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At a meeting of the Arizona Miner's association held in Phoenix last week, Col. Epes Randolph was elected president; Dr. J. M. Ford, vice-president; J. M. Blumer, treasurer; C. H. Akers, secretary.

The northwest has been visited by the most disastrous floods in the history of that section. It is estimated that the damage will amount to \$20,000,000. Thousands of people have been made homeless and many lives lost in the floods.

For the first time in many years the republicans will have a majority of one in the territorial council, and will therefore be entitled to select the presiding officer. In this connection the ERA will do itself the honor of recommending for that important position, the name of J. Fred Cleveland, who carried the democratic stronghold of Graham county by a majority of 7. Mr. Cleveland is entitled to the honor as a recognition from his party of the victory he achieved.

The United States government has made the initial move at St. Louis to dissolve the Standard Oil monopoly. The administration is certainly doing everything in its power to crush out the trusts, and by the assistance of the people it will succeed within a very short time. The administration is playing no favorites—it is preparing to go after all of them, both big and little. Teddy's "big stick" is being used in behalf of the common people.

The division of Graham county is not merely a "foregone conclusion," but it is as good as done already. All of the members of the legislature from Graham county are in favor of division, and in this they are backed by the people from all sections of the county. The next matter of consideration will be the selection of the county seat of the new county. Clifton is naturally the center of business and population, and is more easily reached from all sections of the proposed new county than any other town. However, the location of the county seat is of minor importance as compared with the creation of the new county. It is a mere detail which can be arranged at any time, and no doubt with perfect satisfaction to all the people.

Governor Kibbey's annual report, a synopsis of which will be found on the first page of this paper, is most interesting reading. His report in regard to the financial condition of the territory does not agree with the statements made by Judge Ainsworth, the jointist candidate for congress. The judge attempted to make the people believe that Arizona was plunging hopelessly in debt, and that its only hope of avoiding bankruptcy was by joining with New Mexico. The governor's report shows that the territory now has nearly \$300,000 cash on hand, which is increasing every year, and that the indebtedness is being reduced. The territory is in a better financial condition than it has been in many years, Judge Ainsworth to the contrary notwithstanding.

LABOR conditions throughout the United States were never before in such a prosperous condition. All large employers of labor are announcing voluntary raises of the wage scale with such rapidity that it is hard to keep track of them. All railroads are following the example set by the Pennsylvania railroad. The Standard Oil company has given an increase to its 60,000 employees. All mining companies are adopting the scale of wages set by the copper companies of the southwest, which were the first to give the laborer the benefit of the advance in the price of their product. All of the mining companies of Montana have adopted the same scale, and Globe and Jerome came in last week. This scale is based on 18 cent copper, and as it is not likely that copper will ever again fall below that price, it may be regarded as the permanent wage of the mine worker. It is no more than the men are entitled to, but it is most gratifying to know that it came voluntarily from the companies.

The following is from the Globe Silver Belt:

In Porto Rico a man must be able to read to vote. In New Mexico all that is required is that the voter must be able to make "his mark."

The same thing can be said of Arizona, where thousands of sample ballots are furnished that the ignorant may be instructed where to make his mark. When it comes to an intelligent vote Arizona has no advantage over New Mexico. The balance of political power in Arizona, as in New Mexico, rests with the ignorant citizen, who can neither read nor write, and not one out of ten of whom are tax payers. It is a condition of affairs of which the intelligent citizen should be heartily ashamed, and which our next legislature should lose no time in correcting. We should adopt the Colorado ballot, which can only be voted by a man who can read. Then we will have clean politics, and our officers will be elected by the intelligent citizens of the country.

New Masonic Grand Officers.

The several branches of the Masonic order, which were in session at Phoenix last week, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Herbert Brown, grand master; Cyrus Grant Jones, deputy grand master; Fletcher Morris Doan, senior grand warden; Frederick Gustave Brecht, junior grand warden; Rickers Nickels Fredericks, grand treasurer; George James Roskrage, grand secretary; Francis Asbury Shaw, grand lecturer; Rev. John Griffith Pritchard, grand chaplain; Ygnacio Boullas, grand orator; John Florence Nicolls, grand marshal; Charles Davis Haney, grand standard bearer; Thomas Stanford Bunch, grand sword bearer; Lel Middleton, grand Bible bearer; Henry Alfred Morgan, senior grand deacon; Frank Thomas, junior grand deacon; Walter Clark Miller, senior grand steward; Roderick McGregor McDougall, junior grand steward; Harry Arizona Drachman, grand purveyor; Allen Ray Hickman, grand organist; Milton McLean, grand tyler.

The grand officers of the Eastern Star are: Bessie H. Grossetta, grand matron, Tucson; James S. Cromb, grand perlate, Clifton; Anna B. Morgan, G. Asso. M., Wilcox; Rickmer N. Fredericks, G. Asso. P., Prescott; Sarah T. Martin, G. Secy., Globe; Holland Merryman, G. Treas., Phoenix; Rosaline Clark, G. Con., Flagstaff; Nellie Olney, G. Asso. Con., Safford; Jennie Capo, G. A., Tucson; Anna Flinn, G. R., Winslow; Cynthia Brecht, G. E., Prescott; Elizabeth Rothermel, G. M., Jerome; Elizabeth McPherson, G. E., Tombstone; Susan F. Parker, G. chaplain, Phoenix; June Brown, G. marshal, Yuma; Clara J. Talbot, G. organist, Jerome; Minnie Beckwith, G. warden, Bisbee. The next grand lodge will be held at Morenci.

The Territorial Fair.

