

Mrs. Art. Lake is staying with Mrs. Wm. Wright. Mrs. Wright gets about the house but is still troubled with neuritis.

The Honor class of the M. E. Sunday School composed of 12 young ladies had a Christmas party at the home of their teacher and one of their members, Mrs. Grant Hawkins and Roselyn Wednesday.

The Bazaar and Chickenpie supper at the Methodist Church last Thursday were well attended and netted the ladies a profit of over \$100.00. At the close of the supper hour the remaining articles in the bazaar department were sold at auction. Cecil Powers cried the sale.

The fire department was called to the home of Ben Trowbridge a half mile east of Bismark church about eight o'clock Sunday morning, but the fire was beyond control and the house burned to the ground. Damage was partly covered by insurance. Much of the contents was saved.

Clyde Hine has been in a very serious condition the past week at Hall hospital, but we are glad to report him improving. Mrs. Hine has been at Mrs. Alice Knowles but was taken to the Community hospital Charlotte for a tumor operation. Their household goods were moved to the John Tyler house so the restaurant is closed.

"OLD IRONSIDES" TO SAIL AGAIN

It is announced by the Navy Recruiting station at Detroit that in 1929, 131 years after being launched, "Old Ironsides", famous American frigate, reconditioned with the pennies of American school children, will once again spread its canvass for a cruise of both coasts of the United States, as possibly the lower Mississippi, if present plans are carried out.

There is more fiction in fact than there is fact in fiction.

If the wild waves really say anything, they probably tell fish stories.

We used to get summer haircuts at the livery stable, when we were were a lot more permanent waves.

MRS. ARTHUR DOW

Dec 1928

Glendale, Arizona
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Dear Mrs. Moss:-

I guess I promised to write to you folks but haven't really been in the mood, but was nearly so when I didn't get my Echo for three long weeks. My I never knew one could miss it so, but it comes very regular now however and we read it, every word, and want more.

I'll try and tell you a little of Phoenix and Glendale and our little cabin. We are 6 1/2 miles on U.S. 89 out of Phoenix and 2 1/2 miles from Glendale, a little place of about 3,000 inhabitants. It is a very good looking little place, but let me tell you it is not so good looking as Vermontville, the grocery and fruit stores and meat markets are all open front which looked queer to us, and there are so many chain stores at Glendale and Phoenix, in fact it seems as if they almost all are. J. S. Penny has a big store at Phoenix. Nearly everything is higher than in Michigan. Potatoes are 9 lbs. for 25c, eggs 56c and even oranges, grape fruit and dates we can buy much cheaper at home, apples are from 3 to 6 lbs. for 25c. In Glendale there are 19 churches, the Methodist church is very beautiful but some of them are very insignificant in appearance. There are many beautiful homes with huge palm and pepper trees in the yards with so many beautiful roses of all colors. Big cotton woods are all along the irrigation ditches and the leaves are only beginning to turn yellow due to last week's frosts.

Phoenix is much the same as our large cities. I can see just one thing I like better, and that is in regard to traffic, where there is a traffic light the pedestrian is subject to fine if they go against a red light the same as other traffic, in our large cities it would be much easier to drive a car if the people had to wait for the green light.

Phoenix has about 30,000 population and very many beautiful homes, many of the Spanish type, and such lovely lawns with huge palm and pepper trees for shade and roses, canas and oleanders in profusion and in lots of the yards an orange tree or two. A new capital building

in the business section, the old one being some distance away. There is much building in Phoenix, a very beautiful new theatre has just been completed not yet open to the public, a very large new school building and so many new homes, hotels and numerous other buildings. The new Built-More hotel a wonderful new building not yet completed, with a wonderful golf course is about 5 miles out from Phoenix, right out in the desert. They have pulled out huge cactus tall as a telephone pole to get a road through and many more are left very near the building.

A little about the climate and our home here and I'll close. They tell us it has been unusually cold here, have had several hard frosts freezing ice a few times. Many of the roses are frozen and all of the young orange and grape fruit trees are badly frosted which are not wrapped. Our cabin is about the size of the Mexican shack on our farm back home, only a little more cheerful and cleaner but we don't have so much more to do with. But everything is taken all around, they tell us, with hundreds living in tents. These little cabins rent from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per month.

Lucene has been in bed for the last four days with a very bad cold and pleurisy, but Dr. Milloy of Phoenix thinks she may out-grow her throat trouble and hopes her synus trouble may be better. We expect to come home to Michigan in the spring with her very much improved.

I can hear Ole say, yes, yes, throw her in the waste basket so I'll not waste any more paper but will say goodbye and all good Christmas and New Year greetings to you and all our friends at home in Michigan. Would love to hear from you all.

Give my best wishes to the Grange and say Hurrah for A to K.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Arthur Dow,

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If a man fails to open the door when fortune knocks, she doesn't break it down with a battering-ram. Revenge is a gun that kicks harder than it shoots.