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...ard nothing. They saw... der move, and were perfectly... they were saying something... refused to perform the nec... gement duty. The man... in the panthe... thought that... the ends of the arms of his ears had been... by the screech of the wounded ani... The others thought they had the... of consumption, and were afraid... would lose a lung every time they... to speak. In fact, the silence was... about four-ply, they could all feel and see... it, but they could not hear. Finally the... gang, all horse, left the place, and when... had gotten a short distance were able... to exchange their curses and growls with... out growing red in the face. Then they... concluded that it was all owing to some... heretofore unknown quality of the atmos... here, which made it a non-conductor of... sound. Now if this all be true there is a... chance for a man, or company, to make a... grand, fabulous fortune, by following the... plan of the philosopher mentioned in Dr. Johnson's "Rasselas."

...THIS OLD COON... told the prince that he was about perfecting... a method by which he would be able to extract... sunbeams from cucumbers. These sunbeams... he would bottle and export to cold climates... to be used as desired. They would sell well... in the Arctic regions, and every bachelor... would take one to bed with him during the winter... They would make life as comfortable as a wide-soled shoe... Now, if this idea be followed out, "bottled... silence from the Yellowstone" will soon become... one of the commodities of the market. It will be... in great demand. A syringe full of it squirted in the back... yard will make the symphony of the cats as sweet... as sonata in the minor notes. Joyce would keep... a hoghead of it on hand, and when Freeze or any of the boys... got on a lark—and he is a heavy weight to get on a lark—and raised their voice... in cadence loud, he could turn a little required silence on, and they would have to get out a search warrant to find their voices... Tom Young would carry a small can in his vest pocket, and when a fellow... struck him for a piece" he could hit him behind the ear with a chunk of it, and swear... he didn't hear him. In fact, one can hardly compute the advantages which will accrue from a liberal, but judicious, use of homeopathic doses of "Yellowstone silence."

...Mexican Custom Officials. Editor of Tombstone Epitaph, Tombstone, A. T.—Sir: A number of articles have been published in the Tombstone papers relative to the difficulty of Thomas Ewing with the custom house "guards" near Bacuachi, on the night of the 17th ultimo, in which the blame has been thrown on the wrong party. On thorough investigation we do not find that the "guards" were doing any worse than their proper duty at the time they were fired upon without provocation, and in returning the fire we do not consider them culpable, much as we regret the consequent death of the American, Flaagan. It is due the custom house officers of the San Pedro to say that in all our various business relations with them we have always received courteous treatment at their hands. We write this that justice may be done them.

...Malt. According to the Tribune, from 10,000 to 12,000 tons of salt have been gathered along the shores of Great Salt Lake this season. There is a large surplus of common salt left over from last year, and this caused the gathering of a less amount than usual. The lake furnishes salt for use in all the silver mills of Idaho, Montana and Utah, and large quantities are shipped to Colorado and Nevada for the same purpose. The supply is unlimited, and the quality in proportion to care used in its manufacture. Where fire evaporation is used, and the brine is properly handled, it makes good table salt, but the great bulk comes from solar evaporation in sloughs or basins along the shores of the lake.

...Army Orders. Acting Assistant Surgeon J. J. Carroll, U. S. Army, is relieved from duty at Fort Thomas, and will report without delay to the commanding officer, Fort Grant, for duty. Major A. K. Arnold, Sixth cavalry, in charge of the office of the acting assistant inspector general of the department, will make a thorough inspection of the following posts and depots, upon the completion of which duty he will return to his proper station: Forts Bowie, Grant, Huachuca, Lowell, McDowell, Mohave, Thomas, Verde and Yuma, and San Diego and Whipple barracks, and Whipple depot.

...The skating rink is now in the full tide of success. New skates of the most approved pattern have been received, and an expert skater is always in attendance to assist on beginners. From and after this date ladies will be admitted free of charge.

A Story Without a Moral.

