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## THE BRANNAN COLONY.

THE OLD CALIFORNIA PIONEER VISITS TUCSON IN THE INTEREST OF HIS PET PROJECT.

A MAGNIFICENT SCHEME FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF A PROMISING SECTION OF SONORA—FREE LANDS FOR COLONISTS.

Arizona Daily Star.

Hon. Samuel Brannan was one of the earliest pioneers of San Francisco, and was prominently identified for many years with the best interests of the Pacific metropolis. With rare sagacity his prophetic vision foresaw the future greatness of that then forbidding sand waste, and he had faith enough in its future to put his little pile in corner lots, and at an early period he erected business blocks which were then considered palatial, and are even now surpassed by only a few of the more modern structures.

A quarter of a century ago Mr. Brannan was considered one of the wealthiest of the few wealthy men of the Pacific coast. He subsequently met reverses which made serious inroads upon his resources. But now, thanks to the probity of the Mexican government, he seems in a fair way to rehabilitate his fortunes, and to take rank among the great landed proprietors of the continent. During the long struggle of the Mexican republic for existence against the inroads of European aggression and the Empired Imperial War of Maximilian.

An agent of the Juarez government visited San Francisco in search of material aid. The contest in which the legitimate government was engaged seemed at that time almost hopeless. Mexico was bankrupt; in fact, the alleged reason of the European invasion of that country had been the failure to pay the interest on its large foreign debt. The agent had no money with which to purchase arms, and was obliged to seek aid from those who might accept the worthless bonds of his government and trust to the desperate chances for future remuneration. Mr. Brannan, ever an active sympathizer with struggling aspirants for liberty and justice, came nobly forward and placed a large portion of the remnant of his fortune at the disposal of the Juarez government, and the material aid thus received contributed largely toward the successful issue of the war.

The Provincial Ingratitude Of republics has been reversed in this instance, and Mr. Brannan now enjoys the fruit of his investment in the shape of a grant from the Mexican government of eighty-four square leagues of the best land in the state of Sonora, to be selected by himself, between the Mayo and Yaqui rivers. This land he has thrown open to colonization upon such favorable terms as cannot fail to insure its prompt settlement and the rapid development of its unrivaled resources. A central city has been laid out and a tasteful lithograph of its plan has been issued. The farming land is now being surveyed in tracts of 100 acres, and every alternate farming tract and city lot will be donated free to actual settlers upon the payment of the proportional cost of survey. If, at the expiration of a limited time, say one year; any of the alternate city lots remain untaken, they will be donated to the municipality to be sold by it for the mutual benefit. The advantage of an early application will thus be seen. Care will be exercised in the selection of suitable persons as colonists. Most of the applications have thus far been received.

From California, Nevada and Oregon. And Mr. Brannan, during his recent visit to the east, did not seek to encourage emigration from that quarter, as he is satisfied that the Pacific coast furnishes more available material for the purpose, and he is confident of getting the requisite number from this section. The new colony will be a very

unhealthy place for cow boys, rounders and border desperadoes to emigrate to. Mr. Brannan's experience as a leader of the vigilance committees which extinguished the Hounds in 1850, and the ballot box stuffers and murderers in 1856, has given him well defined ideas as to the proper method of dealing with such disturbers of the public peace. A vigilance committee will be formed at once as a provisional measure, until a proper municipal government is organized, and an adequate supply of hemp and other bad-man exterminators will be kept on hand. The natural resources of the tract are unsurpassed. It is

The Garden spot of Sonora Its valley lands are of unrivaled fertility, and the grant includes 50x100 miles of mineral lands, containing many mines which were worked with great success until the incursions of the murderous Apache compelled their abandonment. In fact, the desolation wrought by those copper-colored Huns is the cause of so beautiful a tract now lying idle. The Mexicans had not sufficient energy to recuperate from the ruin effected by these scourges of the devil, and it needs an infusion of American blood and energy to place this desolate state upon its feet again, and start it in the race for prosperity. The average height of the colonial lands is 4,000 feet above the sea, and the climate is all that could be desired, being alike free from extreme heat and severe cold.

Vegetation Grows the Year Round. And all the fruits and products of temperate and tropic regions flourish with little care. The rainfall is ample, as no mountains intervene between these lands and the coast. No irrigation is therefore necessary even in the driest seasons, and the branch of the Yaqui river that runs through the colony lands furnishes an abundant supply of water-power for milling purposes. The most cordial relations have already been established with the Yaqui and Mayo Indians, near whose lands this colony is situated. The chiefs have given in their adhesion to the project and promised an unlimited supply of farm laborers from these peaceful and industrious tribes. Adequate facilities for communication with the outside world will be commenced at an early day, the arrangements having been already completed and surveys about to be made for a railroad to connect with the Sonora branch of the Atlatlan, Topoka and Santa Fe road.

