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## VEKOL IN TROUBLE

An Order in Bankruptcy Received Here Yesterday.

(From the Phoenix Republican.)

The affairs of the Vekol mine are approaching another crisis, and that old mine has reached many in its day. An order in bankruptcy was received by United States Marshal Griffith from the court of the Second Judicial District yesterday and he appointed John Stroehle, deputy marshal, as watchman. Stroehle left for the Vekol last night.

The order is understood to have been issued by Judge Doan upon the petition of L. Zeckenjort & Company of Tucson.

The Vekol has lately been operated by a St. Louis company of which the Pecks were the promoters and principal members. It is said that they paid the Walker estate a million dollars for it. Though it has not been very long since the company began operations its affairs have become badly involved. Debts for supplies, for hauling ore and machinery have accumulated to a large amount and attachment has been threatened by several creditors. The Zeckenjorts were the heavy creditors and it is supposed that they have massed the claims against the company. The Vekol is one of the most famous mines in the territory. Nobody knows how long ago it began to be worked, for the Indians were its discoverers.

In a moment of gratitude they disclosed its existence to their white war chief, John D. Walker, and made him a present of it. He dug a fortune out of it and also excavated from its depths the beginning of a life-long trouble, which had its end in a California insane asylum. Many other people have gotten a great deal of trouble out of it since, and nothing but trouble, though experts say that it is still stored with a great wealth of gold and silver. While the mine was tied up in the litigation between Walker's wife and his brothers, a big price was offered for it. The brothers wanted to sell and put the money into court to be fought over, but the wife would not consent, so that during that protracted struggle the mine lay idle. Then came the drop in silver and afterward Joshua Walker, the reputed Indian daughter and heir, appeared in the litigious drama's second act, which ended in a compromise. One of her attorneys, P. B. McCabe, obtained control of the mine, though the interests of Lucian Walker in it were not relinquished. McCabe began working the old silver mine for gold. He introduced a new process, which had been a great theoretical success, but it did not work in the Vekol. After a while the mine was surrendered to Walker and after his death, a few months ago, passed into the possession of the present company.

## A BANKER'S VIEW.

Major Off Says That Arizona Will Beat the World.

Kind and truthful words were spoken in behalf of Arizona a few days ago by a prominent Los Angeles business man to a representative of the Los Angeles Mining Review. The following is taken from that journal:

Major J. W. A. Off, cashier of the State Bank and Trust company of this city, returned a few days ago from a week's trip through Arizona, going as far south as Naco, on the boundary line between the United States and Mexico.

In a chat with a representative of the Mining Review Major Off expressed his pleasure and surprise at the evidence of prosperity he met at every point in the territory, more particularly at the activity in the mining regions. "Never in my life," said Major Off, "in any state or territory have I seen such activity in mining as witnessed in Arizona."

Of the mines in the neighborhood of Bisbee, where he made his longest stay, he spoke in terms of rapture of the magnificent plant of the Copper Queen. "But," he added, "there is no reason to doubt that many of the copper properties adjoining the Copper Queen will, when fully equipped, prove to be as good if not better paying mines than those of the Queen. Take for instance the Lowell, the South Bisbee, or the Costello claim, any and all of them, in my opinion, possess copper ore bodies equally as rich, if not richer than those of the Copper Queen. As you know, a number of people who are share holders in the Calumet and Hecla copper mines of Michigan lately purchased some eleven claims of the Costello group, and for which they are to pay \$500,000. None of these claims are developed but it is not to be supposed that people who are familiar with the ore bodies of the Calumet and Hecla mines would agree to pay half a million dollars for eleven undeveloped copper claims in

Arizona unless they knew pretty much to a certainty what they were buying. No, no, that is not likely."

Major Off also spoke of the country about Wilcox, and of the mines at Dos Cabezas, and then said: "I went as far south as Naco, just inside of the Mexican line. It is a wonderful little town, Naco. It is only a year old but it has a lively population of 300. True, its prosperity has largely come through trade from Arizona. Both the American and the Mexican governments are going to move their custom houses to Naco."