The oft-reiterated assertion of a local contemporary, that "we have come to that," reminds us of a little occurrence that happened on this frontier not many years ago. It was in the ante-railroad times, when a trip across the continent by the southern route was made by stage, and as a consequence but little travel came this way. A man who is at present a well-known resident of Tucson was then proprietor of a station, located between that place and the New Mexico line. He displayed and coffee straight and such other... to wander into... The station... agined, was not... the fact that several lawless characters who then infested the country had at divers times consumed his substance and refused to render a quid pro quo, had caused him to regard with disgust any stranger whose appearance was the least suspicious. The frontier bonfire was one day sunning himself in front of his adobe, ruminating on the vicissitudes of life on the border, when he espied in the distance a horseman leisurely approaching. The rider, who proved to be a Barrie Libre Mexican from the old pueblo, was mounted on a sorry-looking steed, and his general appearance betokened the uttermost degree of insolvency. As he drew up in front of the station, he courteously said, "Como esta usted?" (How do you do?) The landlord who did not "sabe" a word of Spanish, failed to "catch on" to the meaning, and as he hastily took in the unthrifty appearance of the stranger, replied, "You've come to stay, you see a b—, have you? Well, then, you'd better commence putting up for your board right now."

TERRITORIAL TOPICS.

The indigent sick costs Yavapai county \$2,720 per annum. Fifty miners find employment in the mines in Cave Creek district. Yavapai farmers expect to receive four cents a pound for all the corn raised. Deputy U. S. Surveyor Powers is stopping in Tucson, the guest of the surveyor-general.

General Crook has arrived in Prescott. He reports about 1,300 Indians on the San Carlos reservation. The last unpaid assessment on the Pinal Con. M. & M. Co.'s stock, levied September 28, is delinquent. The Peck mine will soon put on an additional force of men, and work will be prosecuted vigorously.

There are about fifty men at work on the Globe and Casa Grande road, and the work will soon be completed. Julius Creavan shot and killed a man by the name of Rose, at Hastings, Friday evening. A woman was the cause. Quite a number of fast horses are on hand in Prescott for the races, which commence to-day. Colorado and New Mexico are well represented.

A petition asking for the pardon of Richard Thompson, now serving sentence at Yuma, has been circulated at Phenix and has received many signatures. J. F. Knapp, legislator-elect from Pima county, has called upon the members of the bar of that county for their views upon the establishment of county courts, a matter which he intends to bring up at the next term of the legislature.

NEW MEXICO ITEMS.

There are thirty saloons in Kingston. Manzaneros will contest the seat of Delegate Luna. A new strike has been made in the San Mateo mountains. Phosphate of lead has been discovered in the Caballo mountains. A fire the other day nearly destroyed the town of Raton. A copper smelter will soon be on the ground in the Hanover district.

The Prairie Cattle company pays taxes on \$500,000 of stock in Colfax county. Mackay, of California, has bought a large tract of land below Mesilla for a grape orchard. A band of rustlers in the southern part of the Territory have assumed the name of "Gila Monsters."

Charlie Marsh, of Santa Fe, the bird band of the Southwest, has in his collection 125 different species of the feathered tribe. The Little Brindle mine near Raton, at a depth of seventeen feet, is producing good ore, and will commence shipping the same this week. A large body of ore has just been struck, at a distance of 150 feet from the mouth of the tunnel, in the Sunset mine, at Clifton. The ore is of a fine quality.

The Socorro Miner, one of the best papers of the Territory, found it too heavy to pay \$50 a week for telegraphic dispatches, and will hereafter be issued as an evening paper. Sudden Death. A blacksmith named Mende, formerly in the employ of Sandy Bob, was found dead in a coach in the rear of the stables on Third street last evening about 5 o'clock. The deceased had been drinking very heavily for the past few weeks, and was discharged by Sandy Bob on Saturday last. Tuesday evening he drank more than his usual wont, and did not return to the stable until late the next morning, when he was let in by the watchman. He crawled into the coach, and that was the last seen of him alive, his body being found as above stated. The coroner was notified, and the body was removed to the morgue. An inquest will probably be held to-day.

CHARLESTON'S MYSTERY.

Testimony Taken Before the Coroner's Inquest on the Body of William Somers.

