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**M. M. Z. Brenner,**  
 Dentist. ARIZONA  
 Has finished his new office and is prepared to extract teeth from \$10.00 up. Teeth extracted without pain.  
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 District Attorney.

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 District Attorney, ARIZONA  
 Safford, Arizona  
 District Attorney.

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### LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK.

#### Items of Local Interest Gathered by Reporters on their Bounds.

#### DOINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

#### Breezy Little Notes of General Interest Picked up Here and There.

J. H. Thompson, Gila county's hustling sheriff, passed through Safford on the outbound train last Tuesday on his way east.

The Misses Evelyn and Rose A. Solomon, Miss Bertha Neese and Messrs. O. A. Sutherland and John Fitzgerald paid the GUARDIAN office a pleasant visit on Sunday.

The Misses Jennie and Dolly Parks, accompanied by Mr. Jos. Reaves paid the GUARDIAN office a pleasant visit on Wednesday.

Messrs. A. M. Montierth, E. D. Tuttle, Jas. R. Lassator and Merian Montierth will start to-day to survey the contemplated wagon road from here to Camp Apache.

R. W. Bingham has ordered a new Buffalo-Pitts threshing machine from the factory at Buffalo, N. Y. The machine is costing him about \$1000 at the factory, and ought to be a good one.

J. T. Owens sold to Messrs Fred Layton and Frank Tyler 94 fine hogs last Monday. They were removed from the Mill farm to that of Mr. Tyler near Thatcher, where they will be cared for.

Private advices received from Phenix indicate that councilman Edwards of Gila County is working earnestly to establish the U. S. Court at Globe. This will be considerable of a surprise to many of the people of this county and is hoped that the information may prove incorrect.

Cris Madson called at our office last Monday and paid for his ad for a month, saying that it had brought him his first customer the next day after its first appearance, therefore he considered it his duty to square up with the printer, for which we feel grateful, as it points out the fact that Mr. Madson knows that the printer and devil cannot live altogether on wind.

All parties concerned are invited to attend a meeting to be held at Judge Fonda's office next Saturday at 1 o'clock p. m., to take into consideration the forming of a company to erect a new flouring mill at Safford. The promoters of the scheme say that the company will be formed with a \$5,000 capital stock, to be divided into 1000 equal shares, \$1,400 of which has already been subscribed. It is to be a 20-bbl. roller mill.

Mr. Chas. Solomon and W. B. Kelly passed through Safford on their wheels Sunday morning en route for Pima. They presented a very pleasing appearance in their bicycle suits. They returned the same evening but not in the same way they went. Charlie having broken his wheel near Pima; the boys were compelled to return behind a pair of tri weekly mules. Charlie says a burro conveyance under such circumstances beats camping out for the night.

Andrew Alexander of Ft. Thomas is enrolled as a deputy sheriff and his appointment meets with general favor. Mr. Alexander is a prominent business man, a large tax payer and a gentleman of high standing—well known in the county. He is courteous, prudent and agreeable, recommended by a majority of the citizens of Fort Thomas and vicinity, regardless of political influences. The sheriff did well in making Mr. Alexander one of his deputies and we believe he will prove an efficient officer.

What "influence" did Showalter have? That has been a live question with the Illinois congressional delegation this week. Chief Justice Fuller, Vice-President Stevenson and Hon. William R. Morrison each had a candidate for the new U. S. circuit Judgeship in Illinois, but Showalter was the candidate of none of them; yet he walked off with the plum. Mr. Showalter's backing is said to have been entirely legal. The politicians hardly knew him but he may make all the better judge for that very reason—*El Paso Tribune.*

The valley is to have a series of theatrical entertainments by the Fort Grant Minstrel and First Cavalry Troupe, commencing at Safford, in Packer's hall next Saturday, the 23d, and at Pima, Monday and Tuesday, the 25th and 26th. This troupe have been giving entertainments at Grant recently, and those who were fortunate enough to see them speak in high praise of the way in which the company perform. This will be a treat to the people of the valley as it is a class of entertainments never before seen here. They will start on Tuesday night, a pleasant time for

### A PETITION.

Praying for the Reinstating of O. A. Sutherland as Agent for the G. V. G. & N. Ry., at Safford and Solomonville.

