

LATE EDITORIAL. THE FIRST GROUND BROKEN.

The first earth was moved on the long talked of Enterprise canal last Monday by Jack Freeman, John Scarlet and Mr. Stukey, all of Safford. It seems of late there has been a growing desire to commence work on the canal but one seemed to wait for another, but last Saturday the above named gentlemen determined to wait no longer, and brigit and early Monday morning they left Safford for the intended head of the canal. On reaching Solomonville they informed County Surveyor Logan of their intention, and he accompanied them, stating that he would remain on the works until the ditch is completed. The start was made near the head, and it is expected that by next Monday there will be a large force out.

There need be no further waiting now—the ice is broken—and all who feel an interest in this canal should turn out. This valley is capable of furnishing at least 500 men and teams; men who are deeply interested in the building of this ditch, and now that the busiest part of the season is over they should turn out and put it through.

The Guardian has advocated the immediate building of this canal by the farmers of the valley ever since its first issue.

This canal, properly constructed, by our own people is of inestimable value, but let some outside corporation build it and the people will find they have made a great mistake.

In view of the fact that the Classification Law has been sustained by the Supreme Court and that the salaries of the officers have been reduced and the office of assessor abolished entirely, we believe that Pedro Michelena should be allowed to finish the assessment work for the term for which he was elected as a deputy. Mr. Michelena was elected by a majority vote of the county, gave a bond for the faithful performance of the duty imposed upon him and has assessed the county for this year. No other officer was elected with the expectation of performing the duties pertaining to the assessor's office, nor did he give bonds to perform such duty, and we believe it would be no more than simple justice for Mr. Michelena to finish the assessment work for the term as a deputy.

A TERRIBLE rain storm did a great deal of damage to property in Tucson on Wednesday night of last week. The rain came down in torrents and the wind was almost a hurricane. Scores of houses either entirely collapsed or settled so that they are dangerous to live in, and are therefore useless. There is scarcely a street in the city on which several houses did not fall. The storm was the most terrible ever witnessed in that section, and the damage was great. Fortunately no lives were lost.

Two young desperadoes and horse thieves have been causing a peck of trouble to the officers in Utah. They stole some horses and were chased by officers two of whom they shot and killed, since which time half the officers in Utah have joined in the hunt. The men were seen several times and shots exchanged, and the hunt lasted for several days. They were finally taken by surprise just at daylight in a canyon south of Salt Lake and captured.

The Arizona Republican, on the 8th inst., published an interview with Dr. Purman, of Phenix, in which that gentleman says the sanitary condition of Phenix is awful, and that the city is on the verge of an epidemic of sickness, and that it will become a hotbed of disease unless something is immediately done; and the Gazette roasts the doctor for saying it and the Republican for publishing it, claiming that it is a great exaggeration of the facts.

At 12 o'clock on the night of August 7th a bullet of an unknown assassin ended the career of Jim Clark at Telluride Colo. In the civil war he was one of Quantrell's most daring guerrillas, and did work that no other man dared to do, and has probably killed more men than any other man in the United States.

THE MISSOURI DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

Free Silver conquered in Missouri on Aug. 6th, as it did some time ago in Illinois, and the fears expressed that there would be strife and turmoil in the convention were not borne out.

The so-called gold, or "sound money" advocates were so overwhelmed by the superior generalship and numerical strength of the free silver leaders and forces that they made but a very faint effort to stay the onslaught of the white-metal adherents. Bland said, in opening the convention, that the Democrats of Missouri had assembled to adopt resolutions for the free coinage of silver, and to select a State committee which would be in sympathy with the popular will, and how well his prophecy was carried out the result of the convention tells.

That of the resolutions calling for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1, regardless of any foreign nation, was carried with a hurrah and expedition seldom seen in any convention, and, furthermore, men were selected to nominate delegates favorable to silver to the National Democratic Convention of 1896. As a whole the friends of silver are feeling happy and congratulations are in order.

While waiting for the committee on resolutions to report the time was taken up in speech-making, ex-Congressman Hatch, and Hon. M. E. Benton addressing the convention. The most remarkable portion of Benton's address was his reference to the gold advocates. He said: "Every gold advocate in the State of Missouri is either a usurer, an office-holder or a man with large prospects for an office."