In accordance with the request of several citizens of Charleston, a communication from whom was received Saturday evening, and an account of which was given in Sunday's EPITAPH, Coroner Matthews went to that place Monday and held an inquest on the body of William Somers, whose mysterious death on Tuesday evening last was the subject of much comment. It was reported at that time that death resulted from a fracture of the cerebral column, but as will be seen by the verdict given below, death resulted from an entirely different cause. The coroner impaneled a jury consisting of Walter Peasuf, M. McDowell, C. L. Guimond, N. L. Bailey, C. B. Turbell and R. Hauser, when the following testimony was taken:

Dr. G. C. Wills, being duly sworn, said he examined the body of William Somers, and found the cause of his death to be internal hemorrhage, caused by an extensive rupture of the right lobe of the liver; also, that the eighth rib of the right side was fractured. The injuries may have been caused by a fall or blow upon the side, or might have resulted from a man falling from a height of some feet. The man might have received the injury at a small distance from where the body was found.

Jeremiah Barton being duly sworn, testified as follows: I know, or did know, William Somers. Saw him last about half-past 9 o'clock, about ten yards from my house. He hallooed at me and asked when the train was coming. I recognized him and told him to come around the pond that was between us, and go home. I brought him around the pond and started on the trail towards the bridge. After I had got him straightened on the trail I went home—a very short distance from where I left him. I next saw him where his body lay, when the inquest held by Justice Brown was being held. Where I last saw him alive was on the east side of the San Pedro river, opposite Charleston. When I last saw him alive he was going down the trail leading from my house down towards the bridge. I judged from his condition that he had been drinking and was what is called full. He had been in my saloon during the evening and spent two or three dollars. Did not know, of my own knowledge, that he had been paid off at the time he was there. Murray, Raye and several others were in the saloon. I watched him going down the trail until he got down off the bank near to the river, then I went home. This trail is on this side of the place where he was found in the dry wash that comes in just above the bridge.

James Murray testified that he had met Somers in Barton's saloon, and that they had several drinks together. After leaving the saloon went to a corral and slept there that night with Jack Ray. Next morning we got up, and as we were about half way to the bridge and the first house on the right of the bridge a lady hailed us, and said there was a man dying in the gulch, under a steep bank, and asked us to go and see somebody. I went down to within four or five feet of him, and thought he was dead, and that he was a man called Stifle Bill. I then came up and told Mr. Starr. Mr. Starr told Justice Brown, who soon after came and took the body away. I left Barton's saloon before Somers; he was there when I left. Riley came into the corral about sun-up. He had a bottle of whisky and invited us to drink. It was after daylight when he came. I do not know the name of the person who was with me when the lady told us of the man lying in the gulch. Did not see Somers spending any money that night. When I left the saloon I went straight to the corral and went to bed. I was pretty full myself. S. W. Starr, being duly sworn, testified as follows: I was told of the body being found by a person of the name of Murray. I went down to where the body lay and watched it until the arrival of Justice Brown, who searched the pockets and found two knives, a piece of tobacco, a small piece of buckskin and four ten cent pieces. The man was lying lengthwise of the wash under a steep bank, with his hands toward the river and on his face. After Brown examined him, I got upon the bank with Plain Clinton, N. Price and Geo. Williams. We found tracks leading up to the edge of the bank, the last being one or two feet from the edge. There were also tracks leading away from the edge of the bank. These tracks were of different sizes. I remarked at the time I saw these tracks that it looked as if something was wrong. We followed the tracks back from the bank about fifteen yards when a third track came in. The tracks followed up a little swale about seventy-five yards from where the man lay, when we lost them. Where the body lay in the wash there were two tracks that crossed a cave of the bank, that went up to within a few feet of the body. One of these could be traced away; the other could not. I was told that Somers had been settled with, and that Mr. Eccleston had paid him \$125 in currency. Somers came back from Tombstone on the afternoon of the 3d instant, intending to leave the next day. Measured the tracks but have not compared them with any boots or shoes. They were of different sizes. Saw Murray that morning before sun up.

At the conclusion of the testimony the jury deliberated a few minutes, then rendered a verdict that death resulted from a rupture of the right lobe of the liver, causing internal hemorrhage; and also that the eighth rib of the right side was fractured, said injuries being inflicted with criminal intent by some person unknown. From the testimony given above, it will be seen that the citizens whose names were signed to the communication received by the coroner had good grounds for the verdict that death was caused by

...foul means, but unfortunately for the cause of justice the criminal so skillfully covered up his tracks that no clew could be found as to the perpetrator, and the chances are that it will always remain a mystery and add one more to the already long list of unfathomed murders in Co. chise county.

