

JOHN W. DOBINGTON, of Yuma, has an ambition to be President of the Council.

THERE seems to be but about one thing that the business men of Phoenix are a unite upon, and that is that they would like to see times revive.

THE Mining Review very positively asserts that the mining industry is very rapidly picking up and will shortly again appear at the front in business matters.

THE Gazette threatens our legislators with political annihilation and obscurity should they fail to entertain the impossible schemes of its innocent and beautiful faber-shover.

THE Hon. Pat. Hamilton will be a candidate for sergeant-at-arms of the Council, and as such would make a first-class officer. It is to be hoped that the Council will make so excellent a choice.

A call has been issued for a State and National Silver convention to meet at Denver, Colorado, January 23, 1885. The move is in the interest of retaining silver as circulating medium and the continuance of silver coinage.

AMONG Chronicals notices of members of the "Old Board," San Francisco Mining Exchange, in its flush days, we notice the following of an Arizona:

J. N. Vimor, who was member for a short time, during the flush days, did not make a success of it, and is now a small office.

JUDGE SULLIVAN of the Superior Court of San Francisco has rendered his decision in the Sharon-Hill case to the effect that Sarah Althea is granted a divorce and a division of the common property. What portion of Sharon's fortune will be regarded as "common property" is yet to be ascertained.

THERE is a Democrat in the lower end of the Territory who thinks Governor Trible should be kicked out and the place given to his honorable self. The gentleman's name is the Hon. J. K. Meade, and is said to be a good man; but is our Territory likely to get a better, more popular man for the place than Governor Trible, though she try a hundred times? We rather think not.

HENRY WARD BEECHER's church friends are deserting him on account of his political predilections. They say in substance if he choose his friends we will choose ours, and so it results that thirty of the wealthiest men of his church will not purchase pews this time and Henry Ward's salary will be very largely reduced. Beecher has held out about as long as he can any way and his collapse is imminent.

SOME of our contemporaries suggest that it would be a little premature to proceed to revise and codify the laws of the Territory at present, arguing that they have already been twice codified and each time the business was a mere job to get the fingers of some needy barrister into the treasury.

IT occurs to us that it is never too early to have good laws in the proper form in any country. As our laws now stand they are a mere contradictory and farcial jumble; and so far as their assistance in litigation is concerned, the result depends more upon the discretion or inclination of the judges and justices of the peace than upon any clear cut unmistakable law which the territory has.

IT is indeed a most disgraceful condition of affairs, if the territory cannot get anything done without a job in it, and still more disgraceful if she has not the legal talent within her borders to put our laws into a consistent, systematic, available form with such code or codes of procedure as would make them most available.

OUR cotemporary over the way pitches into the Herald because it has an opinion on the railroad question and dares to make it known. If the Herald assumed the character of its cotemporary, it would not dare to have an opinion of its own, or if it had, it would be of a mere dish-water consistency. The Herald has advocated a "Freight and Fares" bill which it now knows it is impossible to pass, and we would be false to the interests of the community did we advocate time wasted and legislation retarded or dead-

locked by an attempt to do what any one who will take the trouble to investigate, knows cannot be done now. Again we say there is no use of fooling the time away, and if our legislators are wise they will discard the imbecile and foolish advice of the Gazette, which is to the effect that they should undertake to do a thing which it is morally certain cannot be accomplished. The Herald would be as glad to see the matter of unjust discriminations against the Territory regulated as any one in the territory, but it is not dishonest enough to ask the legislature to waste the time and money of the people when it knows there would be nothing gained by it.

THE question concerning the freights and fares on the railroads running into this Territory, and especially on the Southern Pacific, so far as it concerns this valley has become a matter of vital importance. Every mill in the Salt River Valley has closed down; not a pound of flour or grain is moving except on contract of some months standing. What the result will be, we must acknowledge utter inability to imagine. The railroad company has been appealed to for relief, and such we are assured has been promised, but it does not seem to be forthcoming. All the people of our valley ask is to be put on an equal footing with California in the markets of the Territory and the southwest. This would not interfere with the business of the southern part of the Territory while it would bring the central portion relief.

