

mud and lava, followed by a tidal wave, destroyed 2,000 people. Bantam was entirely covered with water, and from 10,000 to 12,000 persons were drowned. The island of Serang was submerged, and all its inhabitants, it is not stated how many, have perished. Several other places are said to have shared a like fate. Nearly one-half of the forty volcanoes on the island are in eruption, or threatening it, and it is feared no section of the island will escape great loss of life and damage to property since the last century are now in active movement.

Vienna, 29.—Although order is restored in Ezergig, Hungary, the scene of the late attack upon the Jews, all shops are still closed, Jewish families have fled and trade is suspended.

Frobedorf, 29.—The plate on the coffin of Count de Chambord was described with the following words: "Henry the Fifth, by the Grace of God, King of France and Navarre."

COPENHAGEN, 30.—The Czar and Charina of Russia have arrived here. They were received by the King of Denmark and the King of Greece, on board the royal yacht. This morning their Majesties were taken ashore and escorted to the Royal Palace by the principal civil and military authorities and foreign ministers. Immense crowds assembled at the landing place, and along the route to the Palace, warmly cheering the imperial visitors. Their Majesties were received at the Palace by the Queen of Denmark, the Princess of Wales and a brilliant court.

Alexandria, 30.—There were 13 deaths by cholera here yesterday.

Dublin, 30.—Miss Catherine Connelly, sister to the Connelly brothers, who were arrested at Bruff, Limerick County, on suspicion of being connected with the murder conspiracy, has been arrested on the charge of being implicated with her brothers.

London, 30.—Hon. Alexander MacKenzie, in an address before the chamber of commerce of Greenock, last evening combated the proposals of Sir Alexander T. Galt for a federated union, on the ground that Canada would never submit to being ruled at London. He spoke in condemnation of a protective policy, and predicted Canada would soon return to free trade. He scouted the idea of the separation of Canada from England. The Canadians would give their last man and last dollar to maintain the prestige and power of England. McKenzie sailed to-day for Quebec.

London, 30.—The steamer *America* will sail for New York Saturday with the cargo and passengers of the steamer *St. Germaine* which was damaged in the collision with the steamer *Woodburn*.

Dublin, 30.—Farnell, in a speech at the Irish National League yesterday, said he could report the most encouraging progress of the national league movement in America. He said he had been informed that he might after a time look for pecuniary assistance from that country which would at least equal sums received in past times of urgency. He had every hope that the emigration scheme would prove successful. This would enable the people to keep their promise that they would never again appeal to America for aid against famine.

Dublin, 30.—The *Freeman's Journal* says: There will probably be startling disclosures shortly in regard to the dynamite conspiracy and James McDermott's connection with it. Dublin officials are making inquiry into a statement which appeared in a recent number of a paper published in Brooklyn, New York, concerning McDermott's connection with the dynamite conspiracy.

London 30.—A dispatch from Batavia says the condition of the Straits of Sunda is dangerous to navigation. New islands have arisen therein and the coast line is altered. Government is preparing to obtain new soundings of the straits. Sixteen volcanoes have appeared between the site where the Island of Krakatoa formerly stood and Sibiak Island. A portion of Batavia is an ashy desert, cattle are starving and the people in despair.

The Lengpy Volcano split in five portions, 704 bodies, victims of the disaster, were buried in the district of Kanard and 300 in the coast village of Kramot.

The Exchange Telegraph Co. announces that alarming telegrams in reference to the revival of the Irish conspiracy have been received here from America.

Correspondence.

MESA CITY,
Salt River Valley,
August 4, 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

Since my last letter to you I have received several letters from Utah asking questions with regard to moving to Arizona, and more especially to Salt River Valley. The import of the letters may be summed up in three questions; first, is there a chance to work a water right in the Mesa canal? Second, is there government land to be taken up? Third, How hot is it in the summer time, and what is the duration of hot weather? I have neglected answering because it was my wish to answer this last question from experience.

