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FOREST RESERVE GRAZING.

100,000 Sheep and 30,000 Cattle Allowed On the San Francisco Mountains Forest Reserve—Limit For Grand Canyon Reserve 5,000 Cattle.

Forest Supervisor F. S. Breen has received instructions from the department, allowing the grazing of 5,000 head of cattle and horses in the Grand Canyon forest reserve. The grazing season has been extended to June 30, instead of to May 31, as heretofore.

All non-residents who desire to graze cattle or horses in this reserve, will be required in addition to the regular grazing application, to show by affidavit, that they are the actual owners of the stock applied for, and that the stock is not held by them temporarily in the interest of any other person.

He was also directed to require the herding of the stock of any permit holder, whenever necessary, to prevent more stock from entering the reserve than is covered by the permit, and also when herding is necessary to prevent injury to the reserve.

These rules apply only to the Grand Canyon forest reserve. Applications will now be received for those desiring to graze stock on this reserve.

On the San Francisco mountains forest reserve, the department has decided that 100,000 head of sheep and goats may graze during the season of 1904, under the same conditions as in 1903.

Thirty thousand head of cattle and horses will be allowed to graze for the season of 1904, which is a raise of 10,000 head over the number allowed last year.

It is the intention of the department to grant permits covering this increase mainly to the small holders, rather than to increase the number allowed the large holders.

Herding of cattle or horses may be required, whenever necessary, to prevent more stock entering the reserve than is covered by the permit. Also in every case where herding is necessary to insure the conditions under which permits are issued.

Grazing applications for this reserve should be filed at once.

Important to Mining Men.

Commissioner Williams, of the general land office, thus gives the view of the department concerning character of annual assessments on mining claims.

"All improvements made on a mining claim having a direct relation to the development thereof may be taken into consideration. Any building, machinery, roadway or other improvements used in connection with, and essential to, the practical development of the claim will enter into and form a part of the expenditures for improvements. Necessarily, however, improvements of the character indicated must be associated with actual excavations, such as tunnels, cuts, shafts, etc., to clearly show that they are intended for use in connection with the claims in consideration." A house in which to live may be considered a necessity, but it is doubtful if the house could be charged up against actual expenditures on one or more claims, for if this were so a person might locate twenty claims and

build a \$2,000 house in the center of the group; ostensibly for the benefit of the entire group. The next year he might build a barn or add to the house another \$2,000 worth, thereby holding the claims a second year, though not a dollar was spent in the development of the group. The principal involved is the same for one location or two. A hoist building or a blacksmith shop, gallows frame or other construction or machinery for the actual benefit of one or more locations may be properly charged up to annual assessments.—Mining and Scientific Press.

Medicine Man Killed.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Nevin telephoned to the sheriff's office this morning that he would be over this evening with the Indian who killed a fellow Indian named Frog at Cottonwood on Monday night. He said the fight was the result of bad feeling that had existed for some time between two tribes of Indians who were camped near Cottonwood, one tribe being what is known as the Apache Mojaves and the other the Tonto Apaches. The bad feeling was over the medicine men of the respective tribes. Frog, who was killed, was the Apache Mohave medicine man and the slayer, who goes by the name of Tonto Charley, was the medicine man of the Tonto Apaches, and a quarrel arose between them when Charley shot at Frog who started to run. Charley fired two more shots, the last one striking Frog in the thigh cutting a large blood vessel and the wounded man bled to death before the flow could be stopped. Charley is said to have been considered a dangerous character.—Journal Miner.

Interesting Figures of Naco Receipts.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, the total value of exports and imports that passed through Naco was \$7,460,096. These figures compared to Nogales show that the latter had a total of \$7,078,438. Douglass had only \$1,572,822.

The exports and imports, \$4,678,410; Nogales, export, \$1,480,386, imports, \$5,597,952; Douglas, exports, \$372,316, imports, \$1,220,506.

The comparison between the three points shows that Naco, though not having the railroad facilities of Nogales, has a greater total.

An official report received here from the City of Mexico states that the government has just appropriated the large sum of \$60,000, which will be used to erect a new custom house at Naco.—Bisbee Miner.

Pardon Granted.

Acting Governor Stoddard Wednesday granted a pardon to Richard Cross, a ten-year man at Yuma. Cross was sent from Yavapai county for manslaughter in the killing of a man by the name of Biron Jones at Jerome. Making allowance for good conduct his time would expire on Christmas day of this year. For the last five years he had been employed as bookkeeper in the office of the superintendent of the prison and it was on the recommendation of the superintendent that the pardon is granted. The pardon though only intended to restore to citizenship becomes effective the day before Christmas.

FALLS A HUNDRED FEET.

