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The larye inerease of popplation in the Salt River valley and the de mand for more and more farming land has set the country to thinkng on the subject of water storage.
That there is a great abundance of water to irrigate every acre of arable land in Arizona, the proof is the statistics of our rainfall and the record of area irrigable, which very forcilly disprove the egotistie easer. tion made in Los Angeles by Powell that there was not water enough in the arid region to irrigate the arable land in those seegions. The thing that is to be done, and that at once is to store those waters. There is not an acre of land rnder water that will not be worth from
$\$ 100$ per acre upward the $\$ 100$ per acre upward the moment storage of waters has beph securrd.
They will not only be worth that much but will command the price because the produet of the land will return a large profit on that investment.-Herald.

## The Ores and Metals says that

 when prospectors are out of reach of assayers to test their ores, thuy can by the following method deermine whether the rock to be ested carries mineral or not: When you desire to make the test pulverize the rock very fine, then take one part of the pulp and two parts of gunpowder; mix them together with enough water to make a stiff dough; work it up and mix thoroughly ift your hands; then form it into a cone pyramid and let it dry dry set the cone on a flat stone and put a live ont put a live coal on top of the cone When it has sizz'ed and spnttered itself out, the minerel, if there wasany, will be found in the shape of button on the stone.
A late Washington dispatch says: Gov. Hughes of Arizona who is in W-shington on official business, has concluded neyotiations with respon sible representatives for the estab lishment in his territory of a large colony of European agriculturists, viticulturists, fruit growers, silk weavers, cotton spinners and mechanics. The agents of the colony will join Gov. Hughes in Tucson in November and complete the selecuard the advance immediately after Hard the advance guar of two
hundred people will b. broight on o dig irrigation ditchos and prepure quarters for the remainder
who will follow as rapidly as they can be utilized.
About four years ago the W. C. T. U. of this city secured some carrying on the temperance work At that time Phoenix had 32 sa loons. The W. C.T. U. has not yet seen its Wa. C. .. . has no yet seen its way"clear to erect th building, but it has not slept. It has been hard at work and today Phoenix has but 29 saloons while
her population has increased at least one fourth. The W, C. T C . of course does not take entire credit for this state of affairs, but in a great measure they believe keepinged down the growth of saloons -Herald.
C. P. Huntington of the Sonthern Paenfic, has annonnced thet the settlers on ther $1 \quad 0,00$, a ares of land in the San Joaymin vally $\quad$ r. cently a warded to the Company,
will not be charged for the improve will not be charged for the improvements which they have made, but
will be charged for the land only what the land was worth when

Arizona's supply of gold bearing ores has never before bean properly appreciated, owing to the produc iveness of the silver ores, and on account of the free milling character of such deporits at the surfiee The claange in the character of such ores as depth has brenl attained aind the fluctuations in the price of silor have directed attention to the uriferous venns, which really forma h-staple supply of our wineral wealth. In other regions, for the nost part, the gold product has een mostly obtained in connection with the treatment of ores of silver. It Arizona, although there is abusant harvest to be wen from the proper working of the immense deposits of silver bearing minerais, it probable that the full deselopent of the gold veins would result an inereased production rivaling hat of the palmiest days of Cali-ornia.-Star.
A Washington dispatch says the Secretary of the Interior has ap. pointed a commaission to treat with the Yuma Indians for the opening of a portion of tineir reservation to eltlement The portion of the servation which it is proposerl in open lies on the west bank of the
Colorado over opposite the town of Yuma, and is a part of then Colora do desurt of California. The Indians have petitioned for the shange on condition that they shall have water for irrigation of the lands which they retain

Yavapai county is experiencing ne of the steadiest and healthiest ining booms she ever had. There is no mad rush from all quirters, men who expect to pick ap nuggets on the surface, but there is a steady increase of men whe have money he eounty to work the ore that has lain exposed for years. Old mines are leing started up and new ones eveloped. Old Yavapai has gold and silver enough to pay the naional debt if it is taken out.-Gazette.

Phoenix is receiving a very desirable hot of citizens now. They are people who come from the east
with their families to cultivate our ich and proluctive smill. Erery pow days new onas arrive and bring ith them, their household gonis, farming implements, cows and hur-
ses. They have come to stay and ses. They have come to stay and
our rich cheap lands offer inducements for hundreds of others who re coming this winter.-Gazette.
As showing the thrift of the guileless Pima Indian, the Florence Tribune is informed of the transcrions of one of these honest Injus. Ahout a year ago he secured the privilege of snıplying the Sacaton Agency with beef. Wher he started in he had nine head of attle, and after supplying the Agency for a year he has nine head left.
Onion socials are said to be very popular now in Prescott. Six oung ladies stand in a row; on of them bites a chunk out of an onion; the young man pay ten centa ach tis guess who bit it. The cor ect gulissers kiss the other five irlt, white the unsuecersful kiss he biter. It is neticed that the rceutage is in fayor of the onion chewer.
Hon. J. K. Luttrell, formerly a ongressman from California and at one time largely interested in Arizona mining entergriseg, is dead.