Such regulation of freights as would be detrimental to the southern part of the Territory is not sought, as we do not wish to be the idea of some who claim that such an advance in freights to California would give our grain men a chance to compete with the southern portion of the Territory. Why should we be so much the worse off if we could not the railroad companies lower rates from Maricopa to correspond with rates from Los Angeles? This would not only relieve our valley but be so much the more favorable to southern markets. But then railroad companies are not in the habit of lowering freights except on pressure of competition.

Relief from the dilemma is to be sought by asking our legislature to pass a Freight and Fares bill. It is to be hoped that some turn of events will make it possible to pass such a bill, but at present our faith in the attempt could be hidden entirely out of sight by the meal from a single mustard seed, because there is sufficient votes against the proposition in one of the branches of the legislature to kill it and it is hardly to be presumed that the railroad company will be asleep concerning the matter, even if there were a majority against them. They are not a crowd to lose a trick under any circumstances and with the predilections which are well known to be entertained by a number of members of the legislature, the attempt to pass such a bill will be a mere stumbling block to other legislation.

If such a bill was wanted why was the matter not looked after before election? It would now seem to be the thing to do to interest the Archbishops, Tepeyas and Santa Fe people in this section of the Territory. Let our legislature memorialize Congress and our Delegate to Congress, push the matter of turning over the Texas Pacific land grant from the mouth of the Salt river to Benson to the Santa Fe people if they will put a road through from Benson, or some other point on their line, into this valley and on north, if desirable, to a junction with the Atlantic & Pacific. Until some such matter can be consummated we shall expect to be placed just where we are now on any occasion of outside commercial pressure. It strikes us that a little less "party" and a little more self interest in the people of this Territory might be of benefit to us all.

The fore part of this week eight tramps swooped down upon Taena section house, stole about \$40 worth of provisions from the Chinamen, burned a lot of ties, and made themselves generally obnoxious. Upon the discovery of their depredations the section men started in pursuit, on a hand car. They overtook them a few miles from the station, when two of them took to the brush. The section foreman and track-walker followed, and after exchanging compliments in the shape of all hands drawing their pistols, the tramps were captured and brought back to the station. It not being convenient to take them to town to have them incarcerated the section men, as our informant says, punished them a little, and let them go.

Yuma Republican.

TELEGRAPHIC.

ADVICE OF A CHURCH PAPER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The Chronicle's Salt Lake special says: A deputy marshal to-day went to a house where it was supposed that a lawyer named Miner, against whom he had a warrant for polygamy was hiding. The church organ to-night refers to the officer as a burly ruffian and a prowling marauder who was seeking to invade the privacy of a household, and as standing on the same footing as a burglar who might properly be filled with buckshot. It advises the people to stand on their rights and fight the devil with fire.

RAILROAD EXTENSION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—A special to the Chronicle from San Bernardino says: The California Southern Pacific railroad company have ordered an extension of their road through the Cajon Pass to form a connection with the Atlantic & Pacific at or near Daggett Station. A large force of Chinamen have been ordered to the pass to commence the work. The force of laborers will number five or six hundred.

RETURNED WITH THANKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The Examiner's New York special says: A prominent local Democratic politician of Birmingham, this State, forwarded to President-elect Cleveland a gold-hooped five-gallon keg of rum with the letters R. R. R. on its head. It was returned to the donor with Cleveland's thanks.

STORM CASUALTIES.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 24.—Last Saturday morning, at Pinto, Iron county the two sons of David Tullis, aged 9 and 12 years respectively, met with a fatal accident while asleep in an old log house, with a dirt roof, adjoining their father's residence. The melting snow had saturated the roof and its great weight broke the timber beam, which fell upon the children, killing both instantly.

