

TOMBSTONE EPITAPH.

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The EPITAPH acknowledges the receipt from Major Fred W. Smith, Receiver of the Tucson Land office, of copies of new desert land blanks which he states supercede all others.

The attention of those newspapers which espoused the Tortilla Mining Company's scheme is called to the following, which shows conclusively the great injury done to the mining interests of the whole Territory of Arizona by the foisting of the worthless stock of that company on the eastern market.

The day is not far distant when the lands along the San Pedro river will be very valuable. Let Congress once settle the land grant question and our county will boom.

We would call attention to the able article in this issue, copied from the Globe Silver Belt, advocating the abandonment of military posts in the northern part of the Territory and the strengthening of those in the southern.

Now that Hon. Mark A. Smith, our delegate to Congress, is at his post, the people of Arizona will expect him to use his best endeavors to redeem the promises made previous to election.

It is not believed, however, that all the measures of internal improvement have been exhausted. There is, indeed, much room for a higher and fuller development of that policy, and in opening new industries and giving occupation to labor.

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DISTRIBUTION OF TROOPS AND ABANDONMENT OF USELESS POSTS.

Some years ago all of the then hostile Apaches, together with the peaceable Yumas and Mohaves, were placed upon the San Carlos Indian Reservation, and these Indians now number in all about five thousand persons.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commanding the Department of Arizona, presents a solution of this vexatious problem that is worthy of careful consideration.

The experience of the last few years plainly shows that greater security from Indian depredations should be afforded by our Government.

There are no Indians from whom danger could be apprehended near Prescott, and Fort Whipple, one mile north of the town, and Camp Verde, forty-two miles east, for many years have been of no service in the military operations against the savages.

In view of these facts it is useless to further attempt an explanation of the wisdom shown in the second conclusion of the material progress of prosperity in Southeast Arizona, that ample security should be given to the people of that section by the abandonment of useless military posts in distant parts of the Territory, and a concentration of the soldiers near San Carlos.

Supervisor Proctor, one of the incorporators of the Santa Cruz and Tucson Ditch Company, came in from Tubac yesterday, where the men are at work on the great ditch.

Thursday's coach brought in Rev. G. L. and Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. H. G. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Minneapolis, Minn., (relatives of H. G. Howe), Mrs. H. J. Peto and Miss Peto, of Chicago, the latter coming to spend the winter with her brother.

DESERT LAND ACT

Of March, 1877. How Desert Land Filings Should be Made.

I,, of (town or city) county of, and State (or Territory) of being duly sworn, on oath depose and declare: That I am a native born (or naturalized) citizen, (or have declared my intention to become a citizen) of the United States, of the age of years, and resident of, and by occupation, that my postoffice address is, that I intend to reclaim a tract of desert land not exceeding one section or 640 acres, by conducting water upon the same within three years from date of entry, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1877, entitled "An Act providing for the sale of desert lands in certain States and Territories."

The land which I intend to reclaim is situated in county, in the land district, and is described as follows to wit: The of section No., township No., containing acres. I further depose and declare that I have made no other declaration for desert lands nor any other entry under the provisions of said act, that I am not the assignee of any desert land claim, that I have made an actual personal examination of each and every legal subdivision of the land above described; that said land borders on (state what stream or body of water and describe the same) and that there is through or upon said land (name and describe all water courses, spring or other body of water and describe same) that said land is not naturally irrigated or watered nor overflowed at any season of the year, by the foregoing or any natural stream, spring, or body of water; that I expect to obtain my water supply to irrigate said land from that the character of the soil is that said land will not, without artificial irrigation, produce an agricultural crop of any kind reasonably remunerative, that said land will not, if unfed by grazing animals, produce native grasses sufficient in quantity to make an ordinary crop of hay in usual seasons, and there are no trees growing upon said land, and that it does not contain sufficient moisture to produce a natural growth of trees, that the same is essentially dry and arid land, wholly unfit for cultivation without artificial irrigation, that said land cannot be successfully cultivated without reclamation by conducting water thereon; that said land has been hitherto unappropriated, unoccupied and unsettled, because it has been impossible to cultivate it successfully on account of its dry and arid condition; that it is a fact well known, patent and obvious, that the same will not, in its natural condition, produce any crop, that no portion of said land has ever been reclaimed by conducting water thereon, that there are no lands in the vicinity of this tract, that are occupied by settlers and cultivated without artificial irrigation, that there is not to my knowledge, within the limits of said land, any vein or lode of quartz, or other rock in place, bearing gold, silver, cinnabar, lead, tin, or copper, or any deposit of coal, that there is not within the limits of said land to my knowledge, any placer, cement, gravel, or other valuable mineral deposits or salines, that no portion of said land is claimed for mining purposes under the local customs or rules of miners or otherwise, that no portion of said land is worked for mineral during any part of the year, by any person or persons, that said land is essentially non-mineral land, and that my declaration therefor is not made for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining title to mineral land, timber land or agricultural land, but for the purpose of faithfully reclaiming the land above described by conducting water thereon within three years from date of entry.

