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ORIGINAL IRRIGATORS.
But Their Industry Has Now Departed—
Crowded Out by the White Man—
A Shameful Neglect of the
Nation's Wards.
Four hundred years ago, according
to the narrative of that intrepid
Spanish adventurer, Cabeza de Vaca,
the portion of Southern Arizona now
occupied by the Gila Indian reservation,
grew luxuriant crops of fruit and
maize for the friendly Pima Indians.
This explorer describes them very
much as they are to-day. They oc-
cupied the same lands as at present
and were industrious farmers and ir-
rigators, as they continued to be for
many years after the acquisition of
Arizona by the United States. They
have raised corn, wheat, pumpkins,
beans, sorghum and vegetables in pro-
fusion; they have lived in small villages
and held their lands in severalty and
they are expert weavers of fine blan-
kets and cotton fabrics. All this has
been accomplished through irrigation,
practiced by them since before the dis-
covery of the new world.

What is the situation in this reserva-
tion to-day? Those philanthropists
who bewail the passing of the Ameri-
can Indian may well turn their at-
tention to the destitute condition of
the Pima Indians, brought about by
the push of the white settler and the
criminal neglect of the Government,
whose wards the Indians are.

The Pimas have always been friends
of the whites and enemies of the
Apaches. They gave aid and succor
to the early white pioneers, and their
tepees were always open to peaceable
whites or Indians when hard pressed
by the savage foe. It is to-day their
boast that their hands have never been
stained by the white man's blood. It
was under these conditions that they
were joined about a century ago by
the Maricopas, who came as fugitives
from the more powerful Yuma tribe.
When the belligerent Apaches broke
out upon the warpath, the troops of
the United States often obtained sub-
stantial aid and subsistence from the
gentle Pimas. Their agriculture has
been carried on entirely by irrigation
with water diverted from the Gila
river. The tribes have always sup-
ported not only themselves, but have
shared their world's goods with the
poorer Indians to the south of them
not favored by irrigation. They have
learned readily at the Government In-
dian School, and their progress to-
wards modern civilization has been
regarded as one of the encouraging
features of the Indian problem. Dur-
ing the last ten years their irrigating
water—their life blood—has been
taken away from them and they are,
perforce, lapsing into indolence,
misery and vice.

The waters of the Gila, above them,
have been diverted by white settlers,
and instead of waving fields of green,
they now, during the summer, look
out upon the dry parched earth. Year
after year they plowed, and sowed and
irrigated their crops, only to see them
wither and die before maturity, owing
to lack of sufficient irrigation water in
the dryer months. A few who are
favorably located at points where
water appears in the dry bed of the
Gila can still mature their crops;
others can eke out a bare existence by
hauling wood or other precarious em-
ployments, while the larger number
have become more or less dependent
upon charity or have degenerated into
thieves and vagabonds.

About 6,000 of these Indians are de-
pendent for their subsistence upon the
lands of the reservation which con-
tains 250,000 acres, while the water sup-
ply in the Gila last year, owing to use
for lands above, has not been sufficient
to irrigate 1,000 acres belonging to the
Indians. Fully half the crops planted
have not produced enough for seed,
notwithstanding the great fertility of
the soil. Two acres per Indian of
irrigated land has been shown by
competent authority as ample land
for their use and comfort.

Government engineers have pointed
out the solution of the problem
through the building of a storage reser-
voir on the Gila which will supply
water not only for the Pimas, but for
thousands of other Indians whom the
government could then move to this
reservation and commence the process
of education and agricultural civiliza-
tion. Statesmen have urged upon the
government the necessity for such
action, from standpoints of justice,
humanity and even economy, but thus
far Congress has turned a careless ear
to such entreaties. Had the Indians
been private American citizens, they
could have claimed their rights and
enforced them, but being wards of the
nation, others have come in and taken
their water to which they have had
undisputed title for four hundred
years, and the government turns in
differently away, even directing its at-

tention to new wards thousands of
miles distant, while its original friends
and allies are left to steal and beg an
existence or starve.
The United States has expended
large sums of money for the introduc-
tion of irrigation on the Indian reser-
vations where it is desired to educate
the Indians into agricultural habits as
a means to his civilization. Here is
a tribe of Indians who have for cen-
turies been engaged in agriculture by
irrigation, and who were, until recent-
ly, the only successful irrigators in Ar-
izona. They are now deprived of their
water through the agency of the white
man, directly encouraged by the United
States government. Is it not an im-
perative obligation of honor upon the
American people that their supply
should be restored to them? The only
means lies through the construction
by the government of a storage reser-
voir on the Gila. And instead of the
uncertain possibility of elevating a
savage or hostile tribe, the necessity
presents itself of preventing the de-
struction of a civilization already at-
tained among a friendly and in times
past hospitable people.