SAFFORD, Ariz.,

March 11th, 1895.

To the Hon. Wm. Garland, president of the Gila Valley Globe & Northern Railway.

We the undersigned petitioners of Safford, Solomonville and Thatcher respectfully request that you reinstate Mr. O. A. Sutherland as agent at Safford and Solomonville. We have always found him strict, accommodating and gentlemanly.

A. Frye, T. T. Hunter, James Morris, James R. Welker & Co., Jennings & Kirtland, Jeff Hunt, Nat Wansley, Wm. Asey, Barnabe Palm, John J. Birdno, J. T. Owens, J. T. Owens & Co., P. J. Jacobson, Jacobson & Co., Chas. H. Porter, Green & Son, W. J. Parks, Henry H. Tift, Epley & Parks, Braulio Elias, F. L. B. Goodwin, John F. Judia, Arturo M. Elias, Abraham Dias, Frank Neese, Eduardo Soto, Turner & Taylor, Samuel Logan, E. R. Carrillo, P. P. Preciado, C. F. Solomon, Dr. J. A. Lord, J. L. Reaves, Geo. A. Olney, Alberto Munguia, Sam Watson, W. B. Fonda, W. W. Damron, Seth Ollerton, T. S. Merrill, E. M. Curtis, J. G. Allred, Zundel & Fish, C. Madison, John Madson, I. F. Campbell.

Mr. I. E. Solomon expressed his intention of using his personal influence in the above matter.

The above petition was circulated and signed by friends of Mr. Sutherland, without his knowledge.

### Pima Happenings.

Quarterly conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, of St. Joseph Stake, convened at this place at 10 o'clock a. m., March 9th, President C. Layton, presiding. From the reports of Bishops of the various wards throughout the stake, it appears that there is a very good prospect of abundant crop this year. That the amount of land put into small grain is greater than in any previous year. That the general health of the people throughout the valley is very good, the only form of sickness prevailing to any extent being a very light form of diphtheria at Layton, and that has almost died out. That there is going to be a strong effort made in the near future to build a wagon road across the mountains, north of the river, to the fine lands of the Mogollon mountains.

The Arizona Dramatic Co., played The Two Orphans, to a crowded house in Nuttall's hall, Monday night. Everybody went home satisfied that they had got the worth of their money. It was well rendered.

Mr. David Weech and Miss Stella Newell are to be married on the 20th of this month. The marriage will be performed at the residence of the groom's father, Hyrum Weech, and a host of friends and relatives of the happy couple will be present to wish them "God Speed."

Mr. B. F. Pascoe, of Globe, has been in town for the past week looking after his saw mill interests. Business has been quite lively in the justice courts, of this place, for some time.

Jerry Taylor is doing a rushing business in the dance line just now. Jerry gave another ball in Nuttall's hall on Friday night. Got on a "high lonesome" in company with several others, and was around town the next morning trying to borrow money to pay the fiddler.

Jos. Layton was in town Tuesday sampling the best brands of Marshall's "kill 'em quick."

### RAMBLER.

**Drowned in Black River.**  
 News has just been received that Hyrum Lee, a cousin of the Lee boys of this place, who started with his wife for Apache county about three weeks ago, has been drowned in Black river.

As near as can be learned, they were obliged to camp on this side of the river about five days on account of high water, at the end of which time Mr. Lee built a raft and attempted to cross. He loaded their effects onto the raft and crossed over in safety, then crossed back for his wife and commenced the return trip. All went well with them until mid-stream was reached, when the raft commenced to sink, and in order to lighten the load Mr. Lee jumped into the river and was not seen again.

It is supposed that in leaving the raft he must have struck his head, which stunned him, as his wife says he was an expert swimmer under ordinary circumstances. It would not have been

### ALMOST A BURN-UP.

#### MRS. HIRUM WEECH NARROWLY ESCAPES BEING BURNED TO DEATH.

#### A Coal Oil Lamp Exploding in Her Hands the Cause of the Accident.

Last Sunday evening Mrs. Hiram Weech, of Pima, narrowly escaped a horrible death by fire, and but for the timely assistance of Mr. C. N. Birdno the beautiful Weech residence would now be a heap of black ruins.