My postoffice address is

NOTES. 1. If residence is in a city, street and number must be given. 2. In case the party has been naturalized, or has declared his intention to become a citizen, a certified copy of his naturalization or declaration of intention, as the case may be, must be furnished. 3. When the entry is made on unsurveyed land, a correct diagram of the lands applied for, must also be furnished.

A NEW DEPARTMENT. Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 12, 1887. Special order No. 2 confirms the appointment of Comrade A. L. Grow, commander of the provisional department of Arizona, and convenes an encampment at Phenix on January 17th, for the purpose of organizing a permanent department.

The provisional department was established by order of Commander-in-Chief Fairchild, under date of September 10, 1887.

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A CARD.

We desire to express our thanks to the many friends who, during our absence, beautified and rendered more comfortable our home by the use of paint, paper and carpet, and who welcomed us home from our pleasant visit East with a warm house and an inviting dinner. These, with the many other acts of kindness bestowed upon us in the past, are duly appreciated. MR. AND MRS. G. L. PEARSON.

DANCING SOIREE. Shepherd & Trevilian's regular weekly dancing soiree will be held this (Saturday) evening at Mining Exchange hall.

The People's Store (old Summerfield stand) has just received a large assortment of carpets, oil cloths, etc.

Dr. G. E. Goodfellow is a bigger man than the United States. The doctor bought a horse in Mexico that had been abandoned by the troops, and which had been seized and sold by the Mexican authorities. The army officers brought suit to recover the animal, and Judge Barnes decided that the Government had lost its title.

Bauer's butcher shop, opposite the EPITAPH office, has recently been newly fitted throughout. The walls have been tastefully papered, the woodwork painted and the premises otherwise improved. Altogether it is a meat market that would do credit to a much more pretentious city than Tombstone.

By consent of both plaintiff and defendant, a new trial has been granted in the Ritter-Costello controversy. The case was this: County Treasurer Ritter claims that in cashing some warrants for Martin Costello he overpaid him \$1003. Costello denied that he had been overpaid, which resulted in his being sued by Ritter for the amount. A jury of not quite ordinary intelligence in the District Court this week brought in a verdict in favor of Ritter for \$500. The effect of this verdict can be plainly seen, and of course neither party could consent to it.

A Washington special to the Herald says: James G. Blaine is expected to reach San Francisco on his return to the United States in June next. He will return via Japan. Five days after his arrival in San Francisco, the National Republican convention will be held. Blaine will remain in California until the nomination has been made. One of Mr. Blaine's party managers, who is an authority for the statement, says the Maine statesman will be re-nominated practically without opposition. His presence in California will, it is believed, create so great a furor as to insure him the solid vote of the Pacific slope. The journey across the continent will be, according to the present programme, the greatest ovation ever accorded to an American statesman, except that of General Grant in 1879. Nebraska, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio and New York will be visited by him en route to his home.

The ladies of the Methodist congregation have been busy this week preparing the parsonage for the reception of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pearson, who have just returned from a visit East. With walls newly papered, ceilings whitened, and new parlor carpet, the parsonage presents a very cosy appearance.

Terrible Pains. D. R. FLINT'S HEART REMEDY banishes sick headache, and will prevent the return of this most terrible of pains if taken when the warning symptoms give notice of the recurrence of an attack. At Druggists, \$1.50. Descriptive treatise with each bottle; or address J. J. Mack & Co., San Francisco.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Governor's Proclamation.

TERRITORY OF ARIZONA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR. To all to Whom these Presents may Come, Greeting: WHEREAS, I am informed that William C. Drake, late private, Troop G, 4th Cavalry, was found murdered at Su-ohr Springs, south of Willcox, Arizona, on the 29th day of September last, and no trace of the murderer or murderers has been discovered.

GRAND BALL OF THE RESCUE HOSE CO., No. 1 SCHIEFFELIN HALL on the Evening of December 29th, 1887.

Committee of Arrangements—G. S. Bradshaw, J. H. Campbell, Frank Ryan, A. J. Ritter, J. J. Nash. Reception Committee—C. N. Thomas, C. D. Reppy, S. C. Eagg, L. W. Blinn, J. V. Vickers, B. Hattich, John Monts, Joseph Lippert, Chas. Helgren, A. H. Stebbins, H. A. Tweed, W. D. Shearer, T. A. Atchison, Chas. Tribolet. Floor Committee—Manager, J. J. Nash; C. N. Thomas, G. S. Bradshaw, Geo. Myers, W. Bell.

NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of Co-chise Chapter, No. 4, this (Saturday) evening, for work in the Mark degree. G. W. CHEYNEY, R. W. M. C. D. REPPY, Secretary.

Curtain poles from 2 to 12 ft. long at Bagg's.

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