William J. Condon, Santa Fe Engineer, Falls From Engine in Johnston Canyon and Meets Death on Rocks Below.

The Winslow Mail of Saturday says: At 11:10 o'clock Friday morning, William J. Condon, one of the best known freight engineers running out of Winslow, met his death in a shocking manner in Johnston Canyon.

The story of the accident is related as follows: Friday morning Mr. Condon with his monstrous freight engine was assigned as pusher to help an extra freight coming east, from Ash Forks to Supai. There is a very steep grade between these two points, especially between the stations of Fairview and McLellan, besides which there are two high curved steel trestles, the one this way being near the mouth of a tunnel. As the train was going through the tunnel it broke into two sections, and left Condon's engine at a full stop on the center of this high bridge. "Billy," as he was favorably known, being a good hearted boy, if ever there was one, seeing what happened, got off his engine and went to help the train crew to get off the track the heavy iron draw-head and couple up the train so as to be able to proceed with the train, having but a few minutes to make the side track at McLellan for a scheduled train going west. This done Condon walked back to his engine. He had made one step on the tender of the engine when his hands slipped off the handle bars of the engine, causing him to fall backward over the high trestle to a distance of over 100 feet.

His railroad companions seeing him fall rushed to his assistance, but to no avail, as poor Billy Condon in his fall had given up his life to his Maker.

His remains were brought to Winslow late Friday night, and Undertaker Parr prepared them for shipment to his home at Los Gatos, Cal., where his remains were accompanied by his heart-broken young wife and Mrs. Colon Campbell and Mr. Frank Thomas, the Santa Fe company paying the expenses.

William J. Condon was born in California 34 years ago, and has been in the employ of the Santa Fe railroad company for the past fifteen years. He was an active member of the Winslow local lodge of Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. Deceased was married to Miss Antoinette Daze, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Mary Daze, on May 7, 1902, and to her as well as to his dear mother, sisters and brothers in California, the heart-felt sympathies of this community are extended in their sad bereavement.

Mossman in a Hospital.

Burt Mossman, well known all over the territory and one of the principal cattle holders of the southwest, is in a hospital at McMillan, N. M., laid up with an arm which was recently broken in two places. The injury was sustained by a fall from his horse, the animal he was riding stepping in a gopher hole. He will probably be able to travel in a few days,

and plans to spend the holidays in the east.

Mossman was the first captain of the Arizona Rangers and has for years past been identified with the cattle interests of the territory, for several terms serving on the sanitary board of the territory. He has many friends in Phoenix who hope for his speedy recovery.—Phoenix Gazette.

Did Not Want Them.

About nine years ago a Mexican left Phoenix abandoning his wife and several children. After he had been gone a couple of years word came to Phoenix that he was dead and in the course of time his wife remarried. Early this week husband No. 1 returned. When husband No. 2 heard of it he feared for his hide for the first husband was a man not to be fooled with. The second husband decided to propitiate the first one right at the outset. He put his wife, the children by the first marriage and the accumulated children into a wagon and drove to the place where husband No. 1 was staying. He called to him as soon as he was within hearing and pointing to the load told him that he was welcome to it and further apologized for the marriage. But husband No. 1 had not come back for a reunion. He told his successor to take the family back home.—Phoenix Republican.

Assets, Bag of Specimens.

A press report from New York says: At a meeting opened with prayer stockholders of the defunct Golden Rule Copper company, capitalized for \$2,000,000 to operate a mine said to exist near Tucson, Ariz., ways and means were discussed for realizing some return for the investment by citizens of Yonkers of the \$125,000 invested. The shareholders found that the only asset, practically, is one roll top desk, valued at \$25, and a bag of specimens. Most of the investors are church folks. One of the speakers charged the company's officers with fraud and declared one of them unloaded his personal stockholdings on the investors while the plant was practically worthless.

Buy Burros.

The Williams News says: Mr. and Mrs. E. Lamb returned home last Saturday evening from a visit at Prescott with their son Clarence and family. Mr. Lamb went on down to Phoenix, Tempe and Mesa on business, and speaks in glowing terms of the valley's prospects. He has made arrangement for the purchase of twenty-five burros, ten of which are large Pintos, to be used on the Bill Williams mountain trail the coming season and in the early spring will have them brought up.

Casa Grande Ruins.

In his annual report Secretary Hitchcock recommends that an appropriation of \$3,000 be made for the further investigation of the Casa Grande ruins, in Pinal county.

The custodian, he says, states that widespread interest has been manifested in the ruins, and recommends an appropriation for the excavation of the mounds and ruins on the reservation, the work to be performed under the supervision of the bureau of American ethnology.