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Christmas Festivities.

Christmas is past, with its full quota of joys and sorrows, realized anticipations and disappointed expectations.

The performance at Fort Whipple, Christmas eve, was a very creditable affair, and was largely attended.

Probably no company in Arizona had a better time on Christmas than the young folks of Prescott.

The robbery of Long's station, on the river, was reported, and two soldiers—deserters—had been arrested and put in jail on suspicion.

The Citizen of the 20th states that sheriff and tax-collector Oury had collected all but \$1,467.85, of which, only the sum of \$200 is really delinquent.

The San Diego Union, of the 17th inst., announces the arrival in that city, and departure for Arizona, of Mr Geo. D. Nagle, a well known San Francisco contractor.

Southern Arizona.

We condense from the Citizen of December the 20th as follows:

A bathing house has been established in Tucson, a convenience that will be appreciated by travelers.

Many of the citizens of Tucson have been indulging in hunting recently, and though they hunted well they were fortunate in taking plenty of provisions along with them.

Major W. H. Brown of the 5th Cavalry, who has been continually employed in very arduous service, has upon the surgeon's certificate of ill-health, been granted leave of absence for one year, with permission to go beyond the sea.

Unusual activity prevails in the lower country in hunting up and securing stock ranches. Persons familiar with the best grazing country in Texas and elsewhere declare that Arizona offers superior inducements, and are proving their assertions by bringing in large flocks of sheep and herds of cattle.

The Atlantic and Pacific Road though doing nothing on the extension of the road during the year have expended \$8,000 in grading in Soledad Pass, California, in order to comply with the law and to secure control of the pass for the road.

A general review of affairs does not give as flattering prospects for a railroad to this Territory as we had one year ago. The various companies extending their lines toward us all have obstacles of different kinds to overcome or certain points to be gained or secured which can perhaps be marked better by delay than by action.

Our Yuma correspondent writes that the feast of the Immaculate Conception in that place presented, to an outsider, a curious spectacle. At night the gambling, drinking and eating, as well as the dancing booths, were filled with a mixed crowd of Americans, English, Dutch, Irish, Jews, Mexicans and Indians, forming picturesque groups in all stages of intoxication.

Weather in Yuma has been wetter and colder this month than ever before within the memory of the oldest settlers.

The news of Lieut Rice's splendid achievement, over Apaches, in Tonto Basin, about 100 miles east of Prescott, being the best of the kind we have had for a long time, was eagerly devoured by citizens, who go around praising Crook for his "killing" plans, and Rice and other subordinates for their success in carrying to successful issues the plans of old peep-o'-day Crook, for killing bad Apaches and elevating good ones.

We are in receipt of one of the Chronicle gift maps. In looking over its representation of Arizona we find that every thing is not exact, and the relative position of prominent points in the Territory is a little mixed.

The Picoche Record chronicles cold weather and four inches of snow.

MILITARY ITEMS.

Glorious Indian News--Twenty-Seven of them Killed--Contemplated Operations against Hostile Indians.

Lieut W. S. Schuyler, Fifth Cavalry, killed 27 Indians, in Tonto Basin and on Matial mountains. His scout was especially severe, as to attack one of the rancherias he had to march 23 miles across mountains covered with snow a foot deep.

Lieut Schuyler kept scouting through the Tonto Basin, and succeeded in killing eighteen more, making a total of twenty-seven. In one of the villages he found several tons of mescal, which he destroyed.

Lieutenants Rice, Babcock and Schuyler will start from three different points on the 4th of January next. They are to move on lines converging in Tonto Basin.

Lieut Egan and Dr Tompkins arrived at Whipple on Friday and left to-day.

In 1876 the United States Centennial Exposition of art, science, and the industry of all nations, is to be held in Philadelphia, as the celebration of the birthday of the Republic.

Col Boudinot, of the Cherokee Nation, and Gen. Porter, of the Creek Nation, are in Washington to advocate the establishment of the Territorial Government of Oklahoma, according to the treaty stipulations of 1866.

