

The Copper Queen Store.

The store will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, January first and second for Stock Taking.

HENKEL, The Jeweler, Is Still Doing Business at the Old Stand.

To our many patrons we wish to extend our thanks for their liberal patronage during the holiday season and wish them a happy New Year.

HENKEL IS THE LEADING JEWELER.

S. K. WILLIAMS, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Notary Public and Conveyancer. Money Loaned. Rents Collected on Commission.

SAY BOYS!

and get your presents. Wasn't Santa good to you? He was to us. You ought to see the Hats he brought, about 40 shapes and styles.

CARRANZA & MORA, CUSTOM HOUSE AND COMMISSION BROKER. NACO, SONORA, MEX

English Officials Say War Is Imminent.

London, Dec. 30.—Official circles and the leading newspapers today profess to believe that war is imminent between the United States and Germany owing to the Venezuela incident.

COLD BLOODED MURDER Two Americans Killed in Huachuca by Mexicans

George Aston and Cam Benningfield Victims of Drunken Mexicans

A telephone message was received early yesterday morning by Burt Grover of the Rangers, from Naco, advising him of the killing of George Aston and fatal wounding of Cam Benningfield in the Huachuca mountains, by three Mexican woodchoppers; Sunday night about 8 o'clock.

Cam Benningfield runs a saloon, which is a canvas tent with board walls, in Miller's canyon, and is frequented by the Mexican woodchoppers in the other canyons near by.

The Mexican, Juan Hernandez, not satisfied with shooting Benningfield twice with a six shooter, picked up a shotgun and discharged a load of fine shot into Benningfield's head.

George Aston is well known in Bisbee and all over southeastern Arizona, having been in the cattle business with his brother Henry, who is now in the mercantile business in Douglas.

Benningfield is well known in the Huachuca mountains, having worked in the different camps as a miner and contractor.

A posse of Aston's friends have gone to the scene of the killing and will do all in their power to aid the officers in trailing the murderers and assist in their capture.

Mrs. Benningfield was visiting friends in Bisbee at the time of the tragedy and did not hear of it until about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and on learning the terrible news left immediately for home.

One of the Mexicans implicated in the seri us affair is Ramon Moreno. A telephone message from Naco says Coroner Greaves and jury have gone to the scene of the killing.

Many expressions of regret were heard on the streets yesterday at the untimely death of George Aston. He was a popular favorite with all who knew him and has lived in Cochise county for many years.

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Will Pull for Statehood. Pleasing Responses From Commercial Organizations Elsewhere.

Since the great statehood convention the board of trade of Phoenix has taken up the work of securing statehood for Arizona on lines of private communication with those in a position to give material aid to the cause.

Every senator and congressman has been written to and many letters have been received from them acknowledging the correspondence and announcing their willingness to help to the extent of their ability.

From H. P. Wood, secretary of the San Diego chamber of commerce: "Our board of directors are unanimous in their desire that the people of Arizona might secure the rights of statehood and direct me to assure your board that the movement has the good will of the citizens of San Diego and that it would give our chamber pleasure to do anything in its power to advance your interests."

From General Wesley Merritt, Washington, D. C.: "I recall with much pleasure the lovely time we had under the auspices of the board of trade of Phoenix. I am aware of the attempt that Arizona is making for statehood and I assure you I will do all in my power, as you request. At the same time I must assure you that I have little to do with politics or political affairs."

From Robert T. Lincoln: "It seems to me the time has come when Arizona ought to be admitted to statehood. It will give me pleasure upon this occasion to express this opinion to senators and members of congress with whom I am able to talk, giving them the benefit of my acquaintance with your country."

From Arthur P. Jones, secretary Marshall Field Co.: "Mr. Marshall Field directs me to say that he will be very glad to serve you in any way he can."

From H. W. Davis, of Smith Manufacturing Co., St. Louis: "It will give me pleasure to do what I can in regard to the matter you mention."

From Christopher Hotz, Chicago, Schuttler Wagon Co.: "I will bear your request in mind and you may count upon my best efforts toward its achievement."

