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We regret to state that the Epitaph County Critic has suspended. It was a neatly printed and well-conducted paper, far above the average Arizona publication.

Speak well of your town. Tombstone's great curse has been that many of its inhabitants were constantly belittling its importance. Instead of seeking new pastures, they remain to grow and grumble. It's an ill bird that befools its own nest.

The EPITAPH prides itself on being the first newspaper in the Territory to call attention to the obnoxious character of the Governor's proclamation declaring a quarantine against cattle from Mexico, where it is well known and acknowledged that no disease exists. If that proclamation was not issued in the sole interest of a few large cattle owners on this side of the line, who have a great number of beves to sell, then the statement to that effect, which is very generally made, must be without foundation.

John D. Spreckels, president of the Oceanic steamship company, has made an agreement with the Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fe, which provides for through express from San Diego to New York in four days. The train is to carry passengers and mail through with but few stops, and the Oceanic company steamers, if pushed, will cross the Pacific from San Diego to Sydney, stopping at Auckland, in seventeen or eighteen days. The total time from Sydney to Liverpool will thus be reduced to twenty-eight days.

Scribner's Magazine will signalize the completion of its first year by the publication of a superb Christmas number. Its contents will be chiefly poetry and fiction, and literature appropriate to the season. The number of illustrations will be greatly increased, and will represent the best and most original work of American artists and engravers. The cover is to be enriched by a special border, printed in gold; but notwithstanding the fact that the preparation of this number has necessitated a greatly increased cost, the price will remain as usual, twenty-five cents.

The great land boom in Southern California is an Eastern exchange, is getting very shaky, according to latest accounts from Los Angeles, and many of the more careful speculators are said to be preparing for a storm. It is stated that payments to the amount of \$45,000,000 on land purchases are to fall due before the end of the year, and no sensible person need be told that the strain will be a very severe one. If notes to the amount of millions do not go to protest before Christmas, the boomers may well claim to have a more solid foundation for their fancy prices than has been generally supposed. Within a few months the real estate craze in all regions affected will be cooled down, and the merits of older and solidier towns will again be more thought of than the marvelous promises of the "boom" cities.

The following is the United States law relating to the measurement of water: Water sold by the inch by an individual or corporation shall be measured as follows to wit: Every inch shall be considered equal to an inch square orifice under a five inch pressure, and a five inch pressure shall be put from the top of the orifice of the box put into the banks of the ditch, to the surface of the water, said boxes, or any dot or aperture through which such water may be measured, shall in all cases be six inches perpendicular inside measurement, except boxes delivering less than twelve inches, which may be square, with or without slides; all sides for these same shall move horizontally and not otherwise, and said box put into banks or ditch, shall have a descending grade from the water in ditch of not less than one-eighth of an inch to the foot.

The steady rise of late in the price of silver, says the Daily Graphic, is attracting the attention of the financial world. Not that it was unexpected, for thoughtful observers of monetary affairs have looked for its coming for some time past, but because an appreciation of the value of silver means an increase of the value of one of the most important of our domestic products, and consequently is a matter of great interest to our own people, and because indirectly it enhances the value of the metallic basis of a large element in our currency, and thus gives to it and the mercantile transactions in which it is an element, greater stability. The Chinese government is making extensive preparations for the coining of silver, according to a decision reached some time ago to adopt it as a standard. This should create a heavy demand, and consequently a marked advance in the price of the white metal.

The Masonic fraternity at Flagstaff will next month organize a lodge U. D., with Rev. N. L. Guthrie, formerly of this place, as Worshipful Master. This will make the seventh lodge in the Territory, and will only leave the counties of Yuma,

Graham and Mohave unrepresented in this ancient and honorable fraternity.

The Grand Lodge will meet at Tombstone on the 8th of next November. If reasonable railroad rates can be procured a large delegation from the northern part of the Territory will attend.—Prescott Courier.

COCHISE COUNTY.

While the praises of other sections of the great West are being sung throughout the land, it is fitting and proper that the advantages of Cochise county, in the southeast corner of Arizona, should also be heralded. Embracing a territory 69 by 84 miles in extent, it contains an area nearly as large as the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island combined. In topography it may be described as an elevated plateau, with a general average of nearly 5000 feet above the level of the sea. Three broken mountain ranges run north and south through the county, with the San Pedro, Sulphur Spring and San Simon valleys, which comprise much the larger part of the county, also extending from the northern to the southern boundary. The mountains are heavily timbered, and the valleys are covered with the most nutritious grasses, affording feed for countless herds of cattle and horses the year round. Throughout the entire length of the San Pedro valley the river bearing that name flows continually, and much good agricultural land can there be found. In the Sulphur Spring and San Simon valleys the water does not flow upon the surface except during the rainy season, but they contain an immense underground flow, as evidenced by numerous wells, some of which are artesian in character. Living water pours out of many of the mountain canyons, which, if properly stored, would bring under cultivation thousands of acres of magnificent fruit and vine lands. Little or nothing can be grown without irrigation. At present stock-raising and mining are the principal industries, although agriculture and horticulture offer great opportunities. Naturally, the country is not as bleak and barren as Southern California. A comparatively small portion of the county has been surveyed, and but little land has been entered. Land is plentiful, but developed water is scarce, and one without the other is useless. Storage reservoirs and artesian wells are all our magnificent county lacks. The climate is perfection, the mercury seldom rising above 100 degrees in summer, and rarely falling below 30 above zero in winter. This is owing to the altitude, which in addition causes a light, dry, exhilarating atmosphere. The rainy season commences in July, and lasts up to October, and is as regular as the other seasons. The rainfall for the past year has been 25 1/2 inches by actual measurement, producing a wonderful growth of native grass over the entire county. Cattle are fat, and the ranchmen prosperous and happy.

