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GATHERED AT FLAGSTAFF.

A Large Budget of News About the Skylight City.

The Phoenix Republican's Correspondent Writes a New Year Letter to His Paper Concerning Flagstaff.

Flagstaff, Ariz., Dec. 13.—(Special correspondence of the Republican.)—The town under the shadow of the San Francisco peaks is fitting herself for a season of winter snows. This is not all. Flagstaff awaits a new year that bids fair to offer a liberal supply of good things any one of which is sufficient in itself to lead her up to greater possibilities. The citizens are ever ready to accept a good thing and in the past they have put up good money to secure it, but as often failed to acquire the coveted. Tired of loading up itinerant cusses who had big schemes to make "Greater Flagstaff," the citizens have decided to run things themselves and take the "rake off" in future deals. Flagstaff is about to build her own water works. The propositions to buy the \$65,000 in water bonds carried with them not only a good profit to the buyers but it meant that money was to be drawn out at regular intervals for years to come. Matters on this line are in an embryo state as yet, but the plan is sure to assume definite form before the year expires. On the other hand the town anticipates the honor of being the terminal point of the Grand Canyon railway that is to be. This may cost some money, but they say they must have it, after a long and weary wait. They will offer terminal facilities and a site for a copper smelter, the Grand Canyon to supply the copper. The above is good enough for one letter, and if all comes to Flagstaff, and she stands a good chance of getting what she wants, the town will take on new life and Phoenixians who come next summer may expect to see greater Flagstaff, sure enough.

The "gapping wounds" seen at every turn in town, are an argument in favor of water works and a better system of fire protection. There are the wrecks of railroad avenue stores and the Grand Canyon hotel staring every visitor in the face, and likely to until spring, when the changes will mean new and attractive structures on these sites.

Again I run up against a new postmaster, the one met today being our old friend, Thomas J. Coalter. For years Tom ran the Bank hotel and while there made many friends, who will agree with me that the new postmaster will be a fit successor to Tom Ross, than whom few were better. Mrs. Coalter is assisting her husband in the office. The ex-postmaster and wife are wintering in Phoenix.

S. S. Preston, the captor of Jim Parker, was in town from the trading post last week. Preston has not yet received his portion of the bounty money.

Manager J. E. Palmer of the Western Union has placed his office in excellent shape. He is ably assisted by Jeff Moyer. Both gentlemen have been identified with the office for several years.

Clarence Spellmire recently returned from Kansas City and has taken charge of the mill store, Babitt Bros., having purchased the stock. They will run the store as a branch of their big establishment in Flagstaff.

It looks as if ex-Sheriff Sandy Donahue will have occasion to run up the three story hotel on north San Francisco street next year. Two years ago he laid the foundation and it is not like Sandy to let so much stone lie covered. He is of the energetic and liberal class and will push things, all conditions being favorable.

Charley Canall and ex-County Treasurer A. T. Cornish have secured contracts to clip great flocks of sheep next year and thereafter in Arizona. The gentlemen expect to close a deal on a patent clipping machine in a few days, the operation of which means a larger product and a more humane

method of handling sheep. Phoenix is the objective point, and it is hoped the projectors of the enterprise will be successful in their venture.

Cococino contributes a good number of sheep every year to eat up Maricopa's alfalfa. The county stands next to Navajo in respect to the number of sheep taxed. Inability to catch recorder Pulliam (our dates were badly mixed) while in town has bereft me of information that must go over until I call again. It is possible the count of sheep will equal that of Navajo. Anyway both are great counties so far as sheep are concerned.

The population of Cococino county is quoted at 3,700. The great register shows 1,600 voters for 1896. Flagstaff leads in the mention of towns, the population being all of 1,660. They count on 1,800 before they hold the next two day's show in July, a habit the town has, that of celebrating our nation's birthday. Think of Flagstaff without a Fourth of July celebration! It cannot be.

The veteran railroader, Charley Davis, is still placing his autograph on freight bills. They don't produce better agents than this same Charley Davis of Flagstaff.

"Phoenix people were sweet on Flagstaff last summer," said ex-Mayor David Babitt. By way of explanation, Mr. Babitt said that about every visitor from the valley brought from twenty-five to 100 pounds of honey to town and exchanged it for grub.

Judge William Burns, the late revenue officer, is here representing several large Kentucky distilleries, selling whiskey in carload lots for Melzer Bros. of Phoenix. The judge is getting there in great shape and is a fit representative of the metropolis.

W. H. Carroll is selling the Silver Palace in the Spring Place to be called another hotel. His restaurant is one of four in town.

Perrin's wool has sold at 11 cents; Flagstaff wool ten cents. These figures of 1896. Babitt's recently sold 10,000 sheep, many lambs in the lot, at \$2.60 per head, a good figure.

