

# TOMBSTONE EPITAPH

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It will be an interesting occupation to observe the courtship which has just commenced between the "stand pat" republicans and the "bull moosers." The first love feast was held in Chicago, where family between them also started.

The currency question is to come before congress during the extra session. The currency question is before most of us all the time and we can't settle it.

The Tucson Star makes the following "slam" at Phoenix:— It is reported that a Phoenix girl said she did not want to go to heaven unless she can have her beer. She probably thinks her surrounding will be the same in the other world. She has the wrong idea according to the authorities. Heaven is so unlike Phoenix that the inhabitants do not care for beer.

From day to day it is announced the legislature will adjourn. Today is stated to be the last day. Now if another special (the fourth) is not to be called by the governor all hands will be relieved.

We now have the high warrant of the state department for feeling certain that there is a Chinese republic.

The Arizona teachers have made that very surprising but still useful discovery that boys can figure out baseball percentages when they cannot figure out any other kind.

The weather is not misbehaving abominably, even though the weather bureau is without a chief.

You will have only yourself to blame if you are compelled to pay an income tax. You can escape it entirely by moving to the Philippines or to Porto Rico.

It will doubtless be many, many years before the scheming designs of a few real estate promoters will be realized on county seat removal. The hilarity of a few at Douglas and Bisbee may be but a temporary and momentary pleasure. Don't crow too soon neighbor.

An Arizona pastor, explaining why he kissed a lady member of his flock, says that he did it for fun. This innocent, refreshing frankness satisfies every curiosity and should promptly close the incident.

County seat removal as far as applies to Cochise county, is likely to be a bursted bubble—the skids under the court have been hidden. It is suspected they will not be found.

Georgia boasts of having a poet in her penitentiary. Whether it is a crime in Georgia to be a poet, however, is not entitled. He may have committed some other crime, besides writing poetry, to get in there.

With the passing of Herbert Brown, of Tucson, pioneer editor and naturalist, Arizona loses a distinguished citizen and typical westerner, who did much for the advancement of the territory and state he loved so well.

Tombstone is not discouraged, neither is she resentful or revengeful, but serves notice that she will continue the fight against the efforts of a few real estate speculators to grab the court house and feels secure in the knowledge that the solid citizenship and yeomanry of the county is with her in her determination.

A movement has been started to pension all ministers over 70 years old to the amount of \$500 a year. Some of them are receiving less than that amount who are under 70.

The forces of evil are behind the unseemly and unwarranted agitation going on, and the hand of reaction is pulling the strings. I call upon all true progressives, upon all who remain firm in the faith upon which Arizona's government is founded, whether they be members of the legislature or not, democrats or otherwise, to recognize the truth to be not deceived by spacious charges, paltry objections and cunningly contrived diversions; to rally in defense of the vital cause which is imperiled. The question is not so much whether the governor shall be reduced and humiliated, his powers taken away and his duties dissipated, but in a hundred times broader way whether Progressivism or Reason shall prevail. That is the real issue.

So declared Gov. George W. P. Hunt in his message to the legislature, vetoing the penal code.

Referring to the climate. Honest, now have you ever seen anything in the way of climate that can equal the variety the Lord has blessed this locality with? Don't the fine warm afternoons make you appreciate the delightful evenings and the really cold mornings when it is necessary to hunt for more covering?

The Globe Record says:— The most cheering thought in connection with the final adjournment of the legislature is that Arizona will not have another legislative session for nearly two years. It will probably take the state longer than that to recover from the effects of this last one. But then we have had legislatures before in Arizona perhaps almost as bad, and the shortcomings of one of these led the late Judge Hackney, founder of the Silver Belt, to suggest an amendment to the constitution providing that the legislature should meet only every ten years.

A Michigan congressman became convinced that he was not fairly elected and resigned his seat. This was a great thing to do. Practically all men hold on to such places and trust to technicalities to win. A Colorado congressman found that he had not been fairly elected. He has since been elected governor of the state and is now United States senator. So far as we have heard these are the only two instances where this has happened.

