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ARIZONA NOTES.

Items of Interest Culled From Our Exchanges.

Plans for a \$26,000 armory for Douglas are underway, half of the money to be raised by the citizens of that city and the rest to be contributed by the state armory fund. This would give Douglas the finest armory in the state. The building would be used for conventions and public meetings.

With an assessed valuation totalling over \$186,000,000, the State Board of Equalization has fixed the Arizona State tax rate for 1916 at forty cents on each \$100. The tax levy, as finally determined by the board, is a reduction of fourteen cents from the 1915 rate, while the total assessed valuation of the State has increased over \$60,000,000.

Survey of a site for a gravity water system reservoir in the Pinal mountains has been ordered by the Globe city council, which appropriated \$4,000 to determine the available water supply from this source. It is expected that the new water system will cost approximately \$10,000. Plans for a new sewer system, which will cost approximately \$240,000 are under way.

John H. Hall, of Safford, and Mrs. J. M. Gilliland, of Franklin, brother and sister, met this week at the latter's home, after being separated for thirty seven years. The last time they were together was in 1879, back at the old home in Kentucky. Mr. Hall left in that year and since then has resided in Kansas and Oklahoma, coming to Safford a few months ago.—Duncan News.

Permission to build a reservoir, conduit and power house in Sabino canyon in the Catalina mountains has been granted to John W. Daily, of Tucson by the secretary of agriculture. The proposed dam and power plant, when completed, will be one of the largest power projects in Arizona, and is expected to supply power to the city of Tucson, and to mining camps in the surrounding district.

O. H. Morton, a well known Oregon cattleman, while attempting to secure some desert plants from a cliff on the road from Phoenix to Globe, fell down a precipice, catching a small tree, and holding on. A four year old girl, from an auto saw him and called her father's attention, and Mr. Morton was soon rescued with the aid of a rope. The little girl was presented with a check for \$100.

The Northern Arizona Normal school starts out with 265 students registered for the fall term which began last Monday. This is the record, the highest previous to this being last year with 263. It is thought the list will reach 300. The school is badly cramped for quarters and the next legislature will be asked for a liberal appropriation. The school runs twelve months each year.—The Messenger.

Although paper mills are manufacturing more paper than ever before, the price of print paper continues to rise and the publishers of the country are facing an exorbitant advance in its price. Already it has gone up and the publishers of New York have entered into an agreement to curtail their use of paper. Prices of subscription are being raised all over the country as a result of the recent advances.

There are many so-called socialistic principles, to which every true American can and does heartily subscribe and we freely recognize the right of every American to whatever political belief he may adopt. But we confess that we have little respect for an avowed socialist who for the sole purpose of gaining office temporarily espouses and claims allegiance to the democratic party as is being done in Arizona today. It is a poor tub that can't stand on its own bottom, and although oft attempted we have never known of anyone who was able to successfully carry water on both shoulders at the same time.—Tempe News.

A. H. Edwards and P. W. Wilkey have purchased the Patagonia Smoke-house from C. J. Trask, taking charge this week. Mr. Edwards is a surveyor and has been employed on the county roads for some time, assisting the county engineer. Mr. Wilkey is a Nogales business man, and will move his family from that city to Patagonia. Both are well known and popular throughout the county, and should enjoy a good business.—Patagonian.

Mrs. Harry Wiltse has a copy of the Uster County (N. Y.) Gazette dated January, 1800, which gives an account of the death of George Washington, December 14th, 1799. The paper has been handed down in her family for generation to generation, and is in a remarkable good state of preservation, with the print as clear as the day it was printed. The spelling was the quaint old fashioned kind, using the "f" for "s." It is a very interesting document because of the kind of news, peculiar advertisements and general make up.—Coconino Sun.