There are seven saloons in the corporate limits. The high license precludes the attractions so common in Jerome, Prescott, Phoenix, Tucson, and other places.

District Court Clerk C. M. Fuoston expects to get into editorial harness again and will revive the Sun, the Jones's having discarded the time honored title for that of the Skylight Kicker. Fuoston starts in with the new year.

R. C. Davis, drug clerk for Dr. D. J. Brannen, is a graduate of the Normal school at Tempe. He is fully educated to like the Republican above all others.

The observatory continues to be one of the attractions of Flagstaff. Mr. L. H. Tolfree has made the New Bank hotel what its name implies. It is no exaggeration to say that the Bank is a hotel in every sense of the word. What Mr. Tolfree needs is more room.

The Arizona Sandstone company's quarries are idle at this season of the year. The product of the quarries is seen in San Francisco, in Portland, Oregon, in the Oregonian building, and in far off Kansas, to say nothing of all over Arizona.

It would be out of the question to close a letter without making some reference to the lumber interests in which the Arizona Lumber & Timber company exercise the entire function in this locality. The company closed a six year contract to supply the Santa Fe Pacific with ties and timber, the former to pass through the pickling plant yards at Bellemont in delivery. Mr. C. W. Kennedy, who was formerly associated with the Crescent Coal company, Gallup, N. M., and the Dennis Lumber company in this county, will have charge of the tie delivery to the railway company. The tie contract will involve the employment of many Salt River valley teams this winter, 100 to 150 teams being under engagement. A four months' contract on orange boxes is being filled for parties in California. Commercial orders are better this year than in 1896. The company enjoys a share of the needs of the north and south road. This winter's business will give employment to 250 or more

to camps, mill and office. A few days ago the company acquired the mill of Charles and Eben Babitt, the former remaining in charge of the mill. The personnel of the same people includes Messrs. T. J. Jordan, F. W. Sisson, Ed. Walker and others, while Ed. Conliffe and ex-Legislator Dutton are familiar figures in the yards. Mr. D. M. Jordan who is in Washington, will be here in the spring. It is well to say that the A. T. & L. company supplies Flagstaff, Miltou and the mill with electric lights at a comparatively low cost to consumers. In everything that means progress the company is a leader.

Next letter about the pickling plant at Bellemont and then comes Williams, and later on Kingman and White Hills.

GRANTED PERMISSION TO CHANGE HIS MIND.

Who is better known or more generally beloved in the city in which he lives than Professor Adam Henderson? His conversation is quite devoid of bitterness. Only once was he overheard to say anything indicating even the slightest trace of ill temper. Traveling toward on a suburban trolley line to call upon a friend he asked the conductor to transfer him to the city street cars at a certain point.

Afterward, the car stopped, and was surprised to see outside the very friend he was seeking. He started to leave the car, but the conductor accosted him.

"You can't change for your car here," he said, brusquely. "Go back."

The professor passed him taking no notice.

"My change car here, I tell you," said the conductor.

"I don't know any more," said the professor, deep in conversation with his friend, merely waved his hand to signify that the car might go on without him.

"Here you old jay," said the man with the brass buttons angrily, "don't I tell you that you can't change cars at this station?"

The good old professor answered with severity: "But I can change my mind at this station, can't I?"—Pittsburg Dispatch.

AN ESKIMO'S HOUSE.

The Eskimo's residence is built of snow in many cases, such snow houses being about six feet high and as big as a double bedroom. They are concentrated in villages some miles apart, and how far north they go no one knows; no man has ever gone so far north that he did not find them. They are built of blocks of ice and snow, with ice blocks for the floors and fur carpets. The door is about high enough for a child 8 years old in this country. The fire of whale bones, blubber and lean meat is built in the middle of the floor, and is started by striking a flint on walrus bone. The man who owns a flint is called a rich man in that country. Poor people have to borrow flints to light their fires. All the flints accessible to the Eskimo are cast up by icebergs.

Despite the notice that the Russian government would demand the payment of the Russo-Turkish indemnity, the party has placed an order with Herr Krupp for 150 large cannons, to cost 1,500,000 marks.

Germany will have an industrial palace, 709 meters square, on the banks of the Seine near the Quai d'Orsay, at the Paris exposition in 1900.

It is generally reported in Rome that King Humbert has resolved to abdicate the throne in favor of his son.

TOO MUCH IRRIGATION.

A Drunken Man Narrowly Escapes a Term at Yuma.

A Twenty Dollar Bill Drowned in "Bug Juice" Caused the Imbibor's Arrest for Embezzlement—Case Full of Comedy.

Norton who plays short stop on occasional jobs of work about town, and who obtains more drinks on short bits than any other inebriate, came very near going on an excursion to Yuma under the protection of Ralph Cameron or some of his deputies.

