

Local and Personal.

We understand the public school re-opens today. Sunday last a mixture of snow and rain fell during the forenoon. 'Uncle' Jacobs of yo 'mail' was up at the co-seat the other day. Attorney Nelson made a 'flyer' to Winslow and back last Saturday. Hon. Frank M. Murby and wife will spend their holidays at Prescott. The family of Mr. O. D. Flake has returned to their home at Snowflake. The mail between here and St. Johns appears to be on its 'last legs.' Miss Lillie Gardner of Woodruff, did some shopping in town last week. The county fathers will let contracts next Saturday for the county printing. Three cars laden with Gallup fruit were side-tracked here one day last week. R. C. Kinder was in town this week laying in edible supplies for his sheep camp. A. M. Boyer, Esq. made a flying trip to St. Johns recently, and he reports the roads 'in one h-l of a fix'. S. M. Folsom, ex-cashier of the defunct 'Albuquerque National Bank', was a passenger west bound yesterday. Hon. Jessie N. Smith, at one time probate judge of Apache county, was in town the forepart of the week. John H. Bowman, Esq., chairman of our board of supervisors, returned from a short business trip to California. O. D. Flake, Esq., clerk of the fourth judicial district for Navajo county, made a short trip west and returned early in the week. Mrs. A. E. Hening, teacher of the public school at Navajo, returned a few days since from attendance on the teachers' institute at Prescott. W. H. Burbage, Esq., district attorney of Apache county and editor of the St. Johns Herald returned home last Friday by private carriage. Miss Eliza Jervis who has been up at Gallup attending the high school of that city, returned home Monday evening to spend the holidays. Nat Greer, family and friends took in the races at Phenix. All returned home on Sunday morning. Nat reports a very enjoyable trip to the 'Garden City.' C. G. Testerman met with rather a painful though not serious accident one day last week. He fell off the rear end of the new building of A. & B. Schuster. The law partnership between T. W. Johnston and Judge R. E. Sloan, was mutually dissolved on the 18th of present month. Mr. Johnson has his professional card in the Azacs. Attorney T. S. Bunch, of the law firm of Bunch & Jones, Flagstaff, Ariz., stopped off here Saturday, en route home from Albuquerque. He caught the Saturday night 'flyer.' We learn from the Tempe News, that Harry Zuck, a younger son of Judge Zuck, has been quite ill lately, but is now improving and if no relapse occurs he will soon be out again. An impromptu Social was held last night at the residence of Mr. A. M. Boyer. Not many participated, the rooms being small, but all that did seemed to have an exceedingly pleasant time. Miss Helen Housch is not 'snow bound' but is 'mud bound' here now for the past three days. Miss Housch is teaching in the public schools at Springerville, and left this morning for home. In the rush, hurry and worry of last week, we inadvertently neglected to mention the illness of Mrs. De Resear. However, we are glad to be able to say, her indisposition was not serious and she has fully recovered. From Mr. Bela Gardner we learn there is a deposit of fine quality of cement near here, which can be prepared and barreled at a cost per lb.

