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INDIANS STARVING.

Six Thousands Perishing on the Gila Reservation Because of Lack of Water.

[Washington Correspondence.]

"Indians Starving to Death" is the heading of a Phoenix special to the Chicago Tribune, the text of which is as follows: "Six thousand Indians are starving to death on the Gila Reservation, according to S. M. McGowan, superintendent of the Indian Industrial school of Phoenix. His statement paints a most deplorable picture of conditions existing among tribes that have never been contaminated by white blood.

"Superintendent McGowan said he found twenty helpless adults in one miserable shack, that would, under ordinary circumstances, scarcely accommodate three persons. Congress has appropriated \$30,000, but no method of distributing the money was stipulated, hence it is tied up, while the ward of the government are starving to death."

This statement of the pitiable condition of the friendly and industrious Pimas is old news to western readers, and the case is one of the most shameful and outrageous instances of neglect and betrayal on the part of the United States of an ally, worthy and true.

That 6,000 Pima Indians, always the consistent and active friends of the white man, should be reduced from a condition of wealth and great prosperity to actual starvation through the neglect of the federal government, while the adjacent Apaches, always the white man's foes and causing more trouble, pillage and loss of life than any western tribe, should be to-day sleek and well-fed at the hands of the same government, seems a rewarding of enemies and killing of friends.

For hundreds of years the Pimas lived in plenty, irrigating their fields from the waters of the Gila until the white man came and diverted its waters onto other areas. At the time of the Gadsden Purchase, Lieutenant Michler of the Boundary Commission said of these Indians in his official report, dated way back in 1856:

"Besides being great warriors they are good husbandmen and farmers and work laboriously in the field. They are owners of fine horses and mules, fat oxen and milk cows, pigs and poultry and are a wealthy class of Indians. The Pimas consider themselves regular descendants of the Aztecs. As we journeyed along the valley we found lands fenced and irrigated and rich fields of wheat ripening for the harvest, a view differing from anything we had seen since leaving the Atlantic States. They grow cotton, sugar, peas, wheat and corn. As I sat upon a rock," continues Lieutenant Michler, "admiring the scene, an old gray-headed Pima took pleasure in pointing out the extent of their domain. They are anxious to know if their rights and titles to their lands would be respected by our government, upon learning that their country had become part of the United States."

The old man's anxiety was but too well founded, and could he contrast now the wealth and prosperity of his tribe before the westward sweep of civilization with its present destitution and decay, he would have cause to rise in vengeance and demand that this great government adopt a course of common decency.

There are many people in the eastern States who have cried out against the injustice meted out to the poor Indian. Their sympathy has usually been misplaced and wasted upon a savage, treacherous and relentless foe of the white man. But here now is a worthy cause—none worthier ever lived—to right a wrong, to give a good people that of which they have been wrongfully despoiled through the criminal carelessness of the government. And the solution of the problem is so easy, so simple. The waters of the Gila are ample to supply the needs of the starving Pimas and many others, only they largely run to waste during flood times. The government reports and surveys show that the building of a great dam on the Gila would store up enough water to irrigate thousands of acres of as fertile land as the sun shines upon.

Cannot some of our friends, who have anon professed such interest in the poor red men come to his assistance now and see that he may be accorded simple justice? The cause is worthy, the means are at hand; the interest alone is lacking.

GUY E. MITCHELL.

Irrigation of the Arid West.

[From the Los Angeles Times.]

The Times reproduces with peculiar satisfaction the following clipping from the Republican platform:

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NOTE.—Many mixtures, made in imitation of baking powders, are upon the market. They are sold cheap, but are dear at any price, because they contain alum, a corrosive poison.

"In further pursuance of the constant policy of the Republican party to provide free homes on the public domain, we recommend adequate national legislation to reclaim the arid lands of the United States, reserving control of the distribution of water for irrigation to the respective States and Territories."

It is with no small pride that the Times records the fact that for years it stood almost alone in advocating this doctrine of Federal action in reclaiming the arid lands, and now the prospect for ultimate success is brighter than ever. This journal has devoted much energy in support of this beneficent policy, and many of those now most influential in pushing it have given the Times credit for exciting their interest and enlisting their efforts. And the support of this policy will be continued until the government shall have taken up the problem in a manner commensurate with its great national importance.

SAVED BY A SCRATCH.

A Joke That Nearly Turned On The Joke.

[Tombstone Prospector.]

