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Special Notices.

TRAVELLERS, ATTENTION!

R. S. Mason having leased the place heretofore known as **SLOCUM'S RANCH,** situate 25 miles west of Mesilla on the road to Silver City and the west, informs the public generally that he is prepared to receive and accommodate travellers, and to supply passing trains or herds of animals with water.

This is the only watering place between the Rio Grande and Fort Cummings. I always have an abundance of water on hand, which I will furnish at reasonable rates.

My table will be kept supplied with the best the market affords.

I have pleasant and comfortable rooms furnished with clean beds for the use of travellers. Also comfortable and secure stabling for animals. I always keep a good supply of hay and grain on hand.

Travellers will find at my place everything requisite to supply their wants and add to their comfort, my charges will not be found unreasonable.

R. S. Mason.

I have on hand a large stock of **NATIVE WINES and BRANDY** of my own manufacture, which I offer for sale in quantities to suit purchasers. My **GRAPE BRANDY** is the best liquor, whether native or imported, in the Territory.

THOMAS J. BULL,
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Masonic.

Regular communications of Aster Lodge No. 108, F. & A. M. held at their hall at Las Cruces, N. M. on the first Saturday evening of each month. Sojourning brethren in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

W. L. RYNERSON, W. M.

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HEADQUARTERS BILLIARD SALOON

By **BERNARD Mc CALL,** Mesilla, N. M.
New Billiard Tables, and at the Bar the best Liquors and Cigars.

ASYLUM FOR THE INFIRM.

There is no public institution in New Mexico for the care of the aged and infirm who are unable to longer care for themselves. We often see a poor old man whose form is bent beneath the accumulated years of more than four-fifths of a century, blind and feeble, tottering through the streets and bye-ways, alone, uncared for and unheeded by the busy world around him—his long snow-white hair and beard streaming wildly down his back and breast giving him the weird appearance of Old Father Time himself. A rude wand with which he cautiously feels his way being his only guide. Within his remembrance four generations have grown up and passed away, leaving him poor, friendless and alone.

More than once has this relic of a forgotten generation come near losing his life by vehicles and reckless horsemen plunging madly through the streets. To see him tottering along with a few dry sticks to warm his cheerless home grasped in his withered hand, cannot fail to excite the compassion of every one with whom he meets, and eloquently pleads for a quiet asylum where old blind Antonio and others like him can pass their declining years in peace and quiet. To them the summer of life is forever gone and the frozen winter settled around them to melt away no more, and we should see to it that the rude hand of want is driven from their door while Time with his sickle hesitates to gather them home to their fathers.

The Grant County Herald in speaking of the shipments of copper from the Clifton mines has the following:

"Shipping north via El Moro ceases after the last of September for the reason that owners of trains do not choose to risk the pinching cold that is encountered in that hyperborean region after the middle of October and consequently copper accumulates at the works from that date until March, unless an outlet is found for it by the Southern route, which is on fire."

From the plain of a State to the first of March is the best time for shipping from the Mesilla valley, and other points in South West. There is no snow or extreme cold, and the weather is mild, and water is abundant. There is no doubt that the copper trade is a very civilized find on examination of the prospect in Texas, especially during the winter when the roads are out of the Raton at the

LINCOLN

There was never but seen corn, wheat, vegetables, melons raised in the influence of the Rio Pecos this year; whilst at Seven below there was not one planted and that will hardly

E. B. Peters is on the road with 2350 head of beeves for sale. They are intended for the market. In regard to these calves the pundent says: "The fact is that they intend to castrate if it takes 100 men to do so. The 'boys' have gone so beeves at \$16, per head in John S. Chism is hard another herd of cattle to the market.

The report is current that Fort Stanton will be

NOTES.

—The Indian JOSEPH and his brethren are an aggravating set. Now that General Howard is all ready to annihilate them they persistently keep out of his way.

—The strikers are now amusing themselves by holding State Conventions and nominating candidates for office on platforms that demand the abolition of conspiracy laws, governmental interference with and laws that will regulate all trades and industries; the abolition of the wages system, all corporations to be taken control of by the Government and run for the benefit of the workmen and a lot more such nonsense.

—The French are competing with the Americans in supplying the European market with fresh meat. They obtain their supply from South America.

—The metropolitan Press is getting uneasy over the spread of communistic ideas in this country.

