

GRAHAM COUNTY WILL HOLD FAIR

Board of Supervisors Appoint
Members of the Fair
Commission

MANY HORSES IN TRAINING

Fair Commissioners Will Hold
First Meeting in Safford Next
Tuesday Afternoon

Graham county will hold a fair this year. This has been assured by unanimous action of the board of supervisors at its meeting Monday, when they appointed the fair commissioners, under whose supervision the fair will be held.

The proposition to hold a county fair this year was enthusiastically discussed by the citizens and business men generally throughout the county, and led to a committee appearing before the board of supervisors Monday to urge speedy action. This committee consisted of: Mit Sims, of Solomonville; W. R. Reed and William Ellsworth, of Layton; E. W. Clayton, John F. Weber, J. M. Wilson and W. B. Fonda, of Safford.

Mr. Weber, acting as spokesman for the committee, presented to the board of supervisors the reasons why a county fair should be held this fall and the necessity for speedy action by the board in the matter of appointing the fair commissioners who would supervise all the details in the work of making the Graham county fair for 1913 the most successful county fair in the state.

The board of supervisors were just as enthusiastic over the proposition as were the members of the committee, and after a short discussion over available material for fair commissioners, passed the motion unanimously for holding the county fair and appointing the following fair commissioners:

W. A. Gillespie and Mit Sims, Solomonville; R. G. Layton and Bert Hoopes, Thatcher; Art Lines and Haakon Anderson, Pima; Frank Webster, Central; James M. Talley, Graham; Dave Rogers, Eden; C. D. Stephens, Ft. Thomas; Miles Wood, Boggs; J. F. Greenwood, Klondike; E. W. Clayton, Z. C. Prina and W. B. Fonda, Safford, and Byron Smith, Layton.

The fair commissioners will be notified of their appointment by E. W. Clayton, and the first meeting of the commission will be held next Tuesday afternoon, at two o'clock, at the bank of Safford. At this meeting the commission will organize and select its officers and get busy at once in starting the ball rolling for the best county fair in Arizona.

Graham county is fortunate in having a fair grounds that is only equalled by the State Fair at Phoenix. The track is one of the best in the country and with little work can be made the fastest track in the state.

At the present time there is in training at the fair grounds some of the best pacing, trotting and running stock in the country, and nearly every horse is entered in the big stake races at the state fair at Phoenix this year.

The stable represented and horses in training are:

Victor Holding, Safford—
Maggie Barkley, pacer. Record: 2:14.
Lady Bell, trotter. Record: 2:12.
Al Sander, Globe—
Zona B., trotter. Record: 2:15.
Mare (no name), trotter. Record: 2:15.
Dr. Cummings, Safford—
Senator G., trotter, three-year-old. No record.
Mit Sims, Solomonville—
Kid S., trotter. No record.
J. D. Butler, Safford—
Dorothy B., trotter. Record: 2:20.
Belle V., trotter. No record.
Mr. Hobart, Safford—
Walter Johnson, trotter, three year-old. Record: 2:30.
Hunner, miler and rebar.
Thomas Campbell, Safford—
Vino, runner, five-eighths mile.
Cub, runner, one-fourth mile.
Henry Gray, Safford—
Ramonian, five-eighths mile.
Red Hussar, one mile.
John Freeman, Safford—
The horse in training.
Besides the above-mentioned horses, the most of whom are entered in stake events at Willcox, Tucson and Phoenix, there are some good runners and trotters in the valley. Dave Felshaw, of Pima, owns a

WILSON IS BOUNCED

Ambassador to Mexico, Friend
of Huerta, Has Lost
His Job

President Wilson took the first steps Monday in the policy through which he proposes to deal with the Mexican situation. He formally accepted the resignation of Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, to take effect on October 14th, and sent to Mexico his personal representative—but not accredited to the Huerta government—former Governor John Lind, of Minnesota, a life-long friend of Secretary Bryan. The understanding is that when a stable government is established in Mexico, Mr. Lind will be named as ambassador.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan had frequent conferences Monday; Ambassador Wilson had a long talk with Mr. Bryan, and Chairman Bacon, of the senate foreign relations committee, discussed the situation with the president at the White House. But except for the announcement of Mr. Lind's mission, no explanation of the policy to be pursued by the American government was forthcoming.