To the first I will say there is a movement on foot at present to consolidate all canals on the Mesa side of Salt River; the new head is about 5 1/2 miles above the present dam, and the canal will be 40 feet on the bottom and six feet deep, and will necessitate an outlay of \$25,000. The very aggressive stand of the Arizona Canal Co. is the reason of consolidation.

To the second question I will say there is a large amount of land to be taken, but as to the owner I will not say; the railroad company claims every other section and now comes a man named Rivas and claims 2,700 square miles in this and Gila Valley. He bases his claim on a grant, or, as he terms it, a "Spanish concession" given by the King of Spain to one Peralto, whom he knighted as "Baron Colorado." It is said he has agreed to charge a uniform price of \$3 per acre if successful. But man is frail and promises do not amount to much. As to the third question I will say that the hottest day I have heard of in Mesa this summer, in the shade, was 117. This was the latter part of June. There is no use trying to disguise the fact that it is quite hot from June till September. I think I will be safe in saying that the thermometer has averaged 80 at night for five weeks, and I have seen it to 95.

One of the greatest afflictions new comers to this land of promise are invariably subject to is a rash, or prickly heat, it covers the body with small red pimples and is very annoying. We are assured by some of Mesa's Sages that they will wear away as a person gets used to them, but getting used to them is like taking a "Mark Twain" degree in Saw Horse Masonry. The nights are at present very sultry and the festive mosquito insists in singing his evening hymn to poor "humanity." The presence of mosquitoes is occasioned by the large amount of lucern fields and also the water tanks in town. This is the hottest summer here in the oldest white's memory. We have had several showers lately and looks like more.

The harvest of this valley is progressing lively. Eight steam power threshing machines have run six weeks and will run four more; they thresh as high as 110,000 pounds in a day but the average is about 80,000 pounds daily per machine. It is all pounds and cental here, no bushels used.

In 1879, 600 sacks held the harvest of Salt River Valley. I will now show you what four years have done, which you will consider wonderful considering the trials and hardships of settling a new country. The amount of wheat raised this year in pounds was 13,680,780; barley, 18,792,001; add to this estimated amount of wheat raised by Indians 2,000,000 pounds we have a total yield of 34,778,386 pounds for 1883. There is also under cultivation 4,000 acres of lucern if which Mesa has 570. There are 220,000 grape vines, of which Mesa can boast of 70,000. Of 85,000 fruit trees in the valley Mesa claims 9,000. I think this is a very good showing for a four year old. We also can boast of one of the finest school houses in size and finish in Arizona, and this is the second largest school district in Maricopa Co. The fourth cutting of lucern will soon be on hand, it is a very fine hay for this climate, and has yielded as high as 80 tons on five acres in one season. F. M. Fowler and sons raised 2,500,000 bushels of grain, that netted them clear of expense \$30,000.

There are several large mining towns near us, several military posts, and as the railroad is only 30 miles distant, freight is plenty. The great Arizona canal has been started and one mile finished. It takes

water three and a half miles above Mesa dam on the west of Salt River (Mesa City is on the east side), and is but a short distance below the mouth of the Verde River. The head of this Arizona canal is 900 feet above the sea. The canal is being built, it is said, by Scotch capital; is 35 feet wide on bottom and 7 feet deep, and is to run a distance of 40 miles. The company entered, it is said, 52 sections of land not long ago. I did hear it reported they would give 250 families from Utah a chance to work out water shares. There will be contracts in September, and report says \$750,000 is paid up, also that it is to be completed January 1st, 1885.

Mesa has been allowed the privilege of a city incorporation, so you see we are growing, we also have a tri-weekly mail from Phoenix. The name of this post office is Hayden. Writers should notice this as there is a Mesa in Pinal County, Arizona. All kinds of fruit are ripe now, melons, etc., too numerous to mention. Good well water is got by sinking 40 to 50 feet. There have been two bull fights at Phoenix and one at Tempe since our arrival here. Who says we are not keeping pace with so-called modern civilization? The holidays passed very quietly and wound up by a grand ball on the 24th. Yours truly,
JAMES F. WILKIN.

