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## THE ARIZONA LAW MAKERS.

The Session Fast Drawing to a Close.

The Code Unfinished. Will Adjourn March 16th. The Governor's Veto. Verde County Bill Introduced.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 4.—The Ivy irrigation bill has gone where the woodbine twineth. It was a measure well meant and abounding in good features, but was opposed by both the corporation ditch companies and the individual irrigators. Perhaps the most important argument against its enactment was that the machinery provided for its administration was both cumbersome and expensive. And its effect, according to one of the Arizona district judges, would have been to promote, instead of to still, the irrigation litigation that so much vexes at present. The bill is understood to have been one that has been brought before the local water storage committee and by it has been turned down. At any rate, the main arguments against its passage came from B. A. Fowler of Maricopa, the storage committee's chairman. The debate between Ivy and Fowler became acrimonious in the extreme at one stage of the proceedings.

Early in the week Governor Murphy sent in his veto of the bill providing funds for the improvement of the Territory's penitentiary at Yuma. The way the Legislature jumped on the veto was a terror to snakes. The House didn't hit it so hard. Only enough votes were secured to do the business, namely 16 to 8, but the Council hit it 10 to 2. Perkins of Apache and Riordan of Coconino were the only ones who voted to sustain the Governor. The legislators were actuated by a variety of motives. Some of them, like St. Charles, simply looked at the economical features; others were tied up in dickers that involved the fates of other measures in which they were more intimately concerned; others saw in prison removal a possible Santa Fe scheme, and stood by the Southern Pacific. Others "had it in" for the governor. Of course Ives and Crouch had local interests at heart.

An investigation committee has been appointed to work over the accounts of the Territorial Auditor and the Board of Control. The chief source of the legislature's interest in the premises appears to be in connection with the printing of the reports of the territorial boards. The Arizona Republican did the printing, and Auditor Vickers happens to be one of the owners of the Arizona Republican. The price charged for the whole batch was somewhere around \$1,200, the Auditor's report included. On that there could not have been more than \$400 profit. It is possible that the action in printing the reports before the legislature ordered the printing done was irregular, but no one around here believes that anything venal will be established by the investigation. Perhaps the committee had better investigate a charge made in the Yuma Sun that "Doc. Vickers is not satisfied with the small sums he has been able to filch from the business men of Yuma on prison supply contracts." Here is a charge of extreme gravity. If the committee fails to take it up, it would behoove the Auditor to demand its investigation on his own account. If untrue, it is libel. If it is true the quicker the legislature finds it out the better.

Councilman Blair, of Pinal has introduced an equal rights bill. In it he has the active and enthusiastic support of a dozen sprightly ladies, but few of his colleagues. Indeed, I haven't been informed whether Blair himself is in favor of the measure. The Woman's Equal Suffrage Association, Mrs. W. O. O'Neil presiding, has been in session in Phoenix during a part of the past week and is preparing to push the bill. The measure went to the judiciary committee, of which Mr. Blair is chairman, so will undoubtedly be reported back to the council.

The divorce statute in the code

adopted by the council is one designed to discourage attempts to end marital infelicities by other modes than the shotgun or cold poison. It provides that a man must be continuously drunk and cruel for two years before a cause of action may accrue to his wife.

The educational appropriation bills have all received the signature of the governor. The Arizona Normal at Tempe gets a regular levy of 5 cents on the \$100 valuation and about \$12,000 for a dormitory. The Northern Normal gets about \$8,000 a year and \$2,500 extra for present emergencies. The University gets a 5 cent levy for maintenance and \$25,000 more in bonds for an administration building, together with a levy for payment of interest on the bonds.

It is probable that Graham and Cochise counties will have little county seat elections before long. A bill that has passed the house permits a change of county seat on a bare majority vote. The bill was introduced by Ijams, and his Safford constituents have registered no kick thus far in the proceedings.

Senator Clark didn't come to Phoenix. He lost three days up in Nevada somehow and his schedule had to be changed to suit. His left bower, Allen, is camping with the legislature, however. Allen hasn't had the Clark county bill introduced yet, though the session is getting perilously near the edge. It is possible he hasn't such a cinch on the measure as has been imagined. Yet the bullion tax bill was killed with the most charming unanimity in the house. Curiously enough, at the present writing Allen is engaged in booming the bill for the creation of the office of mine inspector. You know he has bitterly fought such measures before. Now he tells me that the senator is in favor of it. The Jerome miner's union, which does nothing contrary to Clark's wishes, has memorialized the legislature to pass the bill. Yet the United Verde is still a "secret" mine.

The Military code has passed the house, cut down only in that it provides for eight companies instead of ten. It reinstates the former territorial allowance of \$30 per month per company for armory rent and expenses, and gives the Adjutant General his expenses. Also passed the house are bills for taxation of transient herds in the home counties and for sanitary inspection of

sheep bands. The bill cutting down justice and constable fees in vagrancy cases to a maximum of \$30 a month has been defeated.

The county superisors can prepare for the heaviest territorial tax levy they have ever known. It will not be less than \$1.05, in place of the maximum of .87 heretofore known.