BENEFICENT BAZAAR.

Church Charity Catches the Contributions of the Chosen as Cleverly as those of the Wicked.

The bazaar inaugurated at Schiefelin hall last evening, for the benefit of the Episcopal church, was certainly one of the most successful, socially and financially, ever given in Tombstone, and for elegance of appointment and refined taste would compare most favorably with similar scenes in California or the eastern states. The booths were cleverly arranged on either side of the hall with decorations emblematic of the nationality which they represented. The attendants of these pretty pay-your-money-before-you-look-in-places were attired in the national costumes, and the mingling of the many bright colors, of sparkling eyes and rosy cheeks, formed a most charming and delightful picture. The Turkish booth looked cosy and was presided over by Mesdames Lytleton Price, Earle and Fitzhenry. They served pure Mocha and Java and were liberally patronized. The English booth was under the excellent management of Mrs. Trezidge, Miss Herring and Mr. Gladwin. The French booth was attractive by the presence of Mesdames B. Brown and Cook. The Iceland booth looked as cold as a society smile. Ed Suman, fearfully and wonderfully made up, was the presiding god. Mrs. Stewart would have looked like an iceberg, were it not for her warm smiles and cheery voice. She was assisted by Mrs. Woodman, Miss Estee and Miss Ettie Herring. The Switzerland booth was conducted by Mrs. Colp, Mrs. Hammill, Miss George Russell and Charles Humphries. The Japanese booth, one of the most charming of the bazaar, was managed by Mrs. Ed Dean, Miss Minnie Wallace, and Miss Owean. At the German booth were found Mrs. Wehrfritz, Miss Mammie Herring, Miss Locker, Miss Bertha Herring and Mr. E. S. Price. At the American booth were Mrs. Walto Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Ben and Briggs Goodrich. The Christmas gift booth was represented by Miss Mollie Colby, Miss Belle Meyer and Morris E. Clark. The Egyptian encampment, situated on the stage, was the scene of much attraction; the sly of the occasion being Mrs. McCoy; attendant graces, Misses Thomas, Anderson, Fonck and Whitcomb, while Frank Earle looked as melancholy as a lonesome crane.

The art gallery, under the supervision of that connoisseur of painting, contains many fans and an occasional sausage. It drew well. Major Earle was treasurer and never multiplied in making change, but was lightning at subtraction and division. In every respect the affair was most ably conducted, and reflects great credit upon the ladies and gentlemen in whose hands the arrangement of the details were entrusted. The bazaar will continue this evening and, possibly, to-morrow, concluding with a dance.

TUCSON ITEMS.

There are fifteen prisoners confined in the Pima county jail, and sixteen in the city jail of Tucson. Chas. H. Tully is a candidate for the office of city assessor and collector of Tucson, at the coming election. Thomas H. Caswell, grand lecturer, A. F. & A. M., has been in Tucson the past week, instructing the Tucson lodge in the mystic rites of Masonry. Gov. Powers and Major McLoughlin, U. S. Deputy Surveyors, have gone to Phenix, whence they proceed to the Gila to make a government survey. The four smugglers now under arrest for resisting Deputy Collector Shepard at Calabassas, had their examination concluded Tuesday and the case was taken under advisement by U. S. Commissioner Gregg. D. M. Riordan, formerly of this place, has been appointed agent of the Navajo Indians. Mr. Riordan was in the city Monday and left Tuesday evening for Prescott, from where he will go direct to the station of his duties.

Graham County Things.

There is said to be a secret organization in Graham county whose special object is to clean out all the Chinese employed by the Arizona Mining company, and other corporations doing business within the boundaries of that county. That there is some foundation for the belief evidenced by the foul murder of two Chinese passengers on the south bound stage from Clifton on the night of the 3d instant. When the stage had reached a point about two miles north of York's ranch, two Mexicans, heavily armed, stepped out from behind a pile of rocks and ordered the driver to halt. They then compelled the driver to deliver up his arms and ordered the Chinamen to get out of the coach, and after robbing them of what valuables they had, calmly proceeded to butcher them. After examining the mail sacks and finding them light, they returned them to the driver with the injunction to lose no time in getting away from the place. The driver responded with alacrity, leaving the bodies of the murdered Chinamen, and at a late hour, the next morning, the bodies were still lying where the assassins left them. Two brawny, stiel and powerful miners, names unknown, engaged in a fierce discussion yesterday morning on Alen street, above Eighth, which ended in one sending the other headlong to the ground with a blow over the right optic.