Friday is an unlucky day with Norton and on that day of last week he was doing some janitor work in the opera house for James Simpson, and when Norton has a job he has business by the car load, and has to irrigate a great deal to give him courage to face hard work of over thirty minutes of duration.

While on Mr. Simpson's job Norton's business eye was looking out for other business, and he caught it. A woman gave him a twenty dollar bill to go out in town and get changed and to return the change to her, but Norton's mind became so befuddled by irrigation that he returned the change to Mr. Simpson instead of the woman.

Norton handed Simpson the twenty dollars in change saying "that is the change for your fifty dollar bill." Mr. Simpson replied that he gave him no fifty dollar bill to change, and that if he had the change was thirty dollars short, but Simpson seeing that Norton had looked upon the wine when it was red he kept the money as he knew something would develop later and Norton wasn't capable at the time of taking care of it.

In the evening after the woman had waited for the return of her change a reasonable time she swore out a warrant against Norton for embezzling her money, and the officers gathered him in and stored him away in the county jail where he would be convenient for future reference.

As he was so completely disguised in "bug juice" nothing was thought of his being in charge of an officer. Mr. Simpson next day related the circumstance of Norton having deposited twenty dollars with him to Julius Aubineau, and Mr. Aubineau having knowledge that Norton had been arrested the evening before at once concluded that the twenty dollars mentioned above was the cause of his arrest which proved true.

Had Mr. Simpson, been a dishonest man, and kept his lips sealed, Norton would have had to serve a term in prison and be branded as a felon. This should be a lesson to Norton to quit irrigating for next time he might put money into the hands of a dishonest person, and he would have to suffer the penalties of the law for embezzlement.

Norton was the victim of circumstances in the above transaction. He received the money, he failed to return it to the owner, and he was drunk when arrested, which was prima facie evidence that he had "blowed it in," or embezzled the money. Everything was against him. The memory of James Simpson should ever be green in his memory, for he is indebted to him for his liberty.

Teacher (to first grade pupil)—Now Johnny, name five kinds of nuts. Johnny—Five kinds of nuts are hazelnuts, walnuts, hickory nuts, peanuts and doughnuts.

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TERRITORIAL.

A colored literary club has been organized in Phoenix.

The ice factory at Tempe has shut down for the season.

Phoenix was visited last week by a bogus temperance lecturer.

It is reported that a new house aday is being built at Winslow.

The county hospital of Maricopa county contains forty patients.

The late grand jury of Maricopa county returned two y-nine true bills of indictment into court.

Seventeen carloads of cattle were shipped from the Salt river valley last Thursday to Los Angeles.

Benson will celebrate Christmas by having horse races, turkey shooting and numerous other amusements.

F. W. Galke, the poet of Salt river valley, died at his home near Phoenix on the 17th inst. from a stroke of paralysis.

Tempe is complaining of petty thieves and if they are not wick ones they will be for they recently stole a twenty-five pound box of butter.

John Riggs, Gene Dailey and Henry Steel, charged with killing Andy Grant at Mesa were acquitted Friday in the district court at Phoenix. The jury was out on the case about five hours.

Judge Logan has been notified by the school teacher at Chloride that her school has been temporarily closed owing to several cases of scarlet fever having been reported in the town.—Mineral Wealth.

It is reported that the Agus Fria Copper company of Agus Fria district, Yavapai county, has sold its Copper Mountain mines, smelter and appurtenances, to the Stoddard Copper company of the same district, the consideration being \$16,000.

At a special meeting of the city council held last night the engineer of the water works was authorized to order 1,000 feet of two and a half inch hose; two black and two white rubber coats for firemen; twelve lanterns; four axes with picks; one forty-five foot extension ladder; and one Waldron spraying nozzle. The whole amounts to a little over \$800.—Prescott Journal Miner.

The home rule bill for Arizona has been introduced in Congress by Delegate Smith, and we hope to see it become a law. Some of the papers have suggested that the bill must provide that the government still pay the salaries of the officials. This is undoubtedly correct. Without absolute statehood the government should pay the salaries. All the difference the home rule bill will make in affairs of the Territory, that the officers will be elected by the people to whom they will be responsible, but the bill will not be acceptable unless it provides for the government paying the salaries.—Graham Guardian.

J. L. Coleman, who has been engaged in mining near Payson for some time, bought an interest in the Christmas Gift and Good Luck mines, on the Salt river, about two miles below the mouth of Tonto, and he is now tearing his mill down to move it to those mines. He expects to have the mill running in about two weeks. The Christmas Gift mine shows six feet and a half of ore that will mine from \$15 to \$20 per ton. They also have a stock of ore on the same mineral zone that will mill \$500 to the ton. The latter mine is about two miles from the Christmas Gift.—Journal Miner.

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