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The shipment of honey from the Salt river valley amounts to \$30,000 per annum.

Deming is to have a new paper soon, published by P. J. Bennett, former proprietor of the Hillsboro Advocate.

The amount of business transacted in the Bisbee postoffice for the fiscal year ending the last day of this month will exceed \$5000.

Assessor Hickey estimates that the property valuation of Pinal county, this year will exceed that of last year by about \$150,000.—Florence Blade.

The Needles smelter will have a capacity of 100 tons daily. The freight rates from Kingman and Chloride to the smelter has been fixed at \$1.24 per ton.

At Tucson, Thomas Lewis stands charged with firing the Santa Catalina forest recently, the incident causing the loss of many million feet of timber.

Well boring machinery has been purchased recently in Los Angeles and shipped to Yuma, where operations will be commenced shortly to prospect for oil.

The marriage of first cousins is forbidden in Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Washington and Wyoming.

Rhode Island, the smallest of the American states, having an area of only 1247 miles, is the only state in the Union having two capitals. The legislature has just voted to submit a constitutional amendment for the abolition of one of them.

This is the time of year when cattle on the open range or even in pastures may be bitten by rattle snakes, which seem to be increasing all over the great plains. Cattle are usually bitten on the feet. When this is the case drive them into a mud hole and keep them there for a few hours. If bitten upon the

nose bind mud upon the injured spot in such a way as not to interfere with breathing. Soft clay mud is an excellent application for snake bites on a person.—Prospector.

The A. O. U. W. of Kansas won the \$2,000 prize awarded to the jurisdiction that would make the largest gain in membership between June 1, 1899, and June 1, 1900. The net gain during the year was 8,500. The membership now is 37,000 in Kansas and 400,000 in the United States.

Unfortunately the herds of sheep belonging to Mrs. Sandoval and Jose Ortega, probably 5,000 in all, found their way into the Apache Indian Reservation, a few days ago, were taken up by the rangers and held for trespass. One dollar per head will have to be paid to get them out of hoc.—St. Johns Herald.

The production of gold in Arizona in 1899 is given by the authorities at 124,577 ounces, valued at \$2,575,000; silver 2,000,000 troy ounces, valued at \$1,191,600. This is far below the real value of the precious metals produced as the United Verde is credited with a production of \$5,000,000 in gold and Mohave county last year produced over 1,000,000 ounces in silver and nearly half a million gold. Colorado gets the credit for the greater part of the gold and silver production of this county, by reason of our ore shipments to the smelters at Pueblo and Denver.—Miner.

Fourteen years ago the total appropriations of the first session of the Forty-Ninth Congress were \$387,000,000. This grew to \$463,000,000 ten years ago, which was met at the time with a storm of criticism of the extravagance of the "Billion Congress." But the increase went on rather gradually, being \$507,000,000 for the first session of the Fifty-Second Congress, and \$492,000,000 for the first session of the Fifty-Third. Now the Fifty-Sixth Congress closes

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its first session with total appropriations of \$709,729,476. This record, however, shows that while a large war expenditure has been made, ordinary appropriations are increased to \$598,000,000, the largest total on record.

The following is the New York Journal's explanation of the multitude of strikes: "Most of the current strikes are due to the increased cost of living. Nominally for higher wages, they are really strikes against wage reduction. The general rise of prices has so cut down the purchasing power of money that the real wages of most workmen are lower now than they were in the hard times three years ago, even when they are 10 to 20 per cent. higher, measured in dollars and cents. The only benefit most workmen

receive from prosperity thus far has been increased steadiness of employment. There has been no improvement in earnings for those at work but rather the reverse."

"The man with the wobbly hand" has become a bugaboo to Bisbee gambling houses. His evident nervousness makes his midnight visits disagreeable to the patrons of the tables. While it is no doubt his desire to cover with his big revolver only the man in charge of the sack, the wobble in his wrist results in every man in the room having a look into the 45-calibre of the weapon, and it does not inspire the same feeling as does the sight of the first born. Cultivate your nerves, Mr. Holdup, or you will depopulate our gambling houses and ruin your business.—Bisbee Herald.