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News of the State in Condensed Form

Porfirio Diaz, who is away over yonder in Egypt, has his ear to the grass roots, and will come on the run when he hears the call of his country.

Of course, no one can tell, but we believe that Taft will be mighty glad when he hears Woodrow Wilson take the oath of office. President Taft has been in a very hard position during the unpleasantness in Mexico and the crisis coming at the end of his administration places him in a most trying position.

"When the Republican party is reunited," says a dispatch from Washington, "Herbert Hadley will be the candidate for president." That's real funny. The Republican party can no more unite than can the brewers and the prohibitionists.

The Star says this may not be the proper time to mention it, but everyone knows that the time is coming when the United States will extend as far south as the Panama canal. Our dream used to be of absorbing the land to the north, but now the destiny of this country has seemingly turned in another direction.

It is said that the extremely cold weather in the Balkans is the cause of the halt in the war game there. It might be a good plan to have the weather man arrange for a bit of cold weather in Mexico. Say about 20 below for two months. They would cool off then.

Before the Webb law, recently passed by Congress, which is calculated to stop the carrying of whiskey from a wet to a dry state becomes effective, we hope some authority will state whether that law applies to whiskey a man is carrying in his grip.

Now let the anti-tobacco societies go away back and sit down. One of the rescue parties sent out to look for Capt. Scott and his men at the South Pole reports its greatest suffering was caused by the exhaustion of its tobacco supply, forcing the use of teakwood to raise a smoke.

It is understood that William Jennings Bryan wants to sell his farm in Nebraska. Is he intending to move to a city where the president's cabinet meets?

In Arkansas, a saloonkeeper must secure the consent of a while adult of the town before he can do business. Those who know say that this means almost the same as statewide prohibition.

The Bible says: "There will be wars and rumors of wars." And it appears that the Bible had some reference to the present day.

The way those Mexican factions are getting together reminds people of the way in which the Republican party is being reorganized with the Progressives included in the reorganization.

A Pittsburg woman claims her husband hasn't given her a cent in 38 years. No wonder Pittsburg is full of millionaires.

An aerial voyage is said to be sure cure for insomnia. We have noticed the fact that a very large proportion of those who go up in airships sleep well afterwards—the sleep which knows no waking.

One of the exhibits in a breach of promise suit for \$50,000 is a letter addressed to the plaintiff, beginning "Dear Lambie." Fifty thousand isn't enough.

For reasons that need not be here set forth, we will have to accept the recently published government statement that \$1,000,000 in gold weighs 3,685 pounds.

It is well to have lived until this year. After today Kansas will be without a republican senator for the first time. Thompson is a Democrat and Bristow is a bull mooser.

Today is a gala day. From now on the United States will be run by a democrat. All hail Wilson.

On account of the murder of Madero, foreign nations have not been falling over themselves to recognize the Huerta government in Mexico. But for the wanton killing of Madero the treachery of his general in betraying him, might be condemned and overlooked. But with it all, the sincere desire is expressed for peace in that republic, the prospects for which seem very favorable at present.

A great many many Democrats who are opposed to capital punishment have no objection to political decapitation.

Vaudeville joke that is on the way: "What makes you look so ill?" "I'm just recovering from a painful operation." "What was it?" "The doctor took ten bones from my hands."

NACO MAY BE SCENE OF WAR

At Naco, Sonora the Maderista troops are in control of the city and custom house. The Huerta followers have as yet not made a demand for the port and should any federal troops be sent to this point a battle is certain to follow as the Madero forces will not yield without force.

Two companies of U S Cavalry are stationed on this side of the line at Naco and considerable anxiety is manifested as to future developments for the scene of action may be transferred to Naco instead of Agua Prieta for a border war attraction.

The three committees appointed to consider a commission form of government for Bisbee will hold a meeting this week. All the data required has been secured and it is expected that definite action will be taken at the meeting.

At Safford, at the regular meeting of the town council, a general clean-up day was established, the second Saturday of each month.

John O. Joubert, managing editor of the Arizona Democrat, left for Washington to attend the inauguration of President Wilson. This will be the first trip to Washington for the Arizona since the days of the Cleveland administration.

A cattleman visited Douglas Tuesday and said that conditions are worse in Sonora now than they have ever been since he has lived down there in 24 years. He would not give his name because he said if the Mexicans on his ranch heard of it they would behave worse than they do at present. He includes in the belief that if Washington knew the truth about conditions in Mexico they would take some drastic measure to protect the lives and property of the Americans down there.

The abandonment of Fort Whipple which for more than two decades has been a valuable asset for Prescott, socially as well as financially, will be severely felt by our northern neighbor.

