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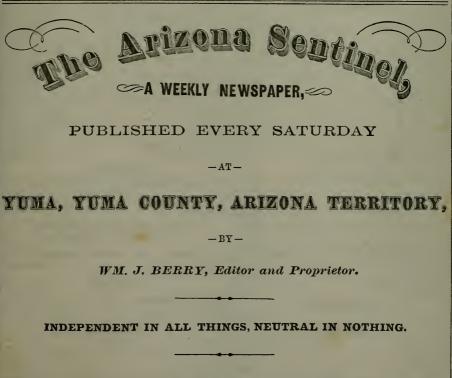
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ima County. Organized in 1864. Bounded north by Mohave, east by Yavapai, Mari-copa and Pima, south by the Mexican State of So-nora, and west by the State of California, from which it is separated by the Colorado River. Area, 9,500 square miles. County seat, Yuma. Principal towns: Castle Dome, Ehrenburg, Gila City, La Paz and Montezuma. The geographical position of the County, including as it does the most insportant section of the great Colorado River and the mouth of the Gila, the principal affluent, appears more Yuma

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than usually favorable. But a knowledge of these rivers, the adjacent country, and the climate, re-moves any preposessing impression that may have been formed. The Colorado Is one of the great rivers of the continent, having a course of hear 2,000 miles in length, but flowing over a changing hed of sand, or through rocky and inaccessible cafons, is the most useless of all, although light-draught steamers ascend it a distance of 500 or 600 miles. The current is very rapid, and at its mouth meets a strong tide that rolls up the river in huge "rigs" en-dangering whatever craft may be in the way. The Gila, less in size, runs through a more extensive valley, and though not navigable, may in places be used for irrigation. The valley portion along either river susceptible of cultivation is very limited, but where it exists, and can be irrigated, is exceedingly productive. Excepting in a few basins by the rivers, the country is a barren and desert waste, with a climate, during the summer, excessively warm and dry. Near the mouth of the Gila, and in the vicin-tiv of La Paz, rich placers have been found, but of such small extent that they were soon exhausted. Lead, or galena ore, exists in large quantities near the Colorado River, and also at Plomosa, twenty-mines of argentiferous galena ores, which are mined with much success, and at Montgauma, in the same region, gold and copper-bearing veins are worked with profit. The Yuma, Cocopath and Mohave Ir-dus are in quite large numbers in the coounty, the dust are in quite large numbers in the coounty, the two former in the heighborhood of the Gila, and the latter in the valley of the Colorado, between fa rayed will and ere rayly the sole, between fa faz and Williams Fork. These are peaceable, cul-tives the soil, and live upon its products, but are crossly immoral and are reapily passing away. *Cherrs: J. S.* Spann, Clerk and Recorder; Wit-fam J. Berry, District Attorney; William A. Wern-inger, Sheriff, Tax Collector and Assessor; A. J. Finiay, Treasure; Sanuel Purdy,



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