Last Monday night the good people of Holbrook—youth and otherwise—met at the Hall to spend the evening in dancing and social converse. All seemed to enjoy themselves, particularly the young people. We see no reason why these pleasant parties should not occur at shorter intervals. Among those present we noticed Mr. C. F. Putnam and wife, Mr. J. E. De Rosear and wife, Mr. Adolf Schuster and wife, Mr. E. M. Dineen and wife, Mr. A. F. Banta and wife, Mr. John Connors and wife, Mr. Hiatt and wife, Mr. Jno. T. Jones and wife, Mrs. Archie Cameron, Mrs. E. A. McCarty, Miss Toni Bucholz, Miss Zuck and sister Miss May, Miss Bessie Buchanan, Miss Jarvis and sister Miss Maggie, Miss Nettie Allen, Miss Ethel Farrell. The following is a partial list of gentlemen present, viz: Mr. W. H. Clark, Mr. George Winert, Mr. F. W. Nelson, Mr. E. A. Sawyer, Mr. Bernard Schuster, Mr. Peter Pemberton, Mr. Robt. Hufford, Mr. John Pontzell, Mr. Robert Morris, Mr. Judd Lathrop, Mr. Reese Bonner, Mr. Joe F. Woods, Mr. Jas. F. Colbath, Mr. F. A. Zuck, Mr. Orville Martin, Mr. L. E. Divilbess, Mr. Bert Maupin, Mr. E. H. Angell, Mr. Eugene Hoper, Mr. W. M. Merrill, Mr. Preston Bushman, Mr. Andy Joplin, and some others whose names we did not secure. As to the pretty and handsome toilets worn by the ladies, our name not being 'Jenkins,' we cannot describe them all in detail, and will simply generalize by saying, they were all up in the fin de siecle styles. All in all it was a very enjoyable party, and no doubt everyone present felt better for being there. A party of soldiers, from Whipple, are reported to have taken a position in the rocks, with a supply of beer, during yesterday's game of foot ball. Report also says that they gave beer to two small boys, until they became so drunk that one of them could not get away and was left there with some boys to watch him until he sobered up. The parents of the two boys are no doubt in ignorance of the circumstances. Such conduct is reprehensible in the extreme and should be punished if the names of the guilty parties can be ascertained.—Journal-Miner, Prescott. Miss Jessie Scott writes from St. Johns, that the fun-loving folks of that town will have a grand masquerade ball on New Year's night. She said nearly everybody had selected their costume and of course had subsequently told her or his "nearest and best friend"—confidentially of course—that that costume would be. And, of course, the "nearest and best" did precisely the same thing; when lo! in two days' after everybody knew just the costume everyone else intended to wear. Result, change of costumes and closed mouths. Allen Frost, Esq., of Snowflake, at one time engaged in training the infantile idea how it should shoot, did a very neat and acceptable thing one day last week by complacently dropping into the Azacs office, leaving \$250 for a year's subscription; and all this, simply because Mr. Frost believes the home paper should be supported. Will thou, dear reader, go and do likewise? Remember the printer, that thy days may be long in the land. The Sunday school children were given a Christmas tree at the school house, where the little people enjoyed themselves right heartily. We believe each child in town received something from off this most bountiful tree. Miss Bessie Buchanan, our public school teacher, had put up a very artistic orange tree from whose every twig hung a most tempting, big luscious orange, and from it each little one present received an orange. We take pleasure in calling the attention of merchants and other heavy buyers, of both Navajo, Apache and Coconino counties, to the advertisement, in this week's issue of the Azacs, of L. B. Putney of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Putney is one of the largest dealers in his line, this side of Topeka, Kan., and bears the reputation of fair dealing among those having business with him. Under the head of "reminiscesences" it should read "the establishment of 'Camp Ord' and not 'Camp Mogollon.'" It has not been so very long ago, the fall of 1889—since this camp was established, and will ask how many of my readers can locate it, without referring to the military records? S. P. Behan, livestock agent for the Santa Fe railway system, and J. E. Baxter, traveling auditor of the Atlantic & Pacific railway, were visitors at Nogales.—The Oasis.

CORRESPONDENCE.