The collector of customs at Nogales has received instructions from the department to the effect that hereafter all cattle coming out of Sonora must be dipped twice, seven days intervening between the two. It is reported, says the Nogales Ocala, that the order will affect some fifteen thousand head of cattle contracted for delivery at Nogales.

Reports have been received from many points in northern Arizona to the effect that the snowfall has been heavy and very general. Aside from the danger of destructive floods the coming spring, the copious precipitation insures an abundance of feed for stock on the ranges and ample water supply to the farmers for irrigation.

Although not particularly new or clever, the latest swindle to come to the town of Bisbee is a dice game. Several local dealers in drinks and cigars have fallen before the clever sharper, who it is said have the bones magnetized and can roll a gang of sixes or aces as easily as one can shoot a mixed double. One cigar dealer lost \$24 to the men recently, while another lost \$15, many more losing from \$5 to \$15.

Several thousand sheep were sheared at Kingman last week and the Mohave County Miner says it is feared many of them will be lost in the great storm raging over that section. More than 10,000 sheep are expected there to feed on the early grasses that the storm insures.

S D Bagg, who many years ago published the Tombstone Prospector, and afterward located in Mohave county and has since followed mining has interested San Francisco parties in the Cyclops mine. Mr Bagg remains in charge, and it is the intention to make many improvements on the property. It is said that the mine has always paid its way, and it is possible to make it one of the great gold producers of Arizona. His many Tombstone friends will be pleased to know of his success.

The tax suit against the Casa Grande Valley Canal Company, was tried in the Superior court on Tuesday of last week and judgment rendered in favor of the county and state for \$14,000 and costs. The Florence Bieder says: This amount includes several years of delinquent taxes. If the judgment is not paid the property will be sold at Sheriff's sale.

Snow five feet deep is reported on the Mogollon mesa north of Phoenix. As far as can be ascertained, the snow blanket extends from the New Mexico line on the east clear across the state to the Mohave desert and from Utah to the Southern line of Yavapai the snow has left its white trail. It is believed that the Roosevelt dam will be full to overflowing this year.

Contrary to the expectations of many, the rise in the Salt River did

not damage the Tempe bridge. The river started rising Wednesday morning and in a very short time had reached the four-foot mark and was still rising. There was a large force of men engaged in removing the false work from beneath the span, the greater part of the day working in water several feet deep.

Edward L. Tinker, safety supervisor of the El Paso and Southwestern railroad, arrived in Douglas last week to organize the safety committee of the western division of the road. A similar organization has just been completed in El Paso and others are contemplated for every division of the road. In the inauguration of the safety system, the railroad hopes to accomplish much good. The committee in charge at Douglas and at other division points will be required to render a report regularly concerning the work done, etc.

County School Superintendent Horchies has sent from his office at Tombstone, a circular letter warning the school teachers and authorities against a supply firm whose operation in Cochise has heretofore been commended upon but who apparently is ready to try it over again, and who will doubtless be heard from in other counties.

The office force of the Southern Pacific railroad have forwarded a large amount of Arizona advertising to their agents in a number of eastern cities. Yuma and the San Simon valley were represented by new and novel booklets telling of their irrigation possibilities. The San Simon valley is calling attention to its arid basin and the Yuma boosters are featuring their big reclamation project.

In the Superior court at Clifton last week judgment was rendered for the plaintiff in the sum of \$618 in an action brought by W F Hagan vs J O Gatti. Judge Shute presided in the trial of the case, Judge Lane being disqualified.

Mohave county is to have a new court house, \$80,000 bonds voted for that purpose having been sold. A number of plans will be submitted, from among which a selection will be made by the board of supervisors March 5.

The farmers of Maricopa county held a session in Phoenix Wednesday. A program embracing farm topics, delivered by farmers, business men and agricultural experts, and a new set of officers and some innovations in business methods for the coming year. George Alzire was elected president for the coming year.

It was reported Tuesday that Mrs Alfred Franklin, wife of Supreme Court Judge Alfred Franklin, who recently underwent an operation at the Copper Queen hospital, Bisbee, is doing very well. Mrs Franklin was not out of danger, but the doctor stated her condition was all that could be hoped for. Judge Franklin remains until his wife is out of danger.

The Santa Fe Railroad has been sued by the United States district court for four thousand dollars by United States Attorney Joseph Morrison for violation of the sixteen-hour law, which was passed in 1907. The suit includes eight actions, and the fine in each case is five hundred dollars. The offenses which caused the suits are alleged to have been committed by the road at Parker last October and at Wilson at about the same time.

