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TO START PICKING COTTON ABOUT SEPTEMBER 20TH

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hudspeth spent Wednesday of this week on the Sandy, looking over their cotton crop at the mouth of Trout Creek. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. Hudspeth's father, Street Hudspeth, a Texan who has had a good many years experience in the cotton growing game. Mr. Hudspeth, Sr., says that in his experience he has never seen cotton that bears as much promise as the cotton on the Hudspeth place.

Mr. Hudspeth was surprised to see how the cotton had grown since his visit there, July 6. The stalks were then just knee high; now they are more than 5 feet. On one stalk that was blooming then, he tied a string to see how long it would take for it to mature. On his trip there this time it had fully matured, the time being just 50 days.

On one stalk, which was about average, he counted 240 squares, bolls and blooms. On two limbs of another stalk there were 104.

Mr. Hudspeth's place is at the mouth of Trout Creek, a distance of 43 miles from Kingman. They will start picking about the 20th of September, the cotton being put in wool sacks and hauled to Kingman, from where it will be shipped to the Blythe gin. A rate of \$1.55 per hundred to Blythe can be secured by shipping in carload lots, with a minimum of 20,000 pounds to the car and it is thought that the different growers on the Sandy will work together and get the full car. This rate will be increased somewhat when the new freight rates go into effect.

This cotton is known as the Rouden, a short staple which is considerably longer than the Texas short staple. Last year this cotton brought about 50 cents per pound. Mr. Hudspeth figures he will get about 2 bales to the acre as well as a ton of seed to the acre. He has 20 acres in. He also saw the cotton of Bryant, Williams and Metcalfe and says it is looking fine.

HOPE AUTO STEALING WILL NOT INCREASE

There were 31,649 automobiles stolen in 19 of the largest cities of the United States last year, as compared to 25,613 the preceding year, according to figures compiled by the National Automobile Dealers' association, which reached the Phoenix chamber of commerce yesterday. Hope is held that the number this year will be less, owing to federal law now operative in interstate thefts. Numerous convictions under this law are reported as having been made through the United States this year.

The increase last year over 1918 was 23.5 per cent. Of the 31,649 cars stolen in 1919, 23,332 were recovered, or 74.4 per cent. Of the 25,613 stolen in 1918, 20,203 were recovered, or 78.1 per cent. Cars stolen which were not recovered were valued at approximately \$5,410,000 in 1918, and \$8,658,360 in 1919.

St. Louis was the only large city where figures were less than in 1918. This is accounted for by a vigorous law enforcement campaign against automobile thieves by the circuit attorney's office. Sentences up to 20 years were pronounced in St. Louis for the theft of automobiles.

PLANS NEW SCHOOL BUILDING THIS FALL

Superintendent Thackery, of the Mohave Indian School, spent Friday in Kingman, on his way home after an absence of two weeks.

Mr. Thackery says that he hopes to have a new \$25,000 school building started early this fall. The installation of a new electric light plant at the school is about completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Gruninger and daughter returned home Sunday morning after two weeks spent on the coast.

BRINGING BACK GIRL WHO CASHED CHECKS HERE

Sheriff Mahoney left last Thursday night for San Francisco to bring back a young lady who had cashed some checks in Kingman, said checks coming back marked "no funds." At this time we are not positive of the young lady's right name, and several other details, so will withhold the rest of the story until the facts are brought out at the trial next week. The sheriff will get back here to-night or to-morrow night.

NEW RAILROAD RATES ARE NOW IN EFFECT

The new rate for railroad travel went into effect Thursday. A 20 per cent raise in fares and a 50 per cent raise in Pullman fares, was put into effect, excepting on trips made within the state of Arizona. This will come later, however.

The summer round trip rates are still in effect, though they are raised proportionately. However any return trip ticket which was purchased before September 26, is still good without payment of additional fare.

Below will be found the old and new fares to different points, from Kingman:

RAILROAD FARES		
	Old Fare	New Fare
Los Angeles	\$15.42	\$18.51
San Francisco	25.61	30.74
San Bernardino	13.48	16.18
Needles	2.66	3.20
Chicago	68.73	82.40
New York	100.43	120.52
St. Louis	62.88	75.46
Kansas City	53.85	64.63
Phoenix via Cadiz	18.58	22.29
PULLMAN FARES		
Los Angeles	3.24	4.86
San Francisco	5.40	8.10
Kansas City	12.15	18.23
Chicago	15.39	23.09

PONZI HEARING IS STORMY; CREDITORS DUE FOR BIG LOSS

A payment of less than 50 cents on the dollar to the creditors of Charles Ponzi, if official estimates of his liabilities are correct, was indicated by his statement of assets at the receivers hearing.