Mr. Brannan's Road Will be Built To the Arizona line, at its intersection with the Santa Cruz valley, so as to make a direct route as possible to Tucson, which he regards as his principal point of communication and supply. The distance from Tucson by rail will not exceed four hundred miles. Mr. Brannan has already completed arrangements with Senor Acuirre for starting at once a line of stages between Tucson and the metropolis of the new colony, which will be called Sonora city. This line will be weekly at first, but the trips will be increased as the occasion demands. The new stage line will go by the way of Ures, and will be about four hundred and twenty-five miles in length, over excellent natural roads, and through a beautiful country. When the colonists commence to arrive the travel by this route will doubtless be heavy. Mr. Brannan has resided for the past eighteen months in the city of Mexico, and is now in San Francisco, where he will perfect arrangements for the completion of the surveys and the prompt settlement of his colony.

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## Ingersoll on Beaconsfield.

Boston Globe.  
"Were you an admirer of Lord Beaconsfield?" asked a reporter of Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll. "In some respects. He was on our side during the war, and gave it as his opinion that the Union would be preserved. Mr. Gladstone congratulated Jefferson Davis on having founded a new nation. I shall never forget Beaconsfield for his kindness nor Gladstone for his malice. Beaconsfield was an intellectual gymnast, a political athlete, one of the most adroit men in the world. He had the persistence of his race. In spite of the prejudices of eighteen hundred years, he rose to the highest position that can be occupied by a citizen. During his administration England again became a continental power and played her game of European chess. I have never regarded Beaconsfield as a man controlled by principle or by his heart. He was strictly a politician. He always acted as though he thought the clubs were looking at him. He knew all the arts belonging to his trade. He would have succeeded anywhere, if by succeeding it meant the attainment of position and power. But, after all, such men are splendid failures. They give themselves and others a great deal of trouble—they wear the tinsel crown of temporary success and then fade from public view. They astonish the pit, but when the curtain falls there is nothing left to benefit mankind. Beaconsfield held convictions somewhat in contempt. He had the imagination of the east united with the ambition of an Englishman."

A rather startling experience was felt in Salt Lake city recently, which shows the danger of mixing electricity up to be equal to Little Buttercup's trial. In front of the place where it occurred the telephone crosses the electric light conductor, which is much the heavier wire of the two, about six inches above it and nearly at right angles, entering the store and descending to the telephone about the center. For some reason the telephone wire sagged until it touched the electric light wire. The result was that the bell in the store rang, and at the same time the revolving coils of wire became red hot, the wire beginning to melt and burn up. The signal went into the central office, where it was heard like the report of a cannon, and the operators knew at once what the matter was. The store keeper heard the bell ring, and then saw the smoke coming out of the box, and throwing the little door open saw the coils burning and emitting flashes like lightning. At the junction of the two wires there was a brilliant display of electricity which was sent off in the shape of sparks of fire and simultaneously all the lights east of that point, on that circuit, went out. The display was stopped by grappling the lower wire with a cord and pulling it down free of the one above. This is the most interesting of several similar accidents that have occurred recently from the same source.

Notwithstanding a reduction of from 1400 to 600 in the clerical force of the census bureau, the appropriation will not admit of the payment of salaries to the present force beyond the 10th inst. Upon recommendation of Superintendent Walker, and as the only available means of averting entire cessation of operations until next winter, the secretary of the interior has issued a circular to employes in which he says that if they desire to continue upon the work of the census office as volunteers, expressly disavowing any claim against the government in consequence thereof and signifying willingness to leave the matter entirely with congress, they will be permitted to do so.

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## Little Johnny on Dogs.

San Francisco Wasp.  
One time there was a feller lot a dog of a man in the market, and the dog it was a biter. After it had bit the feller four or five times he threw a cleasline over its neck and led it back to the dog man in the market, and he said to the dog man, the feller did: "Ole man, didn't you use to have this dog?" The dog man he loked at the dog, and then he thot a while, and then he said: "Well, yes; I had him bout haf the time, and the other haf he had me." Then the feller he was feurious mad, and he sed: "Wot did you sell me sech a dog as this for?" And the ole man he spoke up and sed: "For \$4 75, loffe money." Then the feller he gnessed he wude go home, if the dog was willing. Uncle Ned, which has been in ludy and everywere, he says the Mexican dogs don't have no hair on 'em. Dogs howl lounden cats, but cats is more perry and can wok on-top of a fence, and blow up their tail like a bloom when they want to spit.

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