

To the Former Patrons of the Free Press.

There seems to be a misunderstanding existing between some of the former patrons of the Free Press, a newspaper published in this town up to a few weeks back, and ourself. Mr. Gordon, the editor of that sheet, in order to shield himself from blame, circulated among his patrons that the conditions of the sale to us embodied the filling of contracts between them and himself. This is not so. There were no conditions to be made, as we did not purchase anything from that man; he had nothing to sell. The material, press, etc., upon which he printed his paper was not his property. He had possession, it is true, also the privilege of paying for it, but he did not own a thing in the whole concern, nor never would. When we came here, a few weeks ago, it was with the intention of starting a paper in opposition to the Free Press. The next day after our arrival, we met Mr. Gordon, and hearing of our purpose, he made us the proposition that if we would give him \$50, wherewith to return to San Diego, and assume his liabilities to Wm. H. Gould for the material, press, etc., he would give us possession of the same; that he had written to Mr. Gould, requesting him to foreclose his mortgage, as he intended to "close up shop." Of this fact we are fully aware, as John S. Carr, of the firm of Wm. B. Hooper & Co., of this town, exhibited to us, previous to taking possession, a letter from Mr. Gould, giving him a power of attorney to act in his name, and directing that gentleman to foreclose said mortgage. From these facts, it must be evident to all that we have nothing to do with said Gordon's business.

No right-minded man, we are sure, will expect us to fulfill the covenants of that arrant vagabond, as, in that case, we would have to labor, pay board, office rent, buy paper, ink, and many other little necessities requisite to publish a newspaper, for the next year to come, without receiving as much as would pay our board for one month, as he, himself, acknowledged to us that all, or nearly all his patrons had paid him in advance.

We do not know, nor do we care, how we stand in the opinion

of Mr. Gordon's friends; but this much we can say: that we are no imposter; we came here with the recommendation of Frank Ganahl, Esq., of Los Angeles, who is well and favorably known throughout this Territory, to whom we would refer those who have any doubts as to our good standing, or to Clarence Gray, Esq., District Attorney of this county, to whom we were recommended.

Encouraging News.

A letter dated Washington, February 26, 1872, from a gentleman whose influence in Congressional circles is second to none, and whom, says the San Diego Bulletin, we personally know to be perfectly reliable, wise and discrete, contains the following most cheering intelligence:

"Have just seen Mr. Scott. The road will be made with great rapidity, and San Diego will be made a point. He thinks it best to commence at Fort Yuma and work both ways, and may not commence at San Diego until after he gets well under way from those points. You may depend on the road being done within THREE YEARS!"

This is, indeed, more than encouraging for Arizona City. Although no noise was made to attract the attention of Mr. Scott to this point, still we are favored with that upon which our "neighbors" of San Diego have been so long feeding—the early beginning of operations. Yes, according to the above extract, work will be commenced here at an early day, and life and activity will prevail. Our population will be increased at least 50 per cent. in less than a year, and business of all description will necessarily augment in the same proportion. The people of this city have, in a great measure, depended upon the early coming of the iron horse, but little did they dream that it was to start from here.

DISMISSED.—The man arrested for firing a pistol, and otherwise disturbing the peace, in front of the Union House, on Thursday, was brought before Justice Skinner yesterday. As he gave promise that he would leave the town at once for Arizona, the Judge dismissed him.—[S. D. Union.]

So, Mr. Skinner, you deem a residence in Arizona, no matter for how short a period, a sufficient punishment for disturbing the peace of your "quiet" town? We think differently. In the future, if you have too much regard for fining or imprisoning individuals of that stamp, sentence them to remain in San Diego for a number of days; that will cure them.

The Apache War.

Under this heading will be found an article on our first page containing resolutions relative to the Apache war in this Territory, which were introduced in the California Legislature by Senator McCoy, of San Diego. Since that portion of our paper was "struck off," we learn through the San Diego Union that said resolutions were promptly passed by both Houses. This expression of the sentiment of the people of California, for our welfare, is indeed most gratifying.

Whether these supplications from California, in the behalf of our persecuted people, will be received favorably by the Government, or not, remains to be seen; but in either case, the inhabitants of our Territory should be ever grateful to that honorable gentleman for his good intentions in the noble part he has taken to relieve them of the tyrannical Colyer-Howard Indian "peace" policy.

The obligations under which we deem ourselves to Senator McCoy for this most timely interference, can never be sufficiently repaid in this world; let us hope he will be in the next.

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