—Georgia has engrafted upon her Constitution a prohibition against the payment of her bonds issued to aid the construction of Railroads in that State. The creation of the debt was no doubt unwise, its repudiation will bring upon the State merited and lasting disgrace.

—Watterson of the Courier-Journal says that Blanton Duncan "has a capacity for mischief almost boundless is immense at the head of a fol-de-rol, has been an idol in the community where his father was an idol, is in his own family a species of pariah, and has the energy of a locomotive and the activity of the devil". Duncan still survives.

—PRESIDENT HAYES' administration is said to be so popular in California that it has greatly brightened the prospects for sending a Republican to the U. S. Senate. Sargent stock is again looking up and is said to have obtained vitality from the desperate assaults made upon it by the Chronicle, and others.

—The jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi are a success beyond a doubt, there is now an uninterrupted channel within a fraction of twenty-one feet deep through South Pass. Captain Eads will soon be entitled to his second installation of \$500,000.

The latest sensation is a story going the rounds that the Pope is not the Pope, but a man who died in 1846. It is said that Pope Pius IX died in his stead a man who was not a

Grant County Herald] Mr. [unclear] eighty recorded mines parceled out as exceedingly [unclear] of fuel is all that [unclear] being worked.

These values are known, and are entirely free from base metal, and arsenic are contained in consequence the copper prices in copper markets are high and yet the [unclear] to 30 per cent copper [unclear] will not go [unclear] high and yet the [unclear] brag mines of the [unclear] justly so for the reason [unclear] competitive mines only [unclear] cent. But now the [unclear] dwarf in public [unclear]

timation both as regards quality and quantity of ore for the reason that the value of Clifton ores are becoming better known.

In our last reference to this subject we stated that rail transportation would induce H. Lesinsky to work a thousand men in his mines which he could do with profit to himself and employes if freight of fuel and copper were cheapened and what Mr. L. can and will do, others there owning mines would find it to their interest to also do and with this knowledge of the prospective industries of Clifton and other mining regions and they are not a few, we impatiently await the whistle of the Locomotive.

[From the News and Press.]

THE MESILLA INDEPENDENT.

The fact that there is an organized band of thieves and cutthroats roaming the counties of Lincoln and Doña Ana has long been known in this part of the territory, numerous accounts of their marauding acts having been given us by travellers from those parts and by letters from residents there. The particulars of their doings have been studiously kept dark by the Mesilla News, the reasons best known to the editor. But the advent of that able and fearless sheet, the INDEPENDENT, we have learned the truth in regard to these matters. We applaud the manifest determination of the INDEPENDENT, to work up such a popular sentiment against these marauders that the county will be too hot to hold them. This is the true province of journalism, to defend the law-abiding and industrious citizens who are the source of wealth to the county, from the lawless acts of those vagabonds and thieves who are ever to be found in a frontier country, and who very soon will draw to themselves a crowd of the worst class and try to run the country if they receive the slightest encouragement from the public press.

A LAKE THAT NEVER FREEZES NOR GIVES UP ITS DEAD.—Truckee is a thriving railroad town, and the starting point for Lake Tahoe—called the 'Gem of the Sierras.' Half of the lake is in Nevada, the other half in California. It is twenty-eight miles long and from twelve to sixteen miles wide and has been sounded to a depth of sixteen hundred feet. Its waters are a beautiful ultramarine, and it may be called the purest water in the world, containing by analysis only four per cent impurities. It is so light and mobile as to be easily lashed into foam, or calmed to a mirror-like surface. In the early morning it is like a looking-glass, with surrounding objects reflected in it with surprising accuracy. Several steamers of small tonnage are used in navigating it. Its altitude is about sixty-three hundred feet; it is always cool and pleasant in the hottest weather. The lake never freezes, and never gives up its dead. No person that has been drowned has been known to rise to the surface. Wood, as soon as it is saturated, sinks to the bottom. The water is as clear as crystal, and huge rocks fifty feet down are plainly discernable. In fact, it is a marvel, and the very contrast of our own Salt Lake; for this is so dense and so sluggish as to offer great resistance to the human body, and everything else that will float.—Salt Lake Herald.

Ben Hill has this to say about Blaine: "I think I know the old fellow. He has a tongue that never tires, an ambition that never sleeps, a face that never blushes and a conscience that never hesitates." We anxiously await to hear what Blaine has to say about Ben