There's a chief among ye's takin' notes. And faith he'll prent em. HOLBROOK, Dec. 23, 1895. Editor Argus:—As you requested me to sketch the conception and progress of the new county bridge, now nearing completion, I will offer the following items: The prime mover in the construction of the bridge was Mr. J. H. Bowman, chairman of the board of supervisors. Sometime in July last, your correspondent spent a short time with the supervisors, talking over the propriety of undertaking an enterprise of such magnitude, but one so much needed. As a result soundings were made, and a solid bed-rock discovered near the surface, the entire distance across the river; these soundings were made by Messrs. Connor and Armbruster. A proposition was then made to our board of supervisors to provide a plan for a bridge that would answer all general purposes; at the same time, one that would come within the reach of the county road fund for the two years ending Dec. 31, 1896, and in the event this plan was accepted, the county paying for it, otherwise it must be returned to the designer. A plan was prepared, embodying the necessary specifications, which was submitted to and accepted by the county. The supervisors immediately thereafter gave public notice by advertising in the Winslow Mail, inviting proposals for the construction of said bridge in accordance with said plans and specifications, then on file in the office of the board of supervisors of Navajo county, Arizona. All bids for the construction of said bridge were to be opened by the board of supervisors at a special meeting for this purpose, Oct. 9, 1895; they making the usual reservation as in such cases. Your correspondent, in conjunction with three other gentlemen, all residents of the county and practical workmen, formulated a bid upon the basis of a small margin of profit, which was duly filed with the clerk of the board of supervisors, and being the lowest bid (by several thousand dollars), was accepted and the contract awarded to them. A bond for \$2,000 was required and given, for the faithful performance of the contract, Messrs. Hulet, Schuster, Greer and Armbruster signing the bond as sureties. This done, the first work of the great bridge across the Little Colorado river was commenced ten days thereafter. The time specified within which the structure must be finished, was three months from date of signing the contract. Notwithstanding the unusual inclemency of the weather experienced here the past thirty days, present prospects are exceedingly good for the completion of the work within the contract time. At this writing the contractors have not received a dollar in cash, but have received a county warrant which they expect to negotiate within the next few days. Our contract with Navajo county was for the reasonable sum of \$3,965. The merchants have honored our orders for merchandise, payable out of second payment, by discounting them 12 per cent. We have paid common labor \$1.25 per day and board, skilled labor from \$1.75 to \$3 per day and found; we have had an excellent crew of hauls, and all appear to have been satisfied with their wages and board. Our quarry is one-quarter of a mile from the bridge, due south, and is a very durable brown stone, that works well when not frozen too hard. There is over four tons of bolts used in the bridge; 50,000 feet of lumber; 650 perch of masonry, which consumed about 120 barrels of cement; this cement was manufactured on the ground at a cost of one cent per pound. Each pier is secured to the solid bed-rock by four anchor-bolts, each one and one-half inches in diameter, these were dove-tailed into the bed-rock. Considerable has been said about the small amount for which the bridge is being constructed; and doubting the ability of the contractors to complete the job at their figures. To all such I would respectfully state; that the day of "soft snaps" in bridge building is a thing of the past; that the figures were carefully made; that the contractors are right side up; that the job will be done on time; that the hands will all be paid; that the contractors will have a fair profit left, and they hope their work will recommend them to the good people of Navajo county and of the surrounding country for further favors in our line of business.