Rose M Ling, democratic national committeeman from this state, and Fred Coulter, a prominent democrat from Apache county, left this week over the Santa Fe for Chicago, from where they will go to Washington to take in the ceremonies attendant with the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as president. Ling has an invitation to lunch with the vice-president on March 4th, and says that it is worth going across the continent for. The gentlemen will not return for several weeks. Coulter will spend some time in the east.

William Wallace Stuart, a recent graduate of the Jefferson law school of Louisville, Ky., who came to Phoenix a short time ago for a rest and to seek a new location, committed suicide Monday by shooting himself through the head with a .38 caliber

revolver.

Six additional employees will be added to the Tucson postoffice force beginning March 4, when the new federal eight hour law becomes effective. This announcement was made by Assistant Postmaster Zimmerly. Two additional letter carriers will be added and the distributing districts will be subdivided, which will greatly facilitate the delivery of mail in the business and residence section.

A cavern rivaling in beauty the famous old "Hoosier," on the Old Dominion property was discovered by two Italian miners a few days ago when they were running a drift into a hillside two miles from Globe on the Phoenix road. The discovery led two young mining engineers to risk their lives in a tour of exploration trip at the end of which they gave a vivid account of the natural decorations found in the subterranean chambers.

County Treasurer Devine this week received \$80,800 in payment of the recent issue of Mohave county bonds the purpose of which is to build a courthouse in Kingman. The buyers were very prompt in the payment of the bonds, the signed bonds having only reached Kansas City last week.

The Bisbee chamber of commerce hearing of the opinion of the attorney general that the proposed road bond issue of \$10,000,000 cannot be made without a constitutional amendment, yesterday sent a communication to both houses asking that an amendment be submitted.

Indians Claim Were Not Treat Square

The government officials promised the Yuma Indians that each would be allotted ten acres of land on the reservation and furnish agricultural implements free and that the U S would deliver free water to each allotment, some three years past when part of their Reservation was taken from them and given to white settlers. The Indians are now informed that the Reclamation Service will not build the distributing ditches.

The Indians having no money to buy farming implements, horses, etc., and no water until the land is prepared and being unable to make a living on their small land holdings have recently held several tribal conferences at which they decided to petition Congress for relief and by subscription are raising funds to send one of their number to Washington to present their petition in person to President Wilson.

Hitchcock to Cast Lot With Arizona

Postmaster General Frank H Hitchcock, severing his relations with the United States government with the outgoing administration, is to be president of the mining company of Hovel A Smith, who was candidate for United States senator from Arizona on the republican ticket. An announcement to this effect has just been made from Washington. Mr Smith's properties are in the Warren district near Bisbee, though he is understood to have some in Pima county also. The announcement is taken in Washington to mean that Mr Hitchcock has turned down several flattering offers from New York City and has decided to cast his business fortunes in with Arizona.

Fast Typist Coming to Arizona

Gus R Trefager, one of the fastest operators of the typewriter in the world, will arrive in Phoenix tomorrow and will give a demonstration of rapid writing before the high school assembly. In the last international speed competition Mr Trefager took third place, writing 111 words a minute. Mr Hoyt gave a remarkable exhibition of this kind at the high school last year. Both these operators use the Underwood typewriter.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Doings in the State Legislature

MONDAY
The prison investigation committee made a report to the legislature this afternoon in which they found that the matters complained of in the petition of residents of Florence, did exist but had been corrected by an order from Governor Hunt. Consequently in this connection no recommendation was made.

It was recommended that legislation should be enacted at this session requiring that convicts, without exception, shall be clothed in a distinctive but not humiliating garb; that no convict shall be made a trustee or honor man except on recommendation of the board of parole, which is yet to be created; that the sales of goods by the state to employees or officers of the state be prohibited; that prisoners under guard be permitted to work on public highways or on a farm to be run for the maintenance of the state prison and lastly that a bill be drawn at once and made an emergency measure, making it a felony to sell or give liquor to an inmate of any state institution. The report was adopted without debate in each house.

The senate of the state of Arizona in about 35 minutes Saturday straightened out all the curves on the railroads of the state that are more than eight degree curves running on a more than one per cent grade. That is if the action of the committee of the whole is made that of the house.

There is a provision in this bill which makes it apply only to roads having two hundred or more miles of continuous track in the state.

SENATE

No 80—By Lovin of Mohave. Relating to Union county high school.

No 81—By Pima. Providing for the removal of the industrial school from Benson to the new Fort Grant site.

No 82—By Hughes. Providing for the employment of prisoners on highways.

HOUSE

No 53—By Brooks of Gila. An amendment to the bounty law.

