saw are mingling with those of the hoofbeats on the race track.

Work has begun on the eighty-four foot extension to the grand stand. The extension will be on the north end of the present grand stand, occupying the space where the old bleachers stood.

The bleachers have been removed to the south of the grand stand and re-erected so as to give a splendid view of the south turns on the mile and half mile track and a full sweep of the long stretch to the wire.

The new extension of the grand stand will contain four rows of boxes instead of three as in the main grand stand. This part of the grand stand will be boarded up in the rear with openings at the front and beneath the boxes, and a promenade will be made under the boxes

along which peanut vendors and dispensers of soft drinks will have their booths.

The grand stand when completed will be one of the largest in the west, 524 feet long, contain 162 boxes and will seat some 8,000 people.

Statistics have shown that in the past only about one-half of the people attending the Fair buy grand stand tickets. The Fair Commission believes that with increased accommodations more people will secure seats in the grand stand, and thus add very materially to the revenues of the Fair.

**Splendid Entries Are Being Made**

Although entries do not close for the races until October 1st, quite a number of entries from the best stables in the east have been made. As a rule there are generally three western entries to one from the east, but so far the east predominates.

The great pacing horses, Walnut Grove, and Knight of Strathmore having swept the boards in the Iowa and Michigan circuits have been entered in the 2:07 and 2:10 paces and are coming to Arizona. D. A. Dinnie of

Minot, N. D., the owner of the great Don Densmore 2:02½, has not only entered the famous "Don" but his entire stable. Also Lon McDonald of Indianapolis, Indiana, has entered "Star Winner", "McCloskey", and the "Dutchess," and several others of his string. Mr. McDonald has just taken everything in sight with "Star Winner" and the "Dutchess, at the opening of the grand circuit at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. McDonald was offered \$20,000 all expenses paid to and for if he would drive in Russia this year but declined, "America for him," he said.

Sidney Goldman of Los Angeles, formerly of Phoenix, Arizona, has entered his famous title black stallion, King Daphne in the 2:04 and Free For All paces. He also entered Little Bernice, the gamest little pacer on the great western circuit last year, in the 2:07 and 2:10 paces.

Although a number of the horsemen are out on the circuit campaigning, there are some twenty or thirty horses in active training of the Fair Grounds preparing for the fall races.

### Fine Cattle

Arizona has as fine cattle as any state in the Union.

Frank Reed Sanders, of Mesa, Arizona, will leave next week for the Forest City Fair, Cleveland, Ohio, and go from there to the New York State Fair, Syracuse, and after exhibiting in the leading fairs of the middle west, he will wind up his campaign at Memphis, Tennessee and from there ship to the Arizona State Fair. Last years, Mr. Sanders made almost a clean sweep with his Dutch Belted, Ayrshires, and Guernseys. He won between 50 and 60 cups and medals and thousands of dollars in prizes.

The Arizona State Fair will feature Jerseys and Holstein-Friesians as the leading dairy breeds of Arizona, in its premium list for 1914.

Complete classifications have been made for each breed with four prizes for each individual class, or lot, and nearly a thousand dollars has been appropriated to each breed in the way of prizes.

Another feature of the Cattle Department for 1914 will be the prizes offered for Fat Cattle and Range Stock. Grade Shorthorns and Grade Herefords are featured in this classification. Hand-some prizes are offered for yearlings, two year olds and three year old steers and heifers, and "lots" of fat cattle of five head or over.

It is estimated that it will take \$5,000 or over to meet the premium list of prizes for the Cattle Department alone in 1914.

No fair in the west excels the Arizona State Fair in the strength of its Cattle Department.

### Arizona Marshal Marries Divorcee

The Los Angeles Examiner published the following item on Monday:

Deputy United States Marshal Ladd, of Whiteriver, Arizona, was yesterday united in marriage by Judge Grant Jackson to Rosa Elton Baumbaugh. The couple first met in Washington, D. C. They drifted apart, and now Mrs. Ladd married her first husband from whom she was divorced. Some months ago the two were reunited in Los Angeles and the marriage yesterday is the result.

### Announcement

Those electors of Holbrook Precinct who have not registered for the next election, please call at the office of the County Recorder or at the office of the Justice of the Peace.

The average married man is the kind of husband that makes the neighbors feel sorry for his wife.

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## Laws Governing Nominations at Primaries

The following information may be of interest to prospective candidates in the coming regular primary election.

Every person desiring to become a candidate at the primary election, for a political party nomination or a non-partisan nomination, and to have his name printed on the official ballot at such primary election, must file two papers, one of which is signed by himself and called a nomination petition, and the other is signed by the electors nominating him and called a nomination paper. While the statute gives different names to these papers, yet both of them are in fact petitions, and they must be filed not less than twenty days nor more than sixty days before the primary election. The time for filing the petitions begins July 8, and continues until August 18. The primary election will be held on September 8.

The nomination papers for state and federal offices, except the offices of superior judge and members of the legislature, are filed with the secretary of state, and must be signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least 1 percent of the votes cast for governor, at the last election by the party to which the candidate belongs, in at least three counties in the state, but not less than one per cent nor more than ten per cent of the vote cast for such governor in the state at said election.

For example, the total vote cast for the democratic candidate for governor at the last election was 11,123, and a candidate for nomination for a state office or for United States congress on the democratic ticket will therefore have to secure at least 112 signatures to his petition, and not more than 1,112 ten per cent of the vote cast. Any candidate for nomination on the republican ticket would take the total vote cast for governor for his party's candidate, which was 9,166, and secure the necessary per centage of that number in signatures.

The law governing nomination papers for county offices, and offices of superior judge and member of the legislature, is to the effect that not less than three per cent, nor more than ten per cent, of the candidate's party vote for governor, at the last election, in the county, shall be represented on the nomination paper. Such nomination papers are filed with the clerk of the board of supervisors.

The nomination paper for the office of justice of the peace, or constable, must represent at least five per cent of the candidate's party vote in his precinct, at the last election.

The basis of percentage in all of the above cases is the vote of the candidate's party for governor in the last election.

The vote for Governor in Navajo county was as follows: Ed. W. Wells, Republican, 385; Geo. W. P. Hunt, Democrat, 333

### Java's Population.

Java is very thickly populated, and cultivation is pushed to an extraordinary distance up the steep slopes of the hills. The plain of Leles in the month of July "is one sea of ripe golden rice, with here and there a village of brown thatched roofs nestling in a group of green coconut trees." In the middle of the island white chimneys of sugar mills peep above miles and miles of sugarcane fields.

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