

THE NEW OFFICERS

New Chairman, New Clerk, Same Assessor Elected--The Sheriff Appoints Several Deputies

All the new county officers took their positions last Tuesday morning. The greatest interest centered around the board of supervisors as the chairman was to be elected, the clerk and the assessor.

As soon as the board convened Geo. A. Olney was elected chairman. The next work was the election of clerk. A. G. McAllister was placed in nomination by Mr. Shannon and George Carlton by Mr. Terrill. Mr. McAllister was elected and immediately commenced his duties.

The chairman then announced that the next business would be the election of an assessor. Mr. Shannon placed John J. Birdno in nomination, seconded by Mr. Terrill. He was unanimously elected. This election will probably cause some of our professional tax dodgers to again hunt the tall timber.

The board then took up the auditing accounts and routine work.

Sheriff Anderson has announced the following appointments: Under-sheriff, Frank Richardson; jailor, Morg. Merrill; John Parry and Dave Arzate, constables at Clifton; Lem Scott and Alberto Munguia, Morenci; Frank Parkhurst, Metcalf; Jim Parks and Chas. Sands general deputies; Dave Ridgeway, deputy sheriff, Safford.

Georgia Minstrels

To those who enjoy mirth, music and song the coming of Richards & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels will be hailed with delight. This sterling organization has weathered the theatrical seas for twenty-eight years, never changing management and not once departing from their established rule of presenting only what is great, good and wholesome in the minstrel world. Other minstrel companies have come and gone, but Richards & Pringle's go on forever. The secret of their success has been the fact that the management has always firmly believed that the paying public craved a genuine colored minstrel performance when presented on the lines that made minstrelsy so popular years ago; their belief has been proven to be the correct one. Sweet southern melodies, beautiful and entrancing music by skilled musicians, dancing as only the negro can dance, and witticisms told as only the darkey can tell them. Clarence Powell, the comedian, who has made the whole world laugh, is still at the head of the lists of artists, and will bring with him this season a big budget of good things that he has collected this summer. The company travel in their own Pullman palace cars and number over forty people. The noon-day parade and free evening concert are a feature this season, and will be given as usual. The date of their appearance in Safford is Tuesday, January 8th, in Todd's hall.

Wilford Freestone, of Safford, who is in Los Angeles attending college, and Miss Stella Cluff, of Provo, Utah, were married at the mission house in Los Angeles on December 26, 1906. President Robinson, officiating.

Burned in His Teepee

Lawton, Okla., Dec. 31.—Everett Tinno, an aged Apache Indian who was one of Geronimo's lieutenants in the Apache fight against the Mexican and United States soldiers in Arizona, was burned to death in his teepee on the Fort Sill reservation, six miles northeast of here, last night. When Tinno retired last night he forgot to put out his candle, and the flames ignited the bed clothing.

How to Cure Chills

"To enjoy freedom from chills," writes John Kemp, East Otisfield, Me., "I apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Have also used it for salt rheum with excellent results." Guaranteed to cure fevers, indolent ulcers, piles, burns, wounds, frost bites and skin diseases. 25c at all druggists.

Palace saloon.

TO STOP ALL GAMBLING

First Thing Brady O'Neil Will do in Council is to Introduce His Pet Bill

"To carry out my pledges to the voters of Maricopa county as soon as I can get recognition on the floor of the council, I will introduce a bill to prohibit gambling in all forms in Arizona."

Eugene Brady O'Neil, democrat member-elect to the council for Maricopa county, made that statement this afternoon. Continuing further, he said:

"I will introduce another bill, which will ask that the license for saloons outside of cities be not less than \$400 per year. By this law I hope to close the deadfalls in the small mining camps."

"In every speech I made in the last campaign I promised the people that I would go into the legislature to stop gambling if possible and to prohibit the saloon business."

"This territory needs a law that will close the saloons at midnight and keep them shut, back door and front, on Sunday. This is one reform that I believe the members of the legislature will support with little opposition."

O'Neil has the open support of a number of members in both houses in the campaign he will wage against gambling and the saloon business.—Enterprise.