Assuring the federal receivers that he had disclosed all he knew, Ponzi told of assets which Robert G. Dodge, counsel for the receivers, declared "were not worth anywhere near \$3,000,000." The official estimate of his liabilities stands at \$7,000,000. Ponzi claimed that he was solvent and had nearly four million of assets to meet his liabilities, which he set at \$3,000,000.

The hearing was stormy at times. Daniel H. Coakley, counsel for Ponzi, surrendered to the receivers, to assist in meeting creditors' claims, checks for \$25,000 each, which had been given him and an associate counsel, as retaining fees. He said that when he took the money he thought Ponzi was a millionaire. He called upon the receivers and their counsel to join with him in working without fee, but his challenge was not accepted.

Edward A. Thurston, one of the receivers, remarked: "If you thought this man had a million dollars left, do you suppose anybody thinks you would have got only \$25,000?"

"You are a liar when you suggest anything like that," exclaimed Mr. Coakley, jumping to his feet.

Ponzi told of loans of \$20,000 each to Henry Chmielinski, president and William S. McNary, treasurer of the Hanover Trust company, which was Ponzi's principal depository and which went to the wall with his collapse. His announcement that he had loaned \$10,000 to Daniel P. Demond, treasurer of the Lawrence Trust Company of Lawrence, was followed by Demond's resignation later in the day.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends in Kingman for their help and sympathy during the long illness of our baby boy.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Anderson.

A Pressing Invitation

By Mrs. M. P. Chapman.

Mr. Will Lysum,
Excelsior, Cal.

Dere Bill, mete me in Kingman next Thursday, Fur on Friday the Rodeo begins; Let's have a look in at the party, Chaw over the past, and its sins. We'll take a whirl at the bustin' No fear that we'll Cottonwood pull; But I'm playin' we'll win all the laurels When it cums to wranglin' the bull.

I've herd there was goin' ter be dancin', The gals is all purty I know; I'll say they're almighty entrancin' En' fully one half of the show. The bronchs en the dogies keep cumin'; The town will shorly be full. Jus' bring all yore parafernalia, En help me handle the bull.

Yore pal,

Hi Chapman,
Top Notch, Arizona.

P. S. There's wun wurd I mite hav mispeled.

Hi Chapman.

THE STAGE ALL SET FOR THE BIGGEST RODEO EVER HELD IN MOHAVE COUNTY

Everything is in readiness for the big show next week, Mohave Co.'s Second Annual Rodeo, starting Friday and lasting through Monday promises to be a success. The grounds at the ball park have been worked over, additional fences built, corrays built and a race track made.

Steers, calves and breakaway stuff, which has been donated for the occasion by the stockmen of Mohave County, is all here, ready for action. Besides a carload of bucking horses which were brought from Flagstaff. The spectators are promised as good a show as can be seen any place in the west. Lots of people from the outside have already made reservations at the hotels, through the chairman of the reservations committee, T. W. Devine and Secretary Bartholomew has already received many applications of cowboys to enter the different events and compete for the handsome prizes offered.

Each day at 1 P. M. sharp the parade will form at the courthouse, go down Fourth and down Front to the Fair Grounds. All contestants will appear in this parade, and prizes will be offered for the best outfits.

Each day a program will be issued during the morning, giving the names of the contestants in the day's events. Chairman S. H. Beecher, of the Grandstand Committee asks all who want boxes in the grandstand to let him know at once. He has 8 at \$20 per box, six chairs in a box.

There will be a dance at the Park every night, the last night being the night of the 6th, when the Cowboys Dance will be held. Admissions in the form of ribbons, will be sold for this dance during the four days celebration. The dances given on the first three nights will be conducted by Earl Casteel.

Also there will be a dance staged for the older folks at the Elk's Hall, where fiddlers will play music for the

old fashioned dances, starting Friday night.

This is your celebration, folks, make it a good one. Here are the events with prizes and entrance fees. In addition to these prizes there will be special monies each day.

Steer Breakaway Contest

1st prize \$250; 2nd prize \$150; 3rd prize \$100. Prizes awarded at end of contest. Entrance fee \$20.

Calf Roping

1st prize \$250; 2nd prize \$150; 3rd prize \$100. Prizes awarded at end of contest. Entrance fee \$20.