The statement of Secretary Bryan read: "Ex-Governor John Lind, of Minnesota, has been sent to Mexico as the personal representative of the president to act as advisor to the embassy at present. When the president is ready to communicate with the Mexican authorities as to the restoration of peace, he will make public his views. Governor and Mrs. Lind departed for Mexico Monday night by rail to proceed via New Orleans or Galveston."

Meanwhile, arms and munitions of war from the United States will continue to be denied to the two warring forces and unless it is apparent that international efforts to bring about peace have failed, the United States will not offer its services as a mediator. Mr. Lind undoubtedly will act in that capacity when the time comes.

Declarations from both Huerta and Carranza have been made in the press rejecting mediation proposals, but administration officials realize that both sides fear they may be showing weakness in the acceptance of such a proposal at this time, and are not convinced that friendly efforts to mediate would prove effective. Officials here hope that the effort to put an end to bloodshed and property loss would appeal to public opinion in Mexico and unite the fractions on a peace program.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Judge G. W. Barch, of Washington, D. C., in Town

Judge G. W. Barch, former chief justice of the Supreme Court of the state of Utah, accompanied by A. M. Tenney, of Thatcher, was a visitor in town Monday. Judge Barch is looking after the interests of the refugees from Mexico and stopped over on his way to El Paso to gather some data in regard to claims against the government of Mexico by his clients on account of loss of property in the Mormon settlements.

Since his retirement from the supreme bench of Utah, Judge Barch has been practicing law in Washington, D. C., where he is connected with one of the prominent law firms.

William and James C. Ellsworth returned Friday from Los Angeles, Cal., bringing back with them their mother Mrs. Eliza Ellsworth, who has been very sick in Los Angeles.

With the best showing in years of trotting and running stock now in training at the fair grounds, the races this year will be the best ever pulled off and the public are assured of a square deal in every race.

Our farmers should now get busy for the fair, for there will be prizes for best exhibits in farm products, as well as for hogs, dairy stock, poultry, ducks, goats, etc. For the ladies prizes will be given for the best exhibits in the woman's department. For the school children there will be prizes for the best school exhibits.

NORTHERN ARIZONA NORMAL SCHOOL



GROUP OF STUDENTS AT NORTHERN ARIZONA NORMAL SUMMER SCHOOL

High up in the Sky City (Flagstaff), where the air is always cool and fresh and pure, the stately pine ever breathes forth its health-giving fragrance, in the protecting shadow of the majestic San Francisco Peaks, lies the Northern Arizona Normal School, one of the youngest, but one of the most promising of all western schools.

This institution has an enviable reputation to look back upon. In the past four years under the energetic and efficient direction of President Blome, it has registered the phenomenal gain of two hundred per cent in attendance; in the last school year the increase was thirty-three and one-third per cent, and the summer school just closing was more than a third larger than that of the year preceding.

In these four years, too, its equipment has been steadily added to, so with increased size has come increased efficiency. The Northern Arizona Normal School now offers

all the standard courses to be found in any well appointed, first-class school of its kind. Agriculture, manual training and domestic science are features recently added to the curriculum. These courses answer the call for instruction in things practical that is arising over the country.

In a region such as Arizona where the problems of farming must be reduced to a scientific basis, agricultural studies are of special benefit. The result must be not only better farming, but renewed and increased interest among young men and women in America's greatest industry. That there is real educational development in working intelligently with the hand as well as purely with the brain, is no longer denied by leading educators and all are agreed that a girl is truly educated who has not acquired the arts of cooking and house-keeping, hence, manual training and domestic science have come to be fixed courses in our

best schools, and along with agriculture are no more to be dispensed with in a live normal school than is the training department.