In conclusion Major Off said: "As I have told you, Arizona is to me a wonder; I did not expect to see such business activity, and from what I saw and learned I am convinced that within five years from this Arizona will be the greatest producer of metals in the world, no other state or country excepted."

## SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

In five years American trade with Australia in leather goods has quadrupled.

According to chemical analysis, 15 parts of the flesh of fish have about the same nutritive value as 12 parts of boneless beef.

The oldest German coal mines were first worked in 1195. They are near Worms. England did not begin to mine its coal until the fourteenth century.

A reasonably active man walks about 297,200 miles, more than ten times the earth's circumference, in 84 years, just trotting about his house and office.

The rapid destruction of the spruce forests of the eastern United States may be realized when it is understood that one daily paper used the growth on 22 acres in two days, the wood having been reduced to pulp and turned into paper.

It is a common experience among mountain climbers to find butterflies lying frozen on the snow, and so brittle that they break unless they are very carefully handled. Such frozen butterflies on being taken to a warmer climate recover themselves and fly away. Six species of butterflies have been found within a few hundred miles of the north pole.

Aluminum has just been used for the construction of a new fireproof curtain to be used in the opera house, Beaumont. The curtain is 50 feet wide by 54 feet high, and its total weight, composed of aluminum sheets one-twelfth of an inch thick, will be 4,000 pounds. Had sheet iron been used instead of the lighter metal the weight would have increased to 11,000 pounds.

The enterprising city authorities of a small northern borough have been trying the experiment of sprinkling a street with sea water. They find that such water binds the dirt together between the paving stones, so that when it is dry no loose dust is formed to be raised by the wind; that sea water does not dry so quickly as fresh water so that when salt water has been used one load of it is equal to three loads of fresh water. The salt water which is deposited on the street absorbs moisture from the air at night, whereby the street is thoroughly moist during the early morning, and has the appearance of having been freshly sprinkled.

## FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER.

Some Points Which May Be of Value to the Young Housewife.

A novel way to make sandwiches is to use horse-radish grated while fresh, instead of mustard. Spread in a thin layer upon each buttered slice, and the result will be found an appetizing surprise.

Poultry and meat, on being served cold, may be improved in appearance by glazing. The process is simple. An excellent glaze may be found by dissolving a half ounce of gelatine in a pint of water, flavoring and coloring it with extract of beef. To be perfectly successful, the meat must be cold before the glaze is put on, and the first coat should be allowed to dry before the second is put on. The glaze must be warm and applied with a brush.

An oilskin bag for towels, etc., and a long wrap of Turkish toweling or flannel, with loose sleeves and a hood like a monk's cowl to cover one in the necessary transit from bathhouse to the water, will be found useful accompaniments when bathing on the beach.

A new soda water drink, called "Chocolate Friday," is making its way north, south, east and west from Washington, where it originated. It consists of a large spoonful of ice cream with a generous supply of thick chocolate sirup poured over the top.

A bowl of hot milk taken immediately before retiring is said by those who have suffered from insomnia to be a better soporific than any opiate known to medical science.—N. Y. Tribune.

## Payment in Advance.

After the pettifogger with a good case had been beaten by a first-class lawyer, he broke out:

"Is there any man so small, mean, contemptible, despicable and rascally that you won't try to protect him?"

"Oh, I don't know," smilingly, "but you better give me a retainer before we talk any more about the case."—Detroit Free Press.

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## VALUABLE ASSISTANCE.

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Declares for Federal Irrigation.

(From the Los Angeles Times.)