Four Million Starving

Pekin, Dec. 31.—Owing to excessive rains and consequent failure of the crops, the famine in the north of An Hui province in the east of Ho Nan and in the whole north of Kiang Su province is worse than at any time during the last 40 years. It is estimated that 4,000,000 persons are starving. Tens of thousands are utterly destitute and wandering over the country. The danger is increased by the activity of the secret societies, the wanderers are gladly joining them in order to obtain rice. About 50,000 refugees have reached the vicinity of Nan King in a pitiable condition. The authorities are unable to cope with the situation.

Another Gun Man

Marshall Billy Robinson is making it so hot for the gun men that the carrying of concealed weapons will soon become an unpopular habit with would-be bad men. Jack Jascocet whom Marshall Robinson arrested last week for carrying a gun and who was fined \$25 and was given until last Tuesday to pay up or go to jail, came to time on the proper date. His gun was confiscated and sold by the marshal at auction last Monday.

Carrie Nation

certainly smashed a hole in the bar rooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Horshound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for coughs, bronchitis, influenza and all pulmonary diseases. T. C. H.—Horton, Kansas, writes: "I have never found a medicine that would cure a cough so quickly as Ballard's Horshound Syrup. I have used it for years."

Sold by Safford Drug Co., Safford; Thatcher Drug Store, Thatcher; Frank Cluff, Pima.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1906

RECEIPTS AND BALANCE—1906	
Balance cash on hand January 1, 1906	\$ 98 978 81
Tax collector, property tax	161 572 88
Tax collector, poll tax	1 635 00
Assessor, personal property tax	19 201 28
Assessor, poll tax	12 722 88
Recorder, fees	2 981 80
Sheriff, liquor license	14 236 94
Sheriff, gambling license	3 990 00
Justice of Peace, fines	1 763 27
District Attorney, forfeiture of bonds	545 00
Constables, dog tax	416 00
Road Overseers, road tax	9 278 65
Banks, interest county funds	493 73
Sale of school bonds, property & etc.	1 415 00
Territorial Treasurer, school funds	6 233 20
U. S. Government, rent county property	333 32
Miscellaneous	218 80
Total	\$ 326 990 06

DISBURSEMENT AND BALANCE—1906	
Expense	\$ 35 479 82
Salary, county officials	21 623 87
Contingent expense	5 477 51
General school fund	1 901 51
General road fund	7 515 25
Bonds 1889	5 006 25
Bonds interest 1889	1 303 77
Bonds interest 1892	7 368 24
Interest school bonds	2 333 07
School districts	48 095 82
Road districts	13 964 58
High schools	1 881 84
Territorial Treasurer, Territorial funds	48 928 61
Building funds school districts	1 075 00
Institute funds	42 20
Miscellaneous	131 30
Balance cash on hand December 31, 1906	124 861 42
Total	\$ 326 990 06

BEN CLARK, County Treasurer.

O. W. L. Club Entertained

The O. W. L. club girls were delightfully entertained during the holidays. On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22nd, at the home of Miss Wardlaw in honor of her sister Mrs. Wheatley, of Prescott. The dining room was beautifully decorated in red and green. Above the table hung a lovely red bell beneath which was a miniature Christmas tree bearing a gift for each member, a tiny silver owl pin. The place cards were of holly design and a small, red stocking filled with Christmas goodies hung at each plate. Dainty refreshments were served.

On Saturday, Dec. 29th, Mrs. Dunlap gave the club a delightful afternoon, her niece Miss Mead of Spokane, Washington, being the honoree of the occasion. The first feature of entertainment was a musical guessing contest, the number to be filled in were written on owl shaped cards, Miss Hord being the lucky contestant. The girls were next given two sheets of paper each and ten pins and asked to make a hat; this afforded much merriment as each displayed her skill in millinery. Delicious refreshments consisting of orange bon bon, banana cake and chocolate were served.

Wise Counsel from the South

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief and after taking a few more bottles I was completely cured; so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at all druggists. Price 50 cents.

Todd's Hall

Tuesday, January 8
A Volcanic Eruption of Laughter!
Twenty-Eighth Annual Tour

Richards & Pringle's...
FAMOUS GEORGIA

Minstrels

40—Celebrated Fun-Makers—40
10—Big New and Novel Acts—10
20—Sweet Voiced Choral Court—20
Seats on sale at Gila Valley Furniture Store.
Reserved Seats, \$1.00
Admission 50c
Children 25c

Miss Edith Jennings entertained a company of young people at her mother's residence last Saturday night.