## News of the State in Condensed Form

Through the failure of the Western Union Telegraph company to transmit \$350 fast enough to Parker to pay a judgment secured in the courts against the Arizona Empire Copper Mines company, the telegraph company has become defendant in a damage suit for the loss of the property.

Coming across with such expressions as "Dog in the manger," "Grab it all," and such like, the Cocconino San jumps upon Phoenix for protesting against the action of the Old Trails association.

At an election held in Flagstaff last week, a franchise was granted the Flagstaff Electric Light company. The company intends to improve the service throughout the town and to make the general lighting conditions better.

Douglas seems to be having no end of trouble with negro hold-ups. Several nights ago two negroes held up an American miner by the name of Thomas Blaine, and relieved the white man of considerable money and three uncut diamonds which he valued at \$700.

Jim Charley, an Apache Indian, was found guilty of murder in the second degree in Miami Sunday night. The jury was out six hours, the point of contention being whether the defendant should be found guilty of murder in the second degree or manslaughter. Jim Charley, in a rage kicked his squaw, the injuries received by her resulting in her death.

The Tucson Citizen says that General Emilio Campa is back again in Mexican City after being at Laguna Mexico. It is reported that the general is sick owing to an opening of an old wound.

Tucson is talking about starting into the silk business. The idea arose over the mulberry plantation which the Pima court house grounds are now enjoying and the possibility that silk worms might consume the berries.

For the third time in three months the Schwamm store in Douglas was broken into and goods valued at over \$300 taken. Among other things taken were a dozen suits of clothes, two dozen pairs of pants, one dozen pairs of shoes, two dozen pairs of overalls and many other goods. Entry was made by tearing off the latch on the front door and using a pass key.

Three thousand head of cattle will be the record of Douglas as a shipping port within five days, commencing Thursday. The animals are conservatively estimated at \$75,000 and on the present market their value should be much larger.

One of the most important annual elections in the civic history of Douglas was held Monday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m., when the membership of the chamber of commerce and mines selected the eleven directors who will guide the policy of the organization for the ensuing twelve months.

E A Mayo, an oil driller from El Paso, will start in a few days drilling a well on the Tanque Verde section. The owners of the property are S W Barkley, Moss Drachman and H W Z pl. The oil man expects to drill a well possibly 2000 feet in depth.

There is in process of formation in the town of Patagonia, Santa Cruz county, a fire department. About twenty-five young men of the enterprising mining town met several days ago and took the first steps toward the organization.

The Chief mine in the Patagonia district, recently bonded by A L Harro and associates of Kanon City, is going ahead at a rapid rate according to the Santa Cruz Patagonian. The property is showing signs of becoming one of the best mines in southern Arizona.

M M Carpenter, a well known mining engineer of the southern part of the state of Arizona returned several days ago from a three months' trip to the interior of the republic of Colombia. Carpenter had many interesting experiences to relate to his friends.

Because Marcos Trobe, a storekeeper of Agus Prieta had Huerta tendencies, the state of Sonora has confiscated all of his property. Presently the state officials are driving the Gazette's pathfinding

Mrs H V X Failor, who for some time has been assisting S A Elrod in the office of clerk of the superior court of Pima county, has been appointed deputy clerk upon the promotion of Elrod to the clerkship. The promotion of Mrs Failor met with the approval of all those interested in Pima county.

Epas Randolph, president of the Arizona Eastern and the Southern Pacific of Mexico, accompanied by Mayor Charles Hine, vice president of the Randolph lines and E W Clapp, general freight and passenger agent for the system, arrived in Globe in Randolph's private car several days ago. This is the first trip of the officials to Globe in over a year and the people of the Gila county town feel that something good is going to happen in a railroad construction way.

According to a report in the Arizona Star, Diddler Mason and Thos Dean, two of the men wanted in connection with the recent aeroplane incident, will return to Tucson shortly and arrange for bond. According to the report, the two men, upon hearing of the incident, stepped over the line into Mexico. Prominent patrons of aviation from all parts of the country have wired and written into Tucson, offering the two men all the assistance they require.

The negro troopers stationed in Douglas are again the cause of trouble. A young woman of the southern city has been accosted several times recently, the last time being early this week. The last attempt on the part of a negro to assault the young woman might have resulted seriously had she not had presence of mind to delay the negro and attract the attention of some people living in the neighborhood.