The Chamber of Commerce has declared in no uncertain terms for the plan of national irrigation, and against the proposed scheme for the issuance of State bonds for irrigation purposes. At a regular meeting of the board of directors of the chamber yesterday afternoon, resolutions were unanimously adopted providing for the appointment of three delegates to the irrigation convention to be held in San Francisco November 14, and instructing those delegates to make every proper effort to secure the abandonment of the State plan. The directors who voted for these resolutions are President J. S. Slauson and Messrs. Clark, Forman, Hawgood, Klokke, McGarvin, McKee, McGarry, Newark, Pascoe, Rule, Story, Stewart and Sessions.

A communication was read from T. C. Friedlander, secretary of the California State Association for the Storage of Flood Waters, including a call in which the chamber was asked to appoint a committee of three to attend a convention to be held in San Francisco November 14, to take up the matter of the construction of reservoirs and works for the purpose of irrigation within the State of California. In compliance with this request, the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted, and the president was requested to appoint a committee of three and report at the next meeting:

"Whereas, the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles, Cal., has been requested to send three delegates to a convention, to be held at San Francisco, Cal., on November 14, 1899, at the call of the California State Association for the Storage of Flood Waters, to take action on a proposed plan of issuing bonds of the State of California for the construction of reservoirs and works for the storage and distribution of water for the purpose of irrigation; and, whereas, it is the sense of this chamber that the proposed plan, as outlined in the press and explained at a meeting held for that purpose in this city on October 7, is not suited to the advancement of the welfare of the State of California; and, whereas, all the benefits to the State of California which the proposed plan is designed to accomplish are included and more effectively provided for in the plan and purpose of the National Irrigation Association which already has the fullest endorsement of this chamber; and, whereas, it is believed that the continuation of an attempt to carry out such a plan as that proposed by the California State Association for the Storage of Flood Waters will operate as an impediment to the progress of the movement for national irrigation; be it

Resolved, that in sending delegates to the proposed convention they be, and are hereby, instructed to make every proper effort to secure the abandonment of the State plan referred to, and also to induce the said convention to take such action as will best harmonize with the purposes and work of the National Irrigation Association."

C. D. Willard, who was a delegate from the chamber to the conference of trusts held in Chicago September 13, gave an account of the proceedings of the conference. In this report it was made manifest that the Los Angeles

Chamber of Commerce was credited with the only delegate from this State.

The secretary was instructed to ascertain the expense and conditions under which the weather reports could be published in a leading daily paper in Minneapolis, Chicago, New York and Boston for four months, beginning November 1. This information to be furnished at the next meeting of the board. Previous to adjournment, Horace M. Robbins, president of the California cycle way was elected to membership.

The San Diego Vidette says that while it is true that irrigation on a general scale is yet in its infancy in this country, it has gone far enough to demonstrate that private ownership and management of irrigation facilities is a positive hindrance, rather than a help to agricultural development. The blight which such stupendous blunders as the Wright and other irrigation laws have spread over the country can never be removed, nor the losses under them recouped, by means of any state commissioners or organizations of private capital; for the very good reason that under copartnership management, protected by state commissioners, water, like every other necessary commodity, is always an article of speculation for the profit of the private owners. We can hardly estimate the advantages that will flow from all those utilities being under one management and operated for the good of all and not for the private emolument of the few. The principle underlying the entire subject is the fact that the land, free water, and all natural resources belong to the people. Then let the people demand that they be used for the good of all, and the injury of none. The vast tracts of arid lands can be converted into beautiful and fruitful homes for millions by the proper preservation and distribution of water which nature produces every year, but such result will never be attained by private enterprise. National irrigation is the most important question now before the people, especially of the great west, and one for which all should unite in demanding the careful attention of the national authorities.

## Explanatory.

Judge—Did you steal the hog, or did you not?

Prisoner—No, judge, I did not; but if you kind ob thinks I've lyn' about it, and am gwine to give me six months for lyn', I'd sooner lie about it and say I did steal de hog, and get two months for stealin' de hog I didn't stole!—Puck.

## Overproduction.

"There is one thing, at least, that the trusts have cheapened," said the man with the worried air.

"What is it?" roared the man with the tangled hair.

"Talk."—Indianapolis Journal.

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