More Dollars than Sense.
[From the Los Angeles Times.]
A census taken just now would show
a very considerable reduction of the
population of Arizona and a correspond-
ing increase in that of California—
which is evidence of the good sense
of the people of Arizona.

Irrigation in Politics.
[From the Los Angeles Saturday Post.]
The Republican party platform just
adopted recognizes the duty of the
Government to take up the development
of irrigation in the arid West. This
is good. The vast area of desert in the
West and Southwest can never be re-
claimed except by the nation. The
only way that a very large amount of
good but dry land can be made pro-
ductive and inhabitable in the West is
by intelligently planned irrigation
works, honestly constructed and
honestly administered. The lands
thus made available can be sold to
actual settlers for enough to pay the
cost of a judicious development and
application of water. We were grieved
to see that the last sentence of this
part of the platform requires that the
management of such national works
and the distribution of the water to
settlers or others be left with the
States and Territories.
Persons well informed on this subject
and who are disinterested are unani-
mous in the opinion that the man-
agement, expenditure and control
should be in the nation. These public
spirited men are absolutely opposed to
State or Territorial control of public
lands, water or expenditures for con-
struction. The experience of this
country is uniform that the executive
system of no State or Territory is
strong enough to properly manage
such public lands as have been turned
over to them. State management of
public land has been incompetent and
corrupt; its tendency has always been

to create large holdings. In no case
has a State escaped from the rankness
and most impolitic management of
public lands entrusted to them. No
one should approve of a Territorial
management of national irrigation
works or national lands after the
scandals that have occurred in such
matters as the Swamp Land orgies.
A party platform is not apparently
deemed a very serious affair by the
politicians. We hope that it is not
serious in this case.

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A pure, cream of tartar baking powder
The perfect purity and great leavening
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the finest, most delicious and wholesome food.
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agents, but promotes the healthfulness of the food.
NOTE.—There are many cheap baking powders made
of alum. Liebig, the celebrated chemist,
says that alum disorders the stomach
and occasions acidity and dyspepsia.
PRICE BAKING POWDER CO.,
CHICAGO.

A RANCH GIRL'S TRIBULATIONS.
They ain't a sarchin on the creek
That's havin' troubles come as thick
As me, I reckon; every day
I hit some aggravin' play
That comes jes' like a cuttin' dart
To rip the stitches of my heart!
Don't see a thing at home but spots
Sense pop he find the Democrats!
Ma she's a strong McKinley man.
An' pop was, too, just time he ran
For President, an' goodness me!
But how they whooped an' danced when he
Was 'lected! Huzed each other jes'
Like crazy lovers do, I guess.
But now they scarp him dogs an' cats
Sense pop he find the Democrats!
He says the trusts has got their feet
Right on our necks, an' try'a to eat
The vitals out o' Uncle Sam
Like vultures, an' he'll jes' bedam
If he kin line up with a mob
That outs the corn—gives him the cob!
He thinks they're wuss than pesky rats
Sense pop he find the Democrats!
Ma tells him o' Bill Bryan ain't
Noways related to a saint,
An' he'll git back by sayin' Bill
McKinley ain't no sugar pill.
Then he'll git riled an' she'll git hot,
Both sayin' 'tother's talkin' rot,
An' so they'll chaw the rag an' fight
From mornin' plum jam up to night
A-poundin' at each other's slats
Sense pop he find the Democrats!
Ma threatens at divorce, an' he
Jes' grits his teeth an' says of her
Feels like jumpin' from the track
They ain't no strings to hol' her back!
An' so they'll chaw the rag an' fight
From mornin' plum jam up to night
A-poundin' at each other's slats
Sense pop he find the Democrats!

A Flaming Prospectus.
[From the Mining Review.]
The Greene Consolidated Copper
Company, "owner of the great Cananea
copper mines" in the State of Sonora,
Mex., is doing some very tall advertis-
ing in Eastern papers at this present
time. It describes the property as
"known to be one of the greatest cop-
per properties in the world," and is
inviting subscriptions to its stock at
\$5 per share. Its capital stock is an-
nounced to be \$5,000,000, divided into
500,000 shares of the par value of \$10
each, of which 100,000 shares are for
treasury purposes. In one of its an-
nouncements, a copy of which we have
received, it is stated: "Before the
year has expired, with the install-
ment of the improvements now go-
ing forward and referred to in the
prospectus (to be had upon application),
the earnings of the company are co-

fidently expected to reach 25
per annum, and at the same time
vide a surplus enabling the man-
agement of the plant to a thous-
daily capacity, the net earn-
which should be from \$4,000
\$8,000,000 per annum." "Two
percent per annum," and "2
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them. There wouldn't be
told, but the atmosphere wo
of word pictures, and what
collection it would be.—[Na
Fellow.

The political fight in Ariz-
on. Mark Smith is now a
for delegate to Congress
chances are good for his
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interests will not be thro-
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