

The Arizona Kicker.

HOW JIM WHELOCK RENEWED HIS SUBSCRIPTION THERETO.

Us and the Boys.—For the past five or six days the editor and proprietor of the Kicker, who is also Mayor of the town, a candidate for the Territorial Council and a candidate for Postmaster, has been honored with the company of an Eastern editor, who came west to get rid of his asthma. He came to find a certain hale fellow well met sort of society in this county, but the real state of things amazed and disappointed him. For instance, he hadn't been in the Kicker office over half an hour when old Jim Wheelock kicked the front door open, stuffed a \$2 bill into the muzzle of a six-shooter and fired it at our subscription book. His subscription had run out, and he wanted to renew it, and his action was perfectly natural and all right. We had to dodge the bullet, of course, but that's what is expected of a Western editor. We repeat, we saw nothing unusual in this, and yet that Eastern editor turned pale and shivered and wanted to go right away on the stage. He assured us that if a subscriber should do such a thing in New York, Boston or Philadelphia he'd be arrested and jailed for his hilarity. Following old Jim came Dan Strothers, half drunk, as usual, and he helped himself to the contents of our jug, took both hands off the office clock and put them in his pocket and then pocketed a dozen exchanges and walked off without a word.

Our visitor from the East was amazed that we permitted any such familiarity, saying that it would be considered almost a state prison offence in his jurisdiction, and when we laughed at him he seemed hurt. We'd like to see a critter run a newspaper out here on the exclusive society plan! If we had editorial rooms on the fourth floor and obliged people to send up their cards, every window pane and door panel would be shot out before we could write up ten lines on a dog fight. People in this locality want to see and feel of an editor a dozen times a day. The editorial rooms must be handy to drop into, and there must be vacant places on the editorial table for subscribers to rest their heels. Our leading editorial of two weeks ago, entitled "The Business Outlook" was written on a table on which seven different subscribers had both feet. During the first three months of our career here we were very exclusive, and the result was that we had only eleven subscribers, and were notified by the Vigilance Committee to come off the perch or have a barrel kicked out from under us. Dan Strothers goes out with a gun about four times a year and rounds up a dozen subscribers for us each time, and we can't afford to put on any freezing dignity with him, not even if he takes the pendulum as well as the hands off our clock.

Before attending the Friday night meeting we sought to prepare our friend for several little emergencies which might arise, but as he saw us buckle on our guns just previous to starting out he seemed dismayed. As a matter of course, when the aldermen come together here on council nights they slap the mayor on the back and call him old man and exhibit a brotherly feeling. When our Eastern friend witnessed this fraternal greeting he was shocked. He said that the New York alderman who should dare slap the mayor on the back or put a boot against his coat-tails would be treated as a dangerous lunatic. During the session Alderman Scott of the Third Ward arose at the wrong time to state the need of a lateral sewer down Jim Crow alley. We called him to order, and he got mad and insisted that he had the floor. Nothing but the sight of two guns peeping over our desk would bring Alderman Scott to time, and we've made him lie down so often that it seems part of the routine proceedings. On this occasion he promptly threw up his hands, and the affair was all over in thirty seconds, but our Eastern visitor was whiter than flour and couldn't hold his chin still. He said he wouldn't be mayor of this town one day for all the silver in the Territory, and that if such an incident had occurred in Boston the whole population of the State of Massachusetts would have stood up on their hind legs and howled with indignation.

Next day we took him over to the mayor's office in the City Hall. We forgot to drop him a pointer, and the result was another great shock. The boys made us mayor and naturally feel at home in our office. When we entered there were three of them sitting at our desk and a half a dozen others occupying the chairs, and the gang were trying to get up a fight between a rat and a gopher. Everything was free and easy and everybody good natured. Our Eastern friend rolled his eyes in horror and almost fainted away. He said that if such a thing were to occur in Buffalo or Cleveland the financial credit of the city would go up like a mule's heels. The financial credit of this town hasn't been hurt any, not even by a dog fight under the table on which is placed the City Charter, and we don't anticipate

that it will be. We could have put on our dig, and cussed the boys and ordered 'em out, but we'd have lost at least eight subscribers and been defeated next election.