The training school of this institution is one of the best of its kind anywhere. It is under expert management and given the most careful consideration. It has more than kept pace with the rest of the department in growth, an increase of one hundred per cent in enrollment being its record for last year. By a year ago, the Northern Arizona Normal School had outgrown her building equipment. Students were applying for entrance and there was no place to put them. The dormitories were full and running over. New buildings were needed badly, and at once, the state legislature appropriated over \$88,000 for new dormitories and a central heating plant.

Northern Arizona Normal is distinctly a State school with statewide (Continued on last page)

BOOSTS THE STATE

W. E. Barnes Says the Cotton
Crop at Safford Finest
He Has Seen

W. E. Barnes, the well known representative of the Southern Pacific in this state, was a visitor in Bisbee recently on one of his regular business trips through that city. While he has shown no let up in the securing of business for the S. P. through the usual channels that are worked by all railroads, as well as some original ones, Mr. Barnes has taken up and is conducting a work that is as important for the whole state as for his road. The development of Arizona and its resources. There is an immigration commissioner in any county of the state and no secretary of any commercial club who is a better booster for any section of Arizona than is Mr. Barnes for the whole state.

Mr. Barnes does not minimize the importance of the mining industry in the state, for that is something he fully recognizes, but in conversation with a newspaper representative he dwelt on the growth of agriculture. The Salt River valley, he states, will ship the largest crop of cantaloupes it has ever produced and a larger crop of alfalfa than heretofore. Relative to alfalfa the same is true of the Gila valley, which is looking especially fine. Yuma will ship twenty-five or thirty cars of alfalfa seed of exceptional quality this year, the largest shipment it has ever known.

Among the activities of Mr. Barnes within the past few months has been the organization of cotton growers' associations and several of these have organized and become strong and useful. The most acreage in cotton is in the Salt River valley, but Yuma is also an important center and Safford is to be. He states that there are about 200 acres in Egyptian cotton near Safford and that he never saw finer in Egypt and has certainly found no finer in Arizona.

"Cotton growing in Arizona is only the revival of an ancient industry, for long before the arrival of the Spaniards, Indians and probably other aborigines before them, raised large cotton crops," said Mr. Barnes. "In many of the sections where irrigation is possible and practiced, cotton can be successfully grown, and I look for the cotton industry to become one of the important ones in the state."

"While the cotton crop about Safford is the finest I have seen, at Yuma the showing is an excellent one, and in the Sacaton Indian reservation it is also splendid. Here cotton has been grown for several years and much improvement and progress has been shown. The largest acreage is in the Salt River valley, where three associations of cotton growers have been formed. I prophesy a continued and steady growth in the large acreage employed in cotton cultivation."

AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Banquet Tendered John J. Birdno at Hotel Olive

A number of friends of John J. Birdno tendered him an informal banquet at the Hotel Olive Saturday evening, previous to his departure for Phoenix, where he goes to take up his duties as receiver of the United States Land Office.

The table was prettily decorated with cut roses and plates were laid for twenty-five guests. The banquet was served in courses and was a very enjoyable affair.

Mr. Birdno, the recipient of the felicitations of his friends expressed through R. W. Smith, clerk of the Superior Court, and A. G. Smith, to which he feelingly responded.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith, of Solomonville; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dowdle, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayes Watson, of Lynorne, Scotland; Mr. and Mrs. John J. Birdno, Mrs. R. J. Young, Misses Della Owens, Josephine Simon, Mildred, Blanche and Lorraine Birdno, Messrs. E. W. Clayton, Harry Solomon, Arthur H. Ferrin, E. H. Larson and John F. Weber.

Mr. Birdno, accompanied by Mrs. Birdno and their daughter, Miss Blanche, left Sunday morning in his auto for Phoenix, by way of Benson and Tucson, and were accompanied as far as Stockton Pass by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Madsen in their autos. Mrs. Birdno bid Mr. Birdno and Blanche good-bye at Stockton Pass and returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Madsen.

Burial baskets carried in stock by The Gila Valley Furniture and Hardware Store.

HIGH SCHOOL FOR SAFFORD

Plan Is Presented by Which
Higher Education May
Be Obtained

MEETING POORLY ATTENDED

Graham and Layton Opposed
to Union High School
Proposition

The meeting at Brier's Hall Friday evening, called for the purpose of taking some action relative to the proposed union high school for Safford, Layton, Graham and Lone Star school districts, was very poorly attended.

