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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

The Star says Crook is the best friend Arizona ever had. The force of unconscious satire could no further go.

Several Arizona journals are doing harm by selling their space to that gigantic fraud, the Louisiana lottery.

Now Zulick, old son, it's about time for you to fire off another proclamation on the Indian question. Let us have a good one, this time.

The Southern Pacific company are fortunate in being represented in Arizona by such a gentleman as J. A. Muir, whose affable and courteous conduct does much to neutralize the not unnatural feeling of discontent with which the discriminating policy of that company towards Arizona is regarded.

The president, in his message, drew attention to the great power for good wielded by an Indian agent, who takes an interest in his wards' condition. Such a man is John P. Clum. All who wish to see the Indian question permanently and satisfactorily settled should hope for that gentleman's reappointment as agent at San Carlos.

Owing to the poor quality of the telegraphic report furnished by the associated press, from San Francisco, the EPITAPH has made arrangements to give its readers a full eastern press report, in addition to the Arizona and Pacific coast specials, which we are now publishing. Our subscribers will doubtless appreciate the effort we are making to supply them with the latest and fullest news, regardless of expense. "Upward and onward" is the motto of this paper.

The EPITAPH has devoted a large amount of space lately to the discussion of the school tax question, this being a very important matter to our citizens. We shall be pleased to continue to print any communications on this subject, which offer arguments or facts of interest, but cannot afford space for articles which consist merely of abuse. To call a man names is no argument—on the contrary, it is generally a very good proof that the writer has no argument to offer.

The telegraph announces that Representative Laird's bill "in aid of the people of Arizona and New Mevico" has been favorably reported by the house committee. The only bill affecting this territory, introduced by Laird, of which we have any record, is one authorizing the president to call out two volunteer regiments of cavalry, in Arizona and New Mexico, to be enlisted and officered from citizens of the territory, for the suppression of Indian hostilities therein. If this is the bill referred to the "relief" comes rather late. It is too much like locking the stable door after the horse is stolen.

In another column will be found two special dispatches to this journal—one from our regular correspondent and the other from Assistant Secretary Farish—describing the execution of the murderer Dilda, at Prescott, yesterday. Our esteemed afternoon contemporary, not having succeeded in obtaining a report of the affair, proceeded to evolute one from its fertile brain. The Tombstone commences by saying that Dilda was executed for the murder of "Under Sheriff Lawlor." For Lawlor, read "John M. Murphy." Surely, our contemp. might have got this initial fact right. It needed no grapevine telegraph to tell the name of the victim. "The scaffold was completed in the court plaza." Unfortunately the authorities had, without notifying our contempt. decided to hold the execution in the woods, half a mile from town. "As the clock struck one, the funeral procession emerged from the jail." Must have been a post-mortem procession, as, at 12:16, Dilda's heart ceased to beat. "The priest said a short prayer, in which Dilda joined." Unfortunately for the Tombstone's inventive genius, Dilda had refused to see any minister or priest. "His body shook like an aspen leaf and he would have fallen to the floor had not the sheriff cut the rope." Here, again, fate acted very cruelly to our contemp. Dilda ought to have weakened at the last—the Tombstone had a right to expect that he would—but, apparently, out of pure cussedness, just to spite that enterprising journal, he, as is stated in our dispatches, laughed, talked and smoked, and was apparently less concered than if it was his wedding day. Altogether, yesterday was not a good day for grapevine dispatches, and our enterprising contemporary has a right to feel aggrieved.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Daring Robbery of a Conductor.

Laird's Arizona Relief Bill Favorably Reported.

A Fatal Shooting Affray at Nogales.

Another Official Opinion on Our Thirteenth.

Various Reports About the Attack on Crawford.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.]

Favorably Reported.

[Special to the EPITAPH.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The house committee on military affairs to-day, by a vote of six to one, passed favorably upon Representative Laird's bill in aid of the people of Arizona and New Mexico.

Benson Society Item.

[Special to the EPITAPH.]

BENSON, Feb. 5.—A colored lady, belonging to the demo monde, arrived in town yesterday and was invited by a prominent saloon keeper into his parlor. His wife, hearing of the affair, suddenly appeared on the scene, when a very lively interview took place.

Robbery at Benson.

[Special to the EPITAPH.]

BENSON, Ariz., Feb. 5.—A daring robbery was committed here last night about 1 o'clock. On the arrival of the westbound freight train, and while the conductor was taking the number of his cars, a "bum" engaged him in conversation. Suddenly a second "bum" seized the conductor from behind, forcing him to the ground. The two then relieved the unfortunate conductor of $150 in cash and a number of railroad tickets.

Fatal Shooting.

[Special to the EPITAPH.]

NOGALES, Feb. 5.—Yesterday afternoon, a man named Lee started out with a gun to hunt "Salt River Jack," J. D. Satterfield. Both are tin horn sports. He found him and Jack grappled with Lee, when Daniel Carlin, a stone-mason from Tombstone, took the pistol from Lee. Jack then turned and knocked Lee down and was stooping over to strike him, when Carlin warned him to desist and then fired, the ball passing through Jack's body and right lung. The doctors say the wound is fatal.

The Mexican Report.

EL PASO, February 5.—The report of the officer commanding the Mexicans who attacked Crawford, states that four Mexicans were killed and, four wounded in the fight. It further states that the American force displayed not a sigu of legality.

Null and Void

WASHINGTON, February 5.—Assistant Attorney-General Montgomery has decided that appropriations made by the Thirteenth Arizona legislature, for clerk and page hire, newspapers and pay of members, in excess of that allowed by statute, are in violation of law and void. It is not known what action may be taken by congress.

What the President has Done.

NEW YORK, February 5.—A Graphic's Washington special says: President Cleveland has made 1,282 appointments to office. Of these 358 were to fill vacancies caused by resignation. Twenty-one to fill vacancies caused by death, 258 to fill vacancies caused by expiration of term, and 645, or little more than one-half, to succeed republicans suspended.

The Great Statesman.

NEW YORK, February 5.—A Sun special says: Gladstone is confident, cheerful almost, in the belief that he will prove able to satisfy everybody. Nothing like it has been seen since the days of the American republic at the time which shadowed the beginning of President Lincoln's administration, and when Secretrry Seaward gave secession sixty days to live. With equal trust and confidence Gladstone now faces the most threatening crisis of English history in the present reign, and solemnly promises that all swarming dangers shall be averted. He stands alone, both as to counsel and action. Not one of the candidates for a seat in the cabinet has been consulted about the possible settlement of the Irish question. All stand with closed eyes, waiting for what Gladstone may say.

The New Orleans Exposition.

NEW ORLEANS, February 5.—The exposition management has perfected plans to carry on the show and make it an increased success.

Gladstone's Cabinet.

LONDON, February 5.—Gladstone's cabinet has been formed. Childers is home secretary, Roseberry foreign secretary and John Morley chief secretary for Ireland.

To Outline Its Policy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The resolution introduced by Bland in the house, which practically asked the treasury department to outline its future financial policy, passed by a vote of 168 to 88.

War Office Opinion.

WASHINGTON, February 5.—It is believed at the war department that the killing of Captain Crawford by Mexican troops was the [illegible]lt of accident and that the Me[illegible] is command under the i[illegible]ey were hostiles. The statement that [illegible] States troops had stock in [illegible]sion at the time of the attack which had been stolen in the vicinity, is explained by Lieutenant Maus in his statement that they had just captured it from the Indians. It is said that Capt. Crawford was unable to show the identity of his command at the outset of the firing by the Mexicans, because of his ignorance of the nature of the attack and the general demoralization which it caused.