We did hope our fraternal brother would appreciate our private graveyard, but when we drove him out there and made him understand that it was all due to our personal energy and ambition, he fell into a stupor and couldn't speak for an hour. As soon as he could get his legs to hold his body up he left town, and we must admit that we were rather glad of it. Eastern people can't or won't understand us, and it is better that they pass on their way without stopping.

M. QUAD.

Horse Language.

My horse has a low whinny which means "water," and a higher keyed, more emphatic neigh means "food." When I hear these sounds I know as definitely what she means as if she spoke in English. This morning, passing along the street, I heard that same low whinny, and looking up saw a strange horse regarding me with a pleading look. I knew he was suffering from thirst, and no language could make it plainer. The language of the lower animals is not all articulate. It is largely a sign language. The horse does a deal of talking by motions of the head and by his wonderfully expressive looks. He also, upon occasion, talks with the other extremity. A peculiar switch of the tail and a gesture, as if threatening to kick, are equine forms of speech. The darky was not far wrong who said of the kicking mule, "It's just his way of talking."—*Science*.

Freeing a Well of Foul Air.

"I saw," said a writer in a Western paper, "a curious method used, the other day, in Illinois to take foul air out of a well. The well was to be cleaned, but the man who took the job was afraid to go down until he had ascertained the quality of the air at the bottom. He let down a lighted candle, and when it had descended to about six feet from the bottom it went out as suddenly as if extinguished by a whiff of air. That was all he wanted to know. He was then sure that the well had poisonous gas in it, and took a small umbrella, tied a string to the handle and lowered it open into the well. Having let it go nearly to the bottom, he drew it up, carried it a few feet from the well and upset it. He repeated this operation twenty or thirty times, with all the bystanders laughing at him; and then again lowered the light, which burned clear and bright even at the bottom. He then condescended to explain that the gas in the well was carbonic acid gas, which is heavier than the air, and therefore could be carried in an umbrella, just as though it were so much water. It was a simple trick, yet perfectly effective."

An Extraordinary Fish Story.

The fish in the neighborhood of Sierra Leone, West Africa, are credited with some extraordinary behavior. It is only a short time since that one of these marine wonders ran off with a small boat which was moored in Freelan Harbor, and a correspondent, writing from Sierra Leone, reports the drowning of a man by a huge fish which leaped into the canoe and knocked him overboard. The man, whose name was Stephen Pratt, was a fisherman, and along with a young man was fishing in a canoe at Cline Town Wharf. A fish of immense size leaped into the boat, striking Pratt severely on the face and body and rendering him unconscious. In this state he fell over the side of the canoe into the water. His lines were tied to his feet and partly to the canoe, and being thus entangled he ultimately sank. In the meantime the fish had wiggled and jumped until it had jumped out of the boat again, and soon disappeared in the water. The young man who was with Pratt at once gave the alarm, and several persons were attracted to the spot. The fishing lines were hauled up and at the end was found Pratt quite dead. The body was subsequently brought to land for interment. Pratt was a native of Kisey, a town near Freetown. The whole circumstances, although of so extraordinary a nature, are said to be perfectly true, and were verified by the authorities. The strange affair happened on the morning of the 6th ult.

Lord Roberts says he has under his command in India 14,000 British soldiers pledged to total abstinence. Two hundred well-to-do English farmers arrived at Montreal on Saturday on their way to the Canadian North-west. Oakville post-office was robbed on Saturday night of over \$300 in cash and stamps. No clue. The job was cleverly done. A conspiracy to kill the heir to the Corean throne has been discovered and over 1,000 persons have been arrested. The Indians of the Omaha reservation, it is stated, have put aside \$2,000 from their "pasture money" to be used in temperance work.

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commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon

Saturday, April 14th, will be the last day of service on defendants residing in this county. Defendants living in other counties must be served on or before April 9th.

S. NEVISON, E. D. HAND, Clerk

Fenelon Falls, Feb. 22nd, 1894.

NOTICE.

To the residents of Fenelon Falls.

Take notice that any person or persons removing from any village or district infected with diphtheria to Fenelon Falls will be quarantined for a period of 14 days or longer, at the discretion of the Board of Health. The citizens of Fenelon Falls who do not wish to be so inconvenienced will govern themselves accordingly.

By order of the Board of Health.

A. WILSON, M. D.,
Medical Health Officer
Fenelon Falls, Feb'y 22nd, 1893. 1-1-f.