RAIN AND SNOW IN CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—In the city the rain and snow fell at intervals continuously for fourteen hours, and at a rate which would be four hours. The night hours of the rain had continued steadily all over the State except south of Mohave. In this city it has been falling without cessation since noon. The indications are favorable to its continuance. The rainfall in this city during the storm is four and sixty-four one hundredths inches.

IN SESSION.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The passenger agents of the eastern trunk lines held a session to-day, in an effort to restore eastern passenger rates. An agreement was submitted and met with the approval of a majority of the lines, but it is necessary to obtain the signatures of the general passenger agents before it can enter into force. It is expressed belief, however, that the rates will be restored to the published tariff, beginning the first of January.

FELL WITH A CRASH.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Three hundred feet of the iron frame work of a large hotel, which was being erected west of the main exposition building, fell with a terrible crash to-day. Frank Green, a colored man from Nashville, was instantly killed; Albert Freeze, of Michigan, was mortally injured and James Carroll, of Chicago, was severely injured externally. Ritter & Connelly, of Pittsburg, were the contractors.

LONDON BRIDGE EXPLOSION.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The investigation of the scene of the explosion of the London bridge continues. Divers found some more fragments of the granite broken from the blocks composing the pier by the force of the explosion. Several large blocks of timber which had been firmly bolted to the masonry of the bridge were broken away. An examination shows the explosion to have been terrific. The bed of the river was very much disturbed for a considerable space above the pier.

THE WEATHER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The weather throughout the west and southwest, which has been so rapidly growing milder since last week, is again growing much colder. Omaha registers 17 degrees below zero this morning; Kansas City, at zero; St. Paul, 3 below; Dubuque, 5 below; Fargo, 32 below; Winnepeg, 47 below. The temperature here is 14 above, but it is steadily falling, with a prospect of much colder weather. Heavy snows are reported in Colorado, and in northern Montana and Dakota.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—The second snow storm commenced at noon today, raging with great violence, and the trains on the Oregon Railway and Navigation company's road are still impeded. A train load of passengers are snowed up between Dallas and Escades. Six engines, with five hundred men and provisions, have been sent to their relief. The blockade in the Rocky Mountains prevent the trains from running on the Northern Pacific.

JUDGE SULLIVAN'S DECISION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Judge Sullivan's court room was crowded this morning to hear the opinion read in the Sharon divorce case. The plaintiff was present together with the counsel on both sides, the only absence being David Terry, one of the plaintiff's attorneys, and the defendant, William Sharon. The decision took two hours and thirty-five minutes to read. When it had been rendered there was a rush to congratulate the plaintiff who had been led from the room to recover from faintness occasioned by the excitement. On her recovery she left the court accompanied by her counsel. The plaintiff's counsel will make an application for counsel fees, and five thousand dollars, amount for four years, for the plaintiff, embracing the period since the trial began. The actual trial of the case occupied eight or nine days. The decision seemed to be generally satisfactory to the people at large. At 10 this morning the Post issued an extra containing the text of that part of the decision which showed that the decision was in favor of the plaintiff. The papers published portraits of both plaintiff and defendant. Speaking to an Associated Press reporter, Gen. Barnes, senior counsel for the defendant, said: "Sullivan's decision is an entire surprise to the legal profession, both as to law and fact. This judgment if it stands will not be a serious pecuniary injury to Mr. Sharon, as all his estate is his separate property, and with its income and profits is exempt from the decision. I don't think he has \$10,000 of property which could be made subject to the decision."