Congress has adjourned without giving additional time in which the legislature might complete the code. That means heavy work from now on. And the members have given up all hope of turning out the code in the shape that it should be. "We won't correct more than half the errors," was the way one leading member expressed it.

Allen has had his bill introduced, but the baby's name is "Verde county," and not "Clark." Just what caused the change is not definitely known, but it is understood the senator himself objected to the self-glorification indicated. There was a little fight over the routing of the bill, but on a show of strength the bill went where its introducer, Campbell, wished, to the committee on territorial affairs, which is expected to report it back favorably. The vote was significant in that it developed a strength of ten votes solidly arrayed against the measure.

JAMES M. MCCLINTOCK.

It is with sincere regret that the citizens of Phoenix learn of the contemplated removal from the city of one of the best known and most respected business men, Mr. B. T. Gillett. When a citizen of Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. Gillett was for several years a member and officer of the board of trustees of the Iowa university. After coming to Phoenix he was a member of the High School board of education, and as secretary bore the burden of the work. He is president of the Baptist church, and one of the trustees of the Crittenton home. A member of the several Masonic bodies, he is past eminent commander of Phoenix commandery Knights Templar. Honored as a business man and as a citizen, an able writer and speaker, a genial companion, the good wishes of many friends will go with Mr. Gillett to his new home in Bisbee, where he accepts a responsible position in the mercantile house of the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining company.—Phoenix Republican.

Burt Moore was touched in Clifton last week for \$85. A number of "touching" incidents have occurred in Clifton during the past few weeks. Several of the light-fingered gentry seem to be making headquarters in Clifton.

W. F. Hagan, while in El Paso last week, learned that Pantalone Garcia, who was wanted in Graham county for jail breaking, had recently been arrested at Cook's Peak and was then in jail at Silver City. Being a deputy sheriff of this county, Mr. Hagan went to Silver City, and Garcia agreed to accompany him without the formality of extradition papers. When he arrived at Deming with the prisoner he met Sheriff Lewis of Cochise county, who wanted Garcia for murder committed in that county. Mr. Hagan received instructions from Sheriff Parks to turn the prisoner over to the sheriff of Cochise, which he did. Garcia is now in jail at Tombstone, awaiting trial. He is said to be a very bad and dangerous man, and it is to be hoped that he will be put where he will not have an opportunity to commit any more crimes. Mr. Hagan speaks in the highest terms of the treatment he received from the sheriff of Grant county, Arthur Goodell.—Copper Era.

The Era believes that it is not divulging a secret announcing that the General Electric company, one of the largest corporations in America, is now closing a deal through its agents for a large number of prospects and partially developed copper mines in this district. The particulars of the deal are not yet attainable, but perhaps will be given to the public through the Era next week. The General Electric company is a heavy consumer of copper, which it will soon be producing from its own mines and plant in this district.

Prof. C. H. Shaw, an antiquarian of Chicago and now a resident of Phoenix, recently discovered a necklace consisting of twenty-eight great blue turquoise stones unusually rare for size, beauty and value. The stones were discovered in an apartment in the ruin near Casa Grande, containing stone slabs with inscriptions and pictures, one of them representing a ruler and armed attendants brandishing their weapons in a close engagement with an indescribable beast.

Sam King is in town from Yuma, where he has been for the past ten days. He was a member of the posse that pursued W. B. Fain, who was implicated in the murder of his sister, Mrs. Burns. He condemns the sheriff's office very severely in regard to the escape of Fain, which he claims was due to absolute negligence. Fain will have his examination on the 6th unless he waives it, as Alexander did.—Star.

Will Parks, who has been boring a well on the east side of the San Simon valley, eight miles above Solomonville, has reached a depth of 480 feet, but no artesian water, which he had hoped to find, has been encountered. However, the well will afford abundance of stock water and will be valuable on that account, as the cattle range in that section is very good.—Bulletin.

## FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Protestant Church Building Erected in Bisbee.

An Ornament to the Town and a Monument to the Earnest Efforts of a Small Christian Organization.

This structure represents the first Protestant church erected in the town of Bisbee and embodies the efforts of a faithful band of Christ's followers. It is situated on Stevens street, on a commanding site overlooking the town. The auditorium is thirty-two by forty feet, lecture room fifteen by twenty-four feet, vestibule nine by ten feet. The arrangement is such that the lecture room and auditorium can be united, thus providing seating capacity for fully two hundred and sixty persons. The spire is nearly seventy feet high, thus proving a prominent landmark in our town. The material used in construction is California redwood, and it is celled throughout with the same material. The building is wired for electric lighting; the work was done under the supervision of a competent electrical engineer and is a model of its kind. To insure economy in lighting five switches are provided, subdividing and making the several parts independent of one another. Provision has also been made for stereopticon attachments. The present seats are only temporary. As soon as the society is able the church will be painted inside and proper pews provided.

The thanks of the society are due to the generous public, irrespective of creed, who so nobly aided them in their struggles, and especially to the Christian citizen who on Christmas eve presented the organization with a check for \$1,050, thus removing the greatest part of the burden. Acknowledgment should be made of the self-denying and self-sacrificing efforts of the Ladies Aid Society.