No 54—By Kerr of Yuma. Providing for the appropriation of \$250,000 for a building at the San Diego Exposition in 1915.

TUESDAY

Senator Homer Wood introduced No 81, which is to require that all railroad companies having track and doing business in this state be incorporated in Arizona. There is a federal law giving any state legislature the right to make such requirement. The railroads are also compelled to maintain general offices within the state.

Senate bill No 83 is a game law, by Chase, it is practically the same as the present game law, which was referred to the people and approved last fall, except that it prohibits the sale of game. This is a matter that was overlooked when the original bill was overdrawn, and it has caused a great deal of worry ever since. It is probable that before the Chase bill gets through, the state game warden's salary will be raised from \$1200 to \$1800.

Three important bills were introduced in the senate Monday; perhaps the most unusual and the one that will cause by most comment is senate bill No 85, by Hughes, which relates to the tax levies of cities.

If this bill becomes a law, cities will not be permitted to charge fixed license fees to business houses, excepting saloons, but must raise all revenue through direct taxation, no matter what the provisions of their charters may be.

Senate Concurrent Resolution.

1—By Senator Wood of Maricopa. Calling for a special nominating primary election for United States judge for the federal district of Arizona.

SENATE

S B 83—By Senator Chase of Greenlee. A new fish and game law.

S B 84—By Senator Wood of Yavapai. An act requiring railroads to maintain general offices and officials with state.

S B 85—By Hughes. Relating to tax levies in cities.

S B 86—By Wood of Maricopa. Relating to the funding and loan commission.

S B 87—By the Code Revision Committee. Relating to the jurisdiction

of courts and officers.

HOUSE

H B 55—By Mr Jones of Maricopa. An anti-Johnson grass bill.

H B 56—By Jones. Relating to state aid for union high schools.

Epidemic at Bisbee Is Rapidly Abating

The spinal meningitis epidemic at Bisbee is abating and the health authorities regard the situation as much improved and little danger eminent from now on. The remains of Prof Melchre were shipped east to relatives last night. No new cases are reported.

Douglas has issued strict quarantine against Bisbee and it is thought that this may be removed within a week.

Sulphur Spring Valley Notes

Little Marion Elvin Hein, son of Mrs B Hein, has been quite sick this week but is reported as much improved.

Francisco Logo, a Mexican, about 56 years of age, employed in the mines of Courtland, died last Friday as the result of blood poisoning caused by a cut over his eye. He was buried Saturday.

S. P. Franklin, after having lived upon his homestead for a period of five years, was finally able to make the regulation filing papers for same on Monday, by reason of the land being now open to entry.

Miss Nellie Gleeson went to Pearce last Saturday, where she is the guest of the Neal sisters.

There was a pretty wedding Saturday afternoon, when Leonard W Hall of Pearce and Miss Mattie Smith of Portland, Indiana were united in the bonds of matrimony, the ceremony being performed by Rev L S Yoder.

C L Wilcox, who has been employed by the Great Western Copper company as a carpenter, resigned his position, and with his family departed Tuesday for Colorado, where he will engage in business with his father.

Court Cases Filed

SUPERIOR COURT

Suit 306, State of Arizona vs Mary Henaley; back taxes.

Suit No 305, A Hartman vs W Plaster; partition of property.

Judg in Suit 293, D DeBand Dr, Jennie DeBand Cr; divorce, each one child.

PROBATE PROCEEDINGS.

Order publication notice to creditors in the following estates: R D Terrence, J Hoedt, J B O'Brien, M F Kelly, A D de Hansen, T Ayala and J J Busby. J McLevy, T Sager Wm Vlasic, J C Anderson, J Horstman.

Estate of—
F C Austin; decree settling account.

SUPERIOR COURT

Suit 307, State of Arizona vs E Gaven; back taxes.

PROBATE PROCEEDINGS

Estate of—
Sotza minor; March 14 day hearing petition for guardianship.

F Contreras; S Contreras appointed guardian.

Eldridge minor, P W Eldridge appointed guardian.

E T Hookinbeamer; discharge of admr, etc.

J F Wish; order sale real estate.

Hilburn minors; order confirming sale real estate.

Tom Thumb Wedding Tuesday

What promises to be a most interesting event, is the Tom Thumb wedding entertainment next Tuesday evening March 11, at Schiefelin Hall, by a number number of small local children under the auspices of the ladies of the Congregational church. Miss Ke'chum, of Kansas City, is training the children and they show such talent in their individual parts. It has been many years since an event of this kind has taken place and it is with interest that it is being looked forward to. The cast contains about 70 children.