

HIGH SCHOOL FOR SAFFORD.

The fact that the district school of Safford is now full of pupils with others demanding admittance teaches thoughtful people that we are in need of more school room.

There is a remedy for this in the high school system provided for in the statutes. Paragraph 2218 says: "Any school district of 1000 or more inhabitants may, by a majority vote of the qualified electors thereof, establish and maintain a high school; or two or more adjoining school districts having a joint population of 1000 or more inhabitants, may unite and form a union high school district, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a high school therein, at the expense of such district or union high school district."

Such a school established here would keep at home almost every pupil that now goes away. The money being spent to send pupils to California, Utah, Texas and other states would maintain the school and educate five times the number of students.

Perhaps Safford alone could not muster the necessary number of people to establish a school. Even if it could it would be a wiser course to create a union high school out of the districts of Safford, Layton and Lone Star. These three districts would be able to maintain such a school in such a way that it would not only educate our own children but also those from outside districts and counties.

The trustees of the three districts named should hold a meeting and ascertain the public feeling in regard to such a move and if possible establish the school.

As a starter, we are authorized by H. J. Dowdle to say that he will give sufficient land, lying between here and Layton, for the school.

AN INTERNATIONAL INSANITY.

Admiral Dewey wants a larger navy—larger than it will be even when the enormous reinforcements now in process of construction are complete. Fifteen cruisers of 5,000 tons displacement are to be recommended to the next congress by the chief of the bureau of navigation, and twelve of 3,000 tons displacement. It seems that the Oregon, which gave the nation so much reason to be proud of her in 1898, when she rounded Cape Horn in record-breaking time, is now "obsolete" and may soon need to be replaced as well as supplemented indefinitely.

Where will this end? It is useless to urge America to keep out of this race of unlimited preparation for war. The contagion has gotten into the nation's blood and nothing will check the onslaught of the armament disease until America ranks, or even distances, England, France and Germany as a naval power.

Yet who can question that these nations could destroy all their ships, send back to the farms all their sailors, disband their armies and all the affairs of men proceed not only as well but far better than before.

"If all would do the same"—there is the rub. And why not all do the same except that a strange blindness possesses the nation, a kind of weird fatality from which they are unable to free themselves? So on they rush. New inventions make old fleets obsolete. Armies of men are taken from productive employment to produce these instruments of death, another army is required to man them, and so the world is robbed of the services of its children, while the burden of the support of all their un-

productive armies must fall on the shoulders of the remaining citizens. Mankind seems caught in the meshes of an imprisoning web when we think of this strange supposed necessity of Christian nations preparing for enormous human slaughter as a protection from each other.—Denver News.

LABOR AFTER MR. ROOSEVELT.

Recent Washington dispatches say that the labor organizations are after Teddy's scalp on account of his attitude in the case of W. A. Miller, the foreman in the government printing office over whose case there has been so much trouble and the matter may be taken into the next presidential campaign.

It was developed that the Washington Central Labor Union with the expressed approval of the American Federation of Labor, has issued an appeal to every affiliated body in the country to condemn the President's action in reinstating Miller as foreman in the printing office.

The appeal has been sent to 520 central labor unions, representing the entire number of organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor in the United States. Approximately these unions have a membership of between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000.

A preamble to the resolution declares that the president has seen fit to reinstate Miller, who is an expelled member of the trade's organization, "notwithstanding the overwhelming evidence of moral turpitude," and also has committed himself to the policy of an open shop, as shown by his letters; that the bookbinders' union of Washington has conservatively recognized the authority of the President in acceding to Miller's reinstatement and working with him pending final settlement of the case; that the charges have been again preferred in strict conformity with federal law and that reasonable time had been given to Miller to answer them.

The resolution, it is stated, originated primarily with the bookbinders' union. This organization transmitted it to the Central Labor Union and the latter after formally adopting, sent it broadcast throughout the country. It was reported that this action on the part of the Central Labor Union had received the formal approval of President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor. It was said a few days ago, however, that Mr. Gompers had not figured in the matter so far as the Central Labor Union is concerned.

The appeal, which is in the form of a circular letter, embodies a resolution adopted by the Washington organization calling attention to the President's attitude. The resolution is signed by Charles W. Winslow, secretary of the Washington Central Labor Union.

Members of the local organization expect a prompt response. They say they do not wish to be put in the light of being belligerent towards the President, but at the same time they desire a full expression from organized labor all over the country on the President's course. It is the opinion in many quarters that the Miller case will be an issue by organized workingmen in the next Presidential election, in view of the appeal of the local organization.

The latest is that the investigation of frauds practiced by government officials in the Indian Territory has had to stop for an investigation to be made into charges made against one of the investigators. Surely the Republican administration is beginning to have a peculiar smell. It appears that the government officials, who are paid by the people to administer public affairs, have come to think that the Republican party owns the earth and that they own the Republican party.