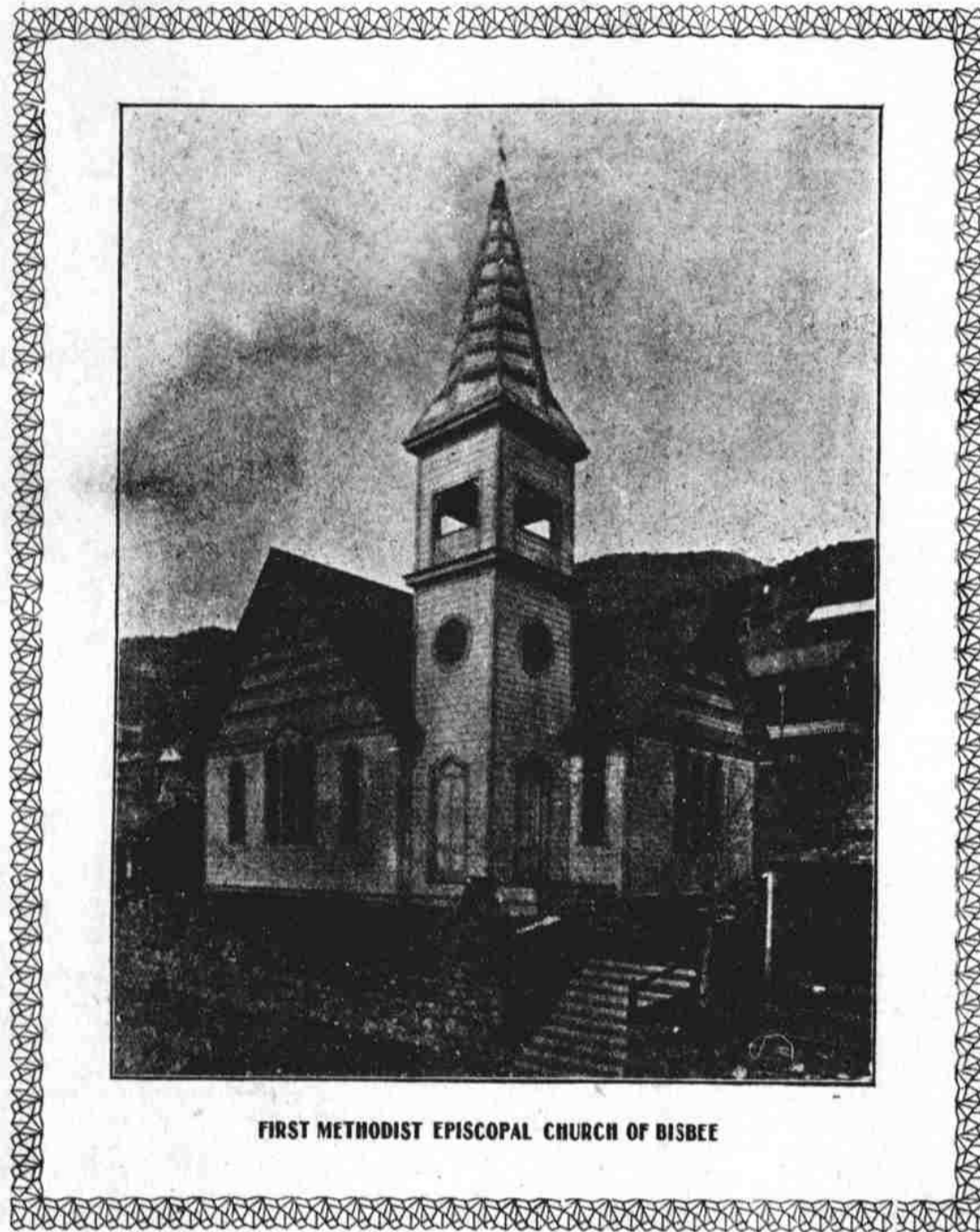
In all over \$3,450 has been applied on the lot and building. With the exception of electric lights, the house will remain in its present state until every present indebtedness is removed.

Morning and evening services are held regularly. The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition, with an enrollment of 125 scholars, Mr. L. Hamner being superintendent, aided by a progressive and effective corps of teachers. Prayer meeting is held every Thursday at 8 p. m. The public are cordially invited to all the services.

The membership has more than doubled itself since the organization took place, though, owing to removals, quite a number were dismissed by letter to other M. E. churches.

The beautiful pulpit was made and donated by Mr. and Mrs. Greenlaw. The bible accompanying the same is the gift of George and Wallace Greenlaw. Thirty-one Sunday school scholars subscribed a plank a piece for the building. Last, but not least, was the much appreciated gift of Rev. J. W. Stump and his esteemed wife of a beautiful and chaste silver communion set, of which the society has already partaken in memory of Him who said, "Do this in memory of Me."

[Rev. D. Roberts is the pastor, who is loved and respected by all members of the church and citizens in general. He has been engaged in church work in Arizona for nearly ten years, during which time he has labored earnestly and unceasingly for the cause of which he is a true representative. The REVIEW wishes the Methodist Episcopal church a grand future in Bisbee.—Ed.]



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