THE SHARON DIVORCE CASE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The celebrated Sharon divorce case has been decided in favor of the plaintiff. The suit as brought by the plaintiff, Miss Sarah Althea Hill, claiming to be the wife of ex-Senator Sharon was for divorce and division of community property. Judge Sullivan's decision is a very comprehensive one and contains about 28,000 words. After reviewing the testimony, he concludes by declaring that under the laws of California the plaintiff is the legal wife of Sharon, and as such, is entitled to a divorce on the ground of wilful desertion, and division of common property. The latter is estimated to be worth \$10,000,000. The verdict is a great surprise to the public, it having been generally supposed from contradictory testimony, that the plaintiff would have been non-suited. It is believed that Sharon will appeal. In prefacing his decision Judge Sullivan said: "The prosecution of the plaintiff's has been sought to be obstructed by criminal prosecution for forgery, forgery and conspiracy. The case has been disgusting beyond description. The testimony beyond reproach. An amount of perjury has developed, alleged in the jurisdication, if ever passed, in the jurisdiction of this state. In trying to wend my way through the case I have sought so far as possible, to find some writing of one party or the other, where genuineness was admitted, or established to my satisfaction and to subordinate the result of all the oral evidence to effect such written testimony. The first paper of importance as evidence is a letter written in ink addressed 'My dear wife.' The defendant claims that this paper as far as it bears the word 'wife,' is a forgery, but from all the evidence on the subject it is my opinion that the entire letter is in the handwriting of the defendant, as are all other exhibits similarly addressed." Judge Sullivan then proceeds to review the collateral facts in the case, and pronounces them all in favor of the validity of the secret marriage contract. He unhesitatingly gives it as his opinion that the contract is genuine and written as the plaintiff testified it was.

RAILROAD TALK.

SANTA FE, Dec. 26.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Texas, Santa Fe & Northern Railway Company to-day, all differences which have prevented the completion of the road between Santa Fe and Española, the terminus of the Denver & Rio Grande, for the past two years, were amicably settled. New directors were elected and resolutions adopted to reduce the bonded debt to a much less figure per mile than heretofore existed. Steel and rolling stock for this line has been twice contracted for, but a split in the directory prevented carrying out the contract each time. Now the road will be built at once. Captain Truett who has prospected for mines and railroad lines through California and Arizona for years in the interest of C. P. Huntington and other speculators, is now making an examination of the route of the country about the route toward the north as far as city and Colorado. This fact is Durango, and that Huntington construed to mean that he and resources of this region.

BIG DIVY DEND.

BOZEMAN, Dec. 25.—The Calumet and Hecla Mining company to-day declared a dividend of \$5.00 per share, payable February 2. Future dividends will be declared as the best financial interests of the company warrant.

BISMARCK UPHOLD.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—A large meeting of National Liberals to-day adopted resolutions of approval of Bismarck's foreign policy, and declaring the action of the Reichstag unworthy of

the Empire and opposed to the wishes of the people.

A FRENCH LOSS.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—In a recent engagement with the Chinese, near Chu, the French lost twenty killed and ninety-three wounded.

DEMOCRATS AND MORMONS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A meeting was held here to-night to give expression to the sentiments of the city on the subject of Mormonism. Ex-Senator J. R. Doolittle presided. In opening the meeting he reviewed the history of Mormonism, touching upon the Missouri troubles, the Danites and Mountain Meadow massacre. Rev. Mr. McNeice, of Utah, stated that the Mormons claimed the balance of power in Idaho, and Arizona and that in Utah the Gentiles were practically disfranchised. Resolutions were passed calling on Congress to pass an anti-Mormon bill. They were introduced by Senator Cullom.

NOT IN DISTRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Charles Francis Adams, Jr., to the directors of the Union Pacific company, has been made public. He says all stories that the company is in distress for money, with which to meet January and February interests, are simply preposterous, and manufactured out of the whole cloth. We made no application for money anywhere, but our obligations will be met promptly as they mature.

A MINNEAPOLIS FIRE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 27.—A five story brick building on Hennepin and Washington avenues, occupied as offices and also the rooms of the law library of the Minneapolis bar association, was burned this afternoon. The total loss, \$200,000; total insurance, \$150,000.

