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LOCAL NEWS.

GONE TO PIMA COUNTY.—John A. Rush, our Delegate to Congress, started from his home in Prescott, Thursday morning last, to canvass the Southern portion of the Territory. He will visit Walnut Grove, Wickenburg, Phœnix, Fort McDowell, Pima Villages, Maricopa Wells, Tucson, Tubac and other points, and will open the eyes of the people with regard to His Excellency. Mr. Rush is emphatically the choice of the Democratic and Conservative people of Pah-Ute, Yavapai, Yuma and Yavapai counties, and we sincerely believe that he will also carry Pima county, which the Governor claims as his stronghold.

DESERTED.—Six cavalrymen deserted, last week, from General Devin's command at Camp Lincoln. They took with them their horses and accoutrements. Mr. J. M. Brown, of Chino Valley, informs us that they passed through Mr. G. Bagbart's ranch, Sunday morning last, going west. He did not see them, but saw the tracks of their horses. He says they also had with them a pack-mule.

FROM CAMP LINCOLN.—We received a call Wednesday last from Corporal Quinn and private Roth of Camp Lincoln, Rio Verde. The Corporal informed us that on Sunday morning last General Devin and command started east. The General took with him two companies of cavalry and eighty Infantrymen, and said he would "leave his old bones in the mountains," if he met Indians. It was his intention to establish a supply depot on Fossil Creek, twenty miles east of the Verde. A train of wagons accompanied him to that point which would return to Camp Lincoln. We hope the "old man" and his boys will reap a rich harvest of Apache scalps.

WATCHES.—Last week we were furnished with a miserable article of this commodity. Now it is all that could be desired.

HAY CONTRACTS.—WHO GOT THEM.—Monday last, bids for supplying Government with hay at Fort Whipple, Camps McPherson and Lincoln were opened by the Quartermaster at Fort Whipple, and contracts awarded as follows to the following named persons:

Fort Whipple—Herbert Bowers, 100 tons at $35.75 per ton; 200 tons at $34 per ton; and 165 tons at $35.75 per ton. R. E. Farrington, 35 tons at $35. T. W. Brooks, S. R. Scott and Phillip Scheerer contested for a "prize," but failed to get one, owing to the fact that their bids were too high.

Calvin White was awarded the contracts for supplying McPherson and Lincoln with 100 tons each, at $29 per ton. His competitors for the McPherson contract were G. W. Curtiss and Jos. Lennon. For the Lincoln contract, Wales Arnold and Jos. Lennon ran him a tilt, but in both cases he was the lowest bidder and mowed down all opposition. We hope the contractors may make something by filling their contracts, and we hope that the disappointed bidders may be more successful another time.

NEW GOODS.—Henderson & Co., have lately received a large and varied assortment of goods of every description, which they are now opening at their store, corner of Granite and Gurley streets. Their stock is the largest we have seen in a long time, and consists of clothing, dry goods, groceries, provisions, liquors, farming and mining implements, powder, and in fact, everything that can possibly be required by our citizens.

SAD ACCIDENT.—Louis Ausbuettle, who came to the Territory from Colorado, met with a dangerous accident on Monday last, while at work in his placer claim in the Mexican Gulch, Big Bug Mining District, by the accidental discharge of a pistol. It seems that Mr. Ausbuettle was working under a bank, upon which he had placed his pistol, when the bank caved, bringing with it the pistol, which went off and lodged a bullet in the unfortunate man's head. The ball entered his forehead a little above the left eye. After the sad occurrence, two of his partners started for Prescott to procure medical aid, and they gave it as their opinions while here that the man could not live long. Should he die, he will be the second man killed accidentally in that District. One Sunday morning, in the summer of '64, as a party of Coloradans who had just come to the country, were picking cherries in a flat above Beggs' old camp, one of them, who carried a shot-gun in his hand, and who was dragging it towards him, (with the muzzle pointed at his breast) through the brush, fell to the ground, shot dead through his own carelessness, by his own gun. People cannot be too careful while handling fire-arms, or in putting them away. We know several persons who have come very nigh losing their lives by their own carelessness and that of others.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE BY INDIANS.—Sunday morning last as two Mexican women were engaged in weeding or watering a garden in the outskirts of town, they were surrounded by a party of Indians. One of them had sufficient presence of mind to run, and made her way to town, at double-quick, followed by two Indians who tried to cut her off, but failed. The other, upon seeing the Indians, became frightened, lost all control of herself, and of course fell into the hands of the savages, who carried or dragged her to the rocks, beat her with a club and lanced her. During her fright, the woman gave birth to a child, which the brutes, she says, picked up on the point of a lance and carried off. She also says, that among the Indians were two of her countrymen, to whom, no doubt, she owes her life. The Mexicans asked her various questions in relation to the troops, the town and the fort, and said that the Indians were numerous in this vicinity, and were determined to take the town. But her story must be taken with considerable allowance, as she was evidently in great fear and no doubt laboring under mental derangement. This is the boldest break the savages have made for some time, and shows their hellish disposition. Let our citizens be on the alert. If there are Mexicans among them, as we believe there are, there is no telling what they may attempt. We have no fear of their attacking the town, but they may attack some ranch or outside settlement. The woman is recovering slowly.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.—We hope the Democrats of the several precincts in the county, will elect and send delegates to the county convention to be holden in Prescott on the 13th inst. It is of the utmost importance that a good ticket be nominated.