After years of wandering around the earth, Mike Rice, one of the best known newspaper men in the state, arrived in Kingman yesterday. Mike was injured in an automobile wreck about a year ago and was discharged from the hospital about a week ago. He is again in the land of his first love—Arizona—and intends to remain forever and forever. He expects to leave Kingman today for Prescott and the southern country. Rice is known in every mining camp of the west, from Mexico to Alaska, and in every one of the camps he meets with hearty welcome.—Miner.

Henry Serrano, formerly of near Patagonia, but who has been living in Bisbee for sometime, was stabbed early Sunday morning and died from the effects of the wound. He was with four Mexicans on the streets of Bisbee, when a quarrel started and one of his companions drew a long knife and started to cut in every direction. He struck Serrano in the left side of the abdomen, the knife passing entirely through the stomach and coming out at the back, just over the kidney. The murdered man was a son of Dona Gerarda Serrano, and was raised in Serrano canyon, a few miles from Patagonia. He leaves a wife and several children.—Patagonian.

Patagonia will have within a short time an up-to-date telephone system. Application was made to the supervisors last week for a franchise by W. A. Gatlin and Pat Patterson, two young business men of this town, to build, equip and maintain a telephone system from Nogales to Patagonia, thence to Sonoita and Elgin, and on towards Fairbanks, where it will connect with the toll lines of Cochise county and other parts of the state. Also from Patagonia to Harshaw, up Harshaw Canyon via Mowry and on to the San Rafael valley. The promoters are amply equipped financially, and as Mr. Patterson has had much experience in the telephone business, there is every reason to believe the venture will be a great success.—Patagonian.

Any government that would hold a child-labor law unconstitutional if the law is correctly drawn with intent to protect the health, life, comfort and safety of the child as well as of the human race to follow, would cease to be a court of justice. Laws are made for but two purposes: To protect the weak and to restrain the vicious. The child is weak and it is entitled to protection. Strain the constitution if necessary, amend the document if absolutely essential, but protect the children from the vicious sweat shops. Wealth gold, luxuries are not to be compared with human welfare and especially those of tender years, the future men and women of the nation. Surely preservation of the health of the child comes under "to promote the general welfare" clause if nowhere else. President Wilson was right to demand the law and no court will hasten to undo the act.

FORTUNE IN OLD AGE.

Took a Chance in United Verde Extension at the Right Time.

A romance of the mining "game" in which two Butte men, one rated as the sixth richest man in the United States and the other a man of moderate wealth, figured, is found in the sudden acquisition of approximately \$2,000,000 by Capt. James Hoatson, who was in charge of the Butte & Boston company mines prior to their passing into the Anaconda company group. Capt. Hoatson, who is advanced in years, is now living in San Francisco with his wife, possessed of a fortune he did not dream of when he "took a chance" on a stock which he had been advised to buy by a friend who had investigated the mine.

About two years ago United Verde Extension, a mine adjoining the United Verde mine of Senator Clark's, was just being talked of. Men said it was using the name of the famous neighbor in stock promotion, and there was not much interest in the property. At that time the stock was selling around 25c a share. A friend of Captain Hoatson went quietly to the property and was convinced of the richness and extent of the ore bodies. He advised the captain to buy, and being a practical mining man, the captain made his own investigation. He put his savings into the stock around 25 cents a share. When the war came on and the copper industry began to pick up, the stock had some advance, but about six months ago it had only advanced to a point under \$3.

Yesterday the stock was quoted at \$27.50 a share, and Capt. Hoatson, who had profited more than a hundred-fold on his investment, can count his profits at about \$2,000,000, and he has hopes that the stock will go higher. In the autumn of his life Captain Hoatson finds a new problem—that of spending his riches.—Wallace, Idaho, Miner.

SCHOOL HOUSE ON WHEELS.