The Georgia Minstrels

By adhering to the good old style of minstrelsy Richards & Pringle's minstrels, who will appear in this city shortly, have established for themselves a reputation that any theatrical manager might well envy. For 23 years the visits of Richards & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels have been looked upon as a gala event, always clean, wholesome and good, their name has caused the largest theatres to be filled to overflowing. This season these gentlemen fairly eclipsed themselves in organizing a company of genuine colored artists, called from the ranks of the best minstrel people on earth. Clarence Powell heads the list, and proper that he should. This extremely funny colored comedian has made more people laugh, and perhaps receives the largest salary of any comedian, white or black, in the world today. The programme promised will be on the old time minstrel order, the same as made minstrelsy so famous in past years. Sweet southern melodies, beautiful music, dances and witticisms make up a program that is bound to please and interest. The company travel in their own special Pullman car, and number over forty people. The noon-day parade and evening band concert will be given as usual. They appear at Todd's Hall, Tuesday, January 8.

The Right Name

Mr. August Sherpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative." Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25 cents at all druggists.

If your children have been complaining of their eyes, or have had headaches, bring them over and we will gladly examine their eyes free. If they don't need glasses we will tell you so. Green & Green, opticians. At Jones Hotel, Safford, January 3rd and 4th; Brinkerhoff Hotel, January 5th and 6th; Pima, January 7th.

A pleasant surprise party was tendered Fred and Frank Dowdle at the family residence last Friday night.

"I had tried everything for my baby, until Dr. Lyle recommended Cascasweet. I can truthfully say it is the best medicine I ever used for babies."—Nannie L. Taylor, Bedford, Va. Cascasweet is sold by Safford Druggists; Thatcher Drug Store, Thatcher; Frank Cluff Pima.

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TERRIBLE WRECK

Heartrending Scenes at the Washington Morgue in Identifying Dead From the Wreck

There was a terrible wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, Sunday night at Terra Cotta and it grows in magnitude as the hours pass. The most conservative estimate of the dead tonight is 53, with three score of injured in the hospitals or at their homes suffering from wounds and fractures sustained in the rear end collision which completely demolished the two day coaches and the smoker attached to the Frederick, Md., express, No. 65. Several of the most seriously injured are expected to die during the night, and the death list may yet reach sixty or more.

There were heartrending scenes at the city morgue today, where hundreds of persons have flocked to assist the police in the identification of the dead. Women, girls, and even men with iron nerves shrieked, sobbed and fainted as their relatives or friends were found among the thirty-two corpses strewn about the floor. Coffins, wicker baskets and winding sheets were found on all sides.

Officials of the B. and O. are conducting an investigation of the wreck in Baltimore for the purpose of placing the responsibility for the terrible disaster. General Superintendent Todd exonerated Milton W. Phillips, the telegraph operator at the Takoma block station, the last signal station that the equipment train passed before crashing into the passenger train at Terra Cotta. The superintendent declared that Phillips was obeying instructions when he went home at 6:30 o'clock, leaving the "double green" signal burning. While making no positive charge Superintendent Todd intimated that the burden of the disaster would fall on the engineer and crew of the extra. The five members of the crew who were arrested shortly after the accident are now in the jail to await the result of the investigation. They are Harry H. Hilderbrand, engineer; Cyrus McClelland, fireman; Frank Hoff meyer, conductor; Ralph Ruffer, brakeman; and William A. Norris, baggage master.

Gazing vacantly between the iron bars of his cell at the police station, Engineer Hilderbrand is too full of emotion to make any definite statement. "It will all come out in the investigation," he said. "I don't believe that there is anything for me to say, and I could not say it if there was."

Before he was arrested the engineer made a statement to the Associated Press in which he declared that if the danger light was displayed at Takoma he failed to see it on account of the dense fog. Milton W. Phillips, the operator who is also held a prisoner, said today that the equipment train ran past his danger signal at a speed of from 60 to 80 miles an hour. He says there was a heavy fog, but not enough to hide a red light. He declares that he immediately notified the operator at University station that the train had taken the block against orders. His statement is corroborated by the University station operator who says that he received the message. Policeman J. T. Kennedy, stationed at Takoma park, will testify that he saw the signal light in its proper place and that Hilderbrand drove past the signal. Fred Lemkau, gatekeeper at Takoma, makes a similar statement.

