

THE COCONINO SUN.

Flagstaff the First.

Last week the Western Union Telegraph company put the first synchronizing clock in at Prescott. In reading the account of the event in the Prescott papers the reader is led to believe it is the first and only clock of the kind in the territory, but such is not the case.

The first synchronizing clock in Arizona was put in the business house of W. G. Henry by J. E. Palmer, the manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at this place. The date was July 4, 1891.

At one time there were fifteen of the clocks in use here, but the number has been reduced by fire until there are now eleven. The timepieces are regulated each hour by a master clock in the Western Union office. All the clocks are given the standard time once each day, it being sent from the Washington observatory.

The clocks are a great convenience to the public, as they always give the correct standard time. The Sun is glad to know that Prescott is getting them, but Flagstaff was the first town in Arizona where they became of general use, and we trust that the Prescott papers will copy this item.

William Grist Dead.

William Grist of Flagstaff, who had his skull crushed in the tunnel, died from his injuries at the hospital yesterday. He was 30 years old and leaves a family consisting of his wife and two children. His father, E. A. Grist, arrived from Plano, Iowa, last night, and his wife and two children are also here from Flagstaff. The deceased was a member of the order of Knights of Pythias and they will have charge of his funeral, which will take place at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from Undertaker Strong's parlors. Rev. Beattie will conduct the funeral services.—Albuquerque Citizen, Jan. 31.

William Grist came to Flagstaff about

five years ago. He was a member of Mountain lodge, No. 15, K. of P., and under instructions from the lodge here he was buried under the direction of Mineral lodge, No. 4, of Albuquerque, on Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Mr. Grist was injured at Johnson canyon tunnel on January 21. He was caught in a cave-in and his skull was crushed.

Fire in Old Town.

About 1 o'clock Tuesday morning the residence of J. H. Rumsey in old town was discovered in flames and was burned to the ground. Mr. Rumsey, who was the only occupant at the time of the fire, was awakened by the smoke and had only time to escape from the house before the flames filled the room. In leaving the room he gathered the clothes he wore the day before and the family Bible. All the rest of the furniture and clothing was destroyed. Owing to the deep snow the fire department could not respond to the alarm, and had they attempted to do so they could not have reached the fire before the house was burned. The loss is a hard one for Mr. Rumsey, as all he had was destroyed. His loss is estimated at \$800, on which he had \$400 insurance.

Colonial Concert.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a colonial concert and tea on Washington's birthday in Babbitt's opera house at 8 o'clock p. m.

The ladies are doing all that they can to make this entertainment the best one of the season and one worthy the patronage of our people.

The ladies and gentlemen taking part in the programme will dress in the old colonial style. After the concert refreshments will be served in the hall.

James A. May and wife left Wednesday morning for Phoenix, where they expect to spend the winter.