Broncho Riding Contest

1st prize \$250; 2nd prize \$150; 3rd prize \$100. Prizes awarded at end of contest. Entrance fee \$20.

Bull Roping Contest

1st prize \$500; 2nd prize \$300; 3rd prize \$200. Prizes awarded at end of contest. Entrance fee \$30 per team—two men to team.

Free-For-All Ladies Race—Sept. 3

1st prize \$75; 2nd prize \$50; 3rd prize \$25. Entrance fee \$15. Race for one-quarter mile—not less than five horses to start.

Range Relay Race

1st prize \$75; 2nd prize \$50; 3rd prize \$25. Entrance fee \$15.

Pony Express Race

1st prize \$75; 2nd prize \$50; 3rd prize \$25. Entrance fee \$15. Prizes awarded daily.

Bareback Broncho Riding

1st prize \$200; 2nd prize \$125; 3rd prize \$75. Entrance fee \$15.

Bull Riding Contest—Daily

1st prize \$25; 2nd prize \$15; 3rd prize \$10. Entrance fee \$5. Prizes awarded daily.

Cowpony Race—Sept. 5

1st prize \$75; 2nd prize \$50; 3rd prize \$25. Entrance fee \$15.

Free-For-All Race—Sept. 6

1st prize \$75; 2nd prize \$50; 3rd prize \$25. Entrance fee \$15. Distance ¼ Mile.

GUN CLUB SCORES FOR LAST SUNDAY

Following are the results of the shoot of the Kingman Gun Club last Sunday morning:

Joe Rosenberg, 15; Ray Robinson, 23; H. Hoskins, 22; Joe Steed, 24; Tom Devine, 20; W. H. Caudle, 21; B. Long, 16; Friedel, 17; Paul Merton, 19; J. W. Patterson, 15; Jack Wilson, 20; Jay Gates, 19; T. W. Devine, 20; Henry Lang, 17; Weigman, 17; Wheeler, 12; Corey, 1; Rosenberg, 14; Patterson, 16; T. W. Devine, 24; Steed, 24; Tom Devine, 23; Wheeler, 10; Long, 19; Henry Lang, 22; Weigman, 19.

Dr. T. R. White will leave to-day for a three week's trip to Arkansas. Mrs. White, who is now visiting there, will accompany the Doctor on his return to Kingman.

MOHAVE COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 13

The schools of Mohave County will open on the 13th day of September this year. Announcement of plans for the coming year will be made in next week's issue of the Miner.

Prof. Linville and Mrs. Linville, who are now on the coast, will return to Kingman about the first of the month.

LEAGUE OF SOUTHWEST MEETS AT DENVER

Anson H. Smith is in Denver this week at the meeting of the League of the Southwest. This meeting is an important one as details on the big Boulder Canyon project are to be given definite form.

Mr. Smith took with him some of the greatest pictures that have ever been secured of Boulder Canyon. They were secured by H. H. McClure with his large camera, when he and Anson Smith with Al Jagerson and Bill Cook, went down into the canyon last week for that purpose. They show at a glance what it would take hours to explain and will be of inestimable value to the boosters of the Boulder Canyon dam site.

Mr. Smith is playing an active part in this work and rightly so, for he started to boost the project many years ago when there were no Franklin K. Lanes, Thomas Campbells and Governor Bambergers to help the game along.

People of Mohave County are vitally interested in the development of power from the Colorado river, whether it be by government enterprise or private capital or by both.

Reclamation Director Davis, who has promised to finish the final surveys on the Boulder Canyon site before the next Congress, is at the Denver meeting, along with the governors of the western states and many men of prominence.

HOPI SNAKE DANCE TOOK PLACE LAST WEDNESDAY P. M.

Following is the account of the Hopi Snake Dance given by the Flagstaff Leader, who had a man on the ground:

Attended by a crowd estimated at 1,000, the largest ever at a similar affair, the famous annual Hopi Indian snake dance was held at Hotavilla village, on the Hopi Indian reservation, 115 miles northeast of Flagstaff, Wednesday afternoon.

Many notables were present, including Mary Roberts Rinehart, the Saturday Evening Post writer; Former Mayor Carter H. Harrison of Chicago; United States Senator Henry F. Ashurst; Dr. Harley Stamp from the Smithsonian institute; Richard Forsyth, caricaturist for the New York Herald, and James Swinerton of Flagstaff, cartoonist for the Hearst papers.