Anti-railroad matters are absorbing the entire attention of the California legislature. The last stroke is the repeal of the Five Per Cent Law, which deprives the counties of the privilege of determining for themselves whether or not they will aid in the construction of railroads within their respective limits.

Mohave County.—The mail arrived Thursday night, in charge of the contractors, Messrs Webster & White.

A letter from Mineral Park informs us that one John Boger, or Boyer, started on a hunt on the 8th inst., got into a snow-storm, near Sherman's Peak, lost his way and perhaps perished.

It is stated that Gen John C. Fremont is afflicted with cancer of the stomach and can not live another year.

ORTEGA, one of the diabolical Mexican fiends who took part in the Mission Camp tragedy, is said to be in jail, at Oakland, California, subject to the requisition of the Governor of our Territory, who will, no doubt, see that the wretch is brought here.

The appointment of Mr Caleb Cushing as Minister to Spain is a "straw" which shows that the services of a wily, talented diplomat like the old veteran, are needed at Madrid.

Nesmith, of Oregon, has introduced a bill in the lower house of Congress to transfer the management of Indian Affairs to the War Department. Such bills have been introduced too often already; and, although advocated from every source best qualified to determine the proper department for the management of Indian Affairs, there is that behind the scenes which will send Mr Nesmith's bill so far down on the file that it will never again be heard of.

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Mail Matters.

As people in Northern Arizona are most emphatically interested in having more frequent mails from California, and have recently signed petitions asking for mail service from the end of the Southern Pacific Railroad at Bakersfield, Cal., to Hardyville, we take pleasure in giving a statement of Mr Wm. H. Hardy, and a letter from Mr L. Stanford, President of the S. P. R. R.

While the petition was in circulation, I wrote to Mr Stanford, asking if he would not help us, and received the following reply:— CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD CO., President's Office, San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 28, 1873.

On reception of Mr Stanford's letter I forwarded the petitions from Prescott, Williamson Valley, and Mohave county, containing, in all, about 750 names, to Mr Stanford, asking him to do the best he could for us.

As the natural course would have been to have sent these petitions to Hon R. C. McCormick, our Delegate in Congress, and many will ask why they were not so sent, it is necessary to state that an impression prevailed that Mr McCormick is in some way so much interested in other routes that he makes no effort to secure service on the proposed line, and that the matter would be better attended to in other hands.

Clamorous as we have been for years, that we should be so well supplied with mails as our southern neighbors, our claims have been ignored. While a mail has been run regularly for years on the 32d parallel to New Mexico, from Tucson, there has been no service on the equally important route on the 35th since 1865.

Capt Geo. F. Price, who started from Gen Crook's headquarters a few days ago, will proceed to Camp McDowell, and there organize a party of men, with whom he will make a close reconnaissance of that portion of the Military Telegraph line between Maricopa Wells and San Diego, repairing, whenever such work may be necessary, and so putting the line in a fix to be able to resist all ordinary telegraph smashes.

It is the great desire of General Crook and Chief Quartermaster Rockwell to keep the line up and ready, at all times, for the transaction of public and private business, and, with this object in view, they selected the gallant Captain Price, who knows all the weak points of the line, and will not rest satisfied until these spots are strengthened.

Assertions, pro and con, will very soon lead to some satisfactory conclusion as to whether Government ought to own and run all the telegraph lines in the country.

SEVEN murders, three suicides and one lynching, in one day, in the Atlantic States, shows a very loose, lawless and ungodly state of society there, and discounts anything of the kind that has ever taken place in the west.

THE only item of local news of interest in the Arizona Sentinel of the 20th inst., is that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception was at that date kept up with unabated vigor. No lack of Senoritas, whisky, and gambling.

Gen Louis T. Wigfall, formerly U. S. Senator from Texas, recently applied for admission to the Baltimore city bar.

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