It seems that in the early part of the evening, Mrs. Weech, as is her custom, had placed a lighted lamp in her bed room, on the second floor, and then went down stairs to attend to some household duties. In about an hour she returned to the room above mentioned Judge of her surprise, when, on opening the door she discovered that in some unaccountable way, in her absence, a hole had been broken in the lamp bowl, the oil had become ignited and was throwing a flood of flame almost to the ceiling.

Mrs. Weech screamed for help and at the same time rushed into the room, snatched up the burning and dangerous lamp and started for the hall door leading onto the front porch. She had not taken more than three steps toward the door when the lamp exploded, covering her from her waist down with burning oil, and throwing the fiery liquid over the carpets and bed. She had presence of mind enough, however, to throw the lamp from her, endeavoring to throw it to the ground, but instead of that it landed on the porch which also began to blaze.

Mr. Charles N. Birdno, who was in the parlor down stairs, heard Mrs. Weech call for help when she first discovered the burning lamp, rushed to her assistance and met her in the bed room door enveloped in flames. He secured a piece of carpet and quickly smothered out the flames which, in a few minutes more would undoubtedly have caused her death. Mr. Birdno next turned his attention to the burning carpets, bed and porch, and with the assistance of Mrs. Weech was not long in smothering out the flames.

Mrs. Weech was not dangerously burned, but her face and arms were quite badly scorched.

This should be a warning to all not to leave lamps burning in unoccupied rooms or during sleeping hours.

### THE WALTZ-QUADRILLE.

The following, which is published by request, is from the pen of one of our popular young men, and is complimentary to Miss Emma Haines, who has been visiting in Solomonville for some time past:

The band was playing a waltz-quadrille,  
 I felt as light as a wind-blown feather,  
 As we floated away at the caller's will.  
 Through the intricate, maze dance together,  
 Like mimic armies our lines were meeting,  
 Slowly advancing and then retreating,  
 All decked in their bright array—  
 And back and forth to the music thrice,  
 We moved together and all the time  
 I knew you were going away.

The fold of your white arm sent a thrill,  
 From heart to brain, as we gently glided,  
 Like leaves on the wave, of that waltz-quadrille,  
 Parted, met and again divided;  
 You drifted one way and I the other,  
 Then suddenly turning and facing each other,  
 Then off in the blithe chase—  
 Then airily back to our places swaying,  
 While every best of the music seemed saying  
 That you were going away.

I said to my heart, let's take our fill,  
 Of mirth and music, of love and laughter,  
 For it all must end with this waltz-quadrille,  
 And life will be never the same life after;  
 O! that the caller might go on calling,  
 O! that the music might go on falling,  
 Like a shower of silver spray,  
 While we whirled on to that vast forever,  
 Where no hearts break and no ties sever  
 And no one goes away.

A clamor, a crash and the band was still,  
 'Twas the end of the dream, the end of the measure,  
 The last low notes of that waltz-quadrille  
 Seemed like a dirge over the death of pleasure.

You said good-night, and the spell was over,  
 Too weak heart to brain, too cold for a lover,  
 There was nothing else to say—  
 But the lights looked dim and the dancers  
 And the music was sad and the hall was dreary  
 After you went away.

### Celebrates His 74th Birthday.

President Layton celebrated his 74th birthday last Saturday at his residence in Thatcher. All of the family and quite a number of friends were invited, and at 2 p. m. sat down to a most sumptuous dinner. The afternoon and evening was passed off in quiet games, songs, recitations, etc.

Mr. Layton, notwithstanding his 74 summers is still hale and hearty, and to all appearance is good for a number of years yet. His life has been an eventful one, he being one of the few survivors of the Illinois volunteers, known as the Mormon battalion, in the Mexican war, and one of the men who hoisted the first stars and stripes in Tucson. Mr. Layton says that in the last 50 years of his life he has averaged building either a dwelling house, a store house or a barn for each year, something that few men can say. The GUARDIAN many return

### CAUSE OF DEPRESSION.

#### Comprehensive Majority Report of the Special Committee on the Agricultural Distress.

The majority of the special committee of the house appointed to inquire into the causes of the prevailing agricultural depression has prepared a report in which it says:

"It is unnecessary for the committee to enter into or dwell upon the fact that agriculture is depressed in every branch of this most important industry; that the values of land and farm surroundings unless under exceptionally rare conditions, have depreciated steadily as the purchasing power of the dollar has increased. But while the values of the property owned by the American farmers have decreased in thirty years from nearly one half of the total wealth in 1860 to less than one fourth in 1890, of which 30 per cent is now under mortgage; taxes have steadily increased and debts now require four times the labor to be paid than was then required. The purchasing capacity of the dollar to secure the farmer's land and his produce has increased four fold, while the power to pay his taxes and debts have remained at a standstill.