In Southern Pacific extra gang under Foreman Taft, who has a crew of fifty men on Superintendent Whalen's Los Angeles Division, there are 25 more children who are being taught daily in a box car which has been fitted up with benches. They have a teacher who instructs them daily in English and Spanish and primary work. The results, thus far, have not only been satisfactory, but the class of men in the gang remains high. As the gang moves along from place to place so does the school car and the children never have to miss a day's attendance. Superintendent Whalen has now made arrangements to obtain an old passenger coach which will be fitted up with benches and black boards and which will be easier to heat, expecting in this way to improve materially the condition in this unique school room. He has furthermore arranged to fit up a hospital car for the women and children in the camp who become ill.

Can Change Party Affiliations.

Voters who have registered as members of the political party and who wish to change their registration to that of members of another party may do so, provided they call at registration offices and request the change before the close of registration Sept. 1, which is the time for closing of the books prior to the primaries. This applies to voters who have registered as non-partisans or to those of any party who wish to change from one to another. Those who have registered as non-partisans could not have a vote in the primaries otherwise, hence the events leading to this change.

The new interpretation of the state law comes in form of an opinion rendered by the attorney general and is sent out to the county recorders of the state. The question was raised in Cochise county and from there put up to the attorney general.

ELGIN-SONOITA PICNIC.

The finance committee of the Settlers' picnic of Elgin and Sonoita dropped around yesterday and invited the people of Tucson to the merry making. Since the invitation comes from the finance committee, it may be considered gilt edged.

Dr. T. J. Illes and wife and R. L. Schock and wife composed the party.

"How is that ancient feud between the Sonoita and Elgin settlers' prospering?" they were asked.

"The feud has been patched up and forgotten long ago," replied Dr. Illes.

The fifth annual picnic will be held at Fruitland hall, which is on the railroad and thus easy of access, on September 9. It is a reunion, a barbecue and a dance. Field sports will be organized on the ground.

Celebrated products of the dry-farming country, such as pumpkin pie, well water, home raised hogs and cattle, and beans, will be on the table.

There is a bumper crop of pink beans in the valley this season, and with the price at nine cents per pound instead of four as usual, every dry-farmer feels like a budding millionaire.

Secretary Myers of the chamber of commerce has been officially informed that the padlock's off the gate for Tucson folks. It will also be a field day for candidates for political office. The settlers of three counties, Pima, Santa Cruz and Cochise, will listen to them.

ENGINEERS TO MEET IN ARIZONA

Recognizing the importance of the State of Arizona to the country's mining interests, the American Institute of Mining Engineers will meet for the first time in its history of 45 years in that State next month. Sessions of the meeting will extend over the entire week of September 18th and will be held in the principal mining centers of the State, the members traveling between the various points by special train and automobile. Principles of mining and metallurgy of the greatest interest will be presented at the technical sessions.

Some indications of the importance of this meeting to mining engineers in various sections of the country is shown by the fact that a special train has been arranged for, to carry Eastern members from New York City on September 14th. Other members and their guests will join the party at various points en route and at El Paso, Tex. The western section of the convening members, starting from Los Angeles, Cal., will meet the train and continue to Arizona.

GRAND CANYON DESCRIBED.

Few persons can realize on a first view of the Grand Canyon that it is more than a mile deep and from eight to ten miles wide. The cliffs descending to its depths form a succession of huge steps, each 300 to 500 feet high, with steep rocky slopes between. The cliffs are the edges of hard beds of limestone or sandstone; the intervening slopes mark the outcrops of softer beds. This series of beds is more than 3600 feet thick, and the beds lie nearly horizontal.

Far down in the canyon is a broad shelf caused by the hard sandstone at the base of this series, deeply trenced by a narrow inner canyon cut a thousand feet or more into the underlying "granite." The rocks vary in color from white and buff to red and pale green. They present a marvelous variety of picturesque forms, mostly on a titanic scale, fashioned mainly by erosion by running water, the agent which has excavated the canyon.—U. S. Geological Survey.

J. B. Garland, chief clerk at the United States forestry office in the Chiricahua mountains, has arrived in Tucson and will be connected with the local office in the future. The move is part of the recent consolidation of the two national forests. Tucson is headquarters for the consolidated forest reserves.