The various Clifton people who attended the territorial fair have returned home, and they all speak in the highest terms of the fair. It was by far a greater success than the first fair held one year ago. Arizona people generally regard it as "their" fair, and all sections of the territory have contributed towards its success. In addition to the Arizonans present thousands of strangers were there from all sections of the United States. It is estimated that not less than fifty thousand people were in attendance during the week. The only criticism heard is that the city of Phoenix was not prepared for such a gathering, and was therefore not able to properly accommodate such an immense crowd. The fact seems to be that the fair has outgrown the Capital City, but the enterprise of the citizens will now assert itself, and by another year no doubt the accommodations will be ample.

General Electric.

The official call for the special meeting of the stockholders of General Electric has been issued. They will be asked to authorize the issue of \$20,000,000 new stock, of which \$11,000,000 will be offered soon, at the rate of one share new stock at par for each five shares now held. President Coffin states that the business during the eight months of the current fiscal year has been 30 per cent. greater than during the corresponding period last year. This necessitates a larger working capital. Last January \$6,000,000 new stock was issued, but this has proved inadequate to care for the increased business.

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CLIFTON MAN IN VERY SERIOUS TROUBLE.

Arrested at Duncan On Charge of Attempted Assault on Young Girl.

George Haigh, for many years a resident of Clifton, was arrested at Duncan Tuesday night by Deputy Sheriff Gus Hobbs for alleged assault upon the person of his adopted daughter, who is between thirteen and fourteen years of age.

Haigh and the girl left Clifton Tuesday morning for Duncan, where the girl was to have been placed in school. The accused secured two rooms in the hotel at Duncan, and during the night the landlady was awakened by the cries of the girl. She immediately sought the assistance of Deputy Sheriff Hobbs, who broke open the door, and finding Haigh in the girl's room promptly placed him under arrest, and locked him up in the local jail.

In the morning the people became greatly excited over the alleged outrage, and for a time it appeared that there was danger of violence towards the prisoner, but wiser counsel prevailed, and the people decided to let the law take its course.

The district attorney was notified and is now at Duncan, where the preliminary examination will be held today. Frank Laine, of Clifton, is also at Duncan to see that the accused man gets a square deal.

For the past eight or ten years George Haigh has been one of the hardest working men in Clifton, and has always been well regarded by his neighbors and the public. He is at times somewhat eccentric, and recently he has been drinking hard, which may in a measure account for the trouble he is now in.

His friends in Clifton hope that the many reports are untrue, but if they are substantiated he will receive no sympathy in this community.

The ERA will reserve comments on the case until after the preliminary examination has been held.

A telephone message just received from Duncan conveys the information that Haigh waived his preliminary examination, and that his bond was fixed at \$5000 by Justice Watters. Not being able to give the bond he will be placed in jail at Solomonville to await the action of the grand jury.

Balloon to Float in Air for Weeks.

Dr. Julian P. Thomas, the arrenant of New York, announces that after exhaustive experiments he firmly believes he has discovered a material for balloon construction far superior to that now used and he will soon begin the building of the largest and most powerful balloon in the history of the world.

"Every time I make an ascent," said Dr. Thomas, "it cost me \$400 for acid alone, aside from the other expense of inflation. I sincerely believe that, with the new material, I will be able to inflate a much larger balloon than my 60,000 cubic foot one and at much reduced cost. I will be able to stay in the air for days or weeks or as long as I like with this contemplated balloon."

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Other attractive features are the great Stirk family of ten men and women, mid-air bicyclists; Three Merkle Sisters on the flying trapeze; ten Japanese men and women called the Sugimoto troupe; the Six Flying Sterlings; the Four Casting Leslies; Hugh Carrays, Abbot Banks and Miss Edith Howland with their giant electrical revolving ladder; the Misses Colgrove, Pringle, Keaton and Lalonde on the lofty aerial bars; the Seven Wonderful St. Angmon family of acrobats; the Five Sisters Rexos, gymnasts; the Juggling Devinos; the Aerial Kagnanis troupe of mid-air performers; the Vetter Sisters on the high bounding wire; the Dewar troupe; Les Perez troupe on the high perpendicular ladder. The splendid program Norris & Rowe have prepared for our edification this season seems to be the very best they have ever offered. The show exhibits here Saturday, December 1st.

Standard Oil Tried for Bribery.

A special to the Cleveland News from Findlay, says that, according to C. C. Meiers, member of the jury which convicted the Standard Oil company of violation of the anti-trust laws, a bribe of \$5000 was twice offered him during the trial on condition that he hang the jury and force a disagreement.

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Legislative Clerks.

We find the following in the Arizona Republican:

"The twenty-fourth legislature is not going to be overrun with clerks who have been so numerous in the past as to get in the way of the members and so obstruct legislation. There will only be as many clerks as are absolutely necessary this time. Governor Kibbey has the call and it has been announced that he will hold the attaches down to the number that will be required for the transaction of business. There is a federal provision for the payment of a certain number of the clerks and it has been the practice for generous members to make appropriation for the payment of others until sometimes there have been as many as two clerks for each of the members. It has been stated that no bill making an extravagant appropriation for this purpose will receive the governor's approval. Good for Kibbey! In the last legislature there was almost a scandal because of the number of clerks employed and the quality. The capital building and grounds were the loafing place of dozens of legislative employees who had no duty to perform and many of them were incompetent to do any clerical work whatever.

It was also notorious around Phoenix that some of the lady clerks employed as clerks were not above suspicion of their virtue.

The people of Arizona will stand by Governor Kibbey in his effort to restrict the number of legislative employees to the number actually required. A half dozen good stenographers is sufficient for all the requirements in both the council and the assembly. There is no need of any assistant sergeant-at-arms or assistant doorkeepers or postmasters."

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