SONORA AFFAIRS.

The Political Issues Still Threatening—Preparing for an Election—Etc.

(Special Correspondence of the Epitaph.) GUAYMAS, November 30.—We thought with the leaving of the incapable governor, Don Carlos Ortiz, we would soon enter a new period of order and tranquility, but we have made a pitiful mistake. The disorder in the administration, produced by the discord among the men who have charge of the situation, is every day greater and more unquiet and disconcert as growing ranker. The political circle triumphant over Ortiz is divided into three factions, and each and everyone are already preparing the field for the biennial election. These who are the most influential and actually stand higher in the favor of General Reyes, have for a candidate, Sr. Don Lauro Morales; the other Don Jose Ma. Maytorena; and the third Don Luis Torres, an ex-governor; and still another faction that believe in General Reyes. Reyes is a good soldier and a gentleman, but is not capable of administering to the wants of this state. These other gentlemen above named might do well in official position, but the chances are only favorable to the one who controls the heaviest military power.

At the present time and under the present condition of iniquitude reigning throughout the state, we do not think it advisable for capitalists to invest here, as the chances are favorable for another revolt at a near future day. In behalf of the people we will say that during all the late trouble the property of foreigners has not been molested and they have received courteous treatment at the hands of the natives. General Carbo is expected daily. He has a commission from the general government to arrange all the difficulties as far as practicable in the state, and we trust that he will give general satisfaction, as this state of uncertainty is unbearable.

A Dancing Master Captured.

Many of the readers of the EPITAPH will remember reading an account, published last August, wherein Charles Holst made W. H. Ramsey and Joseph McKenny dance hornpipes and polkas and waltzes at the point of his pistol, at Ramsey's saloon, in Ramsey's Canyon, Huachuca mountains. Holst was arrested by Deputy Sheriff A. L. McLane, Jr., at the time, and turned over to W. J. Mason for safe-keeping, until the officer could get his dinner and make the necessary preparations for a trip to this place with his prisoner. While absent, Holst, in some manner, obtained possession of a Winchester, and upon his return, was told to lose no time in mounting his horse and getting away. As the gun was cocked and in dangerous proximity to his head, he did as commanded and Holst took his departure in an opposite direction. Since then McLane has been on the lookout for his man, but has been unsuccessful in finding him until last evening, when he saw him in the Crystal Palace saloon. As Holst had declared that he would never be arrested alive, McLane changed his hat and coat, to prevent recognition, and following Holst arrested him, at the point of a pistol, and lodged him in the county jail.

Fire at the Russ House.

Yesterday morning about 1 o'clock, as Officers Solan, Kenney and Holmes were standing on the corner of Fifth and Allen streets, their attention was attracted by a bright glare which lit up Toughnut street as bright as day. They immediately ran to the place and discovered an ash barrel, belonging to the Russ House and placed in close proximity to the rear end of that building, enveloped in flames. To kick the barrel out into the middle of the street and scatter the burning embers was but the work of a minute, and the flames were easily extinguished. Upon investigating the cause of the fire it was found that live ashes had been placed in the barrel, which being burst with old papers and refuse, soon flung into flames. To the vigilance of the police during the past few days the citizens are much indebted, as they have been instrumental in putting out several fires which, had they not been discovered in time, would have entailed a serious loss.

Street Fighters Arrested.

Tuesday evening about nine o'clock John Harris and James Carruthers engaged in an altercation in Billy Smith's saloon, on Allen street below Third, and not being able to arrive at an understanding through argument, adjourned to the street where they proposed to have it out in true ring style. Several blows were exchanged when Chief Neagle and Officer Solan appeared on the scene and lugged the combatants off to jail, where they were booked on a charge of fighting. Each gave bail in the sum of \$20 for their appearance before Judge Wallace. Upon appearing in court yesterday morning, both pleaded guilty and each were fined \$7.50 and costs.

