



### **CAMPBELL, P.J.**

P. J. CAMPBELL DEAD. P. J. Campbell, one of the oldest settlers in the artesian belt, died at his home in Artesia, Thursday evening, aged 70 years. Mr. Campbell had been a sufferer for years from a cancer on his face which finally caused his death. The funeral took place from his late home Friday afternoon, Interment was made in Union Cemetery.

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### **CARLSON, ANDREW J.**

ANDY CARLSON DEAD. It Looks Like Murder and Should be Followed to Full Conclusion. Andrew J. Carlson, better known as "Old Andy" was found dead on his bed in Pima last Friday afternoon, with a bullet hole through his head and a rifle resting across his breast, with one hand across the gun. For years "Andy" has carried the mail from the post office to the depot in Pima. On Friday morning he failed to show up, and finally people began to wonder where he was as he had never before failed to come for the mail. A search was instituted and his body was found on the bed in his home near the depot and from every appearance he had been murdered, and from the best information obtainable, for the few hundred dollars he was known to posses (sic). His body was found lying on the bed, and across his chest was a rifle, with one arm thrown across the gun, and at first it was though to be a case of suicide, but when it was taken into consideration that for a person to shoot himself with a rifle, necessarily there would be powder burns where the bullet entered, but there was not powder burn, and everything in connection with the tragedy indicates that it was not suicide. Even the position of the body and the gun laying across it was plain evidence that the man had been murdered. Coupled with this was the fact that a bullet hole was found in a window pane of the room where he was found, which a cartridge from the gun found on the body was too big to fit. The bullet passed through the head, struck the bed post and was found flattened on the floor. Death must have been instantaneous, although the body was not discovered until fully twenty hours after death. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death at the hands of parties unknown. And if Andy was murdered we should say it will be healthy for the party who did it never to be known.

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### **CLUFF, FLORA**

A FATAL ACCIDENT. The Result of Racing in Buggies on the Public Road at Night. A week ago Sunday night, just after dark, Edward John and Wm. McRea were trying the speed of their horses on the road between here and Thatcher, when they over-took Frank Nelson who was driving in the same direction. Each boy was accompanied by a young lady. Not seeing the buggy in head of them, the John buggy collided with the Nelson buggy, almost demolishing it and throwing Miss Flora Cluff violently to the ground. Miss Cluff got up and back into the buggy saying that she was not hurt. Next morning she came down stairs, but the following she began to show that she was badly injured. On Thursday she was put to bed and that evening became unconscious in

which condition she remained until death came Sunday morning. Miss Cluff was 18 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cluff. She was of a gentle and sweet disposition, and loved by all who knew her. The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon with a very large attendance. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion with numerous bouquets of white bunting draped up with apple blossoms. The choir was in attendance and furnished some choice singing. The speakers were, Father Claridge, John Bilby, Bishop Allred, of Central, and W. W. Pace.

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### CLUFF, MAUD B.

On Sunday last, Mrs. Karl Cluff, of Thatcher died at Pima. Mrs. Cluff had been an invalid for about two years and her condition finally became so desperate that it became necessary for her to undergo a surgical operation, which was performed at Pima on Saturday by Drs. Wightman, Platt and Wish. The physicians had very little hope of saving her and the operation was decided upon as a last resort. She rallied from the operation and was apparently growing stronger until a few hours before death. The funeral services were held in Thatcher and were largely attended. Mrs. Cluff leaves a husband, one child and a large number of other relatives to mourn her untimely death.

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### **COOK, ELMER E.**

**KILLS CONDUCTOR.** John Velton, of Clifton, Murders E. E. Cook on Train. **KILLING RESULT OF FEUD.** Cook Was Conductor on Morenci Southern Railroad and Unarmed. John Velton, an old resident of Clifton, shot and killed E. E. Cook, conductor on the Morenci Southern railroad, Wednesday, as the result of old trouble. The shooting occurred on the train between Guthrie and Morenci. Velton opened fire, the bullet piercing Cook's heart. Cook fell from the train. Velton jumped off a few minutes later and escaped to Clifton, where he attempted to see his wife, but failed, as the authorities were watching for him. Mounting a horse he started to flee but was pursued by officers, who overhauled him at Shannon Hill, where he surrendered. It is believed that he intended to harm his wife. Cook was unarmed when killed. Velton is locked up in Clifton.

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### CRUZ, TRINIDAD

**Dropped Dead.** Early Tuesday morning Trinidad Cruse (sic) dropped dead at the home of the Poncho family in Safford. He came here about ten days ago to visit his brother. On Tuesday morning he was at the Poncho house and was in the act of drinking a cup of coffee, when he fell over dead without a moment's warning. He was buried in the Union cemetery on Wednesday.

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