W H Worthington, a mining engineer of Tucson, has purchased the old Bradford mine in the Tyndall district. The mine has shipped some very good ore in its time. The engineer expects to sink another shaft and see if there isn't some better ore further down.

In order to boost the Southern Arizona fair, the Tucson people have decided that Bisbee, Wilcox and Douglas should be represented on the board of directors of the association. To this end, the present directorate is working and the Tucson show hopes to land the solid support of the entire southern part of Arizona.

General Thomas F Wilson of Tucson has preferred charges against J Knox Corbett, postmaster at Tucson. The charges declare that Corbett has, as postmaster, neglected his duty. When seen several days ago, in regard to the charge, Wilson declared these were the first he has ever sent to Washington.

The Southern Pacific will rebuild its lines in Mexico. This is the consensus of opinion in Tucson in view of the fact that the road has just let a contract for two carloads of bridge timber. The time on the contract calls for two months. The J Knox Corbett Lumber company secured the contract.

Sixth Avenue and Congress Street, Tucson, was the scene of a smashup the other day when a disabled automobile being guided by Ora McDermott, ran into a buggy containing three children. The children were thrown from the buggy but were not badly injured.

According to a report which has reached Tucson, Didier Masson, the French aviator who is wanted in connection with the recent seizure of contraband war material, is now in Mexico assembling an aeroplane for the purpose of destroying the federal gunboats now in the harbor of Guaymas.

Ben Dorf, a well-to-do negro of Douglas, advanced fifty dollars to a colored woman some days ago to bail her husband out. The husband was in jail for beating her. When the case came up for trial, neither the woman nor the defendant were present, and the fifty of the bond-man is gone. Dorf declares that he will be an easy mark no more.

Evarista Molina, the Mexican who several days ago attempted to kill his wife at his home in Douglas, was bound over to await the action of the superior court by Justice of the Peace W M Taylor of Pirtleville.

Yavapai county has at last invested in an automobile, and follows the action of the majority of the boards of supervisors in the state. The board in this case, purchased a 50-horse power Hudson, and figures it will save the county money in the long run.

## Sloan Commences Suit for \$100,000

Through the celebrated New York legal firm of Bouvier and Dugro, former governor and Federal Judge Richard J Sloan, honored pioneer of the state, esteemed throughout the southwest, as a big minded patriotic citizen, has commenced suit against the Ridgeway Company, publishers of "Everybody's" and other magazines for \$100,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained through the publication of an article in "Everybody's" in which Judge Sloan is accused of malfeasance in office.

The article in question was from the pen of a man named Frank Brighton, formerly editor and publisher of a weekly published in Tucson known as "The Voice of the People."

## County Assessor's Books Close May 20

The books of the county assessor close May 20, in accordance with the general revenue law just passed by the legislature. As an emergency clause was attached, it affects the procedure this year. The board of supervisors meets June 1 as a board of equalization and continues in session until June 10, when it adjourns until the first Monday in July and continues in session for a week. It meets in August to fix the rate. The assessment rolls will be given to the board of supervisors on June 1st.

## Death of Former Tombstone Pioneer

Word has been received of the death in Los Angeles last Thursday evening of George N Gage, a former well known business man of Arizona. Death was due to heart trouble, of which the deceased had been a sufferer for a long time. The funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock and the remains were taken to San Francisco for interment beside a brother, E B Gage, also a former resident of this section, who passed away recently. The deceased leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs John Dennet, Jr., of Phoenix, and Mrs P B Barnister of San Francisco.

George N Gage was born in New Hampshire in 1842. He went to Illinois when a young man and engaged in the lumber business. He settled in Tombstone in 1886, where he became associated with the Grand Central Mining & Milling Co, which later was consolidated with other companies forming the Tombstone Consolidated Mines Co. He was a member of the board of railway commissioners from 1886 to 1893, and was chairman of the board during the last half of his term.