As a further security to Navajo county, and to show that we have done good work, we have given the county a guarantee bond, insuring the work from floods for a period of two years from date of completion and its acceptance by the proper authorities of the county. Before closing this rather long letter, the contractor desires to state publicly their appreciation of the courteous and gentlemanly treatment received at all times, from Mr. C. F. Putnam, the county's inspector of the work. Very respectfully, ALLEN FROST. Judge Zuck returned from the institute the first part of the week. The Judge expressed himself as well pleased with the "teachers institute", but thinks such gatherings should not take place during the winter months. An undressed, unwashed unprincipled, ungodly and alas! unrecognized sneak-thief, at some unseasonable hour last week, and entirely unbeknown to Mr. Bernard Schuster, entered his apartments and with the very best taste (were it not so good, 'twere better for our friend), "did lead, drive and carry away" the best suit of clothes in Mr. Schuster's wardrobe. J. A. Daggs yesterday received a big hunk of bear steak, which tempting morsel was sent by his brother, Frank Daggs of Flagstaff. It is rather a rare article here.—Phenix Gazette. Any one—not excepting the Gazette expert—that can speak of bear meat as a "tempting morsel", surely possesses a morbid taste, or else he never (in his natural life), ate a mouthful of so called "bear steak". THE HOLBROOKS. Jos T. Woods, City F. W. Nelson, City W. H. Burbage, Johns D. Pondel, Los Angeles M. O. Cooper, Kansas City C. A. Pease, Kansas City H. H. Wheeler, St. Louis James S. Colbath, Snowflake John Paulsell, County E. Hopper, County H. P. Burgess, Snowflake Miss Bashee Smith, Snowflake F. R. Seegmiller, Snowflake Mr and Mrs L. P. Jordan, Taylor Miss Estenes Kemp, St. Johns B. P. Jackson, Shumway Z. N. Decker, St. Joseph Paul W. Harman, Francisco E. A. Sawyer, Winslow Miss Helen Housch, Springerville H. P. Burgess, County W. W. Hosen, County P. Pemberton, County A. J. Joplin, County W. H. Clark, City Lee Reinlaest, St. Louis Mrs E. A. Barnes, City Mrs B. Buchanan, City L. P. FIBER, NEWSPAPER ADVERTISER. 214 E. First, Phoenix, Arizona. He is our authorized agent. This paper is kept on file in his office. Proposals for Building. Dimensions: Depth sixty-five (65) feet; front twenty-five (25) feet including walks. The front of the first story to be iron and glass; the front of the second story to be either brick or stone, if of brick twelve (12) inches thick, if of stone fourteen (14) inches thick. The two side walls and the rear wall to be two (2) feet thick. The two side walls and rear end wall for the second story to be sixteen (16) inches thick. The first story to be eleven (11) feet in the clear between floor and ceiling. The second story to be twelve (12) feet in the clear between floor and ceiling. The roof to be flat of asphaltum, if of corrugated iron, to slope both ways from the center to the sides, the course to be of stone three (3) feet wide at bottom; one (1) foot under ground and two (2) feet above ground. Several partitions, windows and doors, and specifications to be seen at this office. The above is for adobe; bids for same in stone also received, walls to be 18 inches thick. The right reserved to reject any and all bids. Bids received up to February 1, 1896. A. F. BANTA. Mining Application No. 318. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Prescott, Ariz., Dec. 10, 1895. Notice is hereby given that The Armstrong Abrasive Company, whose postoffice address is Denver, Colorado, have this day filed their application for a patent for one hundred and sixty acres of the Colorado Placer Mineral ground, bearing amethyst, jasper, chaledony, topaz, onyx, carnelian and agate, situated in the County of Apache, Territory of Arizona, and designated as the northwest 1/4 of section 2, township 16 north, range 23 east, Gila and Salt River meridian, and described as commencing at the northwest corner of section 2, township 16 north, range 23 east, Gila and Salt River meridian, and running south along section line between sections 2 and 3, 1/4 mile, thence at right angles east 1/4 mile, thence north 1/4 mile, thence at right angles west 1/4 mile, thence north 1/4 mile, thence at right angles east 1/4 mile, thence north 1/4 mile, thence at right angles west 1/4 mile, thence north 1/4 mile, thence at right angles east 1/4 mile, thence north 1/4 mile, thence at right angles west 1/4 mile, to place of beginning, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less. And the Little Gem Placer Mineral ground, bearing amethyst, jasper, chaledony, topaz, onyx, carnelian and agate, being the northwest 1/4 of section 2, township 16 north, range 23 east, Gila and Salt River meridian, and described as commencing at the northwest corner of section 2, township 16 north, range 23 east, Gila and Salt River meridian, and running south along section line between sections 2 and 3, 1/4 mile, thence at right angles east 1/4 mile, thence north 1/4 mile, thence at right angles west 1/4 mile, thence north 1/4 mile, thence at right angles east 1/4 mile, thence north 1/4 mile, thence at right angles west 1/4 mile, to place of beginning, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less. All lying and being situated within the County of Apache, Territory of Arizona. Magnetic variation—Containing 320 acres. The locations of these mines are recorded in Recorder's office of St. Johns, in Book No. 2 of Mining Claims. The adjoining claimants are—Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said Equitable and St. Louis Placer mining claims are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Prescott, in the Territory of Arizona, during the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the statute. H. D. ROSS, Register.

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