Reduced Passenger Rates.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe company have recently made a material reduction in passenger fares from Deming to eastern points. Following is the latest rate from Tucson or Benson to eastern cities:

Table with 4 columns: City, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Rows include Kansas City via A. T. & S. F., St. Louis, Little Rock via T. P., Dallas, Peckham, Chicago via Kansas City, Chicago via St. Louis, New Orleans via Cairo, New Orleans via Mobile, New York (Emigrant), Boston, Washington (rate at present), El Paso reduced to 25 00.

Assessment Work.

The first of January will soon be here, and negligent miners are again reminded that they must do the work required by the laws of the United States on or before that date, or they will be liable to lose their claims. Plenty of time and warning has been given, and claim-owners will have to

THE TRANSIT OF VENUS.

The Langtry of the Heavenly Constellations Pays Old Sol a Visit.

Yesterday was an eventful day with the astronomical and scientific men of the civilized world—a regular sky-scraper, as it were. The sublimest problem known to science was attempted, and it is sincerely to be hoped, proved successful in all its complicated details, as astronomers inform us that another transit will not occur until 2005, and as very few of the inhabitants of this mundane sphere expect to be here at that date, it would be hard to compute the number of noses pressed and soiled against blackened glass. In the main they were disappointed, as after watching the burning disc for several minutes, or until the optical focus was gained, they were rewarded by seeing nothing but a small black spot, about the size of a pea, moving slowly across the lower portion of the sun. It required about six hours for the completion of the transit, but during that the movement afforded astronomers opportunity to determine with accuracy the earth and the sun, which celestial measurement. There was an expenditure in making observations in 1874, but the result has opened a gap of doubt as to the distance of earth and sun from 3,000,000 to 500,000. Many nations have made generous contributions to send out the more than FORTY EXPEDITIONS which took observations of the transit, and the expenditure of the United States for the purpose is \$75,000. The aggregate expenditure must be several times as large as that of 1874, and it has all been undertaken with the knowledge that unfavorable weather might prevent the success of the observations. In fact, Professor Brooks, of the Red House observatory, N. Y., asked that prayers be said in all the churches for clear weather. The three methods of observation are, by noting the "contacts"—that is, the moments when the planet just touches the edge of the sun; measuring the distance of the planet from the edge of the sun, and taking as many photographs of the planet as possible during the whole transit. It is hoped that fair weather will permit successful observations at many of the stations between Florida and Patagonia, but although the sky should be clear over the whole western continent, several years would be required for the astronomers to make their computations as to just where between 92,000,000 and 92,500,000 miles the exact distance of the earth from the sun is to be reckoned. Exactly how this, if ascertained, will affect the price of beef, or the quality of Guaymas oysters, remains an unknown quantity. But so long as science demands a sacrifice, we are determined that Arizona shall not get left, with the thermometer above the sixties. So farewell, transit, for one hundred and twenty-three years. We don't expect to be on the hurricane deck of this revolving sphere when the event next occurs. It is likely we will have a contract of dumping clouds out of the celestial streets ere that time.

LOCAL NOTES.

The fish market and poultry yard, on the corner of Fifth and Allen, is actually a nuisance. Robertson's holiday display of chromos, books, etc., at the post office, is one of the attractions of Fifth street. Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped yesterday, for the Tombstone M. & M. Co., three bars of bullion valued at \$5,171. The fire department will parade on New Years day, and the festivities will wind up with a grand ball in the evening. Street cars have at last been introduced in the City of Mexico, but as they are drawn by burros there isn't much time saved.

On Paddy dear, and here you heard The news that's going round, They will not 'low an independent The sight of democratic ground.

The man who fished around for five hours last week to find his old last year's rubber shoes, can now use them on his brake block. Deputy Sheriff W. M. Breakenridge was taken suddenly ill with the chills last Tuesday afternoon, and has been confined to his room ever since. J. C. Tappener, an old resident of this place, came in from Bisbee yesterday, where he has been for some time past developing the Headricks mine. The Little Devil is shipping ore for reduction to the Head Center mill. About 600 tons of first-class milling ore is on the dump, and a good result is expected. Several suspicious characters, who have gained a precarious living around the different gambling houses for some time past, were ordered out of town Sunday.