C. W. Galloway, general superintendent of construction of the Baltimore and Ohio, exonerated the company from all blame and put the responsibility on the engineer of the equipment train, or the operator at Takoma block. "If the coroner's jury fails to hold the engineer or block operator," he said, "we shall not consider the matter settled. We shall go to the bottom of the wreck. This horrible accident should have been averted. Some one is responsible, and we intend to leave no stone unturned until the responsibility has been fixed."

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The Average Man

Is not a man of wealth. He has an income, while he retains strength of mind and body, upon which he and his family are able to live with comfort. It is to the average man that the advantages of a bank account appeal with the greatest force. The time to save money is early in life—the earlier the better. A bank account helps a man save money and gives him a safe place for his money.

THE BANK of SAFFORD,
SAFFORD, ARIZONA
RESPONSIBILITY OVER \$100,000
J. N. PORTER, Pres. J. N. ROBINSON, Vice-Pres. H. E. DUNLAP, Cashier

"The police have all the trains locked up," he continued, "and until we can get them out, ask questions and compare stories, it will be impossible to determine anything."

LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Items of Local Interest Gathered by Reporters on their Rounds.

Very Little News of General Interest Picked up Here and There.

DOINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

This paper is kept on file at E. C. Dabbs' ad. retelling Agency, Woodman Bldg., 321-323 St. Oakland, Calif., where contracts for advertising can be made for it.

The Guardian has the news. Attention is directed to the announcement of the El Paso store on the front page of supplement.

A number of his young friends gave Master Dan Olney a surprise party last Saturday night.

Thatcher has just completed a good little jail that will make good little boys out of bad little boys.

The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co. has issued a beautiful calendar for 1907. Not so large as that of last year, but a beauty just the same.

Miss Willie Ringer gave a party to a number of young people at the residence of her parents last Monday night.

Our readers are cordially invited to read the holiday ads in this issue. Some record breaking prices are promised for the new year.

Prof. Fredrick Weston Wilson will lecture in the valley early next month on animal husbandry. Prof. Forbes will lecture at the same time.

The saloon firm of Wanslee and Neil dissolved the first of this month, and will hereafter be conducted by Nat Wanslee. Mr. Neil has not decided what business he will take up.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of J. H. Knowles, of Paradise, to Miss Aimee La Liberty, of Detroit, Michigan. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride, December 15th—Paradise Record.

Miss Eva Rollins, who arrived home last week from Phoenix, left on New Year's Day for Fort Defiance, Arizona, where she has been employed as an instructor in the Indian school.

The minstrel performance by local talent which should have come off on New Year's night in Todd's hall, on account of the bad condition of the weather was postponed until tomorrow night. The performance is for the benefit of the M. E. church.

A nine-pound baby girl was born Wednesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paxton. Dad and Grandma Sparks, who, by the way, are his grandparents, are as much elated over the new arrival as the GUARDIAN would be over a new paid-up subscriber.

A. R. Lynch will make Safford his home during his incumbency office. His family will arrive here in a short time. He has located the county school superintendent's office here, having already rented the building formerly occupied by the Hoack grocery store.

Chamberlain's Cough, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Never fails. Buy it now. It may save life.

THE SIGN OF PROGRESS

is the dollar mark, financially speaking. But have the dollars in the right place. This institution, having a capital surplus of \$90,000.00 and controlled by law, does a general trust business; acts as executor and trustee for widow and minor orphans, trustee under special agreement, etc.

GILA VALLEY BANK & TRUST COMPANY



A BUSINESS LUXURY

A CHECKING-ACCOUNT is a business necessity; and he who tries to get along without one is at great disadvantage.

It is not required that a person should have a large bulk of business in order to open an account. Professional men, farmers, and even many women, are running checking-accounts. If you have never done business in this way, and are not familiar with the plan, come to us and we will get you started.

GRAHAM COUNTY STATE BANK,
Thatcher, Arizona.

DR. W. E. PLATT, President W. M. A. BOODY, Vice President
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