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The recent flood in the Verde river seriously damaged irrigating ditches again. Not only this but property belonging to those owning the ditches has been washed away leaving them in poor circumstances to rebuild the ditches. As the reservation has been turned over to the interior department for settlement settlers there are anxious that some disposition may be made of the land at the earliest possible opportunity so that parties who may secure land in the reservation may join with those below in taking out a ditch. In fact this seems to be the only solution to the agricultural situation there at present. By dividing up the expense in the matter it will be possible to rebuild the ditch, whereas if left to themselves the settlers below the reservation will be unable to rebuild alone.

The JOURNAL-MINER having had a narrow escape on account of the flood from being compelled to issue an edition or two on brown paper was just about to sympathize with its neighbor, the Republican, at Phenix, on its brownish appearance, when the following lines was observed: "Phenix needs neither sympathy nor aid. She was not injured to any appreciable effect by that late damp

