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MINING TOOLS, LIQUORS, &C.

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August 9, 1878 - - Theo. Louisillon has nearly closed out his merchandise, and is now selling the balance on hand below cost. It will pay to examine his goods.

May 2, 1879 - - We are loth to see our old friend and townsman of 1866, Louisillon, take his departure for the Tiger, to-day. He goes there to start into business.

September 5, 1879 - - Theo. Louisillon, who held forth for many years in Prescott and made a reputation of being a square business man, is in from the Bradshaw, where he now holds forth. Mr. Louisillon states that things in and around the Tiger, are very quiet. The mill is shut down, waiting for shoes and dies that are enroute from San Francisco.

March 16, 1880 - - Theo Louisillon has closed his store at Bradshaw, and is thinking very seriously of resuming business at his old brick store. He is an honest merchant, and we hope he will again commence operations.

Among a number of items mentioning him printed in the Prescott

Arizona Enterprise in 1878, the following are quoted:

March 2 - - Theophile Louisillon, whose store is on Goodwin street, today informed us that he yesterday traded for \$100 worth of Lynx Creek gold, and that there is not in the lot a particle that will weigh less than a bit. This little lot was washed out near Bigelow's old camp, before the late rain and snow.

April 10 - - Theophile Louisillon's fruit trees are now in full blossom and add greatly to the other beauties of his vacant corner lot.

June 19 - - Theophile Louisillon has a letter from an old Arizonan, now in Cayenne. He says the natives are wild over the recent discovery of rich quartz and placer diggings in the interior.

July 27 - - A splendid opportunity to acquire a valuable property, at a low figure, is offered by Theo. Louisillon. Fifty feet front on Montezuma by 150 feet on Goodwin. To any one able to put up a good building this is the best location in the Territory.

The Prescott Courier reported the various steps that he took after he decided to leave there:

October 27, 1885 - -Ed. A. Rogers yesterday paid Theophile Louisillon \$1,650, cash, for that certain lot fronting the plaza and immediately south of Blake & Co.'s old office, Montezuma street. Mr. Louisillon had been offered \$2,000, half down, for the same piece of property, but being anxious to visit France he accepted the cash proposition.

March 29, 1884 - -Mons. Theophile Louisillon, of Ravenna's old corner, is not in his usual good health. Indeed, the winter has been rather hard on old-timers.

April 12, 1884 - - J. L. Fisher, a successful Prescott merchant, has purchased the old Ravenna property, a brick house and two splendid lots, from its owner, Theophile Louisillon, who will, ere long, visit relatives and friends in France. Mr. Fisher paid a fair price for the property. He will, ere long, remove his goods into the brick. The place has some charm for us, as on this property we set type as early as 1864.

April 19, 1884 - - Theophile Louisillon, one of the best of men, started this morning to visit his native country, France.

April 10, 1885 - - Judge John Howard is in a receipt of a long letter from Mr. Theophile Louisillon, who is now in Tunis, Algeria, which country he likes very much. The writer wonders why Americans do not ship more agricultural implements to Algeria, where they are very much needed.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Prescott Arizona Miner, March 20, 2:2; and December 24, 1874, 2:4; August 10, 3:6; and August 17, 1877, 3:1; March 1, 3:1; and August 9, 1878, 4:1; May 2, 3:3; September 5, 3:3; and October 31, 1879, 3:4; April 16, 1880, 3:1 and 3:2.

The Prescott Arizona Enterprise, February 13, 3:1, March 2, 2:1, and 3:3; March 9, 2:1; April 10, 3:2; May 4, 3:1; June 19, 2:1, July 26, 3:3; July 27, 1:3; and August 7, 1878, 3:1.

The Prescott Courier, October 7, 1882, 3:2; October 6, 3:4 and October 27, 1883, 4:2; March 29, 3:1, April 12, 3:1 and April 19, 1884, 3:1; April 10, 1885, 3:2.

WANTED

Any references to him in the Arizona Miner before 1874.

We tender out thanks to T. Loisillon, the representative of M. Ravena, for a box of fine cigars. He has on hand a large supply for sale.

----Weekly Arizona Miner, January 14, 1871, 3:3

Theophile Lousillon, of Ravena's brick store, sells whatever he can, and never talks about hard times, which goes to prove that he is a sensible man.

----Weekly Arizona Miner, January 28, 1871, 3:1

Listed 1880 U. S. Census at Prescott, June 5, 1880, age 48, General Merchant, born in France as were his parents.