In 1873 wheat sold from \$1.55 to \$2.25 a bushel, according to Spofford's almanac. In New York in 1894 it sold at 50 cents.

Class legislation of the worst character encumbers the statute books and has been carried on to the detriment of agriculture and its dependent industries for thirty years, culminating in the crime of the age, the demonetization of silver in 1873.

"The demonetization of silver was a bold stroke in the interest of capital that has reduced the value of every product in the world. This is conclusively proven by the fact that just as silver has depreciated in like proportion have all other values fallen in the scale. Silver bullion to-day has the capacity to purchase as much wheat, cotton, pork and corn and land, and every other commodity that it ever had, therefore the depreciation of the white metal simply means the depreciation of every article under the sun with one single exception, the gold of the shylock."

The tariff system of taxation is not only unequal, but as for the past thirty years administered in this country, is most unjust to the consumer and has built up trusts, combines and gigantic corporations that have not only amassed immense wealth at the expense of the people but have assumed to control and direct legislation so as to perpetuate their power and gratify their greed.

The tariff bears with undue weight upon the producer of agricultural staples, as it forces him not only to buy in the dearest market, but to sell in open competition with the world's lowest prices.

REMEDIES SUGGESTED.  
 Agricultural depression is still further augmented by the sale of futures on our stock exchanges where the grain gamblers grow rich by farming the telegraph wire and selling wind, while honest and industrious toilers on the prairies reap the whirlwind. Food adulterations add millions annually to the farmer's losses and compel him to meet in competition the thief.

To these might be added other causes, but the principal ones to which agricultural depression and stagnation in trade are due have been cited.

The remedy lies in remedial legislation, and until that is secured relief will not come permanently. To secure relief we suggest:

First—That silver should be re-monetized at the ratio of 16 to 1.  
 Second—That so long as the present unjust and unequal system of protection continues agriculture should receive its just proportion, and as this cannot be secured by a protective tariff, that a bounty on exported agricultural staples should be allowed similar to that on fish in 1815, and for which John C. Calhoun voted.

Third—That gambling in futures should be prevented by law.  
 Fourth—That a national pure food law should be enacted.  
 A minority report is being prepared.

### BIRTHS.

FRANCIS.—On the 3d inst. a son to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Francis, of Thatcher.

SHANKLAND.—On the 13th inst a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shankland, of Solomonville.

CLIFFORD.—On the 10th inst. a son to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clifford, of Safford.

BARNUM.—On the 10th inst. a son to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barnum, of Thatcher.

KICKER'S KID.—Don't forget

### TERRITORIAL.

#### Clipped and Condensed From Late Exchanges.

#### PASSING EVENTS OF THE WEEK

#### Happenings Throughout the Territory Edited With the Scissors.

One of the most delightful trips in summer after the completion of the North and South road will be to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. It will be accessible to residents of southern Arizona in almost a bee line, and the expense will be very light.—*Prospector.*

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A scene was enacted at the depot this morning on the departure of the east bound passenger train bearing the Indians and squaws to their eastern home. The friends and relatives of the Indians assembled on the depot platform to see them off. One of the Indians harangued the crowd and the squaws wept so copiously that the officials feared that the track would wash away.—*Mohave Miner.*

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A total eclipse of the moon occurred last Sunday evening the moon entering the shadow about six and coming out at half-past ten. There are four more eclipses to occur this year. A partial eclipse of the sun on March 25th, invisible in the United States, except the eastern portion of Maine. A partial eclipse of the sun on August 20th invisible in the U. S. A total eclipse of the moon on Sept. 3, visible to all parts of the United States, and a partial eclipse of the sun on Sept. 18, visible in the United States.—*Prospector*

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When the citizens of Phenix arose on Sunday morning a transformation had taken place. Thousands of flags of all nations were fluttering in the breeze which blew briskly from the gulf. They were flags of all nations. There was the harp of Erin on a green field and the cross of St. George in the corner of a great blood-red banner. China's dragon was a conspicuous figure, and the beautiful tri-color of the French Republic was exceeded in beauty only by the graceful folds of long and broad American banners suspended from every prominent street corner.