ED. DARLING, of the Pioneer Drug Store, has received a big stock of drugs, medicines, tobacco, etc., which he offers for sale at moderate prices. He also received a lot of liquors for medical purposes, which we have sampled, and which, we must confess, was the best we have drunk in a long time. It glides down a person's throat mighty easy, you bet, and leaves no twitching sensation behind it. Try it, sick folks. It is mighty good for the stomach.

N. BEARDSLEE, who holds forth in Montezuma Hall, wishes us to inform the citizens of Prescott and vicinity that his stock of California wines, canned fruits, bacon, lard, dried fruit, etc., has come to hand, and that he is anxious to sell them at moderate prices.

Mining News.

WALKER'S DISTRICT.—During the week we have conversed with several miners from this district, all of whom have spoken encouragingly of mining matters at the old camp. Poland & Pierson have recently worked, in an arastra, 15 tons of Benicia rock, which paid them over $400. The ledge is not a large one, but all the rock in it pays something. They have several tons more now on hand, which they will work soon.

A. French has been working ore out of his Tie-Tie, and is well satisfied with the result of his last clean up.

R. Winning and Michael McWilliams will immediately start their arastra to grinding Deposit rock. They have about twenty tons of rock, out of which they expect to get very good pay.

The water in the creek has decreased, nevertheless, there is plenty left to run the arastras.

HASSAYAMPA DISTRICT.—The Chase Mill is prepared to run, and teams are now hauling ore from the mine to the mill. But for the illness of Mr. Noyes, the mill would now be running. Work upon the tunnel has been commenced.

Roddick & Feland are delving away in the Chance lode. We are informed that they are holding very rich silver rock.

The placer miners on the creek are represented as doing well.

TURKEY CREEK DISTRICT.—Work upon the Gross lode is being vigorously prosecuted, by Messrs. Slack, Dun and Shupp. Some parties are placer mining in the creek, but we have not heard how they are doing.

WALNUT GROVE DISTRICT.—But little in the way of mining, is being done in this district at this time. As soon as the planting season is over, work will be started upon several rich mines.

BIG BUG DISTRICT.—Quartz mining is at a stand still in Big Bug, and is likely to remain so until the return of Mr. Gray, who, we are told, will be here soon.

The companies engaged in placer mining are doing well, and have no reason to complain. All winter and spring they have made, on an average, from four to ten dollars per day to the man. Jim Thomas has sold his interest in the old Mexican gulch, to a company of Coloradans. N. Lacoke and others were in town during the week. They say the water holds out well.

We have heard it intimated that several mills that are lying idle in Yavapai county will soon be set to work, and we hope the rumor is true.

Recently, at the Big Bug mill, Wm. Gavin built a small arastra, which he run with a small turbine wheel of his own make. He put into the arastra about three panfulls of tailings, which he picked out of the creek, ground them for about three hours, cleaned up, and got $11.66 cents out of them.

WEAVER DISTRICT.—The Mexicans are still working away in the old diggings in the vicinity of Weaver, with, we understand, good success.