The lightning struck a man out in Ohio, and when the news was broken to his wife, she asked, in a sad but surprised tone of voice, "Is he dead?" "Yes," was the reply. "Poor John; then the lightning must have struck him more than once."

The smallpox is reported to be raging terribly among the Indians of Minnesota. It is said that they are entirely without medical aid, and that the disease has full swing, while 85 deaths are asserted to have occurred in two small towns. Prompt measures should be taken by the Government to stamp out the malady before it can spread to the white inhabitants of Minnesota.

A report comes from London that there is a change in the fashion in dogs. Young ladies who have been wearing English pugs to match their complexion, trimmed with plastrons and things, or the Italian grayhound or King Charles spaniel, cut entrain with jabot and polonaise, will regret to learn that they have gone out of fashion, and they might as well be given to the poor or sold to the old rag-man. The new style of dog is the fluffy white Pomeranian, with a nose in point applique and shirred ears; or the Maltese terrier, with a silk jacket and velvet llogerie—or something [that way].—*Norristown Herald*.

OUR RIDDLE BOX.

This department will contain once a week original puzzles for the young folks. The answers will be given the following week. Our juvenile friends are invited to send the solutions. All who forward correct answers will receive due credit and their names will be printed in the News.

No. 122.—NUMERICAL.

Treading carefully lest I should 1, 2, 3 some of the beautiful things about me, I walked through my friend's garden—which he prizes more than 5, 6, 7, 8—and at length reached his 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 bed, which has received more careful attention than any of the other plants.

UNCLE CLAUDE.

No. 123.—CHARADE.

O hoodwinked lady, gay coquette,
You vacillating whole,
O tell me, are you never first
My watching, waiting soul?

And must I my existence find
A second floating down the mind,
Without one kindred note to make
Its choral symphony awake? R.

No. 124.—BLANKS.

[The blanks of each sentence are to be filled with the same word transposed.]

1. Frank and little Willie — very near bad Tom, a lad who has so long associated with — companions like — that he has acquired their — ways.

2. Frank is little Willie's —, and they think very — of each other.

3. One day bad Tom enticed his two little neighbors to go into the woods with him, where he covered a — which he had caught with melted —, and then laughed in glee at the little creature's frantic effort to escape.

4. Our little friends were shocked to think that any boy should — to be so cruel, and they soon left him, and went home to — their books.

UNCLE CLAUDE.

No. 125.—ENIGMA.

In height and depth, in heaven and hell,
In ocean and in earth I dwell;
The first of each, the last of one,
And yet I can be found in none.
Though evil must with me begin,
I am in error, not in sin.
The first in enterprise to lead,
I never fail in strength or speed,
Yet, always found in bed, and weak,
I cannot stand alone, or speak.
The end at once of peace and strife,
And present both in death and life,
My common help to foe and friend,
To silence and to speech I lend;
And still an equal place I have
Both in the cradle and the grave.
In short, while time is I shall be,
And space must terminate in me.

ANON.

No. 126.—TRANSPPOSITIONS.

1. Transpose great dread into a transportation fee.
2. Transpose the Eternal City into a greater quantity.

3. Transpose to remove the skin of fruit into the fruit itself.

4. Transpose a large cord into a minute aperture.

UNCLE BEN.

ANSWERS.

Following are the answers to "Riddle Box" of August 18th:

116.—Strawberries.
117.—Primrose.
118.—
Maude put potatoes in a pot,
And covered them with water,
And some ran off, when boiling hot,
On the toes of your poor daughter.
119.—1. Swearing, wear, sing. 2. Pleasant, less, pant. 3. Braying, ay, bring.
120.—A bottle.
121.—1. Albany. 2. Boston.

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