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THE ILLUSTRATED BLUE JAY
PAPERS, 1882

DESCRIPTION

The Illustrated Blue Jay is one issue of a hand-drawn newspaper. It is one four page document, drawn in pencil, in the form of a newspaper. It is dated June 26, 1882, Mineral Park, Arizona and it says Vol. 1, No. 7, though no other copies can be located. The articles describe events in Mineral Park and Hackberry. It is written in a satirical style, but the only name given for an editor is on the last page as "Fred." The first page shows "Scenes of Hackberry" by the Bluejay Artist.

1 Box, .10 linear feet

HISTORICAL NOTE

Silver was discovered at Hackberry and by 1878, it had its own post office. Mineral Park was also a mining town and was established in 1870. In 1873, Mineral Park was briefly the county seat of Mojave County and was a boomtown. Production in the mines dwindled following 1882 and the town dwindled.

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