WICKENBURG DISTRICT.—We have nothing new from Wickenburg, except the announcement that work will soon be commenced on the first extention, east, of the Great Vulture Lode. The owners have levied an assessment of one dollar per foot, and have awaked to the importance of developing their rich ground. Work will be commenced upon this claim at an early day, and we doubt not but that it will be found as rich and as large as any other portion of the ledge.

The Vulture Company's deep shaft must now be down to a depth of about 150 feet. They were at latest dates getting very rich rock out of the tunnels. Their mill would be ready to start soon. The Vulture Company's mill was running all the time, and as soon as the teams that left here recently with lumber would arrive, an addition to the mill would be built, in which it is proposed to place extra concentrators, etc. Considerable farming has been done in the vicinity of Wickenburg the present season, and the place is the most prosperous one in the Territory.

We have no late intelligence from the mines in Yuma and Mohave counties, but presume that work upon the Williams' Fork copper mines is still progressing. At Eureka, a mining town in Castle Dome District, on the Colorado river, between Arizona City and La Paz, mining is being conducted in a proper and sensible manner, and of course, pays. We have heard of a lode upon which parties are now at work north of the Vulture lode, and close to the La Paz and Prescott wagon road, which promises well. We understand that it is being developed by Dr. W. W. Jones, of La Paz, and L. C. Gray of this place. Hope it may prove as rich as the Vulture.

Little & Taylor's hydraulic claims on Lynx creek, about eight miles east from Prescott, have been paying well, and their owners are well satisfied. Last week, three men in five days, took out $145.50.

PIMA COUNTY.—Not having received the *Arizonian* for some time past, we, of course, do not know anything in relation to mining matters in that county, which contains some of the richest silver mines on this coast.

A good many miners have recently spoken to us about the trouble and vexations they are put to by their partners, when wishing to go to work and open up a claim, and we have talked with some who are in favor of the California mode of forcing men to work their claims, by giving their partners power to sell them out if they do not keep up their ends, when the company is incorporated. We have not examined this matter much, and do not care to lead in it. If our miners wish to adopt the California law, or something similar, they can do so. We are satisfied, however, that had such a law been in force in this Territory the past three years, more mines would now be developed.

ARRIVALS FROM CALIFORNIA.—Miller's train, consisting of six wagons, each of which was drawn by twelve mules, arrived in Prescott Sunday last, from Los Angelos, California, with goods for our merchants.

The trains of Messrs. Thorn and J. Allen came in on the same day. A large number of our citizens came back with these trains. Among them we noticed Wm. L. Osborn and R. McKinnon. Mrs. J. P. Osborn, Mrs. T. Barnum, and their children also came home with these trains. They came over the Hardyville route.

Mr. Cal. Jackson has also returned to his home in Prescott, after an extended visit to his friends in California. He was accompanied by his brother, Messrs. Lovejoy, Sykes and Dunmore. Mr. S. has been here before. Mr. Dunmore intends to settle on a ranch somewhere in this county. He brought with him a team, seeds, ploughs and other farming implements. They came *via* La Paz. Cal. assures us that were it not for the fear of Indians, hundreds of people in California would leave that State and come to Arizona.

ELECTION PRECINCTS.—See list of election precincts with name of officers of election in another column.

JOHN G. CAMPBELL, of the firm of Campbell & Buffum, merchants, of Prescott, Arizona, and Los Angelos, California has gone to La Paz. He may visit California before he returns.

JOHN W. WELLS, Indian Agent for Montana, died at Washington a short time ago. A chance for some of McCormick's supporters.

JUAN M. LARCO lays claim to the lot on which the New Merchants' Exchange, in San Francisco, is built. Suit has been commenced for its recovery.

A GREAT MANY HORNS.—The State of Texas is said to possess 5,000,000 head of cattle.

DIED.

In Prescott, May 5, 1868, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cook, aged 14 months and 25 days.

At a called meeting of Aztlan Lodge, No. 177, F. & A. M., held on the 6th day of May, 1868, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty Father of the Universe to remove, by death, the beloved son of our dear brother E. J. Cook, during his absence from the Territory; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we mourn with him the loss he has sustained, and tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents and friends.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to our brother, and that a copy be furnished the ARIZONA MINER for publication.