Most of these decorations had added to the glory of the world's fair and represent an outlay of \$15,000. Private decorations were hardly less grand and in many instances unique. Some were in the shape of trade's displays and others consisted of palms and other semi-tropical vegetation of the valley. Over many a door a golden eagle surmounted a fan-shaped display of national colors. Long lines of balconies were faced with bunting and windows and niches in walls were ornamented with shields of stars upon red and white of azure.—*Phenix Republican*

E. J. Echols, jail was detected Deputy Sheriff up something but ran into the jail and secured the article behind a partition wall where it was found by Sheriff Thompson and Mr. Creswell. It proved to be a bottle of blue vitriol, intended to be thrown into the face of the keeper, doubtless, to effect a jail delivery. It would have forever blinded and disfigured the victim. After a tussle Echols was locked up in the cell.—*Silver Belt.*

### Alaska Gold Fields.

Reports say that large crowds of miners and adventurers are leaving Puget Sound ports for the Alaska gold fields on the Yukon river, where the temperature runs down eighty degrees below zero. The camps are placer diggings, and as the winter lasts about nine months in the year, the gold can be washed only about three months in the year when the water will not freeze.

When a man reaches the diggings he has to do it in the summer time, and he cannot return until the following summer. The head of the Yukon is reached by traveling on foot from Chitlat bay, near Sitka, a distance of thirty miles to the summit of the Cascades, where boats are constructed and floated through a succession of lakes and a meandering rapid stream a distance of three hundred miles to the Yukon, and thence up a tributary of the Yukon a little less than one

### Solomonville Rumbings.

There is joy in the household of J. E. Shankland occasioned by the appearance last Wednesday of a bouncing nine pound girl. "Shank" is as proud as a young rooster with his first spurs.

There was quite a pleasant social affair at the residence of I. E. Solomon last Saturday night in honor of Mrs. David Gough, who with her husband and two children took her departure for Corrolitas Mexico on Monday. Mrs. Gough and children had been at Solomonville ever since early in November, her children being in attendance at school. Mr. Gough came up from Mexico about three weeks ago to attend to some business affairs and to accompany his family back to Mexico. Misses Evelyn and Rosa Solomon accompanied them as far as Bowie.

Assessor Michelena is now busy listing the property of the taxpayers of the county. Pedro says that the indications are that there will be an increase this year in the taxable wealth of the county.

There was a "taffey" pulling at the residence of Henry Tift last Monday night in honor of Miss Allie Adams. The affair which was a very pleasant one was quite uncouthly attended.

The talks about the Court House are being improved. The new railroad depot is completed and is a neat and sensible structure. Joe Reaves and Misses Je and Dollie Parks went to Salt on Wednesday.

The Southern Pacific railroad Company have a force of men boring for coal with a diamond drill about eight miles above Solomonville near the Bowie ranch. An experienced geologist in charge says that the indications are strongly to a fine vein of coal. He thinks that it will extend considerable scope of country work is being done on this Gila river.

J. T. Fitzgerald and Mr. Francis and wife took in the Phenix celebration. John Epley is now rustling forward work on his ranch. George Olney and Johnny Parks left Tuesday with a herd of cattle for Clifton to deliver to the Arizona Copper company for slaughter.

District Clerk Adams has been doing a land office business in the desert land areas he has been numerous during the week. The time is not for disclaiming when all the land in this valley which can be entered will be taken up by actual settlers. The desire for land as now manifested speaks well for the future of old Graham.

On and after the 15th day of April many locations will be made on the Ft. Thomas abandoned military reservation which will then be subject to entry according to notification of the U. S. Land Department.

Miss Cora O'Neil, a young lady of Ft. Thomas, Miss Fannie Judia.

Sabbath school at morning meeting after morning service every other Sunday. We prayer meeting on Thursday, p. m.