Owing to the recent agitation for a high school it was thought by those who are really interested in the establishment of higher education for the children of this vicinity, that there would be an overflow meeting. This was not the case, hardly a dozen being present.

Graham was represented by one taxpayer, P. O. Peterson. Layton sent just one, W. R. Reed. Lone Star was not interested enough to send even one representative, and Safford, where we hear so much about the high school and the necessity for a higher education for the children, was represented by a delegation of just about the number who always show by their attendance their interest in betterment for school and town. They were Mayor Z. C. Prina, W. R. Chambers, W. B. Fonda, U. I. Paxton, John J. Birdno and C. C. Rieckman. Besides these there were several ladies present. Just about a dozen in all.

Now, if there is one thing more than another that should interest our citizenship, it is the higher education at home of our children, of those who are to take our place when we are gone, and we should be especially interested in higher education for the reason that it is necessary in the making of good citizens and patriots to continue our country as a real republic.

Securing for your boy or girl a good education is better than leaving them money, and you prepare them to face the world's battle fully equipped to win success, to make good. Therefore, we should do everything possible to secure the means for the better education of every boy and girl in Safford, Layton, Graham and Lone Star, and the one best means to obtain this is the establishment of a high school.

The discussion at Friday's meeting resulted in just this: Graham did not want a union high school. Layton was not in favor of the proposition unless it meant the consolidation of Safford and Layton into one school district. Lone Star was apparently opposed, as it was not interested enough to send even one delegate. Safford is in favor of a high school and was represented by a competent committee to back up the proposition.

As the matter stands now it looks as if Safford would have to go it alone and establish the first high school under the public school system in Graham County.

This can be accomplished very easily and at less expense than by consolidation or by a union high school, by building the addition to the present school building which really completes that edifice and had been planned for by the trustees, under whose supervision the present school building was erected.

This addition of four rooms and basement (for manual training), can be built and fully equipped for high school work for about \$8,000, which sum can be raised by bonding the district.

The school trustees will start the ninth grade this year, which becomes the tenth grade next year and the eleventh grade the year following; the high school really beginning with the graduates of last year's eighth grade. Thus it will be apparent to everyone interested that at the end of the second year, Safford will be prepared to establish its high school and by the time the third class is formed the addition would be completed and fully equipped for the work of higher education.

The high school in Safford will be open to pupils from Layton, Lone Star, Graham, Artesian Belt and Solomonville, so that every boy and girl who graduates from the eighth grade in the several districts will have the opportunity of attending the high school.

This plan is the best after all if the people are really honest in their expressions for higher education for their boys and girls, and will adopt the means to secure it.

GILA VALLEY ON MAP

Westgard Will Log the Route
from San Diego for the
Southern Highway

E. W. Clayton is in receipt of advices from Dell M. Potter, through L. L. Henry of Globe, stating that A. L. Westgard will leave San Diego, August 5th, to log the route of the Southern National Highway, and requesting us to arrange for cars to meet him at San Carlos and pilot him through the valley; also to arrange with Clifton, Lordsburg and Buhua to take care of him from there.

This log is of great importance, as Mr. Westgard is traveling under the auspices of the American Automobile Association.

The first proposition was to log by way of Douglas, over the Borderland route, but Mr. Potter succeeded in having this routing changed to our route.

The people of the valley should take an interest in this. Mr. Westgard should reach the valley any day after Saturday, August 9th.

The success of Mr. Potter in getting Mr. Westgard to log the route for the Southern National highway through the Gila Valley will be most pleasing to our people, as it practically places this valley on the national highway and this means a great deal for the valley.

It will be quite an "energizing sight to witness the coming and going of automobiles, some from California and some from the East and North, besides it places the valley in the front and advertises the route for all automobilists.

It will also bring in money, as people traveling by auto over the country are good spenders and need supplies of all kinds, as well as hotel accommodations.