From J. Harley Bradley, of David Bradley Manufacturing Co., Chicago: "I am in sympathy with the movement and will do what I can consistently with that in view."

Calumett and Arizona Co.

Judging from the activity at the Calumet and Arizona mine one would be led to believe that copper was worth 20 cents a pound instead of being quoted below 12.

Large blocks of granite stone are being placed in position under the supervision of John S. Williams, who has set more boilers and built more foundations than any other contractor in Arizona.

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Admiral Schley Says His Case Is Closed.

New York, Dec. 30.—Admiral Schley now regards his case as closed. His counsel, Captain Parker, made the announcement this afternoon. The Admiral is strongly in favor of stopping further controversy over his case and his wishes in that respect are concurred in.

May Bring Forth a Democratic Candidate

Washington, Dec. 30.—Republican politicians are much concerned and are watching the recent developments in the Schley-Miles incident with much interest. They think they see in the controversy the making of a Democratic candidate for president in 1904.

As a matter of fact, there are Democrats who do not want to limit the field of their choice to Schley. General Miles and Admiral Dewey have their champions, and General Miles is regarded as a candidate for the nomination.

The resolution of Senator Jones of Arkansas is the one Republicans in the Senate are afraid of. The document extends the thanks of congress to Rear Admiral Schley and the officers and men under his command for the victory over the Spanish fleet at Santiago.

This phase of the controversy has been discussed very seriously by the party leaders. The situation is bound to have its embarrassments. Congressmen may hesitate and dodge, but no one who has studied the president has any doubt that he would hesitate to approve any resolution of congress which sought to give the credit of the victory at Santiago to Schley at the expense of Sampson.

Frightful Wreck in West Virginia

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Heavy rains loosened rock on the heavy grade of the Baltimore & Ohio road last night and one boulder tumbled on the track near Long Lane. A heavy freight came dashing around the curve and struck the heavy stone.

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Incorporation Week. Sign the Petition.

This is the week for incorporation. The petitions have been prepared, the city limits fixed by the committee and the work of circulating the petitions actually commenced.

It is the intention of the committee to make an earnest effort to have the petition presented to the Board of Supervisors by January 6th. To do this the circulators of the petitions have some hard work before them; not that there is now any active opposition to the proposed incorporation, but the number of taxpayers to be seen are numerous and the time is now limited.

There will be a meeting of the general committee and those who will circulate the petitions this morning and probably before noon you will be asked to sign.

Now is the time for concerted action in this movement. Enough time has already been spent in discussion. The people thoroughly understand the purposes and aim of an incorporated government. The time has come for city rules and regulations. Bisbee has grown to that point when it is a necessity. Let us turn over a new leaf in earnest and start the new year with a clean city and improvements in keeping with the population.

That Bisbee will make greater strides and that it will be a better place to make our home, under a city government, is beyond dispute.

There is just one provision and that is that substantial and trusted citizens of Bisbee are chosen as the first city council. They must be men wise in the management of their own affairs and men who are noted for their strength of character and honesty of purpose. They are numerous in Bisbee and there will be no lack of good material to choose from.

There is no room for politics in this incorporation question. It is a business proposition for the betterment and upbuilding of Bisbee and must be considered in that light.

This is incorporation week. If you are in favor of it, now is the time to act.

"Old Timer" Wakes Up

BISBEE, Dec. 30, 1901. EDITOR REVIEW: The introduction of women singers in saloons in Bisbee is a disgrace to the town, and I believe the people of Bisbee will not submit to the introduction of such disgraceful sights as we will witness on Main street if this thing is allowed to go on without making an effort to stop it.

I understand there isn't any law to stop it. They stopped it in Tucson and Phoenix by the city and Bisbee can do the same way.

If we had a city council we could have an ordinance passed mighty quick that would stop it.

The saloon men of Bisbee have never attempted anything like this before, and it remained for the Opera Club to run the first bluff. The bluff won't go, Mr. Editor, and the old timers here will vote for incorporation to a man to stop it.

It's a plan used to make saloon trade in dull towns. We don't need it in Bisbee. "OLD TIMER"