The committee on resolutions reported the platform as follows, which was adopted by the convention:

"The Democrats of Missouri, in State convention assembled, make the following declaration on the monetary question, which has been forced into the leading place among the issues of the day. The Federal Constitution names silver and gold together as they money metals of the United States. The first coinage law passed by Congress under the Constitution made the silver dollar the unit of value and admitted gold to free coinage at a ratio measured by the silver-unit dollar.

"From the beginning of the government, following a policy formulated by Thomas Jefferson and firmly established by Jackson, the Democratic party has been the party of bimetalism, favoring the free coinage of both silver and gold at the national mints and opposed to farming out to the banking corporations the government's sovereign power of issuing and controlling the money of the people. The act of 1873 demonetizing silver was surreptitiously passed, without the approval or knowledge of the American people, and from the time when the effect of this act in fastening upon the country the single gold standard was understood, the Democratic party has constantly and persistently urged that the grievous wrong be righted.

"Failure to accomplish this object has resulted in the steady appreciation of gold and a corresponding fall in the price of commodities produced by the people, a heavy increase in the burden of all debts, public and private, the enrichment of the money lending class, paralysis of industry and impoverishment of the people and unexampled distress in all gold standard countries. Experience has shown that while, under the single gold standard there may be an occasional revival of business activity accompanied by enhanced prices of a limited number of commodities, such revival is due to artificial and temporary causes and cannot permanently alleviate the sufferings due to the falling of prices brought about by the appreciation of gold and an inadequate supply of primary or redemption money. Duty to the people requires that the party of the people continue the battle for bimetalism until efforts are crowned with success; therefore, be it

"Resolved, that we the Democratic party of Missouri, in convention assembled, demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold into primary or redemption money at the ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the action or

approval of any other nation; and, second,

"Resolved that we are irrevocably opposed to the substitution for metallic money of a panic-breeding corporation credit currency, based on a single metal, the supply of which is so limited that it can be cornered at any time by a few banking institutions in Europe and America; third,

"Resolved that we are opposed to the policy and practice of surrendering to the holders of the obligations of the United States the option reserved by the law to the government of redeeming its obligations in either silver or gold coin; fourth,

"Resolved, that we are opposed to the issuing of interest-bearing bonds of the United States in time of peace and especially are we opposed to placing the treasury of the government under the control of any syndicate of bankers and the issuance of bonds to be sold by them at an enormous profit for the purpose of supplying the Federal treasury with gold to maintain the policy of gold monometallism."

In speaking of the Classification Law the Tombstone Prospector says:

"The case was submitted on briefs. Wiley E. Jones, district attorney of Graham county, having a very able and exhaustive brief, full of citations in support of the law, and also a brief submitted by the district attorney of this county. Barnes and Martin were the counsel for appellant."

ALLEN T. BIRD, editor of the Nogales Oasis has been arrested on a charge of criminal libel. The charge was preferred against editor Bird by Collector of Customs Sam Webb. Truly the road of the Arizona editor is hard if he varies from the truth.

Excursion. An excursion will leave Bowie Station on Aug. 23d, for Santa Monica, Cal. Round trip tickets will be sold for \$34.85.

Santa Fe Prescott & Phoenix RAILWAY CO. Time Table No. 11. In Effect June 12, 1895. Mountain Time is Standard Used.

Table with columns for SOUTHWARD and NORTHWARD, listing stations and times. Includes stations like Ash Fork, Rock Butte, Cottonwood, Jerome Junction, Iron Springs, and Santa Fe.

Summons.

In the District Court, Second Judicial District, Territory of Arizona, in and for the County of Graham. ROZELLA MARTIN, Plaintiff, vs. FRANK P. MARTIN, Defendant. Action brought in the District Court of the Second Judicial District of the Territory of Arizona in and for the County of Graham. The Territory of Arizona sends greeting to Frank P. Martin. You are hereby summoned and required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff and answer the complaint filed with the Clerk of the above entitled court at Solomonville, in the County of Graham, Territory of Arizona, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service upon you of this summons if served in this county, but if served out of the county but within this district then within twenty days, in all other cases within thirty days.

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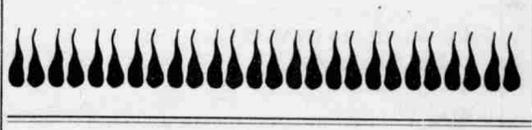
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