The deceased settled in Tempe in 1889, where he became manager of the Blinn Lumber Co, secretary of the Tempe Land & Improvement Company and organizer of a cattle company in 1901. In 1906 he retired from business but retained his cattle interests and remained as a member of the board of directors of the Phoenix National bank, until a year ago when he resigned.

## May Build Road to the Coast

That the El Paso & Southwestern and the Rock Island are getting ready to build from Tucson to the coast is the firm belief of railroad men on the coast. The belief strengthens in spite of the repeated denials made by officials of the system in question.

T M Schumacher, vice president and general manager of the Southwestern, John Sebastian, vice president of the Rock Island, and other high officials are making frequent trips to the coast this spring and have repeatedly been in conference in Los Angeles.

That the Southwestern would like an outlet to the Pacific so as to ship ballion of the Copper Queen, and other branch of the Phelps-Dodge interests, through the canal, is no secret. The surveys of the route have been made. Rumors are thick that the track constructed by the Spreckels road is to be purchased.

It is said that valuable terminal facilities at San Diego have been secured.

The route would lie through Phoenix, Yuma, the Imperial Valley and San Diego to Los Angeles. It is plain that it would be a great advantage to have the road constructed by 1915, so as to get a share of the travel to the San Francisco fair.

## Doings In the Superior Court

In court today four prisoners were arraigned and entered pleas of guilty and each sentenced to the penitentiary at Florence.

W Davis, who plead guilty to passing a bogus check, received 1 to 5 year sentence.

Carlos Varquez, accused of stabbing a countryman at Douglas, plead guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and received 1 to 10 years.

Arres Molino also plead guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and received 1 to 10 years.

Jose Oveda received 1 to 10 years for burglary, having stolen a bicycle. This is Jose's second offense on stealing bicycles.

An order was entered in the Neale estate on an agreement with Attorney E S Ives, whereby the attorney fees in the Cunningham-Costello case was to be transferred to Ives on payment of \$2000 cash and \$11,000 on consumation of suit.

## Many Named for Governor

A Phoenix dispatch says:— "Five Democrats of the Arizona state senate want to be governor and one 'Progressive' is being boomed for that office by his friends. One Democrat has his eyes on the United States Senate.

The senatorial candidate is no less a person than Michael G Coniff, president of the senate throughout its four sessions. Following is the list of Democratic senators, who hope to fill the governor's chair:

H R Wood, Yavapai county; H A Davis, Maricopa; C M Roberts, Cochise; W W Pace, Graham; A A Woreley, Pima.

J F Brown of Pinal county, is the "Progressive" whose friends think he would make the strongest available candidate for the place now filled by one G W P Hunt."

## Benson Does Not Favor Removal

The Benson Press pays the following kindly tribute to Tombstone and concludes by shoving its castor into the ring for Benson as a county seat applicant:—

"The Benson Press does not favor the removal of the court house from its present location at Tombstone, nor does any other paper or person who is not actuated by mercenary craving.

"We would not rob the historic old camp of anything conducing to its welfare while the location is an ideal one; public buildings are in excellent preservation and it would be foolish and unjust, to say the least, to burden the taxpayers by such an imposition as is glaringly sought by the two elements on the border of the border of the Republic of Old Mexico.

"But, when the battle begins to rage, and when Mr J N Gaines goes forth to win his victory, he will find northern Cochise county a solid and impregnable phalanx, and of whose honor and integrity there can be no doubt; such men will favor Benson to the exclusion of a very small ring who would make enormous profits rung from the coffers of miners, farmers, cattlemen, and others. When the contest is pulled off, Benson will occupy a prominent position in the race—and come out winner in the great county marathon."

## Removing Valuables to Cananea

A Cananea dispatch says:— The constitutionalists have commenced to move all valuable Sonora state documents and records and whatever money not in immediate use to Cananea from Hermosillo. The movement is being made as quietly as possible, it not being the intention of the state troops to have it generally known for various and obvious reasons. But that several consignments have arrived here and been placed in places of safety is known to be true. It is given out that the movement is for precautionary purposes, it being the desire of the state government to make it impossible for the federal government to gain possession of the documents and cash, should it by any possible means succeed in taking the state capital, which the leaders assert, is only a remote possibility.