Mr. H. C. Herriek returned to his Fairbank ranch home Saturday evening, after a two months' sojourn at his Summit Mine in Dos Cabezas, arriving just as the harvest hands were going to supper. All of them, as well as the cook, were strangers, and he sauntered in among them and meandered to a chair at the table, with the nonchalant manner of a millionaire—or a first class tramp. Noticing that the cook eyed him slyly, Herriek, who does not brag much on his own beauty, and realizing that he did not take time to put on his Sunday clothes, was not slow to "fall in" on the humor of the situation. He begged the privilege of shopping a little wood to pay for his supper. Cook had plenty of wood cut; then he proposed to pump some water. Cook said they had a wind-mill for that purpose. Meanwhile Herriek took a seat at the table. The cook said very sharply: "Mister you had better go and see the boss." Herriek replied that he was a boss himself, and being tired and hungry would proceed to put himself around some of that grub. "You are the cheekiest cuss I ever struck," said the cook, "you must have been chief of Goxie's army of tramps and been bumming ever since Cleveland drove you out of Washington." Matters looked serious for the "tramp" when his daughter, Mrs. Langford, who had seen him go into the dining room, came in to greet her father, and an explanation and a hearty laugh ensued.

The amount of arid lands which lie in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado is estimated to be at least 500,000,000 acres. This is rendered useless by the need of water, and the reclamation of this land would add billions of dollars to the wealth of the country. In many sections of Colorado and other states where irrigation is used the best farming lands in the country are those which were formerly worthless and are now artificially watered.

DEAD BODY ON THE DESERT.

An Empty Gruback and an Empty Canteen.

[From the Phoenix Republican.]

A party of picnickers found the dead body of a man, evidently a victim of the desert, in the neighborhood of the Jones ranch, northeast of Mesa last Friday. The party ate lunch within a hundred feet of the body, but as the wind was blowing in that direction the discovery was not made until after dinner, and the party came directly upon the remains which lay at the roadside.

John Jones came to Mesa and notified Justice Pomeroy, who impaneled a jury and went out to hold an inquest. The jury returned to Mesa yesterday. It was found that the dead man was a Mexican, about 38 years old, and had been dead probably three or four days. There was nothing about the body affording any means of identification. There was an empty grub sack near the body and an empty gaiter canteen. The emptiness of the latter explained the cause of death.

It was supposed that he had come across the country from the Ray mine, and coming to the road started in the wrong direction and afterward returned to the place where the body was found.

The remains were buried on the spot and are described as those of a heavily built man with a stubby black beard. The body was clad in a cheap shirt and overalls, miner's hob-nailed shoes and a Mexican sombrero. Near by a Navajo blanket containing clothing was neatly rolled up.

Bitterly Contested.

[From the Gold, Cripple Creek.]

W. P. Dunham of Los Angeles succeeded in uniting the various claims against the (Hull City) placer, and as president of the Wilson Creek company he is marshal of the forest. One suit, that of the Minnie Bell versus the Hull City Placer, has been fought and lost since he has been at the head of the Wilson Creek company. This case was bitterly contested and has been carried to the higher courts. Dunham is as aggressive a fighter as Smith and the successful move made this week indicates that he is still in the ring. The fight is one between millions over property valued at millions. The prize is worth fighting for. The outcome of the present move will be watched with a good deal of interest.

Democratic platform on silver and statehood:

"We reiterate the demand of the platform of 1896 for an American financial system made by the American people for themselves, which shall restore and maintain a bimetallic price level, and as a part of such system the immediate restoration of free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid and consent of any other nation."

"We denounce the failure of the republican party to carry out its pledges to grant statehood to the territories of

Arizona and New Mexico and (Idaho). We promise the people of territories, immediate statehood home rule during their condition of territory."

TO THE DEAF.

A rich lady cured of her deaf and noises in the head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$100 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums have them free. Address No. 1906 Nicholson Institute, 788 Eighth Ave. New York. m5

The old "Birdsge Theatre," Tombstone seems to have become feature in the Phoenix newspaper. The same aggregation might have been lugged into the fracas her Nogales last year. But it was when to make points in a polo game men have to peep under woman's petticoat the play is too colorful for any consideration ever.—(Oasis.)

A new cyclone story is vouchered by an exchange. It is that a which was picked out on a rope picked up by a cyclone and carried the length of the rope—about feet—where she remained until storm had passed, when she climbed down the rope and res her grazing.

Rhode Island, the smallest of American states, having an area only 1247 miles, is the only state in Union having two capitals. The legislature has just voted to submit a constitutional amendment for the election of one of them.

An Idaho girl advertised for a baud and got him. The total expense for advertising, wedding outfit, was \$11. Within a year he died, leaving her a life insurance policy of \$10,000. And still some people it doesn't pay to advertise.

A press-dispatch from Shanghai the battleship Oregon, which ashore off the island of Hookee Miao Tro group, twenty-five miles northeast of Che Foo, June 28 been floated off, and is expected reach Port Arthur.

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