The Bird Cage, notwithstanding the departure of several leading performers, still holds its own. What is lacking in quantity is made up in quality, and the house is still crowded nightly by lovers of genuine fun. A grading outfit, consisting of fourteen four-mule teams, which has recently been employed in grading on the Sonora road, passed through town Sunday en route to Chihuahua, where it goes to do similar service. In our report of the races on Thanksgiving day, we gave Jack Daling the credit for offering a purse of \$100 on that occasion. This was an error, the purse having been put up by the owners of the competing horses.

John Doe and Edward Scott, two quarrelsome and noisy drunks, were arrested Sunday by Officer Paynton and booked on charges of drunk and disorderly conduct. On appearing before Judge Wallace yesterday they were each fined \$7.50 and costs.

An attempt was made to burn the Palace lodging house, on Fifth street, Sunday morning. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done. This is the third attempt to burn the town in the past few days, and citizens cannot be too watchful about their premises.

The Boomerang, Bill Nye editor, came to hand yesterday, and contained, in Nye's inimitable style, a description of the singular acoustic properties of a Yellowstone caayon, mentioned in the EPITAPH yesterday. The great difference in the two articles is, Nye's is very witty; but then, great minds, etc.

The fire reported to have occurred at the Palace lodging house Monday morning, and so given in yesterday's EPITAPH, really occurred in the back yard of McClelland's saloon. This correction is made for the benefit of Mrs. Young, who, in view of the recent incendiary attempts in this city, naturally felt indignant over having her house erroneously named as the place where the fire started.

The Bazaar, given for the benefit of the Episcopal church, closed last night. The receipts for the two nights will amount to between \$750 and \$800. It was a most enjoyable affair throughout, and that it has proven successful is owing to the untiring efforts of the ladies and gentlemen who so ably managed it from its inception to the closing scene.

The bon-bon party, given at Turnverren hall last evening by the members of the Hebrew association and their invited guests, was one of the most social and pleasant ever given in this place. The bon-bons were unique and the source of much merriment. This inauguration of a series of parties, promised during the winter, was certainly most auspicious.

Paul Moroney, than whom no jollier or nobler man lives, arrived yesterday, and has since been entertained by his friends, who are as numerous as those who have been fortunate enough to make his acquaintance. In other words, all who know him are his friends. We are informed that he has purchased a heavy interest with Captain Jeffords, of the sutler's store at Camp Huachuca. It is further rumored that he will, early in the spring, commence the erection of a fine hotel at that place. This will be good news for many of our citizens, who pass much of their summer at this pleasant retreat.

Don't graft bunions in your ears. This combination is apt to prove a failure during the frosty time. Don't drink whisky, if it doesn't agree with you. Try brandy. Don't growl because you didn't win anything at the fair. The fair are always uncertain. Don't go home at night drunk. Will till morning and swear you set up with sick friend, for the chances are you did if you mixed drinks. Don't fail to take the EPITAPH. It will come in as handy as a coffin. Don't go around "bluffing" for a fight. The other fellow might "see" you and possibly "raise" you. Don't get to be such a nuisance that the health officer will have to remove you beyond the city limits. Don't, don't, oh, don't make any mistakes.

Meeting of the Hooks. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m., President Hudson in the chair. The resignation of W. H. Slater, as steward, was received and, on motion, accepted. On motion of J. O. Dunbar, Pat Holland was appointed to fill the vacancy. On motion of J. H. Campbell, the secretary was instructed to send a communication to the engine company, requesting it to appoint a committee of three to act in conjunction with a like committee from the hooks, to act as a committee of arrangements for the annual parade and ball of the fire department on January 1. On motion, Judge Herring was elected an honorary member. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

A Midnight Serap. Dan Gillespie, while in Walker's saloon, about 12 o'clock last night, became possessed of a desire to destroy all the glass-ware in the house. He had broken several glasses when Officer Solan appeared and attempted to arrest him. He resisted, but after a severe rough and tumble fight, Solan managed to get him to the city prison, where he was booked on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He will appear before Judge Wallace at 10 o'clock this morning.

The Hebrew Benevolent Association will give a social at Turnverren hall this evening. An enjoyable time is assured, as nothing has been left undone to make it a success. John O. Dunbar, proprietor and editor of the Republican, and county treasurer, returned Sunday from a trip to Tucson. He left yesterday for his ranch at Tres Alamos.