If the present persistent efforts to unearth rascality and thievery among Federal office holders does not soon cease, there will not be enough of the present republican office holders left outside of the penitentiaries to form a corporal's guard.

A number of the northwestern states have been visited by heavy snow storms, greatly damaging crops. Better come to Arizona where there is decent weather the year round.

An exchange is responsible for the following story: The wife of a farmer is said to have had a sister come from Chicago to make a visit recently. One day the threshers came and the guest insisted on doing the work alone and sent her sister away for rest. When the hungry threshers fled in to supper that night they found a sandwich tied with ribbon, one chicken croquette, one cheese ball the size of a marble and a button hole bouquet at each plate—nothing more. The men refused to come back for breakfast.

Arizona Copper Company.

The report of the Arizona Copper company as published in the Mining and Engineering Journal shows that in the smelting department 5,283 tons of ore and 1,647,787 pounds of copper from the leaching plant were smelted, resulting in a gross yield of 15,311,544 pounds of copper. This does not include 2,505 pounds of copper produced in the form of sulphate. In the concentration plant 219,717 tons of ore were treated, yielding 28,226 tons of concentrates. This shows a product of 1 to 7.46 tons raw ore. The concentrating ore was partly sulphide ores from the Humboldt and the Yavapai and partly oxide ores from Metcalf. The leaching plant treated 41,358 tons of tailings, producing 1,661,939 pounds of copper and 1,501 tons of copper sulphate. The acid plant turned out 1,920 tons of sulphuric acid. The profits earned during the year from the mines at Clifton amounted to £147,598, while the company's railway nets receipts of £24,556. The railway expenses and taxes reduced this to £168,562. Interest and dividends on preferred stock absorbed £27,244, leaving a surplus of £136,318. From this the directors proposed to pay a dividend of 5s 6d per share and to carry forward a balance of £47,586. Many improvements have been made at the mines and at the reduction works during the year. Important developments have been made in the Fairplay mine and also at the Coronado.

Globe is Forging Right Ahead.

W. N. Small, president of the El Paso Foundry and Machine company, who has just returned from a business trip through Arizona, says that Globe is again coming to the front in fine shape. To an El Paso Times reporter Mr. Small said:

"You know that Globe has formerly been an up and down mining camp—one year prosperous, next year dead, but I can assure you that Globe, Ariz., will soon take rank as a steady, prosperous copper producing camp and I can see no reason why it should not take rank with Douglas or Clifton. The Old Dominion Copper Mining and Smelting company is opening up large new bodies of ore, and are now putting in a magnificent plant which will cost close to a million dollars.

Their new smelting plant will in some respects eclipse any of the latest and most famous new copper smelting plants in Arizona but what struck me very forcibly was that the local people of Globe are putting all the money they can raise into the stock of the Old Dominion company. You know you cannot fool the miners and mining people right on the ground. I believe Globe will double in size in the next year. The old town is waking up already; lots you could have bought cheap a year ago are now up very near El Paso prices."

Interesting Arizona History.

Some very interesting facts concerning the early history of Arizona were gleaned from a number of the old documents at the Pioneer Hall recently by a Star representative. In the year 1854, a memorial was presented to congress asking that the present territory of Arizona be formed into the territory of Pimeria. The memorial was never acted upon by congress. What is now embraced in the territory of Arizona was attached to the county of Dona Ana in 1855 by proclamation of the governor of New Mexico. Tubac was a center of population and the county seat of Arizona county until the latter part of the 1861, when the county seat was moved to Tucson, which from that time to the present has been the metropolis of the territory. On August 18, 1861, a secession convention was held in Tucson at which time Grant Ourey was elected delegate to the Confederate congress at Richmond.—Arizona Star.

For Sale.

35 acres of land and two shares in San Jose canal. This land is situated 1 3/4 miles east of Solomonville. This ranch will make two small farms of 15 and 20 acres each, with a three room adobe house on each tract, school 3/4 mile distant. Price on this ranch is \$50 per acre, terms 1-3 down, balance time 8 per cent interest. Will be sold in separate pieces, or as a whole. See H. W. Bishop, box 24 Solomonville Ariz. 28-1m

Refused to Kill the Baby.

Uniontown, Pa., Sept. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Arnold, both members of wealthy and prominent families of this (Fayette) county, were put on trial charged with murdering their infant child on July 24.

The couple were married on January 7 and the child was born on July 24, less than seven months later.

Judge McClung of Pittsburgh is presiding. Medical experts are here from Philadelphia to determine the cause of death.

Dr. W. H. Lilly testified that when called to the Arnold home, Mr. Arnold said to his wife: "Now, dear, tell the doctor what you want," and Mrs. Arnold, thus prompted, said:

"Doctor, I cannot and will not keep this baby, and I want you to kill it." And Mr. Arnold added: "You must kill it doctor."