The dance began at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and lasted about 45 minutes. Twenty-two Indians, and about 100 snakes participated. The snakes included rattlesnakes, bull snakes and red racers.

It is estimated that 250 automobiles from various parts of the United States carried parties to the dance. There were more cars from Flagstaff than from any other point. Many came from southern Arizona and other Arizona points, as well as from points outside of the state.

Unlike some of the former dances, none of the Indians were snake bitten during Wednesday's festivities. No blood flowed at this year's dances, despite the fact that the snakes used this year were as poisonous as those used at former dances.

The Hopi snake dance is noted the world over, there being nothing on earth that duplicates it or that is anything like it. It is something entirely Hopi. Tourists from all over the country flock into northern Arizona every year and go from here to the reservation to witness this weird dance.

The snakes used Wednesday were caught several days prior to the dance. They were confined in a hole and carefully fed. During this

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AND THEN ICYCLES FORMED ON THE FEET OF ONE STEVE SAVAGE

Well the circus has come and gone, but those of us who failed to see the "coming wrestling champion of the world" perform seem to have missed the best part of the show.

With a "splendiferous" ballyhoo one Steve Savage, with a chest on him resembling a rock quarry, was announced a couple of times during the performance of the equines and canines, which made up the circus, along with an offer of 50 bucks to anyone who would stay with the terrible Steve for fifteen minutes. He was sure an awe-inspiring sight as he favored the audience with the expression of a beast of the forest, waiting to be fed raw meat.

Then steps up a young man, who was with the show by the way, challenging the fire eater. Then curtains until Rover and Romeo, along with other perfectly respectable dogs and ponies finished their bit.

For several minutes Steve and his hireling played around on the mat until the proper time, when Steve was to lay his friend down.

But the proud, victorious gladiator was due for the surprise of his young life, for even out in the "wilds" of Mohave County, there were those in the crowd who figured the work of the much vaunted hero, was crude.

Steve wasn't looking for this and so when one Chris Hoffman sidled up to him and suggested that he figured he couldn't earn fifty any easier, it kind of got under his skin. Maybe Steve's mind ran back to when he went to Sunday school and read about David and Goliath. Something happened anyway for the champ figured he couldn't go through that performance again without a side-bet of \$200, whereupon just like that, he was called. Steve then wanted \$500 and he was again called and then Steve changed his mind.

It was a funny sight. Chris weighs probably 160 pounds, the big boy around 220; Chris is 52 years old and Steve is in his prime. Steve looked like he could eat a man up (which probably accounts for his job with the circus) and well, Chris doesn't look mean exactly.

Steve had to admit later, when some of the bunch kept riding him and he had run out of excuses, that he wasn't a champ, though the confession was hardly necessary.

Chris Hoffman by the way was justified in his challenge as for many years he held down the amateur championship of Kansas, of his weight, and has kept himself in good physical condition since.

2 TO 1 GAME PLAYED BY FLAGSTAFF-WILLIAMS

The Flagstaff Battery team beat Williams last Sunday in a closely contested battle, with a score of 2 to 1. The following box score tells the story:

WILLIAMS	A	B	R	H	E
Sullivan, cf	4	1	1	0	
Rector, 2b	4	0	0	1	
Proctor, c	4	0	1	0	
Selman, 3b	4	0	0	0	
Sorey, ss	4	1	2	0	
Lawler, rf	3	0	0	0	
Anderson, lb	3	0	3	0	
Morrison, lf	2	0	0	0	
Dean, p	3	0	0	0	
Montgomery, lf	1	0	0	0	

BATTERY "A"	A	B	R	H	E
Browning, c	4	1	1	0	
Amos, lf	4	0	2	0	
O'Connor, 3b	4	0	2	0	
Gilliland, ss	3	0	1	0	
Gray, 2b	3	0	1	0	
May, p	4	1	2	0	
Carlson, lb	4	0	2	0	
Hanley, cf	3	0	0	0	
Mackey, rf	1	0	0	0	
Howard, rf	2	0	0	0	

Summary—Two-base hits: May and Carlson. Three-base hits: Proctor and O'Connor. Bases on balls: By May, 0; by Dean, 1. Struck out: By May, 7; by Dean, 3. Time of game, 1:45.

Score by innings:
Williams..... 010 000 000—1
Battery "A"..... 000 000 011—2
Bill Kline was called from here to umpire the game. The Flagstaff Leader has this to say of his work: "Kline's umpiring was remarkable (Continued on Page 12)