SILVER DOLLAR CONVENTION.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—A committee appointed by the board of trade and others, held a meeting to-day for the purpose of determining the best method of conferring with those interested in presenting a memorial to congress from this state protesting against the contemplated demonetization of the silver dollar. At the meeting to-day it was decided to open correspondence with prominent men in the state for the purpose of holding a silver convention in this city.

CLEVELAND'S MOVEMENTS.

ALBANY, Dec. 27.—Gov Cleveland has rented the residence of Mrs. J. O. Towers, on Willett street, in this city, for two months from the first of January. After his resignation on the sixth of January, Cleveland will attend a charity ball in Buffalo given for the benefit of an institution of which he laid the corner stone while he was mayor of that city. He will return to Albany and reside in the Towers house until March 1st, when he will go to Washington, accompanied by his sister Miss Cleveland, who will be the lady of the White House. During the last days of January or the first of February, Cleveland will visit New York and remain there probably a week. He has been anxious to accept the invitation of the Ironquois club to visit Chicago before inauguration day, but has concluded not to do so. A conclusion to which he has been forced by the circumstances of his position and at which he arrived with regret.

TREATY MODIFICATION.

MADRID, Dec. 27.—The government, it is said, will authorize Minister Valera, at Washington, to give assent to the modification of the Spanish-American treaty, if such action will assure the adoption of the treaty by the American Senate. It would suffice for Spain if only sugars to class thirteen are admitted free into the United States.

EARTHQUAKE.

MADRID, Dec. 27.—Several shocks of earthquake were felt at Gibraltar and severely in the southern provinces. They caused great alarm among the people of Granada. At Malaga two persons were killed by a falling wall.

FLOODS AND STORMS.

PIEDMONT, Nev., Dec. 27.—Albright and Gus Dekay quarreled about a grain transaction. Albright attacked Dekay, but serious injury was prevented by the interference of a man named Stauder. On Saturday Albright came from his ranch to take away grain, when Dekay shot and killed him. An inquest was held Tuesday and Albright was buried. Dekay was allowed to go on his way on recognition to be examined.

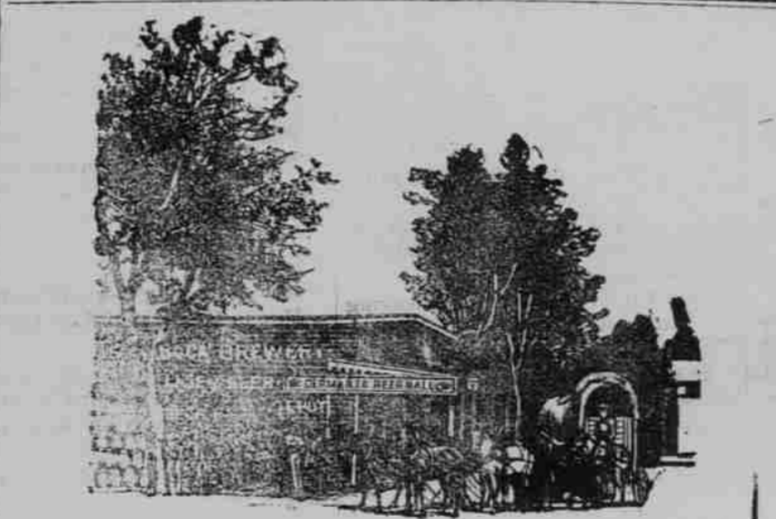
DAMAGE BY FLOODS.

SOCKTON, Dec. 27.—The heavy rains created a flood which caused the river to rise a foot higher than last spring, during the floods, and broke the levee in a dozen places on Moss Tract west of this city. The loss will be fifty thousand dollars. Part of this tract is owned by state Senators Baldwin Langford and John D. McDougall, and part by the heirs of the Moss estate.

AN EDITOR'S RECEPTION.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 27.—A reception was given this evening to Mr. J. J. Owen, who has just retired from the editorial chair of the San Jose Mercury and about to visit the eastern states.

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