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The act very clearly contemplates that the reclamation must be from a desert state to an agricultural one, and that is proved where it shows that the claimant is the owner of a sufficient quantity of water to irrigate the land claimed sufficiently for agricultural purposes, and has conveyed such water on the lands in such a manner that it may be distributed in such quantities that a crop can be raised by the aid of the water so conveyed to the land. * *

I do not wish to be understood as holding the view that the water must cover all the land."

This decision still stands, nor is there much probability that the ruling will be set aside by the present Secretary. It is a liberal and sensible rendering of the law, and will enable claimants to desert lands to perfect their titles just as soon as they have brought a quantity of water upon the land claimed sufficient for the raising of a crop by irrigation.

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Mr. Rollins' oration in Tombston on Decoration Day, was a very effort.

Stockman believes that another "Camp Grant massacre" would be a proper thing at the present

well known to all old Nevadans, and a noted member of the Brush State, died in San Francisco recently.

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POLYGAMIST SENT

PRESCOTT, June 3 -- Worth, a man aged 67 years here in the District of crime of polygamy, pleaded unlawful cohabitation sentenced to the Territorial at Yuma for a term of to pay \$300 fine.

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