Dr. Lilly says he placed his hand on his pistol, and he said he would kill both of them before he would take the child's life.

On starting to leave, he says Mrs. Arnold said to him: "Doctor don't let any one that I had this baby."

Upon visiting the house next day Dr. Lilly found the child dead and buried.

Four physicians who were at the post mortem testified that the child was well developed, and had no disease, and that death apparently resulted from asphyxiation or smothering.

For sale.—Old papers at this office. 10 cts per hundred.

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We are closing out our Summer goods and preparing for the fall trade.

In order to stipulate business we are offering some attractive bargains in

SHIRT WAISTS, DRESS GOODS, GLOVES and HOSIERY, For the balance of this month and the first ten days in September.

This is your opportunity to visit our mammoth establishment and obtain bargains.

SOLOMON COMMERCIAL CO., Largest Store in Gila Valley.

Real "Bargains"

Fall and Winter Bargains:

I am offering to the public some real bargains in Fall and Winter dry goods. Any merchant will give you bargains on goods after their season has passed, but I am offering the greatest bargains ever offered in the valley on Fall and Winter goods, just at the time you need them. The goods are of the very best quality, and you will soon convince yourself that it is the first REAL BARGAIN you have had offered you on goods that you really need. If you will call and examine some of them. It is impossible to give quotations on all our bargains, but to give you an idea we quote a few prices below:

A few of our Bargains:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Ladies Kid Gloves, Ladies Union Suits, Ladies Ribbed Pants, Misses Union Suits, etc.

The regular prices as given above are what these goods are selling at everywhere, so you see you can save from \$5 to \$15 on your Fall and Winter goods. REMEMBER, the goods listed above are a mere handful of what I have, and all at bargain prices.

Also a Line of Fresh Groceries.

Anna M. Reynolds, Opposite Bank, Safford, A. T.

BONITA NEWS.

H. C. Hooker was thrown from a buggy while out driving last week, and was quite painfully but not seriously hurt. He is now able to be about again.

Fifty recruits will arrive in the Post next week. M. H. Mason returned from Hooker's Hot Springs, where he has been for the past month, and is very much improved in health. Capt. Stout is manager at the Springs, and there are people from all parts enjoying his genial hospitality.

Sulphur Springs valley is dotted with hay camps, but the hay is not as plentiful as might be expected from the rains we had. No. 33.

Knife and Gun Play.

Word reached here yesterday from Naco, saying that another scrape took place at that town on Wednesday evening, in which a Mexican drew a knife and attempted to cut a bartender in the Cow Ranch saloon. The name of the bartender is Bill Sparks. He divined the Mexican's intention and got out of the way in time to avoid serious consequences, at the same time pulling his gun and taking a shot at his assailant. The

ball went wide. The Mexican, whose name could not be learned, was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and found guilty. Justice Greaves sentenced him to a term in the calaboose.

Local Option Drops At The Billin' Pot.

Fall & Winter Goods

NEW GOODS LOWEST PRICES.

Never in the history of the Cyclone Store has the stock of goods been as complete as it is now.

Our store has been remodeled and the shelving capacity almost doubled. Every nook and corner of our large building is full to overflowing. We have bargains in every line for you.

All the new goods in Dress Fabrics, Laces, Embroidery, new styles hats for ladies, misses and children. We are now ready for business and to make things hum early and to make your dollars go a long way we have marked all goods at low prices. To make it interesting for you and to get you here to see our new store and stock, we offer you the following low prices:

- 25 pieces of Calico at 5 cents per yard. 25 pieces of Outing, in good colors at 5 cents a yard. Good heavy Ginghams for cheap dresses and shirt waists, at from 6 to 8 cents per yard. A fine soft Bleach Domestic for 7 cents a yard. In ladies shoes we have the best assortment and latest styles to be had. Our Princess Spring Heel Shoe for ladies is hard to match for \$2. In childrens shoes we are well supplied in all kinds at prices from 50 cents up.

If you do not get your groceries from us you do not get the cleanest goods and lowest prices. We offer the best flour made at \$3.15. No one will question that PRIDE of DENVER can't be beat, especially this year when good wheat is hard to get here. We are still selling sugar at cost and will until you are through putting up fruit. We are making low prices on all goods in the grocery line. We will sell you 26 bars good red wrapper soap for \$1.00 4 cans American Sardines for 25 cents. Good Salmon for 11 cents. 14 pounds sugar for \$1.00.

Bring along your keys to the Red Box, ten dollars in it yet that belongs to some one. Ticket No 393 drew the doll, hunt up your tickets.

Our clothing department is complete in every way and is the largest in Graham Co. Our fall and winter samples to order from are here and no one can fit you as we do.

J M Foster, Safford, Ariz.

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