With a good road through from Globe to Clifton and Lordsburg, this will become a popular thoroughfare for travelers, and the people of the valley should extend a hearty greeting to Mr. Westgard when he comes through, probably on Sunday.

SAWTELLE APPOINTED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—W. A. Sawtelle, of Tucson, has been appointed by the president United States judge for the district of Arizona. He was recommended by both senators, and the nomination is expected to go to the senate today.

Emert Kempton is reported very ill from typhoid fever at his home in Graham.

STATE TAX ROLLS,

\$369,321,322.74

The Increase Assessment for
1913 Over 1912 Amounts
to \$228,933,131.66

STATE BOARD IN SESSION

To Equalize Assessments and
Make the Final Changes
in the Rolls

Arizona's State tax rolls, as made up by the assessors of the various counties, list property valued at \$699,321,322.74. The rolls last year totaled \$140,388,191.08, the increase in valuation this year being \$558,933,131.66.

As the assessment last year was made on a 50 per cent basis and this year was made on an actual valuation basis the increase in property value in the State is more than eighty-eight million dollars. Doubling last year's total—property in the state having been assessed at one-half its value—fixes the value of property in the state at that time as \$280,776,382.16. The difference between that sum and the total valuation this year is \$88,544,950.58.

Following is a tabulated list showing the valuation of the various counties of the State as equalized by the state board in 1912 and as shown by the abstracts of the various counties in 1913, less exemptions:

	1912	1913
Apache	3,309,478.06	5,868,189.31
Cochise	32,359,761.76	67,344,183.31
Cocino	6,668,268.12	16,542,148.63
Graham	2,570,175.34	9,091,059.12
Greenlee	10,568,766.62	26,532,301.37
Gila	10,461,944.27	29,252,876.47
Maricopa	27,899,185.80	64,018,912.25
Mohave	5,973,394.11	14,088,363.39
Navajo	3,609,648.46	7,002,842.98
Pima	6,569,967.47	21,725,776.09
Pinal	5,523,445.39	18,718,281.93
Santa Cruz	2,415,179.01	5,994,186.14
Yavapai	16,711,921.21	38,545,678.13
Yuma	4,812,811.42	13,218,560.50
Totals	197,288,191.08	599,321,322.74

The foregoing figures are the result of the sessions held at Phoenix last week when all assessors and clerks of supervisors in the state and a number of treasurers and members of boards of supervisors met and compared the rolls of the various counties with a view of equalizing the assessments. Six day meetings and two evening sessions were held and when the county officials adjourned the state board of equalization went into session to make the final changes in the rolls.

LIND MAY BE BARRED

Huerta Issues a Defi to the
United States that May
Force Intervention

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 6.—"John Lind will be persona non grata to this government unless he brings with him to Mexico City credentials in due form, together with recognition of the government of Mexico."

In this official statement, issued late tonight, President Huerta issued a defi to the United States that may force the American government to intervene in this country's affairs. It was a flat threat that unless President Wilson recognizes Huerta's regime, which it is certain he will not do, John Lind will be expelled from Mexico when he arrives here as the personal representative of the Washington administration.

The statement was issued by Huerta following the receipt of news here that Lind was coming with instructions not to treat with the administration. In putting forth the defi the Mexican president utterly ignored a message from Secretary of State Bryan, urging that no attention be paid to unauthorized rumors regarding Lind's mission.

RESIGNS HIS OFFICE

A. G. Smith Gives Up His Position
with Water Company

A. G. Smith has resigned his position as treasurer of the Gila Valley Electric, Gas and Water Co. The reason why Mr. Smith is giving up his office in the company is ill health and he will seek a lower altitude.

He has not decided as yet just where he and Mrs. Smith will locate; but they will go to Globe this week, where they will visit with friends for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have resided here nearly three years and have made many friends who will regret to hear of their departure. While here they have both taken an active interest in town betterments and their influence will be greatly missed.

Ben R. Clark has been appointed superintendent of the water company and will have charge of the office here as well as oversee the work being done by the company at its works in the Graham mountains.

The company at this time is developing more water, and the work of completing the reservoir in Frye canyon is expected to be finished by the end of this year.