The county is well supplied with railroads, the Southern Pacific running nearly 100 miles within its borders east and west, and the New Mexico and Arizona road, belonging to the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe system, from Benson to the Gulf of California. It is only a question of a short time until the Sonora road is connected with the main Santa Fe line, when our county will be the only one in the Territory enjoying competition between the two great continental roads. This will be an advantage that can hardly be estimated. Tombstone, the county seat, is reached by leaving the Southern Pacific at Benson, going south on the Sonora railroad seventeen miles to Fairbank, and thence by Concord coach, drawn by six fine horses, nine miles, over a smooth road. It is a comfortable ride, and would furnish a pleasing variation for a monotonous overland trip. Here we have a handsome little city, good hotels and restaurants, a progressive, wide-awake people, and the best silver mines in the world. Lawlessness is a thing of the past, and person and property have no better protection anywhere in the United States. Stop and see us on your way across the continent, and you will not regret your visit.

NEW YORK METAL QUOTATIONS. NEW YORK, October 13. Bar Silver—96c per ounce. Copper—Lake, \$10 50. Lead—Domestic, \$4 35 per 100 lbs.

A syndicate of capitalists, consisting of Rochester Ford and R. Smith of St. Louis, Mo., Alexander Fulford of Baltimore, Md., and Brewster Cameron of Tucson, arrived in Yuma the first of the week. They came to inspect and investigate the Mohawk canal and valley, in which place they departed Monday evening. The probabilities are that they will purchase the entire interests of the present owners of the canal. In this case work will be commenced at once, the canal completed as far as the present survey, and extended several miles further. The party are accompanied by an expert in the person of C. Robert Moore, and eminent civil engineer of St. Louis, who was consulting engineer to Eads in the construction of the great bridge at St. Louis.—Yuma Sentinel.

F. N. Wolcott's Cash Store is now ready for business at the new location in the Otis building, on Fremont street, near the Post-office. The choicest and freshest groceries at the lowest cash prices.

Surgeon P. J. A. Cleary, stationed at Fort Union, New Mexico, has been ordered to Fort Huachuca. Wolcott buys and sells for cash and hence cannot be undersold.

THE GREAT BUBBLE.

THE TORTILITA MINING COMPANY

The Leading Mining Journal of the Country Follow in the Footsteps of the Epitaph and Denounce the Concern as a Fraud.

[From the Engineering and Mining Journal.] We have a few times referred to this extra light-weight bubble in terms which should, and no doubt did, prevent any reader of the Engineering and Mining Journal from being entrapped by the glowing "reading notices," published for pay by so many professedly respectable papers.

The extent of this species of advertising recently done by the Tortilita Mining Company shows that the gudgeons are nibbling at the bait, and "legitimate mining" will presently be charged with the losses they will make by their foolish investment. The property which has been so lauded at fifty cents or one dollar a line is, in reality, as it at present stands, of very little intrinsic value, instead of its being worth from \$10,000,000 to \$50,000,000, as the advertisements state.

A thoroughly well informed expert, who is familiar with the property, writes us that "there is not enough ore in sight to run a 20 stamp mill for a week."

The following description is given us by an expert who has examined every part of the property: "The formation is porphyritic granite, with beds or dikes of diorite through it. The veins are usually small, from six inches to two feet, but pinch out in places, and become porphyritic, or quartz, without mineral. The minerals at the surface were horn silver and earthy chlorides, colored green and blue, probably by copper, from a decomposed double sulphide of silver and copper, a little galena, with traces of lead chloride and carbonates. At seventy feet or so they met with too much water, the ore becoming at the same time more rebellious (as it naturally does in Arizona, in this formation) traces of gray copper, and more galena coming in, but every thing small and insignificant. At the time of one visit, the ore was running about 36 ounces silver and the tailings would run about 6 to 15 ounces. No ore bodies have since been developed, for all of the shafts have water in the bottoms, and there are no pumps in them. The 5-stamp mill runs only day shift, and the shafts are unable to keep even that supposed, so when they get out of ore they work their tailings over again. It is unnecessary for me to say that the notices to the local papers of Superintendent Gilmore bringing in bars of silver weighing 215 pounds, is all in the scheme. No such production has ever been obtained from the mine."

We have received from various sources a confirmation of the same tenor and with equal unanimity our correspondents state that the reputation of some of the vendors who have been active in floating this scheme here in New York is far from creditable, or such as to inspire any confidence in the enterprise or its management.

It is not at present necessary to go into further details concerning either this property or its manipulators, but should it become so, the data are available. On general principles, a mine that seeks capital without the indorsement of competent and disinterested experts may well be suspected from the start, an preposterous claims made by interested parties of doubtful precedents should promptly condemn any enterprise in the eyes of investors. But even the miscredulous of gamblers might have suspected this enterprise from the manner of its advertising. Unfortunately, this so illustrates the shameful position of many of our papers, which have published as "reading notices" the great puffs which have been offered by the president of the company to nearly all the papers on the following terms: TORTILITA GOLD & SILVER MINING CO., 57 Broadway, New York.

Dear Sir: In bringing the attention of the public to the stock of this company, I should be pleased to make use of the columns of your paper, and want to use during September and October 100, 200, or 300 lines of reading matter, similar in character to the enclosed from the Harford Post, to appear among other original or selected matter, separate and apart from other paid matter, and not to bear any marks of advertising matter, and I desire your lowest net price for the same, and I separately on 500 lines advertising space; either for all to be payable in the sales of this company, at the present selling price, or \$2 per share, which price I will guarantee to you for one year. Or I will pay you for the advertising, December 1, in cash. I will forward stock in advance, if rates are acceptable, and you agree.

The company has twelve mines, two of which are actively working, and proceeds of all of stock are to be used to supply additional machinery to enable us to carry for the ore which awaits our taking. It is a proven property. Rates must be very low, and you have no commissions to pay. Yours Truly, JOSEPH H. REALL.

acter of this enterprise before they published the unfounded statements that appeared in their columns. And yet some of these papers, in the brief intervals between the nursing of their pet wild cats, make loud protests of incorruptible virtue and earnest devotion to "honest mining."

The parties who have purchased stock on the official representations made would, we believe, be able to recover from the vendors.

Copies of the Engineering and Mining Journal of the 1st inst. were freely distributed on the floor of the Consolidated Exchange on the morning of that day, and there was much eagerness to peruse what we had to say about the Tortilita bubble. Our comments on this contemptible scheme to enlist the unwary were universally approved, and the only strictures that have been brought to our attention were to the effect that we failed to denounce the swindle in terms still more incisive. There are no evidences that the promoters of this gigantic fraud have any intention of having their stock called on the Consolidated Exchange. Victims who were entrapped into the meshes of the great Tortilita have, during the past week, been attempting to dispose of stock through 'ads' in the daily papers, one unfortunate offering to sell out at \$1.50 a share. If these shares should command over 25 cents a share when traded in on the Exchange, public expectation will be greatly mistaken.—Engineering and Mining Journal, October 8th.

New Store. Paul Bahn is offering to the people of Tombstone and the county in general, some of the best bargains in groceries and liquors ever offered in this county. His stock is new fresh and desirable—canned goods, wines, candies, in fact every thing old in a first class grocery store is being sold by him at Fairbank prices.

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\$400 REWARD.

The above named reward will be paid by Troop G, 4th U. S. Cavalry, Fort Bowie, Arizona, for the apprehension and conviction of the murderer of William C. Drake, (late private of said troop) at Sulphur Springs, Arizona, on the 29th of September, 1887.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Sergeant.

Notice of Transmuted Homestead Proof.

(Homestead Application No. 213.) UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, TUCSON, Arizona, Sept. 20, 1887. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Tucson, Arizona, on the 19th day of November, 1887, viz: Simon Madrid of Tres Amos, Arizona, for the W 1/2 of the N E 1/4 and E 1/2 of S W 1/4 of Sec 21, Twp 15 S R 20 E. Gila and Salt River meridians. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Romaldo Torres, Pablo Hernandez, Miguel Rojas, Felix Ruiz, all of Tres Amos, A. D. DUFF, Register.

Notice of Homestead Proof.

(Homestead Application No. 175.) UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, TUCSON, Ariz., Sept. 29, 1887. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Tucson, Arizona, on the 22nd day of November, 1887, viz: Lou Das, of Tres Amos, A. T., for the W 1/2 and N E 1/4 of S W 1/4 and S W 1/4 of N W 1/4 Sec 21 Twp 15 S R 20 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Antonio Grijalva, J. D. Allen, Antonio Conaderna, Roman Pacheco, all of Benson, Arizona. A. D. DUFF, Register.



\$250 Reward.

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